# -WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS-

# Allies in "Big Heave" Seal Off Ruhr Valley Production Center; Clay to Rule Occupied Reich



German dead litter road as British Tommies drive toward Berlin in rout of enemy forces on 21st army front.

# Last Great Arsenal

**EUROPE:** 

#### The last great source of Germany's supply of war materiel had

been sealed off as tanks of Lieutenant General Hodges' U. S. 1st army swept before them all resistance in their spectacular dash towards Berlin. The British 2nd army, pounding across the north German plain, had steadily drawn closer and closer to the 1st army. Ruhr valley war production centers had been effectively sealed off. Typical of the magnitude of the American forces was the one-day

bag of 14,000 Nazi prisoners taken by General Patton's 3rd army in its sensational drive eastward. City after city had fallen into Al-

lied hands under Eisenhower's steam roller. Among the rich prizes were Frankfurt - on - the - Main (546,-000), ranking ninth in the German Reich, Mannheim (283,000) which fell to Lieutenant General Patch's 7th army, and Essen which led all Europe in the production of muni-Clearly the final doom of Nazi pow-

er was sounding. Prime Minister MANPOWER: archill of Great Britain declared Buck Controls he believed the "hour of success" was at hand. Still some military authorities pointed out that a final Nazi stand might be made in mountainous southern Germany buttressed by defenses in northern Italy and the industrial resources of Czechoslovakia.

Spring rains and fog had kept the Italian front quiet, but observers had expected Gen. Mark Clark's armies to begin massive smashes northward.

#### Relentless Reds In the East, Russian armies had

kept up their relentless pressure on Berlin and elsewhere, with armored divisions sweeping over the Austrian border from western Hungary and closing ever closer on Vienna. Marshall Rokossovsky's 2nd White

Russian army battered deeper into

Once unconditional surrender was achieved, civil affairs in Germany would be under direction of Maj. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, who had had charge of materiel procurement for the army service forces when War Mobilization Director Byrnes borrowed him last December as his deputy in charge of the war program. The appointment, the White House said, was made by Gen. George Marshall, army chief of staff. Clay was appointed deputy to General Eisenhower.

## PACIFIC:

Worst to Come

Already feeling the sting of heavy U. S. aerial bombardment, Japanese found no comfort in Gen. H. H. ("Hap") Arnold's announcement that America would bring the full weight of its tremendous air power to bear upon the Nipponese once the war in Europe ended. As Arnold spoke, the strategic

Ryukyu islands stretching between the Jap homeland and Formosa became the latest target for American assaults, with carrier planes teaming with warships in blasting the 500mile-long chain preparatory to ground attack.

In declaring that the U.S. planned to use every plane against the Japanese after Germany's fall to hasten their defeat, General Arnold said that not only would Amer- 1934, reductions of 50 per cent were ican air power smash the enemy's industry, but it would also shatter his communication lines to bring | items, another 50 per cent decrease about his collapse.

# DEMOBILIZATION:

Small Scale

Though some combat troops in the European theater of war will be demobilized after Germany's fall, all service, air force and naval personnel will be retained to continue the fight against the Japanese, officials

Demobilization of some combat troops will result from inability to make full use of them in the Pacific for geographic reasons, it was said, but the exact extent of release will depend upon conditions in Europe. All members of the service branches will be needed for the construction of staging areas and bases in the Pacific, and the air force intends to bring its full weight to bear against the Japanese.

Because all approaches to the Pacific theater of war are over water, and because ships will have to bear the bulk of supplies, all naval personnel will be required to bring about the Japanese's fall as quickly as possible, Fleet Admiral King de-

# Though the President made a

strong appeal for passage of the compromise manpower control bill, under which plants would be limited in the number of persons they could employ and workers and farmers alike would be frozen to present jobs, the measure encountered rough going in the senate. Despite the fact that the legisla-

tion fell short of military leaders' demands for a labor draft, the President said, its terms assured continued high production for the knockout blow against Germany, and provided for keeping workers on the job after the Nazis' fall.

