

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Axis Key Industrial Cities Hammered As Italy Evacuates Strategic Areas; Nation's Taxpayers on Current Basis; Huge Nazis Losses Disclosed by Russia

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Engineers from the amphibian command at Camp Edwards, Mass., are shown operating the 2 1/2-ton truck which is at home in water as it is on land. Officially known as the DUKW, the army has affectionately dubbed the truck the "Duck." It proved its worth during the North African campaign.

TRUCE: In Coal Mines

Under an agreement reached by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes and John L. Lewis, the nation's 500,000 coal miners returned to the pits to work under a new truce expiring October 31. According to the announcement, production will be resumed under the terms of the old contract, which presumably include concessions granted by the War Labor board amounting to 23 cents a day.

The agreement followed Lewis' contention that the miners would return to work for the government only, which took over the supervision of the pits as a result of the first strike threat. Under arrangements, however, the government named the operators to run the mines and receive the profits.

Termination of the latest strike left the "portal-to-portal" pay issue up in the air. Lewis has argued for such pay, which represents compensation to the miners for time spent traveling to and from their working stations. The WLB declared it had no authority to pass on the question, suggesting court action or decision by the fair labor standards bureau of the government.

Possibility that Lewis might follow some such course was hinted in the miners' statement announcing their return to work.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO: New Experience

July 1, 1943, will long be remembered in the United States. For, history will show that on that date, millions of American taxpayers will have begun paying their income taxes as they go instead of waiting till March 15 of the following year to settle their accounts with Uncle Sam.

Under the new pay-as-you-go system, employers will deduct 20 per cent from employees' wages or salaries. Farmers and others who obtain income from sources other than wages or salaries must estimate their yearly earnings and then make quarterly payments. In all cases, payments will be made after legal exemptions.

The pay-as-you-go law forgives all taxes for 1942 or 1943, whichever is lower, up to \$50, and 75 per cent of all taxes above that figure. Although a person may not have to pay an income tax, the 3 per cent victory tax will be deducted from his check.

GERMANY: Industries Hit

Eight hundred RAF bombers clouded the sky in a heavy raid on the German industrial center of Krefeld even as British bombers returned from an assault on Friedrichshafen farther to the south.

First used at Krefeld last fall, block-busters again were poured on the German city, center of special steel and parachute textile production. Site of hard coal mining, Krefeld also is known for its sulphur output. The British admitted the loss of 44 planes.

In attacking Friedrichshafen, the RAF blasted the former Zeppelin works housing a factory producing radio location equipment similar to the U. S. "radar." Hits were observed on all main buildings, including a huge hangar.

PACIFIC:

Supremacy on Guadalcanal

Braced by the arrival of Lockheed Lightnings and Vought Corsair fighter planes manned by experienced pilots, the Allies have achieved air superiority in the Solomons.

Work has been completed on the big air base of Henderson Field on Guadalcanal, and except for repair facilities, it is said to compare with the largest in the U. S. Meanwhile, the Japs have been bombed out of their forward aerial positions of Munda and Vila, 200 miles to the northwest.

Although the Jap Zero remains a formidable weapon, the Lockheed, with a climb over 30,000 feet, and the Vought, with a maximum efficiency between 20,000 and 30,000 feet, are not only proving better in performance but are also more heavily armored and gunned.

RACE RIOTS:

Spread to Detroit

With its attention to race riots first attracted by the "zoot-suit" uprisings in California, the federal government was forced to step in to quell outbreaks between blacks and whites which threw Detroit into an uproar.

Before 2,300 soldiers arrived in jeeps, trucks and armored cars to restore order, 23 people had died and 600 had been injured. Hundreds had been arrested and confined in the city's jails.

The trouble started after an altercation between whites and Negroes at the Belle Isle beach, then was fanned into flames with the spread of the erroneous rumor through the colored district that a Negro woman and child had been killed. Racial groups gathered quickly, stoning private cars and public trams and then beating the occupants.

When Detroit police could no longer control the situation, Gov. Harry Kelly of Michigan appealed to President Roosevelt for federal intervention. The President ordered the dispatch of the troops.

