WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS-

Allies Drive on German Border; Expand Navy by 65,000 Ships; August Beef Output Hits Peak



Seated on ground at Hotel Majestic following their capture by Free French forces in liberation of Paris, high-ranking German officers await removal to prison quarters.

EUROPE:

Nazi Losses

Having suffered losses of 400,000 men since D-day, and with its power in France broken, the once proud the Siegfried line guarding the reich's border, there to hole up for a final stand.

Although the bulk of the German armies escaped annihilation in both the north and south, swift moving Allied armor hacked enemy rearguards to shreds, and U. S. and British planes swarming over the battlefields took a heavy toll of men and equipment in the retreating col-

As the British and Canadians drove up along the Channel coast, they overran many of the enemy's robot-bomb installations, but the continuance of attacks on southeast England with the flying missiles in Rapid Buildup dicated that the Germans moved their dispatching ramps farther in-

Illustrating the vast scope of Allied operations in France since D-day, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower reported that we had lost 3,000 planes ourselves, required more than 900 tanks for replacements in the first 70 days of fighting, dropped more than 55,-000 tons of bombs and used 44,000,000 gallons of aviation gas. As the battle tempo heightens, and supply lines lengthen, there is also need for more trucks and tires, "Ike" declared.

Deep in Balkans

Rolling on American wheels, the surging Russian army pushed through Rumania and pointed spearheads at Hungary to the northwest where Marshal Josip Tito's rugged Partisans have been waging relentless guerrilla warfare against the Axis occupational forces.

As the Russian drive carried deep into the heart of the Balkans, Red forces in northern Poland stepped up their pressure against reenforced Nazi troops battling grimly to stave off the capture of War-

In their developing Rumanian offensive, the Russians sought to exploit an early break into the Carpathian mountains guarding Hungary, where Adolf Hitler desperately sought to keep that country in the war by agreeing to rush reenforcements to boister its tottering eastern defenses. By rolling through Bucharest to the southwest, the Reds also had the choice of driving forward for a junction with Tito's Partisans and endangering the entire Nazi hold on the southern Balkans.

BEEF:

Cheap Grades Abound

Reflecting the heavy run of grassfed cattle. August beef production in federally inspected plants reached | WAGES: the all-time record output for that month of 600,000,000 pounds, and 21 per cent higher than the same period last year.

Meanwhile, August pork production was 19 per cent under August of last year, reflecting continued short receipts in the markets, which were expected to prevail until October when the spring crop is moved to slaughter.

As a result of the heavy grass-fed marketings, ample supplies of lean, pointless utility beef will be available to consumers, but the government's recent order to packers to set aside 50 per cent of their higher grades for military and lend-lease the choicer roasts and steaks.

INCOME TAX:

New Returns

Thirty million taxpayers earning under \$5,000 per year no longer face the ordeal of filling out a com-German army reeled back toward plicated income tax form under a

new system of the treasury. Uncle Sam himself will undertake to figure out the taxpayer's liability next year after he has filed a withholding receipt furnished by his employer showing income and pay-asyou-go deductions with space for listing exemptions.

In figuring out the taxpayer's liability, Uncle Sam will allow 10 per cent for charitable contributions, interest, medical expenses, etc., and anyone claiming larger credits for these items will have to file a 1040 form.

U. S. NAVY:

Reflecting the American genius for mobilizing the country's tremendous resources, Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal revealed that U. S. naval strength had increased by 65,000 vessels since the outbreak of war in 1939, and personnel had been expanded from 152,086 men to were major fighting ships.

At the same time, Forrestal divulged that the navy's air strength



Navy Secretary Forrestal (left) discusses operations with Vice-Adm. H. K.

had been increased by 57,600 planes since 1939, 20 times more than before the war.

In addition to being built up into the greatest fighting force affoat, the navy lend-leased 5 billion dollars of ships, materials and services to the Allies. Forrestal said, with the British receiving 92 per cent of the aid.

PACIFIC: Subs Boost Bag

While U. S. army and navy planes pounded the Japanese Pacific outposts preparatory to further strides along the stepping-stones to the Asiatic mainland, American submarines continued their deadly

warfare against enemy shipping. In latest operations in far Pacific waters, U. S. subs were credited. with bagging 17 vessels, including two destroyers, to bring the total number sunk or damaged to 875 since Pearl Harbor

Operating from advance bases, U. S. bombers hammered Halmahera, strategic gateway to the Philippines, and also hit the enemy's supply lines in neighboring waters.

