

## WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

## Coal Rationing Looms as FDR Asks 65 Induction Limit as Strike Curb; Allies' Mediterranean 'Guessing Game' Factor in Keeping Axis Off Balance

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An American soldier in a Southwest Pacific outpost has a look-out from the interior of a shattered Japanese vehicular water tank after the enemy had been driven off. The shell holes in the tank give the answer to its interior.

### COAL: Draft for Strikers

Coal rationing for both industrial and domestic consumers loomed as Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes expressed doubt that production losses incurred by three strikes in less than two months could be made up.

Mr. Ickes had announced that he was preparing to "undertake active participation in the supervision of management and operation" of coal mines including possible changes in operating personnel.

Previously, President Roosevelt had warned coal miners and other workers in government-operated industries that those who walk out on strike in future would be inducted into the nation's armed forces. The President announced that he would ask congress for authority to draft men up to the age of 65 for non-combatant service.

In a statement bitterly denouncing the action of the United Mine Workers leadership as "intolerable," Mr. Roosevelt had declared that for the time being "mines would continue under operation of Fuel Administrator Ickes." The terms, he said, would be those laid down by the War Labor board.

### FOOD: Czar After All?

Food had continued to hold the Washington limelight as the house agricultural committee had reported on a bill designed to take all food rationing and pricing powers from the Office of Price Administration and transfer of them to War Food Administrator Chester C. Davis.

Congressional sentiment for creating a food "czar" had increased in spite of the opposition of President Roosevelt to such a measure. Dissatisfied over home front war operations, proponents of the new bill wanted to vest complete authority over food production, transportation, distribution, pricing and rationing of foods under Mr. Davis who hitherto has had charge only of production and distribution.

As congressional temperatures rose in debate over the proposals, reports of improved weather and crop conditions helped ease official tension over 1943 food production prospects. Particular improvements were reported in midwestern grain, livestock and dairy regions.

### SMALL BUSINESS: Reserves for Peace

The National Association of Small Business men through its president, DeWitt Emery, urged congress to permit plants engaged in war contracts to set aside tax-free reserves for easing postwar transition back to peacetime production.

Unless such provisions are forthcoming, Emery told the house naval committee studying war contracts, "thousands of businesses will be shut down after the war, awaiting the whim of some bureaucrat" as to whether they can remain in business.

Emery suggested an allowable tax free reserve of 3 per cent of all sales up to \$1,000,000 and recommended that reserves above that figure be scaled down to one-half of 1 per cent.

### RUSSIA: Jabs and Feints

Feints and slashes had continued to characterize the action on the far-flung but relatively quiescent Russian front.

With the long-heralded German offensive still in the conversation stage and the Soviet forces still gathering strength for decisive engagements, the rival armies had contented themselves with jabs at localized areas. Thus Russian communiques had reported a series of incidents on the Orel, Smolensk, Belgorod, Staraya Russa and Leningrad sectors.

Russian artillery was credited with blowing up the headquarters of an enemy battalion near Sevesk, in the Kursk salient. But nowhere along the front was large-scale fighting reported.

Observers who recalled that a year before the Nazis had already started their ill-fated expedition against Stalingrad and their offensives for Caucasus oil believed the current inactivity was due to waning German air power, weakened on the Russ front to bolster bomb-shattered areas in western Europe.

### POSTWAR: Problems Ahead

Addressing 500 business leaders and army and navy officers in Chicago, Alfred P. Sloan Jr., chairman of the General Motors corporation, declared that he is not worried about the immediate postwar era in the United States, but that he is considerably concerned about the distant future.

The nation, Mr. Sloan declared, faces a postwar period in which it will take at least five years to catch up with the accumulated consumer demand for goods.

The letdown will come when this pent-up buying power has been exhausted, unless private industry is successful in drawing blueprints for winning the peace, he predicted. Mr. Sloan particularly urged the government to make a frank statement of policy now regarding its peacetime intentions to enable industry to plan intelligently. Government, he said, should allow industry to build up profitable reserves on a tax-free basis.

Meanwhile steady attention to the task of softening up Italy proper and its neighboring island satellites was given by the RAF and U. S. air forces.

