WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Nazi Crisis Heightens as Allies Break East-West Defense Fronts; U.S. Tightens Net on New Guinea

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Normandy—Having extinguished fire which destroyed ammunition truck at left, Doughboys resume charge under fire near St. Lo.

EUROPE:

Yank Break-Through

With the harassed Germans holding down British gains on the eastern end of the Normandy beachhead, U. S. troops unloosed a powerful assault on the western sector to break through the Nazis' first-line defenses and force an enemy withdrawal along a 40-mile front.

With heavy bombers preparing the ground for the big offensive with an earth-shaking attack that buried many of the German soldiers and showered dirt over their guns, U. S. armored forces then rode into battle to exploit the breach in the defenses. As the enemy pulled out, U. S. fighters and fighter-bombers swooped low to shoot up the retreating columns.

On the eastern end of the front, Nazi Marshal Rommel threw in a succession of counter-attacks to curtail the British advance south of Caen, with fighting see-sawing as one side would go into action when the force of the other's initial assault had been worn off.

As Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, 61, watched the ground forces he had built up in action in Normandy, he was killed by enemy fire.

Renowned for having reorganized the old "square" division of 20,000 men into the modern "triangular" ers in the development of powerful, mobile anti-tank guns to combat the rmored battle-wagons, General Mc-Nair had received Gen. George Marshall's praise as the "brains of the

A soldier for 41 years and veteran of the Mexican campaign and World War I, General McNair was commander of U.S. ground forces before being sent abroad recently on a secret assignment. While observing the North African fighting in 1943, he was wounded by shell fragments.

Near Warsaw

Capital of old Poland and deep inside the Germans' defense lines, the ancient city of Warsaw reverberated to Russian guns as the Reds pressed their offensive on the central sector of the 800-mile eastern front.

While the Russian spearheads pointed almost halfway across old Poland, Allied troops drew up in Italy for a grand assault upon the enemy's "Gothic Line," first of his defenses guarding the northern plains. Taking advantage of the mountainous terrain on the approaches to their new fortification system, the Germans resisted stubbornly in heavy delaying action.

As German lines stiffened on the northern end of the eastern front, and Hungarian troops slowed up the Russ drive in the Carpathian foothills in the south, the full weight of the Reds' advance was thrown into the central sector, where the open plains gave the Nazis no natural cover.

Although varying rainfall broke an

DROUTH:

Partly Broken

extended drouth in the Ohio and middle Mississippi river valleys to help bumper plantings along, the eastern coastal sector from New England to Maryland suffered from continuing dry weather. With corn tasseling and new ears

appearing; soybeans starting to fill. end pastures drying, the wet weather arrived in the Midwest at a criti-

Although the rainfall pushed the corn along in Kansas, an important with ruin by moisture as it lay in the field because of a lateness in 000 available for immediate use. harvesting and shortage of facilities for moving the grain to market.

PACIFIC:

Japs Wilt

Bringing all of their superior firepower into play, U. S. forces in the far Pacific continued to tighten their foothold on Japan's inner ring of defenses around the Marianas islands, while farther to the south in New Guinea desperate enemy detachments tried futilely to crack the iron ring General MacArthur has been fastening about them.

As big U. S. naval guns tore into enemy emplacements inland to supplement heavy artillery fire, U. S. troops bore down on Tinian island in the Marianas, while other American units broke up frantic Jap counterattacks to consolidate their hold on Guam, one of the first U. S. possessions to fall to the enemy after Pearl Harbor.

By establishing beachheads all along the northern New Guinea coast, General MacArthur succeeded in trapping thousands of Japanese troops in between, and many of these were attempting to upset the American lines before the steel noose could be drawn around them tighter.

U. S. LAND: Disposal Program

Government decision to auction off 8,000,000 acres of surplus farm land poses, has created a mild tempest in Washington, D. C., with the Farmers' Union insisting on the Farm Security administration's handling of the disposal as part of its tenantpurchasing program.

Under plans of Surplus Property Administrator William L. Clayton, the Reconstruction Finance corporation is to supervise the program, with appraisals submitted by local experts; sales made as promptly as possible without disrupting the market; former owners given opportunity to repurchase sites, and tracts broken up into individual units.