Top Levels

With employment 28 per cent over January, 1941, weekly and hourly earnings in 25 manufacturing industries rose to record levels for June. As a result of the payment of higher wages to obtain help in the flourishing labor market, and overtime to meet war demands, workers' weekly earnings averaged \$49.23 for the month, 60 per cent over January, 1941, while hourly pay totaled \$1.06, a rise of 40 per cent over three and a half years ago.

Because of a slight dip in living costs for the month, "real earnings" -or income in relation to the price account, will decrease the supply of of goods-increased almost 2 per

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

for high flying aviators and sol-

RICH DIET FOR ARCTIC: A se- ALUMINUM MATS: Landing ries of tests conducted at the U. of | mats made of aluminum are thor-Illinois indicates that the best diet | oughly satisfactory, the army air force reveals, after a number of diers stationed in arctic regions is tests. Previously steel had been one rich in starch, sugar and fat. used for this purpose, but when the These three food essentials were mat sections have to be transported found to minimize the drop in inter- by air, aluminum, which weighs nal and surface body temperatures. less than half as much as steel is and to reduce the effect of cold on , more satisfactory. The aluminum lion, 252 million dollars on July 31, draft law went into effect in Octothe coordinating of the muscles. | sections can be laid faster.

WORLD MONOPOLY:

Peace Threat

trade-formed the basis for Germagress that such enterprises must be destroyed if the Allies are to control the enemies' capacity for future

As a result of cartel agreements, Biddle said, important companies were kept from South American markets; others could not manufacture such strategic products as synthetic rubber; development of the magnesium industry was retarded; an American company was prevented from selling a certain munition to the British, and restrictions were imposed on plastic production.

Even though certain giant German corporations were prevented from manufacturing military products dream of empire was melting, it is after the war, Biddle said, they worked around these restrictions by organizing subsidiaries in other

TELEVISION: Here After War

Although television will come into general use after the war, it will be an addition to, and not a substitute for, radio, Chairman James L. Fly of the Federal Communications commission declared.

Said he: "You can't sit and look at a television screen for 18 hours a day. You can't turn on television and make the beds, or play bridge, or wash the dishes, as you can with oral broadcasting. Television . . will be interspersed with other pro-

Fly also recounted the spectacular rise in revenue of standard stations and networks during the war years, time sales in 1943 amounting to 196 million dollars, with net income of 66 million dollars, as compared with time sales in 1942 of 164 million dollars and profits of 45 million dollars.

Young Wizard

An inventive genius at high school age, Stanley Hiller Jr., now 19, demonstrated a new type helicopter to the army, navy and national advisory committee for aeronautics at San Francisco, Calif., one day before his induction into

Using opposite rotating propellers, Hiller's helicopter is designed to overcome the conventional model's torque, or inclination to pull over with the turn And as the thinned ranks of Ger-of the single blade. Built to cruise at man Junkerdom (only a tiny perfrom 11/2 to 90 miles an hour, with top centage of the German people) desspeed of 100 miles an hour, the new helicopter's longest flight has been

Son of a pioneer Pacific flier and steamship company president, Hiller founded a large miniature automobile manufacturing business, using a special die-casting process.

WORLD WHEAT:

Ample Surplus

With the four great wheat-producing nations of the U. S., Canada, Argentina and Australia expected to harvest 2,000,000,000 bushels in 1944, and with a carry-over of 1,100,-000,000 bushels as of July 1, total supplies will approximate 3,000,-000,000 bushels for the coming year.

Of the amount, the International Wheat council reported, the four nations will consume about 700.000,000 bushels and use another 700,000,000 for seed and other non-food uses. leaving a reserve of 1,600,000,000 bushels. Of this amount, about 600,-000,000 bushels will be exported, the council said, and 200,000,000 will constitute a working stock, leaving a holdover supply of 800,000,000.

As the result of unusually favorable July weather for spring wheat in Minnesota and North Dakota, the U. S. department of agriculture estimated a total wheat crop of 1,132,000,000 bushels for this year, which would make the U.S. harvest about half of the big four's.

POLIO:

Incidence Increases

Abating in some sections, infantile paralysis has increased in others. with the result that the U.S. is experiencing its worst polio epidemic in 28 years, although the 6,258 cases reported up to August 19 were far below the 1916 high of

Offsetting downward trends reported in North Carolina and Kentucky were increases in New York. Pennsylvania, Virginia and the Dismild or normal incidences included California, Kansas, Utah, Florida, Arkansas, Arizona, Missouri, Wyoming and Oklahoma. New England and the mountain states reported few cases.

As a result of the high incidence in some areas, school openings have been delayed as much as a month from swimming pools and theaters in Milwaukee, Wis.

