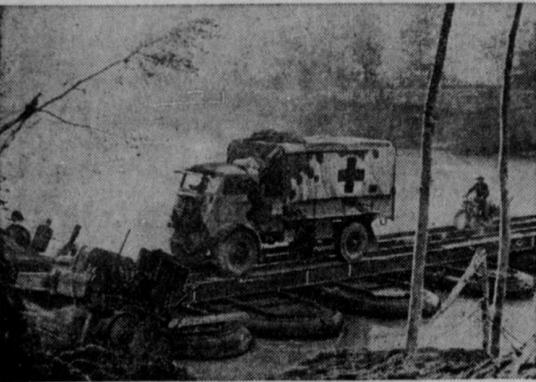


WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Terrific Air Attacks Spur Allied Drive Against Nazis on Central Italian Front; Moscow Conference Offers Blueprint For Lasting Peace in Postwar World

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An Allied transport is shown rumbling over pontoon bridge thrown up by American engineers across the Volturno river in Italy.

EUROPE: Blast Communications

Roaring over France's once paradisaical Riviera, Flying Fortresses took pot-shots at communications lines shuttling troops between southern France and northern Italy. To the south, Allied medium bombers blasted harbors above Rome, which the Nazis have been using to relieve strained road and rail facilities.

As their heavy bombers smashed far back of German lines, Allied troops slowly drew up for their next assault on Nazi mountain positions in central Italy. As rain continued to fall in swirling sheets and muddled up the country, U. S., British and Canadian soldiers captured strategic heights for observing enemy action and took over important road junctions for shuttling supplies.

As the Allies edged forward, the Germans snuggled deeper into their new posts along the 2,500-foot high Maccio ridge facing Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army on the west, and the rugged country confronting Gen. Bernard Montgomery's Eighth Army to the east.

Italian King on Spot
Noted for his political tight-rope walking, King Victor Emmanuel of Italy now threads a very shaky line, with the new democratic forces in the country demanding his abdication.

Led by former foreign minister and refugee Count Carlo Sforza, Italy's democratic elements have expressed approval for setting up King Victor's six-year-old grandson, Prince Vittorio Emanuele, as the nominal monarch, with a regent like Marshal Badoglio to represent him until he comes of age.

Chief objection to King Victor is that he not only allowed Mussolini to come into power, but that he also supported him throughout his administration, renouncing him only when it appeared Italy would lose the war and the smart thing to do would be to jump onto the Allied bandwagon.

Removal of King Victor Emmanuel would sound the death knell of monarchy in Europe, since he is one of the last rulers with any actual governmental powers.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: Last Step

Gen. Douglas MacArthur took the final step toward driving the Japanese from eastern Australasia with a massive attack designed to clear the enemy from the big air and sea base of Rabaul in New Britain.

Feeder point for Japanese forces in the Solomons and New Guinea, and nerve center for enemy resistance in the whole eastern Australasian area, Rabaul stood threatened as U. S. forces spilled over into the remaining Japanese holdings in the Solomons, which flank the base and offer means for harassing any Allied force attempting to move against the big pivotal position.

Occupation of the Treasury Islands heralded MacArthur's drive in the Solomons to cut off Rabaul. Then, U. S. troops landed on the last two important Jap strongholds of Choiseul and Bougainville, with units of the enemy fleet and air force offering resistance.

SUBSIDIES: Asked by FDR

Declaring that government subsidies are comparatively cheap for (1) stimulating production of certain necessary and select crops; (2) preventing inflationary tendencies, and (3) encouraging sale of food through ordinary channels instead of black markets, President Roosevelt asked congressional approval for his food subsidy program.

By use of subsidies, the President said, food prices can be kept at lower levels than if processors, distributors and retailers were each permitted to mark up their margins. Failure to provide stabilization through subsidies, he said, would bring about justifiable demands for increased wages.

Use of subsidies to stabilize prices is presently costing the U. S. 800 million dollars a year, the President said. Of the sum, 450 million dollars is being used to maintain meat and butter prices by subsidizing the producer.

Mr. Roosevelt answered the demand for a food czar by asserting that the different duties of the War Food Administration and Office of Price Administration made consolidation of the two bureaus impractical.