FREE FRENCH:

Agreement Reached

American and British insistence on settlement of the Free French wrangle resulted in the establishment of Gen. Henri Giraud as commander-in-chief of all French forces in North and West Africa. Gen. Charles DeGaulle was named leader of the forces in other French possessions in Syria and East Africa.

The appointment represented a victory for the Giraud faction, since the territories put under his wing are among the richest and most strategic of French possessions and contain the bulk of the French army. Furthermore, Giraud's leadership in the territory allows him a free hand in the disposition of many military commanders to whom DeGaulle was hostile.

At the time it announced the dual arrangement, the French national committee also revealed it had set up a military delegation composed of both Giraud and DeGaulle and their chiefs-of-staff to work out an eventual unification of both commands.

GOVERNORS' PARLEY: Marshall Sees Victory

Addressing the 35th annual governors' conference, Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. chief of staff, predicted certain victory, but not without great effort and heavy losses.

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what it may, to reduce him to a supplicant under the impact of aroused and determined democracies," General Marshall said.

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JAP CURFEW:

Upheld by Supreme Court

In unanimous decision, the Supreme court affirmed the right of a military commander in imposing a curfew on Japanese residents of the Pacific coast in March, 1942.

Two American citizens of Japanese ancestry contested the army's action as applying against them as well as aliens. Of the 110,000 Japanese affected, 70,000 were citizens. The court ruled the army had no time to make distinctions.

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Governments' Philosophy Set Forth in New Fantasy

Antoine de Saint-Exupery's Delightful Fairy Story, "The Little Prince," Holds More Than Artistry for Adult and Child Alike.



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On a June day, when a gentle breeze brought the scent of new-mown grass in through the White House windows, President Roosevelt sat at his desk and read slowly to a group of correspondents from a typewritten sheet. It wasn't a formal document but it was an historic one—its purpose was to remind the Italian people that the military campaign against them which had just scored another Allied victory, Pantelleria, was the result of the misconduct of their rulers.

The message has been variously interpreted since, but to me, it contained one significant point—the reminder of the coming birth of a new nation; the new Italy which will emerge when the chains of arrogance and brute aggression which bind her are broken. There has been much talk about post-war policing of the re-made world; little thought of the philosophy which will underlie the forms which the reborn governments must follow. To me, such a philosophy is set forth in a work of pure fantasy. A hopeful note for nations and men is sounded in this delightful fairy tale by an author who found spiritual rebirth in the tragedy of the fall of his own nation.

I refer to Antoine de Saint-Exupery and his latest work, "The Little Prince."

Those who have read his "Night Flight," "Wind, Sand and Stars" and "Flight to Arras" are not surprised that he could create a fairy tale as delicate as this. Reviewers have disagreed as to whether it is for children or for adults. I believe it is for both, like "Alice in Wonderland." But the adult will find in "The Little Prince" something more than artistry and the children will sense that, too, I think.

Saint-Exupery is a brilliant aviator who built up night flying for the French airlines in South America. He fought against the Germans—"Flight to Arras" is the remarkable book which tells of that experience. He is now back with the French army in Africa, scene of the opening of "The Little Prince."

The Prince's Story

"Six years ago," the author says, "I made a forced landing in the Sahara alone, a thousand miles from help, and faced the necessity of repairing my motor by myself within the number of days my drinking water would last. The first morning, I was awakened by a determined but gentle voice which said: 'If you please, draw me a sheep.'"

So Exupery learned the story of how the Little Prince had found out what is really important in life.

The Little Prince is at once a delicate wisp of fancy, something so sheer that at moments he seems to float like a piece of thistledown before your imagination—again, he has all the reality of truth itself, he is eternal childhood, all that is gentle, and confiding and lovable, with the faint shadow of sorrow on his winsome face, he is the tug at your heartstrings that comes when youth looks at you in wide-eyed confidence, reaches up to take your hand—the same reminiscent tug when you look back and see the surprised and longing sorrow in the eyes of your own lost youth.

