### Tax Body Asks Higher Postal Rates; Coal Miners Offered New Pay Boost; Nazis Strengthen Defenses in Italy As Allied Forces Gather in Corsica

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Labor leaders who conferred with President Roosevelt on wages and prices included, from left to right in front row, William Green, AFL president; A. F. Whitney; Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, social security board; Philip Murray, CIO president, and Julius Emspak. Back row from left to right: George Meany, Daniel Tobin and R. J. Thomas.

#### ITALY: Dig In

With the Nazis solidly entrenched in the mountains running across Italy 100 miles south of Rome, there were reports that Gen. Dwight Eisenhower was assembling forces in Corsica, possibly for a landing at the Germans' rear in northern Italy, or on the French Riviera.

The mountains in which the Germans dug in form a double ridge and rise to heights of 2,500 feet along the sector occupied by Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth army. Because most positions blend well into the landscape and the heights are rugged, experts saw little use of airplanes to bomb defenses effectively or armored formations to break up

The continuing flow of German reinforcements in northern Italy indicated that the Nazis intend to pin down the greater bulk of the Allied armies in that country, and make it the principal battleground of Eu-

#### HAWAII:

#### Commander in Contempt



man-American citizens in court and show cause why the army should continue to hold them on precautionary grounds, Federal Judge Delbert E. Metzger charged the commander with contempt and fined him \$5,000. But when Judge

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released the two citizens, he dismissed the order to produce them, and cut the commander's fine to \$100. However, he refused to dismiss the contempt charge entirely.

Under martial law in Hawaii, the writ of habeas corpus, requiring authorities to show cause why a suspect should be held, had been restricted to use in certain civil cases, although Judge Metzger had demanded its full application. At present, habeas corpus stands suspended in military cases, but can be utilized in strictly civil suits.

#### LABOR:

#### Raise for Miners

Trimming the United Mine Workers proposition for a \$1.50 daily wage raise with compensation for underground travel time, the War Labor board offered John L. Lewis' UMW a \$1.121/2 boost.

Under the WLB offer, miners would not be paid for underground travel, but would receive time and a half for 45 minutes of work over the regular 7-hour day. According Navy's Newest to the WLB, the miners' earnings would increase \$1.66 daily for a sixday, 81/2 hour day.

Meanwhile leaders of 20 railroad unions were preparing a strike vote among their 1,350,000 members, to decide on a walkout over dissatisfaction of the government's award of wage increases of four cents an hour for the operating unions, and Economic Stabilization Director Fred Vinson's refusal to grant the non-operating unions an eight cents an hour boost.

#### TAXES: Ask Higher Postal Rates

With congress opposed to further increases in income taxes, the lawmakers looked to other possible sources of revenue to help raise some of the 10 billion dollars requested by the treasury to bring total receipts to 50 billion dollars annually.

Congress' advisory tax staff proposed increasing the local postal rate to 3 cents; air-mail to 10 cents an ounce; money orders 10 to 37 cents; insured mail 10 to 70 cents, and COD mail 24 cents to \$2.40.

The advisory staff also suggested raising the liquor tax to \$10 a gallon; beer to \$8 per barrel; wine to 5 cents to \$1 a gallon; electric light bulbs and tubes to 15 per cent of retail price; general admissions to 3 cents for each 10 cents; bowling 20 per cent of charge, and billiards \$20 a table.

In all, congress hopes to raise 11/2 billion dollars from the new levies.

#### RUSSIA:

#### Nazis Fight Entrapment

Their Dnieper river line smashed below Kiev, the German high command strived to pull hundreds of When the army's commander of thousands of their embattled troops the Hawaiian department refused to out of the huge noose charging Rusproduce two Ger- sian forces were drawing about them.

In this sector, the Dnieper turns sharply from a southerly direction and runs almost 200 miles eastward to Dnepropetrovsk. The Germans established a line along these 200 miles of river front, and then organized a defense from Dnepropetrovsk southward some 125 miles to the Sea

By slashing through the German lines along the eastern course of the Dnieper, the Russ threatened the whole Nazi line strung to the south from Dnepropetrovsk. To escape entrapment, the German high command began withdrawing its troops.