REDEEM BONDS

Holders of war bonds are cashing them in at a steadily increasing rate, treasury officials reveal. This is particularly true of the smaller denominations, series E, F and G. The percentage of cumulative redemptions compared with cumula tive sales of these three series since May 1, 1941, has risen steadily violation of the selective service from 9.27 per cent last February act in the fiscal year ending June to 11.88 per cent in June. Sales since | 30, 1944. There have been a total of May 1, 1941, amounted to 36 bil. 10,872 such convictions since the and redemptions above 3 billion. ber, 1940.

Washington Digest

Declaring that cartels — agreements among different international business firms for controlling world Imperial Hopes May Linger ny's military rejuvenation, Attorney General Francis Biddle told congress that such enterprises must be But Where Will Nazis Flee?

Spirit May Be Nurtured in Foreign Haven to Break Forth Again; Few Countries Willing to Offer Foe Refuge.

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Returning to the capital after week in the wilds while Hitler's mad hard to adjust the ear, caressed by the whisper of mountain brooks and sighs of the wind in the pines, to the staccato click of the news-ticker.

Nature's sounds are organ-sounds, rising, falling, not sharp and metallic-even the crack of the lightning merges into its obligate of thunder. Today as I pulled the first sheet of text from the teletype with its continuously exciting recital of the end of an epoch-it occurred to me that epochs, like the manifestations of nature, have no sudden ends, they may seem to disappear like a river which plunges under ground. But they are bound to appear again.

Today we have evidence that the two forces which have sprung from two opposing elements in Germany, as I reported in an earlier column, are attempting like the lost rivers to seek a course below the surface The Prussian military caste, purged as it has been and soon doubtless to be stripped of its one source of income, the great estates of East and West Prussia, will surely try to continue its existence in refugee colonies. This is not a new phenomenon. The followers of dethroned kings have done this in the

Where and how will this group seek to keep alive the will to achieve such a goal? Time is not the essence of what they believe to be their contract with destiny. They can wait generations, centuries. All they need is space, space in which, undisturbed, they can propagate their kind and their faith.

And as the thinned ranks of Gerperately plan their future an even more desperate group, at the other end of the social spectrum, plans theirs. The Nazis have demonstrated that it was not Germany as a nation or Germans as a people in whom they were interested, but both as a means to the creation of a great, brutal, sweeping movement-

followers of an idol and an ideology. The fanatical Nazi spirit will try to hide and live and rise again.

Where, in all the world, can these two movements find asylum? Not in Germany's neighbor states where hatreds have been sown which will take a century to cure. It is highly probable that the republican elements in Spain will gain the ascendancy and give short shrift to the former friends of Franco. Sweden surely, having maintained neutrality in this war, is too wise to harbor either group. Turkey per-

Where else might a German go and face least resentment? It is natural to answer with the name of the nation which was least willing to join in a solid anti-Axis combine -Argentina.

Foreign Spirits Grow In Latin Instability

"It is a mystery to me," said a man who has spent many years in Latin - America, "how Vargas (president of Brazil) or anyone else could keep the elements in the south satisfied as long as he has."

"Of course it has been done." he went on, "the nation has been held together by a dictatorship and because the money has been pouring in from the United States.

"When it is the ambition of most Brazilians to get a government job, and 60 per cent at a time manage to do it, it's natural you have to change governments pretty often to give the other 40 per cent a chance." Of course this cynical comment must be taken with a grain of trict of Columbia. States reporting salt. But there is some truth in the allegation.

> One of the things which kept the Third Republic of France together as long as it was, was the method of giving out government jobs which worked for stability and continuity.

The person who had the right to sell a certain amount of tobacco was not permitted to use a shop or All children under 14 were banned restaurant which he himself ran, in which to sell it. So he had to give a in Kentucky, and those under 12 cut to the cafe-owner where the could not employ any one of his dom.

A national campaign is under-

way to get employed high school

There were 4,756 convictions for

students to go back to school.

BRIEFS ... by Baukhage

000 softball teams.

ber 15 and October 15.



own family to handle the sales there were other complicated regulations the result of which was that three or four families were benefitting by the single government li-

Of course it is not the quality of instability of Latin-American governments in itself which disrupts our statesmen, but the fact that such instability makes foreign influence easier to achieve. We know what a foothold Germany had obtained in South America, and maps have been discovered showing the territory Hitler expected to control which placed all of South America up to and into southern Brazil under German domination.

The power of Argentinian influence on the other South American countries was strikingly revealed in the recent move which caused the resignation of Foreign Minister Aranha of Brazil as a protest against his pro-United States policy.

Enemy Broadcasters Without a Country

The time grows shorter until Lord Hawhaw, Mr. Kaltenbach, Mr. Best, Miss Drexel, et al, take their places at the microphones of the Berlin radio to spread their futile propaganda over the ether for the last time.