What People Are Doing

When Ensign George Swiggart Miles appeared for duty at the navy department in Washington, D. C., he reported to his mother, Lieut. Amy Brown Miles, in charge of officer personnel.

A gold prospector from Leadville, Colo., bewhiskered F. E. Gimlett, broke into a meeting of the house ways and means committee today.



ing new taxation. "I want congress to put the WACs and WAVES back in the kitchen with pots and pans and babies," he stormed, before he was led from the room.

After calling every available non-father in LaPlata county, Colo., to service, draft board clerk John Craig put his name at the top of the induction list for fathers. Craig's job went to his wife, and no sooner was she sworn in, than she summoned him to report for induction. They have four children.

RUSSIA:

Surge Into Crimea

Taking no time to catch their breath, Russia's marching Red legions stormed into the Crimea, the great body of land off the southern Ukraine commanding the Black sea routes.

Lost to Russia after the fall of Sevastopol in 1942, the Nazis primarily have used its former luxurious resorts as health havens for wounded soldiers. When it fell to Germany, 200,000 Russians were killed or captured, and the exact number of Nazis remaining is unknown, since that depends on the proportion that could be evacuated while rearwards fought bitter delaying actions at Melitopol.

Farther to the north, German rearwards battled fiercely in the Krivoi Rog area to hold off the Russians while the Nazis withdrew from the great bend of the Dnieper river.

CIO:

5 1/4 Million Members

Growth of the CIO to over 5 1/4 million members increased the ranks of organized labor to over 12 million, what with AFL strength estimated in excess of seven million.

Announcement of CIO membership was made by its president, Philip Murray, at the opening of the CIO's sixth constitutional convention in Philadelphia, Pa. To the 5 1/4 million members, the CIO will add two million more in the coming year, Murray said.

As the CIO delegates convened, they heard a message from President Roosevelt, in which he said that although the movement of workers to new manufacturing centers was desirable during the early phases of the production program, stabilization of employees at their present occupations was now essential.

Philip Murray

TOKENS:

For Rationing

The tokens that will be substitutes for ration coupons for small purchases were described by the Office of Price Administration as being made of fiber, and between a nickel and a quarter in size. They are colored red or blue, with orange edges, it was said. Red tokens will be used for meat purchases, and blue for processed foods. The new system will go into effect in February.

Washington Digest

Politics Seen as Key in Farm Subsidy Problem



Acceptable Compromise Lacking; Presidential Veto Forecast for Any Bill Banning Use of 'Economic Stimulant.'

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The administration is in the midst of one of its fiercest contests to "hold the line" against stabilization. It is the old question of subsidies for farm products and it looks like a fight to the death. The house agriculture committee, with Representative Steagall and others swinging over to the Republican side, is backing the bill which would renew the appropriations for the Commodity Credit Corporation and cut out the subsidies to processors, distributors and some direct cash aid to farmers. The present legislation expires in January. A presidential veto is taken for granted for any bill banning the use of subsidies. Administration supporters believe that such a veto can be sustained, but they see a tough, bitter fight ahead.

The key to the whole difficulty is violent partisanship. Successful politics is like successful living—in the family, in the community, in the world—it depends on the ability to compromise. In this fight, there seems to be no one able to work out an acceptable compromise. Already the feeling is bitter.

Cost of Living

Complicating the problem is, as usual, labor's insistence that the cost of living has gone up higher than statistics show, that the Little Steel formula is no longer a fair yardstick for wage increases since decisions of the War Labor board, plus insistence of the director of stabilization, hold down wages while the administration has not carried out its promises to roll back the living costs.

The farm organizations and the processors and the distributors oppose the roll-back. They don't put it that way. They say they oppose subsidies for rolling back consumer prices. They argue that subsidies to increase production and support prices in a free market are all right—and are horses of another color. The President sees no difference. Subsidies which permit the government to buy up commodities or make loans at a minimum price when the market price dips below that figure are all right, say the farm bloc, but, they claim, the "new" subsidies go further than that in that they mean payments direct to the processor and distributor and also buying and selling by the government. This, they claim, is in itself inflationary because it means payments out of the treasury. They say they don't believe that the money will get back to the farmer, that it means "grocery bills paid by the government," with very little real saving to the consumer, and finally, which is the real rub, it means too much government control.