Spearheading the Farmers' Union opposition, President James G. Patton declared that Clayton's plan would lead to dominance of the program by the National Association of Real Estate Boards, with control over permanent resources by big in-

Of the \$59,004,006 worth of surplus property disposed of up to mid-July. no real estate was included. Aircraft and aircraft equipment made up the bulk of the sales, the RFC reported.

CIO:

Political Power Prepared to raise up to \$3,000,000

for the forthcoming elections, and planning to organize neighborhood political groups with the assistance of union members, the CIO's Political Action committee looms as a powerful, influenc-

ing factor in the 1944 campaigns. Headed by Russian - born Sidney

Hillman, chieftain of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, the CIO's Political Action committee calls for: All-out aid to returned servicemen; full employment after the war at fair wages; good housing; medical care and schooling for all; equality of opportunity, and an adequate social security system.

First objective of the committee is to register every eligible voter for part of the estimated 207,918,000 the fall elections, and it reportedly bushel wheat crop was threatened has spent a substantial part of \$300,-000 in this work, with another \$400 .-

> "Love thy neighbor-and organize him!" says the committee.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

in finding employees. Furthermore

HOTELS: Service in hotels, al- | MARRIAGE BY MAIL: As far as ready below minimum peacetime | the army finance department is constandards, will be still further re- cerned, marriages by mail are valid duced by order of the War Man- if the state in which the contract | to 20,000 copies each. power commission. Hereafter ho- is made recognizes them as such. tels must be classified as "locally | The comptroller-general gave this needed," to obtain the WMC's help opinion in a case involving a wife's allowance payments. He cited many hotels may not employ men under | legal opinions on the subject, dat-45, except in special cases, the WMC | ing back to the time of the first World war.

GOOD NEIGHBOR:

Not So Good

Charging the present Argentine government with offering friendly support to Axis establishments and scotching the solidarity of westernhemispheric opposition to the enemy, the U.S. government reasserted its non-recognition of the new re-

Indulging in no diplomatic doubletalk, the government, through Secretary of State Cordell Hull, branded Argentina as a "deserter to the Allied cause," then went on to charge that the new regime assisted Axis subcontractors to bid on work utilizing American material, and also allowed distribution of imported newsprint to Axis papers attacking the United Nations' cause.

TIRES:

Less Heavies

Because of the army's increased demands, and a shortage of manpower in manufacturing plants, civilian allocations of heavy and small truck and bus tires for August were sharply reduced, while the quota for passenger use remained unchanged.

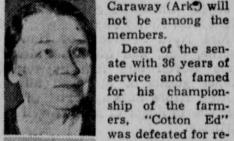
Although the War Production board recognized that the present grave truck and bus tire situation may result in a curtailment of essential transportation, it revealed that the army refused to consent to a diversion of its earmarked stocks to

In tendering his resignation as Rubber Director, Bradley Dewey declared that U. S. plants were now producing synthetic rubber at a rate of 836,000 tons yearly, and that future manufacturing costs may eventually be cut to 12 cents a pound.

U. S. SENATE:

New Faces

When the next congress convenes, Senators Ellison "Cotton Ed" Smith (S. C.) and Hattie Caraway (Ark) will



ate with 36 years of service and famed for his championship of the farm-"Cotton Ed" was defeated for renomination for a Gov. Olin D. Johnston, former textile ardent support of agriculture, Smith

sas, where Representative Ful-

ON THE HOME FRONT

of the votes necessitated a run-off

between him and Governor Adkins.

To prevent the diversion of material into higher priced clothing the and moderate clothing during each quarter of the year.

At the same time, the WPB considered a further reduction in the release of refrigerators since 55,000 remain out of an original stockpile of 700,000 when production was stopped in 1942, and the present supply would be exhausted by the end of this

With milk production in seasonal decline and the demand for exportable dairy products rising, the War Food administration ended the July ice cream holiday by again limiting manufacturers to 65 per cent of the milk they normally used and 22 per cent of their milk solids content.

PRODUCTION:

Army Sets Pace

With the war department declaring monthly war production goals were not being met, and output of materials was \$400,000,000 behind schedule during the present quarter, the army service forces set the pace for increased delivery by putting both its military and civilian personnel on a 54-hour week in all

many of the army's 1,250,000 employees in arsenals and depots would 000 persons at all headquarters of the service forces.