#### DRAFT:

#### Would Take Dads Last

Moving to draft dads last, congress passed a bill which would require Selective Service to induct all single and childless married men throughout the entire country first before fathers would be called by

Incorporated in the same bill which went to the senate for consideration were provisions which

1. Eliminate the War Manpower commission's classification of "essential" industries offering temporary deferment; 2. Require all deferments to be reviewed by appeals boards within the district where the employee works; 3. Establish a medical commission to consider change of army and navy physical

#### 'HELLCAT':

Latest American plane to sweep the Japanese before it in Southwest Pacific skies is the navy's Grumman Hellcat fighter plane.

Powered by a 2,000 h.p. motor, the Hellcat travels over 400 m.p.h., can climb to 35,000 feet and has a range of over 1,500 miles.

With a wingspan of 42 feet, 10 inches and an overall length of 33 feet, 61/4 inches, the Hellcat is a single seat, low wing, all metal, folding wing monoplane, designed to operate from an aircraft carrier or land.

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

TAXES: The excess profits tax on | corporations will be increased to 95 90 per cent, Representative Knutson, minority leader, predicts.

MECHANICS: A critical shortage of automobile mechanics is announced by the Office of Defense

WHISKEY: An increase of 30 cents a quart, and 26 cents a "fifth" per cent from the present rate of has been authorized by the Office of return, will be provided at govern-Price Administration. It applies to blended whiskey containing imported neutral spirits.

UNDERWEAR: A shortage of un-Transportation. Training courses in ney, president of the Underwear In-

#### SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: Work on Jap Bases

Continuing to blast at Japanese outposts impeding further U. S. advances in the Southwest Pacific, American airmen returned to Rabaul and Kahili and showered the two big enemy air and sea bases with hundreds of tons of bombs.

As a result of persistent U. S. bombing, it was reported that the Japs have been making little use of their air fields of Kahili in the Solomons. Once the center for enemy craft harassing U.S. positions in the southern Solomons, Kahili has shown little life as American airmen swept over to plaster runways and instal-

Heavily screened by fighters, nearly 50 four-motored Liberator bombers spearheaded the latest blast at Rabaul, which has served the Japanese as a feeder point for supplies for their troops battling in New Guinea and the Solomons. As a result of recent raids, it was reported

#### PEACE PLANS:

#### Debated in Senate

In the hush of the historic old senate chamber, silver-haired Senator Tom Connally (Texas) arose to his feet in his long black coat. Glancing slowly about, he began to read the foreign relations committee's resolution defining the principle of America's co-operation with other nations for preserving peace in the postwar world:

. . . The United States acting through its constitutional processes, join with free and sovereign nations in the establishment and maintenance of international authority with power to prevent aggression and to preserve the peace of the world."

When Connally sat down the senate opened debate on accepting the resolution. Some senators charged the measure invited U.S. formation of an alliance with individual countries for action against threatening powers, and they demanded adoption of a broader resolution calling on the U.S. to join a world organization which could enforce peace through use of military police.

#### **Blood Flows Backward**



Although three-month-old Mari lyn Stewart's heart is so constructed that the blood circulates backward, she has been faring

Pictured above in her mother's arms, tiny Marilyn's case has baffled doctors, who say that her condition is contrary to the ordinary structure of life.

#### FUEL:

#### Coal Supply

U. S. coal stocks total a record 100,000,000 tons, of which 15,000,000 tons are stored in basements, the

Bituminous Coal Institute declared. Further, the institute said, production goals of 600,000,000 tons of coal for 1943 will be met if: 1. There are no more strikes; 2. Absenteeism can be reduced; 3. Drafting of miners is halted, and 4. Ample replacement machinery is available.

Although production slumped 350,-000 tons in the week of October 16, the institute said, output still was 150,000 tons higher than the same period last year.

#### Oil Sources

To keep pace with the rising rate of crude oil withdrawal, the U.S. must bring in a 30,000,000 barrel field every six days, Col. Ernest O. Thompson of the Texas railroad commission declared.