Here are three reminiscences: When I was broadcasting from Berlin for the NBC at the beginning of the war in 1939, there was only one of the staff of the German broadcasting station there who was provocatively Nazi. He was a tall, handsome blond, much given to riding boots and golf clubs. He had studied in England and his English seemed perfect to me. He was an announcer who read the news beamed on England.

Then came the British declaration of war against Germany. There was naturally considerable excitement in the studio. It was not until I was going home that I missed my blond friend. No one seemed to know where he was.

Then I heard the story. It seemed that when war was declared all enemy aliens were interned. The Gestapo, much to the surprise of his colleagues, picked up my blond anglophobe, explaining they had known all along that he was a British agent.

Later he was brought back and forced to continue reading news bulletins in English.

Number two in my gallery I never saw - he is the man - Best - who mouths Nazi platitudes in a southern accent. But I understand the accent is all that is left of the manhe is-or was an American newspaperman who got into one of those European social impasses. A woman, of course, and an older and more determined one. He finally found his escape in drugs. That was an easy case for the Nazis.

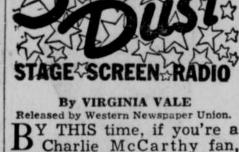
Now we come to exhibit number three: Constance Drexel.

That name will be remembered by magazine and newspaper readers of some two decades ago. It is a pseudonym chosen because, I imagine, her real one would not have sounded as pleasant in Philadelphia where she worked on a newspaper.

She had interviewed the Queen of Spain and other notables in her day (that dates her), but had started going to seed when she called on me hoping for an assignment from the syndicate for which I worked in the middle '20s. She still had some of her youthful good looks and knew how to make the most of them.

The next time I ran across her was in the Potsdammer station in Berlin, shortly after the war started. I was returning from Switzerland and my office had told me Constance Drexel would appear on one of my periods and I was to edit her script. She showed it to me as we rode to my hotel. I read it. It was innocuous.

She looked no younger but better fed. Said she was in Europe doing some syndicate articles. She made a broadcast which I did not hear and I never saw her again-never heard of her until I had returned to America and caught a broadcast of hers over the shortwave from Berwere placed under house quarantine goods were sold. The cafe-owner | lin extolling the virtues of Nazi-



DY THIS time, if you're a D Charlie McCarthy fan, you've met Effie, Edgar Bergen's newest dummy. Effie is the result of the combined efforts of a number of people. Bergen submitted some Effie recordings to a dozen or more Disney-Schlessinger cartoonists, and the final result is a composite of the best features of all their drawings.



EFFIE

Dairo, a well-known portrait artist, made up her face. Bergen, who has had a female dummy under consideration for some time as a foil for Charlie, hopes we, the public, will like Effie.

Allen Jenkins, character comedian who left Hollywood more than a year ago and has since traveled 57,000 miles entertaining the armed forces, will return to the movies in "The Wonder Man," the Samuel Goldwyn comedy starring Danny Kaye. Now in North Africa with a USO camp show, Jenkins cabled acceptance of a gangster role similar to the one he did for Goldwyn in "Ball of Fire."

John Neshbitt, who broadcasts his "Passing Parade" over CBS three nights a week, has just finished a Metro "Passing Parade" movie short, "Moments that Made History." It highlights discoveries of the stethoscope, sulfanilamide and the vulcanization of rubber.

Dean Jagger, who served as chaperone on the Blue network's "Blind Date" recently, was spending his last evening in this country. He flew to England the next day to begin work on a picture for the British government, which is designed to promote good will between England and the United States; when completed, the film will be released in this country.

Ensign Jay Robinson, U. S. N. who won the \$500 cash award in a nation-wide contest for the best American conception of Salome, used no model for the portrait-so now Director Mervyn Leroy is trying to find somebody who looks like it, to play the Salome role in "The Robe." It will be more prominent in the RKO picture than it was in the widely read book.

It looks as if Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy would have to appear together in pictures and on the air forever. Their second costarring appearance on the air, in the first of this year's DeMille theater programs, was the result of an avalanche of mail requesting it.

The August Daytime Network Hooperatings reports that "When a Girl Marries" leads the list of "Top Ten" weekday programs. "Ma Perkins" is second, and "Our Gal, Sunday" third. Then come "Big Sister." "Romance of Helen Trent," "Life Can Be Beautiful," "Stella Dallas," "Young Widder Brown," "Kate Smith Speaks," and "Breakfast at

M-G-M is going to launch King Vidor's "An American Romance" in style befitting the elaborate production. On October 27, according to present plans, the picture will have initial showings in each of the state capitals and the national capital. Vidor says that he's been thinking about this picture for 18 years, ever since he made "The Big Parade" -typifying the spirit of America.

