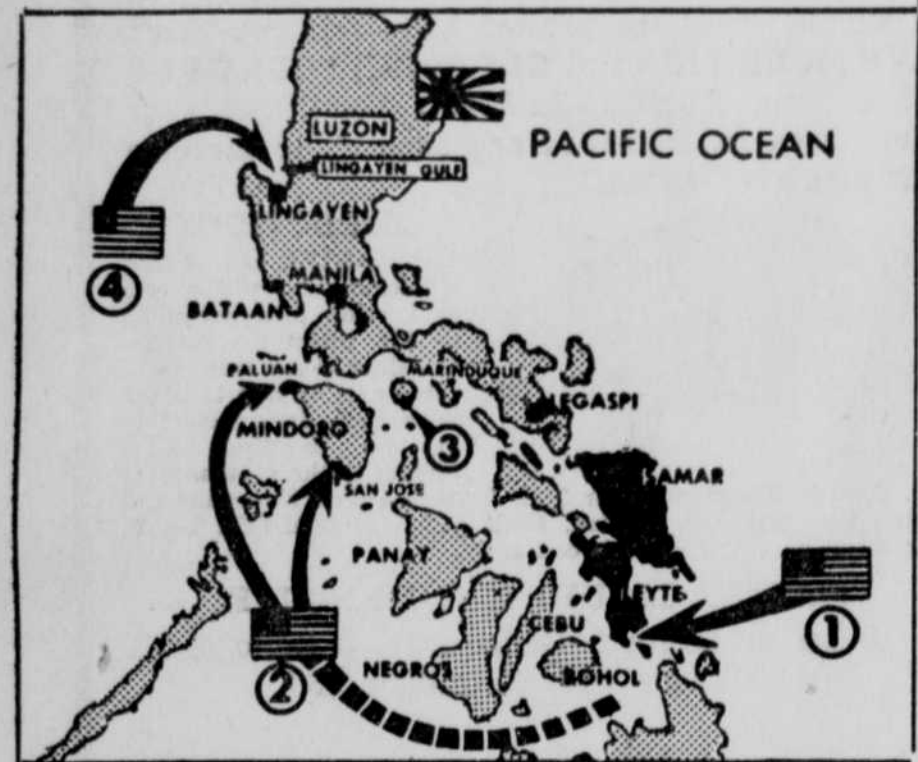


WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Great Battle Shapes As Yanks Move on Manila in Philippines; Extend Controls on Home Front

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Key steps in MacArthur's return to the Philippines include (1) landing on Leyte and neighboring islands; (2) invasion of Mindoro; (3) landing on Marinduque, and (4) great invasion of main island of Luzon.

PACIFIC: Battle Looms

On the great plain leading southward to Manila in Luzon, the decisive battle of the Philippines shaped up, as the U. S. Sixth Army moved inland from an expanding 25-mile beachhead on Lingayen Gulf and the Japanese brought up troops to counter the liberators.



General MacArthur Outfoxed Wily Foe

As the first large-scale open fighting of the whole Pacific campaign loomed, after three years of arduous undercover jungle warfare, U. S. war-planes clouded the Philippine skies in endless attacks upon enemy installations and lines of communications leading to the big battleground.

Like a good prize-fighter, General MacArthur struck on Luzon in a 800-ship, 70-mile long convoy after successfully feinting the enemy out of position, with the result that the American landings were almost bloodless. In establishing a base on Leyte, and overrunning Mindoro and Marinduque, all just south of Luzon, MacArthur compelled the enemy to keep a strong guard strung below Manila. Then, he moved to the north.

With Luzon the center of their whole Philippine defense system guarding the Asiatic mainland, the Japanese appeared determined to put up a stiff fight for it, with the enemy's top field marshal, Tomoyuki Yamashita, reportedly commanding some 200,000 troops.

Working in close coordination with the ground forces, Adm. Chester Nimitz' Pacific fleet rode the enemy's inner sea lanes in an effort to prevent the Japanese from rushing reinforcements to their Philippine armies.