One of the most spectacular Allied feats was the inauguration of "shuttle" bombing service. This was accomplished by British Lancasters which had bombed Friedrichshafen in Germany, flown on to African bases and returned home to England, blasting Italian naval bases at La Spezia along the way.

The tenseness of the Axis over impending Allied threats was reflected in the action of Italian secret police in arresting more than 11,000 persons in a search for possible fifth columnists.

### GERMANY: Raids Devastating

While military strategists had debated whether aerial warfare could completely knock out the enemy, evidence of some of the results of Allied bombings were dramatically forthcoming in reports from the Ruhr valley area, where British and American airmen had dropped 10,000 tons of bombs within a month.

One report disclosed that Germany had ordered the evacuation of 3,000,000 nonessential civilians from the bomb-gutted Ruhr. Another revealed that the Nazis had massed more than 1,000 fighter planes in western Europe to combat the never-ending Allied raids and had mounted 30,000 anti-aircraft guns along a belt 200 miles long by 20 to 50 miles deep.

Under a new policy of fully publicizing air raid damage, German propaganda broadcasts said the Royal Air force had "practically erased" the city of Krefeld on the western fringe of the Ruhr and had subjected the populations of both the Ruhr and the Rhineland to "unbelievable raids."

### MARATHON: Yanks Hit Macassar

Forecasting what will be routine assignments in months to come, Liberators made a 2,000-mile round trip raid from Australia to the Japanese air and sea bases at Macassar on Celebes island, where Allied airmen dropped 28 tons of bombs on enemy objectives, damaging shipping installations and hitting a Jap cruiser and merchantman.

The raid marked the first retaliation on the Japs in the Celebes sector since the enemy seized Macassar early in 1942 when the Japanese seized the Dutch East Indies.

### GOVERNORS: Bureaus Mushroom

Turning from postwar international planning to pressing domestic problems, the 35th annual governors conference adopted resolutions on adjournment urging the federal government to release corn and livestock feed and condemning strikes in wartime.

The governors assailed steadily increasing encroachments on states' rights by the federal government, and increases in the personnel of federal bureaus.

## Washington Digest

### Germany's 'Magenot Mind' May Hasten Nazi Collapse

Axis Propagandists Fear Fortress Europa Concept May Backfire; If Allies Break 'Impregnable' Line Morale May Crack.

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Has Herr Goebbels created a "magenot mind" in his minions which will crumble and wreck German morale just as the failure of the French defense smashed French morale? That is a question which the students of propaganda in Washington are studying with great interest today.

Both external evidence—newspapers, broadcasts, public statements; and internal evidence—reports of spies and neutral observers; reveal two things: one, that the Axis peoples are extremely invasion-conscious; and two, that they are suffering from a severe case of war nerves. But a third more serious possibility is developing.

As a result of the "magenot mind," it is believed that a marked increase in the scope of the air raids, or even a minor success of a single invasion unit, might result in a complete breakdown of Axis morale. Realizing this, the German propaganda forces are working frantically to change their previous verbal barrages based on the concept of the Fortress Europa, an utterly impregnable defense system, back to the original German concept of the value and efficiency of a highly mobile, offensive force.

Last year, when the second front talk reached its height, the German defense propaganda reached a high water mark too. Then when invasion weather passed, the German defense talk died down to be renewed this past April. Everything was done by the Nazis to create the idea that Europe was ringed by an unbreachable wall of steel, iron and concrete. Comparisons were made with the Maginot line; they said the guns in the Maginot line could traverse 180 degrees—in the new German wall, they can swing around the whole 360 degrees. They said that the steel used in the construction equals a bar which would reach from the earth to the moon—the concrete would build a road from Berlin to the Solomon islands.

### Those Six Months

That was the kind of fare the Germans and the Italians were served. Immediately after the fall of Tunisia, for instance, there was an Axis chorus which tried to sound exceedingly jubilant when it declared: "Hallelujah, we have held back the enemy successfully for six months, long enough to complete our fortifications, it is too late for an attack on our fortress now!"

In recent weeks, however, with the growing attacks on German cities, the surrender of the Italian island fortress to forces utterly indifferent to walls of steel or concrete, the German propagandists have begun to realize that they went too far in building a faith in a wall—that their propaganda is in danger of back-firing. They realize that if that concept is held, and if the Allies make a landing at any point and break the wall, the civilian morale will break with it.