Although the nation has an unused capacity of 200,000 barrels daily in west Texas, Colonel Thompson said the United Nations have a reserve of 991,389 barrels daily. Of this, the British empire possesses 422,123 barrels, chiefly in Iran, and Latin America has 569,246 barrels, mostly in Venezuela.

At present, Colonel Thompson declared, the British empire is supplying 845,800 barrels daily, and Latin America 1,015,035 barrels daily. compared with U. S. production of 4,600,000 barrels daily.

#### VETS:

#### Offer Job Training

Vocational training for veterans of the present war who may be unable to find employment when they ment expense, the Veterans' administration announces.

Courses up to four years will be given, and increased pensions will \$5 for each dependent child.

## Washington Digest

## Battle Tides to Influence 1944 Political Campaign

Close Observers Change Minds, Express Belief President Will Not Be Candidate If War Ends by Spring.

> By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

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As the political campaign, which will be over in a short year, begins to increase in tempo, it is interesting more than 800 enemy planes were to note that noticeable shock recorded by the reporters at a recent White House press and radio conference when the President tossed off that phrase "when I am out of the White House."

> Taken in the context, it was immediately clear that the President did not delimit the time element in this statement and there was no real justification for the startled pause when pencils stopped scribbling and heads and eyebrows went up at the presidential remark. Mr. Roosevelt was merely pointing out, in connection with the postwar rubber situation, that he believed that any proposed tariff to protect the synthetic rubber plants after the war should be vetoed, and he implied that any President who vetoed such a measure might stir up a lot of opposition from the synthetic rubber manufac-

> But we have become so accustomed to the idea that Mr. Roosevelt himself thinks only in terms of his own regime without time or other limitations, than an expression which seemed to indicate the opposite naturally caused a stir.

However, it is entirely possible that Mr. Roosevelt will not be a candidate in 1944. There are even those who enjoy making rash prophecies who are already saying he has made up his mind not to run at all under any circumstances. This type of prediction is accepted in Washington as being in that class of guesses which have about a 40-60 chance of

being right. But closer observers who do not choose to guess the President's inner thoughts but are thoroughly familiar with his manner of thinking, deduce, from what they believe is past experience, that he will not be a candidate if the war is over by next prognostications that his desire to be President when the blue-prints for the postwar world are being drawn would incline him toward running for a fourth term. The explanation is that he will not run unless he has more than an even chance of win-

#### **End of Conflict**

Although none of the army or navy officers of the top command will allow themselves to be quoted as saying the war will end early in 1944, a number of bolder and less constrained military folk are willing to

say this is possible. It is interesting to consider that a year ago this summer, when many believed that invasion of northern Europe by the Allies would be undertaken by the spring of 1943, few people were predicting, even under such circumstances, an end of the war early in 1944. Take for instance a typical comment in a leading periodical (Harper's) written very little over a year ago in which it was said that Germany must complete the conquest of key positions in Russia, must halt or control the Anglo-American onslaught from the air, and must hold northern Africa for a sortie in the Middle East. When we consider what has happened since, we can see the progress which has been made. Far from any action in which the word "conquest" could be used, the Wehrmacht in Russia has been driven beyond its last Russian defense lines in many places. The dream of an African empire has become the reality of bitter defeat and despite desperate defense measures, the most powerful air blows are being struck against the Reich.

#### Japanese Situation

Within the year, Japan's power has begun to crumble at a rate and in a manner which makes it plain that she will not have to be beaten back island by island and every Jap "unconquerables" have become exceedingly adept at getting away from points once expected to be last stands, with remarkable alacrity and apparent satisfaction in their own retreatability.

the fighting, means that he will be raids accomplished.

behest, before the ides of Novem-This situation, if it does arise, im-

poses an interesting problem for the Democrats. It is pretty generally agreed that the conservative element in the Democratic party has been gaining in power in the last months when the President bestowed positions of key importance on the right wing of the party while many New Dealers faded into the background.