EUROPE: Back Again
Their drive stopped, their flanks under increasing pressure from Field Marshal Montgomery's forces on the north and Lieutenant General Bradley on the south, the Germans slowly withdrew from their big bulge in Belgium and Luxembourg, seeking satisfaction in their claims that the offensive had relieved Allied pressure on the Ruhr and Saar.

Meanwhile, the Nazis continued their limited offensive in Alsace on the southeastern end of the winding 460-mile front, shifting the weight of their attacks to the Strasbourg region after the U. S. Seventh army blunted their attempt to split it in two near Bitch.

Although relinquishing most of the ground gained during the initial burst of his great December offensive, Field Marshal Von Rundstedt managed to extricate the bulk of his forces from the bulge, leaving only scattered rearguards to cover his retreat through the swirling blizzards.

By diverting the bulk of Allied forces with the drive into Belgium, the Nazis claimed, they preserved much of their war-making potential by temporarily stalling the drives on the great steel, chemical and coal centers of the Ruhr and Saar.

HOME FRONT: Tighten Economy

Congressional hearings on a work or fight bill for men from 18 to 45 years old; imposition of an \$18 ceiling per 100 pounds on live beef cattle; an appeal to householders to keep temperatures at 68 degrees, and a ban on all advertising lighting using power developed from coal marked the government's latest moves on the home front to fit the nation into the tightening war economy.

Considered after President Roosevelt's demand for a national service act, the work or fight bill under discussion provides for the induction of any draft registrant from 18 to 45 into army labor battalions if he fails to enter essential employment or shifts jobs without permission of local boards. With the services planning to take 900,000 men within the next six months, and with another 700,000 persons needed in essential war work plus replacements for those drafted from industry, some sort of legislation was held to be the most effective way for routing manpower in the future.

Regarding the draft, Secretary of War Stimson said practically all

Exclusive on Farm Draft!
By Walter Sheard
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The farm public is unduly alarmed over the recent directive of War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes subjecting 360,000 agricultural workers 18 to 26 to induction in the new mobilization of manpower for the army and navy, according to farm leaders in the nation's capital.

There is no evidence, they say, that the Selective Service commission intends to nullify the Tydings amendment to the Selective Service act, which specifically provides for deferment of farm labor, if replacements are not available, and if local draft boards determine the workers are more essential on the farms. It could be, authorities say here, that if there are any farm workers who have left the farm for other work... if there are any who may be considered non-essential, such as workers on hop farms, or mushroom growers... they may be called to military service under reclassification.

able-bodied men under 30 will be drafted this year, because of the services' emphasis on younger men.

Establishment of an \$18 ceiling on live cattle up to July 2, when the top will fall to \$17.50, came after lengthy discussion between government representatives and feeders, who declared the move would result in less choice beef because of rising production costs. Emphasizing its desire for output of more low grade beef, Economic Stabilizer Vinson ordered OPA and War Food administrator to limit choice and good cattle slaughter for each month.

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The WAC likes about the same food that her soldier brother likes, but in different quantities.

FOOD: 1945 Prospects

So far well fed Americans can continue to look forward to substantial nutritious fare in 1945 although supplies will be below last year's, WFA Supply and Distribution Director Lee Marshall declared.

Although there will be about the same amount of beef, there will be less pork, veal and lamb, Marshall said. Poultry supplies should be larger.

Supplies of dairy stocks will be spotty, Marshall predicted, with more fluid milk, enough evaporated milk to meet essential needs, but less butter.

Although in good supply, the volume of fresh fruits and vegetables for the next three months will not approach last year's, Marshall said. Offsetting a slight increase in the supply of canned vegetables for 1945 will be about 12 per cent less canned fruits and juices.

Cereal products will be plentiful but the sugar situation will be tight, the WFA official declared, because of smaller reserves and increased military requirements.

PEACETIME DRAFT: Hit by Colleges

Although pledging full support for an adequate defense program, the Association of American Colleges went on record as against immediate enactment of compulsory peacetime military training for youth because other methods have not been fully explored and the subject should be given more study than now is possible.