Senators pointed up the great wartime production record of the U. S. in opposing legislation tightening control over both employers and employees, and O'Mahoney (Wyo.) hit arguments that passage of the bill would convince G.I.s that the home front was behind them. Rather, he said, defeat of the measure would assure them of retention at home of the freedoms for which they are

#### TARIFF: Fight Renewed

# Calling for authority to slash tar-

iffs 50 per cent under January, 1945, levels in an extension of the reciprocal trade agreements act for three years, President Roosevelt touched off a renewal of the historic tariff fight in congress. While the President said that

further tariff cuts would offer other countries the opportunity to obtain funds for purchases here, the Republicans argued that a flow of cheap goods into this country would threaten American producers. And while the President declared that increased imports would add to employment in the processing and distributing businesses bere, the Republicans predicted the program would defeat the announced goal of 60,000,000 postwar jobs.

Passage of the President's proposals would allow as much as a 75 per cent tariff reduction under the Smoot-Hawley rates of 1930 on some items, it was pointed out. Under the original reciprocal trade act of permitted, and since these cuts already have been made on some would amount to 75 per cent in all.

# Italian Prisoners Save U.S. Manpower

# 'Million Man-Days'

Italian service units in the U. S., helping to relieve the manpower shortage by contributing one million man-days per month of essential skilled and unskilled labor at military installations, total approximately 35,000 men, the war department

The members of the Italian Serv- lar wage scale for their work.

ice Units wear Class B army clothing from which all army buttons and insignia have been removed and on which have been sewn distinctive sleeve and hat patches bearing the word "Italy." They are paid \$24 monthly, which approximates the 80 cents per work day paid ordinary prisoners of war engaged in labor. The government receives the regu-

### RATIONING:

### Smaller Supplies

Already warned of a 12 per cent reduction in meat for the next three months, civilians took the first big hitch in their belts for the current quarter with the announcement of an increase in the point values of pork, sausages and canned meat products.

While news of the tightening of these and other controls over fats and oils occupied the home front, it was announced that all babies' leather shoes would be rationed after April.

In raising the point values on pork, sausages and canned meat products, OPA said that there would be 5 per cent less meat available during April, but the decrease in supplies would hit civilians harder in May and June. Coincident with the new controls over the aforementioned meats, it was announced that point values also would be boosted on lard, along with shortening, margerine, and salad and cooking oils.

### Hit Shortage

Discussing the meat shortage, the national livestock committee of the American Farm bureau charged that low price ceilings retarded increased production of beef, and said assurances of minimum returns would lead to greater pork out-

The committee's report came even as congress conducted hearings on the tight meat situation, with representatives of all branches of the industry calling for an upward revision in ceiling prices.

In establishing ceilings on grade AA and A beef, the committee said, sible. OPA assumed that the last 200 or 300 pounds a steer gained in the feedlot was mostly fat later wasted in the kitchen. On the other hand, the committee declared, fat of a steer is distributed through its meat. Speaking of pork, the committee stated that farmers cut hog production at the government's request, and would raise it again if guarantees were forwarded against market

#### ARGENTINA: On Band-Wagon

With Germany's collapse imminent, Argentina was quick to jump on the Allied bandwagon with a declaration of war against the Axis. but in so doing, she carefully pointed out that her policy was governed by the desire to cooperate with other inter-American countries and participate in the United Nations' peace parley in San Francisco.

By taking this action, Argentina ended six years of hemispheric iso- the senate will accept. lation, during which time the coun-

Rising in Britain's house of commons, Laborite Ivor Thomas asked Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden: "Would it be the duty of a British soldier who seeks Hitler to shoot him or try to bring him back alive?" Replied Eden: "I am content to leave that to the judgment of any British soldier."

try professed a willingness to cooperate in inter-American affairs, but maintained an independent course in foreign relations.

Final determination to play a full and important part befitting her position in inter-American affairs led to the decision to declare hostilities against the Axis, with ardent nationalists and some army leaders, however, resisting the move to the

#### LABOR-MANAGEMENT: Postwar Charter

Recognizing management's control over its own business and labor's right to organize and bargain, Presidents Eric Johnston of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, William Green of the AFL, and Philip Murray of the CIO signed an agreement looking toward good relations between employer and employee in the postwar world when lower produc-

In effect, the agreement proposes the establishment of voluntary ma-

tion might lead to unrest.



William Green (left), Eric Johnston (center) and Philip Murray confer on labor-management charter.

chinery for the peaceful settlement of disputes and continuance of production in the postwar period, to take the place of present wartime government controls regulating rea special arbitration board appeared likely.

In reaching the agreement, the ment's fear that an oversupply of workers might be led into a violent and labor's apprehension that com- ganization. panies might deliberately hire surplus help to break unions.