Those battered shoes which Ed Wynn wears to his broadcasts have borne him through 42 years of stage. screen and radio stardom, so of course he got them out for his new "Happy Island" radio program Originally purchased for \$3.50, Wynn figures that they've cost him \$5,000 for upkeep, but he refuses to part with them-the rationing situation is his latest excuse.

ODDS AND ENDS-"The Shadow," one of radio's most chilling dramas, returns to the air via Mutual September 24. . . . The new band leader for Met-The army buys enough baseball ro's "Screen Test," Ted Steele, started equipment every year to outfit 50,000 in radio as an NBC page boy. baseball teams and 100,000 softball Marguerite Chapman has the lead opposite Paul Muni in "Counter-Attack" Muni will play a Russian guerrilla. . . teams; the navy enough for more than 11,000 baseball teams and 22,-Dorothy Lamour let her hair return to its natural dark brown shade for her role of a paisano girl in "A Medal for Christmas mail month for all ... Nearly ten years ago Fred service personnel overseas will be service personnel overseas will be MacMurray nade his first Paramount the 30-day period between Septem- picture, the "Gilded Lily," with Claudette Colbert; their latest costarrer, "Practically Yours," is her latest.



Hidden Gold Saves High Protein Feed

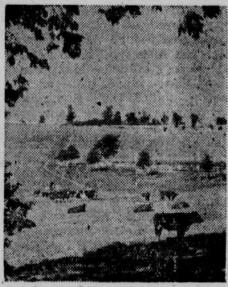
Proper Fertilizers Essential War Need

Good pasture will provide livestock growers with "hidden gold" in the form of beef-making feeds that will conserve vitally needed protein crops, if proper management methods are followed.

"Pasture must continue to occupy a more essential place in the nation's livestock producing program until the war's end for several reasons," a statement by the Middle West Soil Improvement committee points out. "Shortages of labor and machinery have shown no signs of marked improvement. The scarcity of high protein feeds continues. Because of these facts, farmers will have to rely on pasture crops as a major source of sustenance for their

"Grains will, of course, be fed but farmers will want to use every bushel of grain where it will help make the most meat.

"Practical experience of successful livestock growers has demonstrated that high-producing pasture combinations will yield a beef pound-



Pastures Aid Increase

age per acre that compares favorably with the return from crops with higher seeding, tillage and harcosts. For instance, a mixture of alfalfa and brome grass made more than 3 pounds of beef an acre

daily in a test in Michigan. "Bringing pastures to a high production level and maintaining them at this rate requires good management methods. This means following a soil conservation program that builds up fertility and provides plant foods that will assure a good stand of legumes and grasses. In such a program the use of a fertilizer containing phosphorus and potash plays

an important part. "Where a permanent pasture crop is planned, farmers will find generally that a top dressing of fertilizer this fall will pay for itself many times in producing earlier and more succulent grass for spring grazing next year as well as a heavier

growth later. "Agronomists at state colleges and experiment stations are glad to cooperate with farmers in providing information covering the most effective use of fertilizers on pasture crops. One important fact should be borne in mind in considering the soil's nutritional needs. This fact is that while crops such as alfalfa and clover add to the soil's nitrogen supply, they eat up its phosphorus and potash reserves."

Wild Plants Studied

For Vitamin Content

Experiments to determine the vitamin value of various wild plants have been conducted by the U. S. department of agriculture, looking to a time when other sources of important vitamins might be lacking.

Buffaloberry, a native fruit of the western states and one of the popular fruit-bearing shrubs recommended for erosion control, proved exceptionally rich in ascorbic acid (vitamin C). A generous serving of the berries was found to furnish about twice the standard daily allowance of vitamin C. Jam made from the berries contained about two-thirds as much of this vitamin as the fresh fruit.

New Hampshire-grown wild blueberries were found to contain a fair supply of vitamin C if eaten raw. a good source of several B vita-

Experiments showed wild rice as mins-thiamine, riboflavin, nicotinic acid, and pantothenic acid. And ordinary field mushrooms, Agaricus campestris, were also found to be rich in these four B vitamins.

Whole Milk Selling

A quarter of a million farmers have switched from selling farmseparated cream to selling whole milk during the last five years. Farm sales of whole milk at wholesale increased from 40 billion pounds average for 1935-39 to 60 billion pounds last year, a jump of 50 per cent. This increase was much greater than the total gain in farm milk production. It is not expected that postwar conditions will change this picture to any degree.