"out of the White House" at his own

When Vice President Wallace, whom it was taken for granted would be the President's choice as a successor, was dropped and his activities placed in the more conservative hands of Messrs. Hull, Crowley, et al., it was plain that the original New Dealers were being relegated to the rear of the hall.

#### GOP Attitude

And while the burning highlights of the administration portrait are being toned down to more sober hues, the Republicans seem to be outdoing themselves in an effort to show that they can make use of the bright lexicon of youth as a reference work and select from it promising shibboleths who speak of action rather than reaction.

Of course, Mr. Willkie does not speak for the Republican party but he has a following which his supporters hope will be reinforced by disgruntled former New Dealers as well as others whose leanings, although they have never been such port a Democratic regime, are still far enough left to demand the most progressive candidate offered under any other respectable banner.

Meanwhile, of course, the President must, according to the inviolable principles of politics, show no This means that during the coming signs of intending to withdraw, since it is written that you can't control your party unless there is a fair be taken. chance that you are going to continue to be its active head.

Our political campaign of 1944 is bound to be affected by the tide of battle abroad.

#### General Arnold Explains

On a mild day, with the Virginia countryside warm in the glow of in the sunlight, some 50 newsmencorrespondents, columnists, radio commentators-climbed up the wide stone steps of the river entrance to the famous Pentagon building.

General Arnold, chief of America's army air forces, took his seat and began to talk. The gist of his words you have read. What he felt can only be guessed but he was faced with the proposition of "explaining the obvious" and he seemed just a little weary at the prospect. Arnold is a pleasant but blunt-spoken fighting man with wings and service ribbons won in service.

A few days before, he happened to listen to a commentator who was computing in dollars and lives and material the cost of the bombing raid of the great ball-bearing factory in Schweinfurt, Germany.

The general was exceedingly irked. What the commentator did not perhaps realize was the number clue. of endless explanations of "the obvious" which General Arnold has ports that he felt well on arising and had to make since we entered the then about 10 o'clock in the mornwar. And if Germany does crumble ing a severe frontal headache came because her war effort is smashed, on which persisted till midafternoon it will be Arnold's explanations as then disappeared and the patient well as the bombs themselves that went to bed free of pain and discomought to get the credit.

heart of Germany in the light of day ly.' and hit a target with the precision The treatment outlined by Dr. practical. But he had his chance ly effects a cure. and proved his thesis. Then, when on foreign soil killed. The Mikado's | tion, the public began to exclaim at the result that the cold "hangs on" have been hard to take.

off figures, recounting details which even pus formation occur. will never be printed until peace comes and, most effective of all for Therefore, it is not at all impos- the layman, showing the greatly sible that the President, if he intends | enlarged photographs of the destrucvoluntarily to retire with the end of tion those great daylight precision

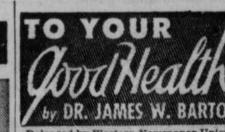
#### BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Uncle Sam's fighting sailors, | guarding an island outpost in the \$25 bonds and one \$100 bond.

Twice as many bobbie pins and derwear is impending, says Roy Che- be paid while the ex-serviceman is hairpins, necessary feminine items, in school. A single man will receive will be produced during 1944 as at this work are now in progress in 72 stitute. He blames lack of factory \$80 a month, a married man \$90 and present, under a recent War Pro- Nazi home radio has informed the duction board action.

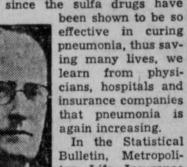
A Zurich dispatch to the Swedish newspaper Aftontidningen said that Pacific, conducted a third war loan | the loss of the Kuban area in Russia dentist. drive of their own and bought 658 had deprived the Nazis of 50,000 tons of tobacco a year.

A census of the German people, the first since the outbreak of war German people.



#### PNEUMONIA DEATHS

Just as we are congratulating ourselves that physicians are not worried much about their pneumonia cases since the sulfa drugs have



tan Life Insurance company, we read: "The rise in the

death rate in pneumonia will be noted with surprise by many people who for the past few years have heard so much about the striking decline in the death rate the treatment of the disease." The sulfa drugs were able to defend the body against what is called the coccus form of pneumonia (small round organisms seen under the micro-

However, the type of pneumonia which is now causing so many cases is not the coccus (pneumococcus) type but a virus type; that is a very tiny organism which cannot be seen under the microscope. Despite their ability to defeat the pneumococcus type of pneumonia, the sulfa drugs have no effect upon this type of pneumonia.