#### LAND REFORM Significant changes are taking

place in land tenure of eastern Europe, according to the Alexander Hamilton institute. In Poland, Romania and Hungary, the big estates ton beat spring by 21/2 hours-which are being broken up and the land shows that even the good old spirit divided among the peasantry. This of competition and free enterprise is American calf. development is likely to lead to low- favored by Nature herself. er production and declines in ex-

Reduction in outputs is partly due are the ones in the Washington zoo, to the fact that cultivation on small | the stuffed one at the Houston air- | branch of service. The other day plots is not as economical as on port and the photographs of them in | we reminisced on dodging the fast the Texas congressmen's offices. ones, then and now. large estates.

# United Nations' Parley Holds Hope of World

Russia Important Factor in Outcome of Peace Conference; U. S. Delegation Working for Successful Formula.

> By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

> > not understand the hysterical at-

tacks in the Russian press on Walter

in the first ranks of those who urge

they throw their whole book of anti-

fascist vocabulary when he is on

record as supporting a three-power

treaty for disarming the axis which

would be the basis of the chief thing

Stalin wants—an agreement of the

has for fascism, who was never ac-

cused of wandering with his head

in the clouds or of trying to reform

the world, or square the circle, and

although he has faith a-plenty he

His argument boils down to this:

Russia and America need each oth-

er. Russia knows this. There are

fewer obstacles to a practical un-

derstanding between the countries

than there are reasons why we

should work together for mutual

Though it is generally agreed that

the support of the American people

of any international organization of

which Russia is a part depends on

the conduct of the Kremlin between

now and the end of the San Fran-

cisco conference, Senator Vanden-

berg goes farther than that. He says

that the support of the necessary

two-thirds of the United States sen-

cape clause would permit the Unit-

ed Nations to escape from any re-

striction which prevented what they

"Injustice," says Vandenberg, "is

a strait jacket and you can't keep

Of course, there are a lot of Polish

votes in Vandenberg's constituency

and a member of congress is such

by virtue of, and the powers he ex-

erts are delegated by, the people

who put him in office. Nevertheless,

he is not speaking merely for his

about including in the jurisdiction of

ing of justice. That is the trade-

mark he wants to put on any or-

ganization which comes out of San

Other members of the delegation

have trademarks of their own. But

as nearly as I can judge all are

willing to make considerable sacri-

fice of their personal views, rather

than shake the world's morale with

. . .

roads in the present war is much

better than that in the First World

This is true, the commission points

out, despite the fact that there has

been a substantial increase in the

last few years in the number of acci-

trains and the number of casualties

son the fatalities were much great-

er in World War I than they were in

World War II, the total for all

classes being 10,087 in 1917 and

in 1942 and 5,051 in 1943. In the two

decades prior to our entry into the

made in reducing railway acci-

dents, and especially those resulting

in casualties to passengers and em-

a single passenger was reported as

killed in a train accident, although

18 and 24 respectively in those years

were killed in the train-service acci-

dents, as in getting on and off

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I walked down the cool, twilit corridor of the senate office building and out into the warm spring sun. As I crossed the threshold, the light on the bright white marble step blinded me and for a second I groped downward blindly.

As I stood a moment recovering my equilibrium the thought flashed through my mind that this experience was very much like the longer one which preceded it. I had been talking with Vice President Truman, Senators Connally, Vandenberg and others about the forthcoming meeting in San Francisco of the United Nations.

I recalled Truman's nervously energetic speech as he assured me that he was giving his time to just one thing: acting as liaison between the President and the senate to keep the chief executive and the legislative leaders as nearly in step as pos-

I recalled Senator Vandenberg's expression as I left him plunged deep in the thousand extra tasks and worries which his function as Republican member of the delegation had plunged him. He had said: "If San Francisco doesn't succeed it will be the greatest moral blow the world has ever experienced."

I thought of Connally's careful policy of withholding public comment or quotation concerning the coming conference, except carefully thought out statements or speeches such as the one he will make in the senate before the conference. His is the delicate task as senior administration representative on the delegation of maintaining a balance between the views of the Republican members represented on the delegation, the administration's viewpoint, and his own and other personal views. After all, as senate majority leader he is responsible for helping to carry out a policy which not only a majority, but two-thirds of

I also thought of the wide variance of views expressed by members of both houses not directly connected with the negotiations and of the great reticence of many who hesitate to express any view at this

And I thought of the out-and-out isolationists; a very few who admit that position and others whose doubts and suspicions battle with what they feel has been the strong trend for wholehearted cooperation which the various polls and other media of public expression appear to

These kinetic thoughts moving now in harmony, now in friction, seemed suddenly to have generated a blinding light that burst into the shadows of the complacent assurance which had enveloped me and left me a little dizzy. What a tremendous opportunity seems to be offered to a war-weary world; what a fatal possibility if the effort fails.