The Little Prince lived far away, it seems, on a tiny planet with three volcanoes so small that he cooked his breakfast on one of them. A flower came to his planet and the Little Prince loved her and cared for her but he couldn't understand her and so he left to try to find out why. He finally reached the earth, and here the fox taught him.

The Little Prince had never seen a fox—"Come and play with me," he said, "I am so unhappy." "I cannot play with you," the fox said, "I am not tamed." The Little Prince did not understand. He told the fox that he was looking for friends and asked him what tame meant.

Philosophy of a Fox

"It is an act too often neglected," said the fox, "it means to establish ties . . . to me, you are still nothing but a little boy who is just like a hundred other little boys. And I have no need of you. To you, I am nothing more than a fox like a

hundred thousand other little foxes. But if you tame me, then we shall need each other. To me, you will be unique in the whole world. To you, I shall be unique in the whole world."

"I am beginning to understand," said the Little Prince, "there is a flower . . . I think she has tamed me."

"If you tame me," the fox went on, "it will be as if my sun came to shine on my life. I shall know the sound of a step that will be different from all others. Other steps send me hurrying back underneath the ground. Yours will call me like music out of my burrow. And then look: you see the grain fields down yonder. I do not eat bread. Wheat is of no use to me. The grain fields say nothing to me and that is sad. But you have hair that is the color of gold. Think how wonderful that will be when you have tamed me. The grain which is also golden will bring me back the thought of you. And I shall love to listen to the wind in the wheat . . ."

The fox gazed at the Little Prince for a long time. "Please—tame me," he said. "I want to very much," said the Little Prince, "but I haven't much time, I have friends to discover and a great many things to understand."

"One only understands the things one tames," said the fox, "men have no more time to understand anything. They buy things already made at the shops but there is no shop anywhere where one can buy friendship, and so men have no friends any more. If you want a friend, tame me . . ."

And so the Little Prince did, and another day when he came back, the fox said: "It would have been better if you had come back at the same hour. If, for example, you come at four o'clock in the afternoon, then at three o'clock I shall begin to be happy. I shall feel happier and happier as the hour advances. At four o'clock, I shall already be worrying and jumping about. I shall show you how happy I am. But if you come just anytime, I shall never know at what hour my heart is to be ready to greet you."

But finally, the Little Prince had to go.

"Ah," said the fox, "I shall cry."

Source of Comfort

"It is your own fault," said the Little Prince, "I never wished you any sort of harm; but you wanted me to tame you." "Yes, that is so," said the fox. "Then it has done you no good at all." "It has done me good," said the fox, "because of the color of the wheat fields."

And there, I think, perhaps some of you may find comfort—in the memories that come from the wheat fields, for the common and the beautiful things that remind you of someone from whom, perhaps this war has parted you.

That is only a flash I have given you of the story of "The Little Prince" which is not written for children only but for those who have the faith of little children and the understanding to see how tragedy can bring forth something which can light the long shadows which it leaves—out of the tragedy of his nation and the searchings of his own soul came this charming fantasy from the pen of the soldier-writer with the secret he learned from the Little Prince who learned it from the fox—

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

Diary of a Broadcaster

A postcard signed by a fictitious name, dated the day Pantelleria fell, contained this statement:

"Italy so far has got the best territory of the world: most of France; the richest prize of the war: Jugoslavia; the greatest strategical area in the world: Greece and her islands. Italy will dictate the peace, save the U.S.A. and get two-thirds of Africa, meanwhile Mussolini is Supreme everywhere. Italy get all and lost least, can fight 1,000 years."

Some 7,000,000 pounds of bombs were dropped on Pantelleria island from June 1 to June 11 when it capitulated.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Soldiers make an average of eight moves by railroad between induction and embarkation for service overseas.

Radio France, General Henri Giraud's station at Algiers, has reported that because "young German students are getting stirred up" a Gestapo agent has been stationed in "every" German university.

The Nazi "Gauleiter" for the Baltic States has ordered the removal of all church bells as a total mobilization measure.

Because many types of air raid shelters now in use are scant protection against Allied heavy bombs, the German people have been told to hurry the construction of new underground shelters.