Army plants operating on three shifts were exempted from the order. Where compliance would result in a surplus of labor, workers lary and see how it applies to Ja- attrition at its perimeter is now

MYSTERY STORY

Publishers report a nationwide demand for mysteries-detective fiction and horror and ghost tales. Average sale of a mystery book has risen from 3,500 to 8,500. Stories by widely known authors are selling up

books come into greatest favor during times of strain and crisis because "they provide the purest kind of escape-mechanism." They enable the reader to forget the war for a little while.

Washington Digest

Japs Still Powerful, but Position Grows Weaker

Shipping Losses Reduce Flow of Material; Efficiency of Pilots Suffers From Poor Tactics in Combat.

> By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

> > fighter-defense dwindled, so the

weight of sheer numbers reduced

the effectiveness of German anti-

aircraft defense and offense, due to

the bombing of her plane factories

and plane-part factories and to the

destruction of her pilots. Germany's

next greatest weakness is tack of

gas and oil. This has been caused

force again) of oil wells, gasoline

refineries and synthetic oil plants.

Proofs of the effects of this bomb-

ing are not limited to photographs

showing the effect of Allied air raids

on ball-bearing plants, on the Ploesti

oil wells, on the synthetic oil plants

and the refineries. It is shown in

the German tanks and other war ve-

hicles in perfect condition aban-

doned and captured because they

Raids, really shake-down cruises

Japan is already suffering from

shortages of essential materials. Her

great stolen storehouses of the Phil-

ippines and the Dutch Indies are a

long way from home. The trans-

portation problem is a terrible one

-Japanese shipping has been subjected to terrific losses by our sub-

Is Japan in any better position to

The answer seems to be "no." Her

greatest defense is distance, and dis-

tances in the Pacific theater have

shrunk at a speed far greater than

most people dreamed was possible.

Japan has become stingy in her

they are no match for Allied power,

There is no question that as Ja-

striking power is increased. It is

impossible to mention details, of

course, for security reasons and it

would be unwise to assemble known

facts and figures concerning the type

of material manufactured and the

disposition of forces which, taken

together, would indicate clearly

enough how the weight of Allied

man or plane.

resist air attack than Germany?

of the giant B-29's directed against

ran out of fuel.

marines and planes.

Distances Shrink in

Far Pacific Warfare

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, | the German air force. And as Nazi Washington, D. C.

Paradoxically, on the eve of what may be the greatest land battle America has ever fought, this country is turning its eyes eastward.

The nervous Berlin radio has already announced that the war in Europe may be decided in three months. That statement lends color to the hints that General Rommel, the one Nazi commander who seems to see eye to eye with the Fuehrer and yet is apparently permitted to work out his strategy according to military science and not Hitlerian intuition, is going to fight it out, win lose or draw, along the outer edges of Normandy. What effect the events following the attempt on the life of Hitler will have on the internal situation in Germany-or what the incident indicates about Germany within, remains to be seen.

Whether the German collapse comes before the leaves turn, or after the snow flies, the next weeks will see emphasis placed on the Pacific campaign. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that peace can be wrung from Japan well within the current 12-month. The fall of Tojo and his cabinet indicates the gravity with which the Japs are looking ahead.

First, let us examine the material upon which Japan counts to make up her sinews of strength.

She has managed to keep her main battle fleet "in being" as the phrase goes. Like Germany, toward the end of the last war, in spite of seventh term by heavy losses in auxiliary craft, she still has enough of her big war wagons to stage a "battle of Jutland," worker. Besides his or at least to attempt it.

Second: Japan still has a large, well-trained, well-equipped army. also was known for That army has never been subject his opposition to tar- to the wear and tear of sustained iffs, his upholding battle with an equal. It is true that originally required for war pur- Senators Cara- of states' rights and there are many retreats which we way and Smith his advocacy of have read about when the Japs have "white supremacy" in the South. | staged what was advertised as a Only woman member of the sen- big offensive and which petered out ate, Mrs. Caraway was fourth in with the flag of Nippon back where the Democratic primary in Arkan- it started from. However, it is generally agreed among military men bright's failure to win a majority that, except perhaps in the recent abortive morale drive into India. and in Burma where General Stilwell and the Chinese armies are moving to a junction, the Japs have usually done just about what they expected to do and could have done more if they had made up their minds to it. For the most part they War Production board ordered man- have not tried to win territory and ufacturers to channel about 50,000,- hold it. They have tried to wear 000 yards of cotton fabric into cheap down the Chinese army, contribute to the impoverishment and the weakening of the Chinese government. This they have accomplished to no little degree. They have likewise reduced the number of actual and potential American airbases in China. They have made a possible land invasion of the Chinese coast hard- cific theater. er for the Allies. Such an invasion is considered inevitable and essen-