Chairman of the committee drawing up the resolution against immediate enactment of peacetime conscription, Dr. Donald J. Cowling, president of Carleton college, said: "This country did not get into the present mess through lack of manpower, but because it lacked a real foreign policy, as was evidenced in failure to apply economic sanctions against Japan and Italy."

In the field of education, the association found "... menacing possibilities (in compulsory military training) that indoctrination — its traditional method of wholesale teaching — might become a dangerous political weapon with us as has been true in other countries."

RECORD FLIGHT: Postwar Promise

Model of America's super airliner of the postwar world, Boeing's converted B-29 army transport flew from Seattle, Wash., to Washington, D. C., in an indicated six hours, sur-



"Strato-cruiser" in flight.

passing the giant Lockheed Constellation's time of 6 hours and 58 minutes from Los Angeles, Calif., to the capital.

To be known as the "strato-cruiser," the postwar version of the B-29, now known as the army's C-97, will carry 100 passengers and use engines of more than 3,000 horsepower each.

Although army officials refused to comment on the B-29's record flight, the ship has been undergoing service tests on the west coast since November with gratifying results, it was learned.

BUDGET: 87 Billion Asked

Total authorizations for the war program since 1940 will have reached 450 billion dollars by June 30, 1946, with President Roosevelt's request for an 87 billion dollar budget for the next fiscal year ending on that date.

At 87 billion dollars, the President's budget was about 13 billion dollars below last year's 100 billion dollars, with most of the reduction in war expenditures. Because of decreased war expenditures, however, individuals and corporations will receive less income and pay less taxes, with revenue expected to go down to about 41 billion dollars. By the end of June, 1946, the national debt will reach 292 billion dollars, the President estimated.

Included in the President's budget was a request of 2 1/2 billion dollars for veterans' benefits, which can be expected to increase upon demobilization, he said, and the asking of a half billion dollars for the War Food administration for the farm price support program. He also requested that the borrowing authority of the Rural Electrification system be raised to 150 million dollars and that of the Farm Security administration to 125 million.

EGGS: New Program
In a program separate from price support, the government reportedly planned the purchase of from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000 cases of shell eggs for shipment to Great Britain, with the possibility that success of the venture may lead to the development of a postwar trade in that country, which imports the produce in peacetime.

Washington Digest
Youth Cornerstone of Germans' War Machine

Taken in Tow at Six, Children Schooled in Nazi Ideology; Grooved Into Places In Totalitarian Society.

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(This is the second of two articles by Mr. Baukhage on where Germany continues to get its fighting manpower.)

The husky and determined young Germans pictured on this page are a symbol of the force that made Von Rundstedt's counteroffensive on the western front possible—made it possible for the German armies, supposedly smashed to pieces in France, to "come back" from their stand at Arnheim and on the Cologne plain.

These boys represent two things: first, preliminary military training, and second, the control of the Nazi party over the German people. "As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." There are probably seven million "twigs" in Germany today.

In a previous column I discussed the various Nazi semi-military and military organizations outside the German army itself. Particularly, the great "SA" or brown shirt organization which, after its purge, became the implement for indoctrination and preparation for military training of the German people. I also discussed in some detail the "SS" or Elite Guard, now the most



powerful factor in the Reich, whose function was first to "overcome the enemies of the Nazi party from within" and which now has taken over the control of the German armies and the protection of the Nazi state from without.

Through SA representatives right down to the "ward"; through the powerful Gestapo (secret police of the SS) which gradually superseded all police force, the adult non-Nazis are controlled by force and threat of force.

Take Over Adults' Duties
But perhaps as important as any Nazi weapon today is the Hitler youth organization which is the Nazis' grip on the future. Today, thousands of Hitler youth are guarding installations, watching foreign workers, performing work which relieves men for the front. Already, many have shot to kill. All can.