#### Fear of Russia Shades Future

It is clear that such doubt and suspicion as may have arisen as to the possibility of failure of achievement of world cooperation arises chiefly from one thing: fear of Russia. Next is the feeling in some quarters that Churchill's inability always to get along with Stalin bodes ill for triparty harmony and some feel that the United States instead of trying to bring the two closer together should identify American interests more closely with Britain as opposed to those of Russia.

Then there is still the unhealed sore which President Roosevelt's personal emissary, Edward Flynn, has been trying to heal, the friction between the Vatican and the Krem-

Lastly and perhaps more disturbing is what appears to be unilateral action toward small countries on the part of Russia in spite of the Yalta agreement.

Now those persons like Vice President Truman, who take the more 9,286 in 1918, compared with 5,337 positive and more hopeful view, feel that some of these factors have been lations. Toward this end, creation of built into bogey-men, that granted they exist as facts, that Churchill and Stalin don't always see eye to eye and that even less sympathy exparties tended to relieve manage- ists between the Catholic church and ployes. In 1932 and again in 1935 but the head of the Communist party, none of these situations need affect left-wing movement after the war, the creation of an international or-

As to fear of Russia. Well, frankly, I cannot understand the workings | cars."

The cherry blossoms in Washing- |

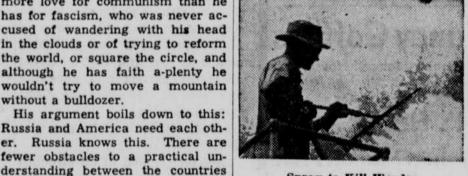
About the only long-horn cattle left

# Farm Production

Lippman, for instance, who has been Russo-American unity; attacks on Senator Vandenberg against whom D for short.)

Water sprays containing this compound in specified solutions killed heavy stands of dandelion and narrow-leaf plantain without injury to the grass.

only two great powers besides his own country, which would guarantee I do not understand all this. I do not accept the propaganda which tries to say that communist government is democracy. But there is one thing which sold me on playing ball with Russia. That is the patient, earnest and convincing argu- not affected. Repeated applications ment of former Secretary of State were found necessary to kill out Cordell Hull, who certainly has no more love for communism than he



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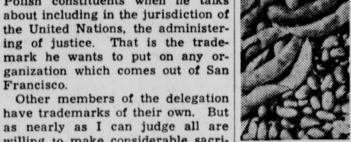
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> In the News By W. J. Dryden

# 'COW OF CHINA'

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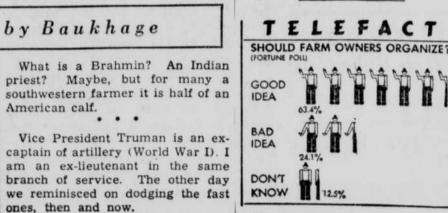


The industrial uses include paints, cloth, fabrics, protective coating material, lecithin for mineral oil, soaps. dents arising from the operation of etc., rubber substitute, printing ink. medicine, synthetic wool, bee food, "It appears," the commission beer element and as food for livesays, "that for each class of per- stock and poultry.

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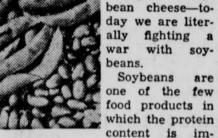
compound, according to a government report, included chickweed, pigweed, woodsorrel, knotweed and

Well established blue grass was not injured by the potent new herbicide. The creeping bent grasses were found much less resistant to it but resistant enough to permit

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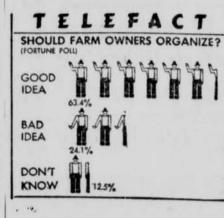
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monks have lived Polish constituents when he talks chiefly on soy-



proved by cooking. Among the food uses of soybeans and soybean oil are shortening, margarine, salad dressing, bakery goods, ice cream, macaroni, flour, soy milk, bean curd, soy sauce, diwar, the Interstate Commerce com- abetic foods, sausage filler, candy and meat substitutes.

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