tial to Allied victory. On the debit side, there are these

First, is one word written in the boldest hand because of the thing it symbolizes-SAIPAN.

U. S. Planes Within Easy Bombing Range of Japan

The capture of this island base within easy bombing range of Japan means many things. It tends to neut alize what heretofore has been Japan's advantage in destroying American bases in China. It brings the war figuratively, as well as literally, close to Japan. It registers the success of a strategy which has smashed Japan's outer defenses, her great Pacific island empire. It proves that "island-hopping" is unnecessary. This means that the remaining Japanese strongholds such as Truk, and other outposts do not establishments with unfinished work. have to be knocked off one by one, There was no indication of how they can be by-passed and starved out, if necessary.

Saipan in American hands means go on the extended week with the slso that the B-29's which have alcivilian personnel paid time and a ready sounded their warning to the half for all work over 40 hours, but Jap home folk will soon be in acthe order was expected to affect 50,- tive operation on a scale hitherto unapproached

> Germany, like Japan, has at this writing a powerful land army. But Japan, like Germany, has a vanishing air force. Note the corol-

tar, and no farther.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage The Tokyo radio makes a point of | Unlike American movie heroes,



Hog Cholera Can Be **Properly Treated**

Vaccination and Care Essential

Hog cholera is a serious conagious swine disease caused by a virus, which is a substance so small microscope. It costs a loss of \$12,500,000 annually to swine growers, according to a report issued by Clemson Agricultural college.

The symptoms of hog cholera are loss of appetite, high fever, and either constipation or diarrhea. The affected animals usually remain in the bed, but when forced to move, pigs usually die within six to ten by the destruction (by the Allied air days but may linger three to four weeks before they die. The virus which causes hog chol-

era is present in the body tissues, fluids and excretions of hogs affected with hog cholera. Therefore, feed, water, bedding, and soil become contaminated very quickly with bladder and bowel eliminations. If this infected material gets

into the digestive tract of susceptible swine, these animals will develop hog cholera in a few days. Hog cholera is usually spread by

moving sick hogs, by moving unvac-Japanese industrial plants, have just | cinated hogs in contaminated trucks,



Saugus, Calif., "blue blood," test-Japan's next defense - fighter ed and ready to be shipped east planes—has suffered in greater pro- to aid in strain improvement. Barportion than was expected. The bara Williams, 31/2, whose father quality, as well as the quantity of raised the boar, gives it a farewell Jap planes has fallen off so that feeding.

use of fighters as the Germans. The by dogs, buzzards and other aniquality of her pilots has greatly de- mals, by mud and manure carried teriorated. And this point blends from infected to noninfected farms into another. Japan simply has not on the shoes of individuals, on the strategic know-how of aviation. wheels of farm vehicles, by careless When she does send her bombers handling of hog cholera virus, by and fighters out in great numbers, feeding table scraps and garbage which contain hog bones and uncooked pork trimmings and by improper disposal of the carcasses of pan's resistance weakens the Allied | hogs which have died of hog cholera.

Hog cholera can be prevented by vaccinating healthy animals with adequate amounts of hog cholera serum and virus produced by a reputable laboratory. They should be vaccinated when six to seven weeks

might is being distributed. We can quote the statement of Prime Minister Curtin of Australia, for instance, who says that "this year" British forces in great numbers will be transferred to the Pa-

Finally, there is a third factor which seems to be a hastening of the end. It is difficult to speak of "morale" in connection with Japan since the people are told how and what to think. But the tone of the official utterances has taken on a decidedly in command-the fall of the Tojo hailed with a cheerful fanfare, the forms available on every farm. phrases were grave and grim.