Food Contribution
The other day when I stepped into the broadcasting studio just as the "Farm and Home Hour" had ended, I found some cookies, some Brown Betty and a meat loaf sandwich waiting. These samples had been saved from a more elaborate layout of good things made with soy beans which had been the subject of the F & H broadcast.

I ate them with pleasure. Although the meat loaf was 25 per cent soy grits, it tasted exactly like meat to me. The cookies and the Brown Betty were excellent. Soy flour and soy grits—the bread had some soy flour in it—are both on the market ready to contribute vitamins, mineral, protein, vim and vigor to our food, reducing the consumption of scarcer and more expensive products. A saving of from 20 to 25 per cent in meat and still having almost identical food values is nothing to be sneezed at.

Soy, it is pointed out, is not a substitute but a supplement to other foods and you would be surprised how many tasty dishes can be produced with it. The Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics has a handy little pamphlet containing recipes, and you can get one by writing to the bureau, care of the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.

There are recipes for mint loaf, chile con carne, suggestions for use of soy with vegetables when they are served as a main dish; soy in sauces and mixed with cereals to give a richer protein diet—many suggestions for making what you have go further and accomplish more.

A Letter

Frankly, when I get a letter that makes me real mad, I sometimes mention it on the air. I shouldn't ever do it, I suppose, because I usually get a flood of sympathy which perhaps I don't deserve but one of the best replies I ever had was from a man in Spearfish, S. D., who wrote to me as follows:

"Each morning at 11 a. m. MWT, I tune you in. Now, I may be mistaken, yet it seems to me that at times you think some of the letters you receive are 'hitting below the belt' which has always been considered cowardly and unjustified. But in a great many cases, if we don't hit below the belt, we just make a total miss as it seems that some of the stuff that is put out for us to follow shows that there is NOTHING above the belt to hit at."

The proponents of the subsidy plan say that the fight against them is

purely political. They say the Republicans naturally take the side opposite to the administration because they can win some farm votes as champions of higher prices to farmers if they take this stand. On the other hand, they believe that the anti-subsidy bill will be vetoed eventually and the Democrats say the veto will be sustained. If so, the Republicans will not be criticized for supporting a measure which is defeated. And the Democratic support in the house agriculture committee, subsidy supporters say, was "bought" by allowing the present subsidies for the products grown in districts of the congressmen who supported the bill, to stand.

The administration followers say that it seems strange for the Republicans to raise a cry against subsidies when tariffs are subsidies. They mention the sugar "subsidy." As for complaint that the subsidy on agricultural products would not reach the farmer, they call attention to the milk subsidies at present in operation where the man who milks the cow gets the subsidy direct.

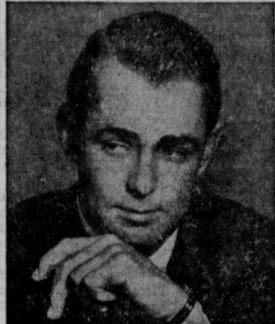
Meanwhile, we know that the cost of living has already gone up. We know that we need full production of foodstuffs. We know that many farmers can't get the feed required to raise the stock or to fatten it to its most efficient weight for slaughter.

Payment of any money out by the treasury does mean more money in circulation but the subsidy proponents point to the kind of inflation we get when prices aren't controlled. The administration says it is better to control a few processors and distributors, even if Uncle Sam has to snoop into their books to see he isn't cheated, than to let that vicious spiral of prices and living costs start to mount.

In the next weeks you will hear a lot more of these arguments.

Star Dust
STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO
By VIRGINIA VALE
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

TIME was when an actor was likely to lose his public if he stayed off the screen for even a short time. Some can't risk it now. Alan Ladd doesn't belong in that class—a large part of the public is remaining faithful to him while he's off serving his country, and refusing to put anyone else in his idol's place. He worked hard for his success—had years of encouragement but few good roles, and put in time working in radio before he got a good role in "Joan of Paris." Then



ALAN LADD

he tested for "This Gun for Hire," and when Paramount executives saw his test they didn't bother about testing anyone else. His success in that role was like Marlene Dietrich's in "Morocco"—instantaneous.

Gary Moore, who co-stars with Jimmy Durante over both CBS and NBC, will make his picture debut under David Selznick's sponsorship, and will be developed as "a sort of combination of Fred Allen and Bob Hope"—which should be something! It'll be Allen on writing ability and Hope from the slant of his delivery.