Tomorrow they will be in the army. The pre-Hitler youth groups in Germany had flourished for a long time. They embraced everything from the strongly rightist, Prussianized version of the Boy Scouts whose weekly excursions were given over to military games and maneuvers, to the religious groups. In the middle were the "Wandervogel" (Wanderbirds) who despised regimentation, strolled about the countryside on holidays with their guitars on their backs, sleeping in barns or in the open, hobnobbing with the peasants, singing and also collecting the old folk-songs and just having a plain good time. The writer himself spent many happy hours with the carefree Wandervogel, some of them in the "Eifel," the very territory through which Von Rundstedt led his charge. We talked of poetry, love and philosophy—never about war.

Suffice it to say, the Nazis methodically absorbed all of these groups, the religious movements which were well organized, resisting as long as they could. Today, under Nazi law, the Hitler youth (male and female), controls "all German youth within the Reich."

I can give you the testimony of one German mother which was whispered into my ear in 1939, just before the war broke out. "My daughter has gone," she said to me. "We have nothing in

common. Her whole time is given to the Nazi activities. But I have my boy again. They worked him so hard in the youth camp that he came down with tuberculosis and Hitler doesn't want him. I shall have him to nurse at home."

Poor woman, I am afraid that by this time, if he can walk and carry a gun, he is at least a member of the Volksturm, the "home army."

Military Training Begins at 14

The tiny tots join the youth organization at six. But not until they are 13 or 14 does the real "prep" military training begin for the boys and the serious work for the girls in their separate camps. By this time they have already been indoctrinated with blind devotion for the "fuhrer," the belief in German superiority and abject loyalty to the Nazi state.

Aside from training in sports which are believed to condition a boy for military hardships and actual drill with weapons, the "leadership principle" is stressed and promising youths are sent to special schools (Ordensburgen).

When the Hitler youth completes his training he is fully prepared for whatever Nazi group into which he fits best. He may, in due course, become a member of the esoteric SS—the force which under Himmler rules every phase of life in the Reich today. He will probably find some role in the great SA organization. In any case, he will become a member of some special group, perhaps more than one, which will prepare him to serve or provide a place for his service in his destined role as a cog in the machinery of total war.

Normally, when his Hitler Youth period is ended, the next step, unless the boy is physically disqualified, or is chosen for special duties, is the Labor Service, which is like the American CCC insofar as it is concerned primarily with such work as construction and forestry. But the military training continues. As in the Hitler youth organization, the young Nazi is drilled, disciplined, housed, fed and clothed like a soldier.

When this duty is completed, he probably finds himself immediately in the army. But in peacetime, or if he is specially qualified, there are a score or more organizations which will take care of him right up to old age, such for instance as the Veterans organization in which military ideas are kept alive.

One important group is the Labor Front which was created as a check on unionism. There is the huge Todt organization, a kind of land Seabee outfit which was created from groups of highway builders in order to complete the Westwall. Now it is a vital part of the army.

There is the huge People's Welfare agency which collects charities; three large civilian auxiliary air groups; the Nazi Transportation Corps, and many more, not to mention the host of services under National Socialist Womanhood.

It must be remembered that all of these organizations stoutly maintain two functions: first, indoctrination in the Nazi philosophy, or if the person is too old or too stubborn to bow to these perverted ideas, so to enclose him in discipline as to achieve the same result. The second function of the Nazi organizations is to prepare German man and woman power for the nearest thing to a total war effort achieved in history.

The effectiveness of this system of militarizing a nation undoubtedly was underestimated by the Allies. The facts concerning it were available. For example, an excellent compendium of the Nazi groups was published by the Infantry Journal in Washington called "Hitler's Second Army," for distribution to and study by the American armed forces. But it was simply impossible for the normal individual to grasp the degree to which the Nazis had perfected their plans and had, by indoctrination from childhood, actually turned human beings into efficient machines.

Herr Goebbels, father of lies, was not lying when he said recently that Germany had become "a warrior nation in the full sense of the word."