It is also reported, from sources in touch with Japan's inner politics, that the Jap militarists are veloped and machinery made availwaiting hopefully to see if the Allies able. A new drying and grinding grant enough leniency in their terms to Germany to justify surrender on their part. Although it was emphatically denied in Tokyo it is still eight miles to make an investment believed here that the Japanese rep- in a community drier and grinder resentative to the Holy See laid a tentative peace offer before the

Briefly, then, as the conservatively optimistic observers in Washington look at the picture rapidly forming in the Pacific, they see several factors which heretofore worked toward a long drawn out struggle in the Far East either removed or altered. First, the theory that the Allies must fight their way to victory, sea-mile by sea-mile, island by island, has been completely exploded. Second, Japan's air force has been measurably deflated. Third, the strategy of a blow at the heart of the empire rather than would be transferred to other jobs. pan. The Allied air force crippled considered a reasonable certainty.

Corn Cobs Come

Into Their Own In competition with wood flour as a plastic material, corn cobs should bring the farmers about \$20 a ton. While transportation will be the deciding factor, it is planned to estab-

try to manufacture the plastic. While commercial organizations have become interested in research work with corn cob plastics the lead was taken by Dr. O. R. Sweeney of gloomy note. Even as to the shifts Iowa State college. This work was with waste corn stalks, corn cobs cabinet - which might have been and other waste cellulose in the

> Estimates indicate a market for a billion tons of plastic material annually when the work is fully deplant has been perfected. It takes a supply of four to five thousand tons of corn cobs in a radius of six to

Milkweed in Demand

The extraction of edible oil. chemically similar to soybean oil, is the only one of the new uses to which this weed has been put as a war measure.

In Canada, the milkweed has proven a good source of rubber. The leaves from one acre will yield from 200 to 300 pounds of rubber gum.

The floss of milkweed can be converted into a substitute for kapok which is in much demand for life preservers and linings for flying suits. This floss should be picked in early September after the seeds turn brown and before the pods open up.

Plans for Wintering

Satisfactory wintering of beef cows on forest ranges of the southeast is possible if they are given a accenting the friendliness of Japan's the Japanese film hero usually daily supplemental feed of two relations with Germany but Japa- doesn't win the heroine in such a pounds of soybean or cottonseed nese films make it clear that the way as to live happily ever after. meal per head. This type of feed Psychologists believe the mystery Axis pact can be carried only so Japanese movies have a tendency to has been found to stimulate appetite end on an unhappy note of sorrow and make for better use of native or frustration with the hero and forage. Although meal feeds are on Seventy-five American Red Cross heroine being torn apart by some the scarce list, it is pointed out Home Service scholarships in ac- incident that exalts family duty and that the supply required is small in redited schools of social work now sacrifice above their own personal proportion to the quantity of beef produced.

Is there an old blackboard around the house that the children have "outgrown?" If so, why not draft it into use as a bulietin board for the family? Place it in the kitchen and use it as a reminder of household chores, dates that must not be forgotten, or notes to the family when called away.

One should keep a small bag of fine sand in the kitchen if coal oil or gasoline stoves are used. In that it cannot be seen through a case of an explosion or fire, the sand can be thrown over the flames which will probably extinguish them and save the destruction of the home.

When you have an old clock that refuses to run any more, it can be used in a sick room to tell when it is time for the next dose of walk with a wobbling gait. The sick | medicine by moving the hands to the time it is to be taken. This makes it easy to remember.

> When having difficulty in opening a fruit jar with a metal top, place it upside down in hot water and leave for a minute or two and try again. The metal top will usually expand and loosen readily.

> Mending the frayed edges of a rug is easy with glued tape. Simply ravel back the yarns until one strand is continuous across the rug, then turn under the raw edge and press on the tape. A strip of burlap or heavy material may be sewed on if the press-on tape is not available.

Labor Shortage, So Toy Train Is Put Into Service

No waitresses to be had, a near Detroit sandwich shop employs a toy train to serve patrons at its oval-shaped counter.

The proprietor takes orders in person, then retires to the kitchen. Soon, the train engine speeds from the kitchen drawing several flat cars loaded with sandwiches. Operated from the kitchen by button system, the train travels a stationery track which follows the inside edge of the counter.

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That Nagging Backache

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May Warn of Disordered

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