So the tune has suddenly changed. Now we hear that the shores of the Mediterranean are protected by a splendid mobile defense—there is no south wall to Europe—none is needed. The European continent under German dominance is ideally equipped, far better equipped for offense against any invader who might get a foothold than the invader could possibly be; the difficulty of the Allied transportation across water is stressed, the power of the submarine is emphasized.

But this about-face, according to observers here, has come pretty late and can hardly create much confidence on the part of a nation which has had the myth of the Fortress Europa pounded into it for over a year.

### About the Luftwaffe

There is another factor, of course, which is working against enemy morale; that is, the fact that the hardest blows now struck come from the air with the weapon which Italy exalted and which Hitler forged and put into effect in the form of his one-time invincible Luftwaffe.

Meanwhile, what has happened to the Luftwaffe—which some people have called the "vanished" Luftwaffe?

We have heard much about it during past months, but very little has been of a definite nature.

Well, the paper strength of Germany's air force has been pretty well plotted from data obtained in confidential reports to Allied headquarters here and abroad. This is what it looks like:

A maximum overall, first-line German force of between four and five thousand planes. (Even as I write, it is probably declining in numbers.) The whole is divided into five "Luftflotte" (airfleets) one of which, until the middle of June, was putting up a considerable offensive effort on the northern Russian front. It is (or was) under General Keller and it may originally have been composed of 2,500 planes. That estimate is questioned by some American observers.

The second fleet under General Plessinger was in the Mediterranean area. It was estimated shortly after Tunisia as 800 strong but probably soon thereafter was considerably "wasted" and not very efficient because it was spread thinly over a long coast line with Italy as a weak link.

### The Remainder

The third fleet was under General Sperrle—perhaps fifteen hundred planes with the tremendous and growing task of guarding the German industrial area, the submarine ports all the way to the bay of Biscay—and also the duty of meeting an invasion at any point along that long coast line.

Then there was General Richthofen's fleet in southern Russia and General Stumpf's at the other end of the stick in Norway with what was left.

Besides these fleets, or a part of them perhaps, were certain "Fliegerkorps"—mobile units which attempted to come to the rescue when some area was in dire distress. But the whole force, the experts believe, is spread so thin that in case of simultaneous air attack, great gaps have to be left which would make (and already have made) Allied air invasion safe and, as a corollary, would do the same for land invasion beneath it.

The Luftwaffe has not vanished. It is still a powerful weapon and the Germans are trying to maintain its strength by concentrating on the production of fighter planes. But the days when Hitler's evil angels darkened the skies and fortunes of Europe are over.

### Diary of a Broadcaster

This "share-a-taxi" system is really working out very well, but it requires quick thinking. I heard a very charming but disappointed young lady telling her tale of woe today.

"I had to get to my dentist this noon and I stopped a cab with someone in it. The driver said he had to go to the Mayflower hotel first. That was only a few blocks out of the way but I was in a hurry so I said 'no.' As the cab started off, I looked at the passenger. And was I sorry I said 'no'—it was Wendell Willkie!"

I thought: This "One World" isn't so small after all!

We didn't realize how prophetic we were when we used to sing: "Yes, we have no bananas."

I stepped into a Connecticut avenue drug store the other day and asked for a chocolate milk shake. "No chocolate," said the clerk. Another customer ordered a bacon and tomato sandwich: "No tomatoes," said the clerk. Before anyone else could speak he said: "Now who's going to be smart and ask for a banana split?"

Oh, we are learning to do without. In Washington the "without" sometimes seems as if it would include shirts and sheets—clean ones, anyhow. I met a dignified lieutenant colonel early the other morning carrying his laundry box. Did he wear a shame-faced look? He did not. He was beaming. Anyone beams who is able to get his laundry in time in this town.

## BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

The R & S Pickle Works of Boston, Mass., wanted to help in the war effort. Within 72 hours, the factory was converted to war work, its pickling vats were filled with an acid that provides the necessary preservative coating for incendiary bombs, to meet requirements of the Chemical Warfare Service, Army Service Forces. Production was soon far ahead of schedule.