Howard Petrie, announcer of the Moore-Durante air show, had both Paramount and RKO after him with a long-term acting contract. He stands six feet four and weighs 240 pounds—right up with Paramount's Bill Edwards, of "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."

Hildegard, the new radio star who has the "Beat the Band" show on Wednesday evenings, introduced a song called "She's Got Bars on Her Shoulders and Stars in Her Eyes"; the WACs couldn't resist the title so adopted the ditty for their official recruiting song.

Pompeii's emergence into front-page importance because of the fighting around Naples inspired RKO to rerelease its spectacular "The Last Days of Pompeii," originally released in 1935; its cast includes Alan Hale, Basil Rathbone, and Louis Calhern.

Dick Haymes' first tests at 20th Century-Fox turned out so well that his part in "Four Jills and a Jeep," with Carole Landis, was made bigger and bigger. Meanwhile, his radio sponsor pays for the lad's popularity. Half the program comes from New York, with a full orchestra, chorus, and Jim Ameche featured—another orchestra and chorus goes on in Hollywood, accompanying Haymes' songs.

Flossie Flynn, head of Loew's Telephone Information Service in New York, says that recently her office has been swamped by inquiries about Metro's two-reel short, "Heavenly Music," a tale of a jive musician who can't get into heaven until he convinces a jury of famous composers that swing is real music—says she gets more calls asking where it's playing than she does on feature productions.

It's taken 14 years for Hollywood to get around to remaking "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," done in 1929 as a silent. Benedict Bogeaus, a business man who bought Hollywood's General Service Studios a year and a half ago, bought the screen rights and put Rowland V. Lee in as director—and now the picture's timed right to coincide with the work of the Committee on Inter-American Affairs.

The Ellery Queen cast likes to be heard above the incidental music of the organ, except when guest detectives turn up early, during the dress rehearsal—then, when the crime's solution is given, the organ fairly roars, drowning out all voices.

ODDS AND ENDS—Tenor Bill Days, discovered by Groucho Marx in his radio program's chorus, and then given the solo singing part, has been signed to a 26-week contract. . . Looks as if "Blondie"—Penny Singleton—would soon be kicking her pretty legs again in musicomedie films—she was originally brought to Hollywood because of her success in musicals on the Broadway stage. . . Maureen O'Hara, last seen in RKO's "The Fallen Sparrow," and Paul Henreid will co-star in that studio's "The Spanish Main" . . . Roy Acuff, a star on radio's "Grand Ole Opry," may be a candidate for governor in Tennessee's elections next year.

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with RUTH WYETH SPEARS

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The bag shown here was made of a remnant of heavy cotton upholstery materials in tones of green with a touch of red in the pattern. The red was repeated in the sateen lining. The sketch gives all the dimensions and shows how the lining and the outside part were made. A coat hanger was cut down to measure 12 inches from end to end and was placed between the lining and the outside; these being stitched together around the top, as illustrated.

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HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

ENEMY ALIENS: Since Pearl Harbor, 7,884 enemy aliens have been interned or paroled after a hearing, Attorney General Biddle reveals. That is more than half of the 14,738 persons seized as potentially dangerous. Biddle says that 3,771 aliens have been interned, of whom 1,853 are German, 1,798 Japanese, and 111 Italians. A few Hungarians and Rumanians are held.

GROUND GAINER: The Notre Dame football team is establishing a new mark for ground gaining. The average is now about 485 yards a game. The army team is close behind with 434 yards.

SLEEPERS: Soldiers will soon travel across country in new triple-deck sleeping cars, the Pullman company announced.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Nazi occupation authorities in Holland have even cut the Dutch horse-meat ration one-third. The weekly meat ration coupons, which used to be good for 150 grams of horsemeat, now are good for only 100 grams, or about two ounces, according to a report published in a German language daily in Holland. The cut means a great deal to the Dutch, whose living standards have lowered.

Collecting spider web for precision sighting instruments is one of the duties performed by women in the British Auxiliary Territorial service.

Because corn fields are excellent hide-outs for partisans, the Croat minister for the interior has ordered all farmers to cut their fields by the end of this month. If they are not cut by then, they will be burned.