BARBS... by Baukhage

How ya goin' to keep 'em down on the farm—after cancellation of agricultural deferments?

Even a drunkard can't weep in his bier.

You don't have to be a carpenter to make a Venetian blind. Just stick your fingers in his eyes. But can you make a birch bark?

A chicken, unlike a rabbit, has to dye if it wants to lay an easter egg.

As between the hare and the tortoise—I'll take the turtle—in my soup.

You may be a war profiteer and own your roll, but you can't smoke many cigarettes these days unless you can roll your own.

Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

IN HOLLYWOOD it's the girls who leave home who make good. Not a juvenile delinquency problem, but the record of careers of some leading actresses here who leave their home lots as newcomers, go outside to make important pictures, establish careers and reputations for themselves, and then return to their home lots as stars.

There's Anne Baxter, for example, the guest in the Hunt Stromberg's "Guest in the House," the crowning role of her career. And she's had some pretty big ones, including "Magnificent Amber."



Linda Darnell role is a strong-willed girl whose selfishness brings unhappiness to every one she meets. Evelyn Heath (the guest) is to Anne Baxter what Mildred was to Bette Davis in "Of Human Bondage," what Scarlett O'Hara was to Vivien Leigh in "Gone With the Wind"—we hope.

Another example of the girl who made good away from home is Jennifer Jones, who won an Academy award for "Song of Bernadette." Selznick signed her, loaned her to Twentieth for the title role in the Franz Werfel story, then refused to let her play the title role in "Laura," which has put Gene Tierney among our first ten youngsters.

Linda Darnell had been playing juvenile leads at home—Twentieth Century—but they got her hardly anywhere. Then Rene Clair came along with "It Happened Tomorrow," a picture which had a role made to order for Linda. She followed as a selfish Russian peasant girl in Chekov's "Summer Storm," and she completed the starring feminine role in Bing Crosby's "The Great John L." Three top assignments, one after the other.

Ruth Warrick is a widely loaned-out actress here. Under contract to RKO, she played opposite Edward G. Robinson in "Mr. Winkle Goes to War," then Pat O'Brien in "Secret Command," and then "Guest in the House." So what happened after that? Ruth was handed the top role at RKO in "China Sky," which Claudette Colbert had turned down. Same thing happened to Baxter. When she got back to Twentieth they handed her a good role in "Czarina," with Tallulah Bankhead.

Ingrid Bergman, under contract to Selznick, is one of our most important loan-out stars. After "Intermezzo" for Selznick she did "For Whom the Bell Tolls," "Gaslight," and "Saratoga Trunk," all at different studios—and David made much money on the deals. Now she returns home for "Spellbound."

Another Stray
Metro killed Laraine Day off in a Dr. Kildare picture in order to help her escape from the series. Then Laraine began making the rounds—away from home. First she did "Mr. Lucky," with Cary Grant, then C. B. De Mille's "Story of Dr. Wassell." After those two pictures, opposite Cary Grant and Gary Cooper, Laraine was ready for stardom on her own home lot, so Metro gave her "The Woman's Army."

The most rented-out baby in town is Joan Fontaine, but she no longer cares, for always she gets top roles in top pictures.

Leaving home in Hollywood has spelled success to some fine actresses, given them the biggest opportunities of their careers. In the old days the home lots groomed their young players for stardom, then built a fence 'round them a mile high so no one else would be able to cash in on their success. Today Hollywood doesn't hoard talent—it lends at a profit. Because Hollywood is smart enough now to know that when girls leave home they'll return with a better fan following, a higher box office rating, plus experience.

Secret, but Not Very

Columbia studio isn't admitting that Jose Iturbi doubled for Cornell Wilde when Chopin takes to the piano in "A Song to Remember," nor that Frank Sinatra doubles for Phil Silvers in a number for the harem ladies in "One Thousand and One Nights," but everybody's going to know it when the swooning starts. ... Esther Williams, who made a terrific hit on her tour of hospitals with the song "Can't I Do Anything But Swim?" will sing it in "Early to Wed."

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