Some 3 million seventh and eighth grade Russian students will be sent to help in the field work of state and collective farms for the summer vacation.

About 8 billion points on the ration stamps and approximately 6 billion points on the blue stamps are put into circulation monthly by consumers of rationed foods.

## TO YOUR Good Health

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### PIGMENTED SPOTS ON FACE

One of the distressing ailments that comes usually toward middle age in women is coffee colored spots, usually on the face, about the eyes



Dr. Barton

and cheeks, on the arms and knees. The cause of these spots is unknown but physicians have found that after correcting any ailments of ovaries and uterus, these spots disappear, quite often.

Removal of these spots and careful examination of them under the microscope show that they are not the usual pigmented blood spots nor exactly like the spots which occur so often at or during the menopause.

In an extract from a medical journal published in Montevideo in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. F. Rocca reports a case of pigmented spots on the face cured by injection and local application of ovary extract.

Twice a week, for a period of several months, 5,000 international units of ovary extract (estrone) was administered by injection. These injections regulated the monthly periods, the nervousness and shock became less and the spots on the face began to clear up. An estrone ointment was now applied to the facial spots for 20 days. It was observed that some spots disappeared and others became lighter.

The ointment treatment of the spots and the injections were continued for several months, when the pigmentation had decreased greatly on the face and in many parts of the body.

One year after this ovary or gland treatment was stopped, small spots began to appear about the eyes.

Now this is only one case, but when we remember that in some of these cases the spots disappear without treatment and that others disappear with the correction of genital ailments, it will certainly be much worth while for our women's specialists and general practitioners also, to try this treatment on these coffee-colored spots.

When we remember how ovary extract in the great majority of cases gives relief from the symptoms of the menopause, it is not too much to expect that at last a remedy has been found to remove these embarrassing coffee-colored spots.

### Insulin Injections Stimulate Appetite

Just as most overweights have a large appetite and eat much more than they need, so most cases of underweight are rather "picky" about their food and have a small appetite. And just as the overweights choose the starches and fats (fat builders), so most underweights choose meats, leafy vegetables and fruits (which are not fat builders). There are exceptions to this, of course.

I have spoken before of the use in Canada and the United States of insulin in stimulating the appetite. In the American Journal of Science, Philadelphia, is a report from Brazil recording the results of using insulin in underweight patients. Dr. J. B. Greer and his associates treated 30 underweight patients with insulin with "most satisfactory results." They injected insulin just once a day, beginning with eight units and increasing according to the patient's appetite on the previous day; never more than 30 units were injected.

The injection was made about 45 minutes before the noon meal, but the patients were advised to eat when they began to get hungry. When the weight became normal for the patient's height and build, the injections of insulin were gradually discontinued.

This injection of the insulin only once a day and stopping it gradually, protects the glands of the pancreas that manufacture the insulin. It removes the burden of work from them for the time being.

"The unanimous statement of the patients was that they ate as never before in their lives."

There are, of course, many cases of underweight due to infection which "uses up" some of the food eaten. There are other cases of underweight where too much play, not enough sleep, not enough outdoors are factors in preventing gain in weight.

It is gratifying to know that the injection of insulin when stomach is empty will create an appetite in underweights.

### QUESTION BOX

Q.—Do X-rays show adhesions and tumors?

A.—X-rays will show adhesions if adhesions or tumors are obstructing the bowel or stomach.

Q.—Would the shock of an operation cause my head to feel as though veins were going to burst?

A.—Shock from operation can cause many symptoms. Pain on side of head may be due to eye disturbance, indigestion, tired nerves, infected teeth and other causes.

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### That Nagging Backache

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## DOAN'S PILLS

## HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

**CANADA:** Humphrey Mitchell, Canadian minister of labor, announced that all youths of 16 to 18 are now subject to compulsory labor transfer.

**LOSS:** Fuel administration statisticians estimated that recent coal strikes had cut coal production in the United States more than 20,000,000 tons.

**REPAIRS:** The house flood control committee approved legislation authorizing the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for repair of damage in sections recently hit by floods.

**PROMOTION:** Rudy Vallee, now a band leader in the coast guard, has been promoted from chief petty officer to lieutenant, senior grade, an official announcement stated.