A point of interest is that a recent study of fatal cases of this type of pneumonia among policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company shows that a large proportion of the deaths were among younger persons. Of the 150 deaths recorded in the company's experience since last November, 36 per cent were between the ages of 15 and 44 years, as compared with only that they could wholeheartedly sup- 18 per cent (of the total number) of pneumonia deaths in a normal year. It has been known for some time that war conditions increase the number and severity of nose, throat and lung ailments; the influenza epidemic of 1918-19 is still in our minds. months of cold weather, the greatest

> "Those doing hard manual labor or putting in long hours of overtime should be encouraged to get as much rest as possible in their time. Every effort must be made to maintain good nutrition which is quite possible within the limits of ration-

possible health precautions should

## autumn, and the Potomac sparkling Headache in Morning Is Sinusitis Symptom

When a definite case of sinus disease is present with pus formation. there is no difficulty in recognizing

What about mild or early cases of inflammation of the sinus? In the Canadian Medical Associa-

tion Journal, Dr. Keith Hutchison.

Montreal, states: "The symptoms of acute inflammation of the sinus-sinusitis-are definite and I always accept the midmorning headache as evidence of a true sinusitis, even though nothing definite appears on the first examination."

This midmorning headache is important because there are so many kinds of headache that the physician is grateful for any and every

"When an intelligent patient refort only to go through the same If he had not been able to "ex- symptoms the next day, a clear-cut plain' that American bombers could diagnosis of acute catarrhal sinusitis fly in sufficient numbers into the may be made and treated according-

to destroy it, we would never have Hutchison is to put the patient to a chance to prove it could be done. bed, hot cloths on the face, ephed-There were few in high places either rine solution in the nose, plenty of here or in Britain who believed fluids and a rigid rule of no smoksuch an absurd, untried thing was ing. Two to four days' rest general-

Because the symptoms are not sethe experts were convinced, when vere, "just a little head cold," many he was beginning to swing into ac- patients refuse to go to bed, with the cost of his raids. That must and instead of there being simply a watery discharge from the nose, the And so he sat for an hour reeling discharge may become mucous and

> The patient with an early or light sinusitis should go to bed and follow the treatment described if he wishes to prevent chronic catarrh or sinusitis.

#### QUESTION BOX

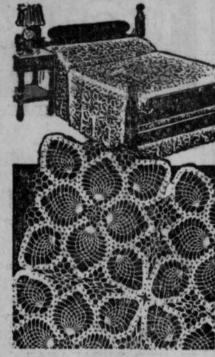
Q.-What causes neuritis? A .- There must be some cause for your neuritis-infected teeth, or other infection, possibly pressure on nerve supplying the arm. See your

rine in coffee or tea be harmful for an adult or a boy of 17? A .- Saccharin tablets (1/2 grain)

Q.-Would a half grain of saccha-

three times a day will do no harm; also all right for boy of 17 to use. Sugar gives more energy, of course.

# Pineapple Squares Make Lacy Spread

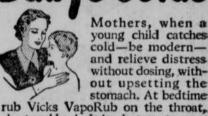


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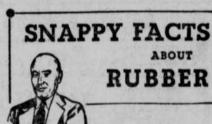
A bullet fired from a gun and

keeping its peak muzzle velocity

would require seven years to

reach the sun.

Skygazer The sloth, clinging to boughs, spends its lifetime looking at the



To maintain the nation's essential motor transportation system, the American rubber tire industry will be called upon to make 30 million synthetic passenger car tires in 1944. The synthetic rubber program is being geared to permit such an output without hindering the military needs for rubber.

More than 65 per cent of the war materials reaching factories in Michigan travel on rubber-tired trucks, and 67 per cent of the finished products move out by truck. Proof that our national economy is closely bound with rubber.