FIRST-AID to the AILING HOUSE

By ROGER B. WHITMAN Reger B. Whitman—WNU Features.

STORING PAINT

A reader has sent in the following: "When preparing a partially empty can of paint for storage, first clean all paint from the sealing surfaces of the can and lid to insure an airtight closing of the lid. To prevent the trapped air in the can from evaporating the paint solvent, shake the can vigorously for a few seconds to saturate the trapped air thoroughly with the solvent. Thus, when the can is stored the air cannot absorb any more solvent and film cannot form. Stand the can upside down for storage, so that the joint around the lid will be sealed."

Condensation on Walls

Question: Some time ago my stucco house was brick-veneered. No air space was left between the walls. During rainy or humid weather the walls sweat and stain the wallpaper. Is there a preparation which can be applied over the plaster to prevent sweating? If so, can the walls be painted or papered over this solution?

Answer: No kind of paint will stop the condensation. The answer to your problem is insulating board applied over furring strips to provide the air space that now is lacking and to minimize differences in temperature. It will help to dry out the air of the house if you leave the fireplace damper open during rainy weather. Additional ventilation also will help.

Turning Circle for Cars

Question: What is the minimum diameter necessary for a turning circle in front of our house to accommodate any type of car? We plan to make an island in the center containing an old millstone.

Answer: For large passenger cars the radius of the outside curb should be 28 feet, and the radius of the inside curb 16 feet. This will accommodate small trucks.

Finish for Shingles

Question: The wood shingles on the walls of our house were put on ten years ago and now are in need of attention. One painter advises retaining, another suggests painting. Which do you recommend?

Answer: After ten years the stain undoubtedly is weathered out of the wood, and the shingles either can be painted or stained. The choice of the finish is up to yourself.

Fireplace Plans

Question: Where can I get plans for building a stone fireplace for a frame cottage?

Answer: I do not know of any publication for this. But you can get ideas by looking over back issues of Better Homes and Gardens, American Home, and similar publications, which have many illustrations of fireplaces. You can see back issues at your public library.

Oil in Flue Passages

Question: I have heard that spraying the flue passages of a boiler with oil will prevent rusting during the summer months. But won't this oil cause an explosion when the heat is turned on in the fall?

Answer: Not unless the flue passages are soaked too heavily with oil. Running a low fire for a half hour or so will evaporate the surplus oil.

Remodeling

Question: Where can I get leaflets on the remodeling of old houses?

Answer: Send five cents to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., and ask for "Farmers' Bulletin No. 1749, which has the title 'Modernizing Farmhouses.' You can also get information from your local office of the Federal Housing administration.

Preparing to Paint

Question: I wish to paint our window frames on the outside, and am rather pressed for time. The frames are quite dirty. What is the quickest way of cleaning them so that I can paint them immediately after?

Answer: It might be enough just to brush the dust off. If not, you could use a wire brush and wipe with turpentine.

Cracked Boiler

Question: Can a crack in a cast-iron boiler be welded satisfactorily?

Answer: Yes, it can. You can get a mechanic with a portable welding outfit to come and do the job. Inquire of a heating contractor, a steamfitter or a plumber.

Protecting Tools

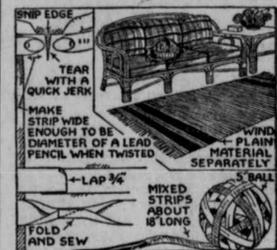
Question: How can I keep my tools from rusting? I keep them in both a metal and wooden toolchest in a damp basement.

Answer: After using, rub them all over with vaseline. Before using again, wipe well.

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Kidneys Must Work Well

For You To Feel Well
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HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

WORMS: The worst plague of army worms in 20 years has struck the northern counties of Illinois as a result of heavy rains.

PRISONERS: The war department released a statement that more than 300 American soldiers have died in Japanese prison camps since the end of the Philippine campaign.

SUBMARINES: German naval commentators admit that sinkings of Allied ships by German submarines have dropped during 1943.

MEXICO: The Mexican government is seeking a loan of \$60,000,000 to complete lines of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railroad to the Pacific coast, according to Col. Paulino Eontes, manager.