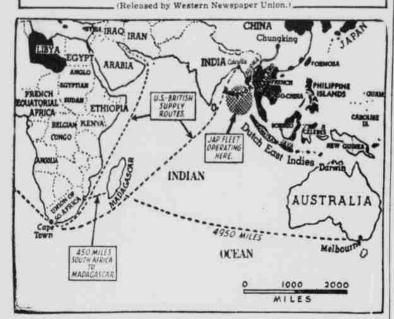
WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Increasing U.S. Air and Naval Power Demonstrated in Pacific Sea Battles: U. S. Wants Car Owners' 'Extra' Tires; OPA Decrees Gas Quota for East Coast

(EDITOR'S NOTE-When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



The strategic importance of Madagascar to the two main supply arteries of the United Nations armies in the east are indicated by the above map. By capturing the key naval base of Diego Suarez, British Commandos supported by marines, infantry, air forces and naval units, assured protection of these vital supply lines.

MADAGASCAR: 40-Hour Triumph

A 40-hour epic of British Commandos' gallantry came to a victorious conclusion when the Diego Suarez naval base on the northern tip of Vichy-held Madagascar surrendered.

While French army outposts still held military control over the Madagascar hinterlands, the fall of the huge naval base assured the United Nations possession of the vital gateway to their eastern supply routes. Moreover, it was vindication of a new spirit of aggression which made the Japs "miss the bus."

Military authorities in both Amersuccessful attack marked a refreshing contrast to the flasco at the key port of Dakar, Africa, a year ago.

It was revealed in London that the Commando attack on Madagascar, supported by marines, RAF forces and naval contingents, had been planned three months in ad-

PRESIDENT OF PERU: Closer Latin Ties

Closer knitting of relations between Latin America and the United States was seen in the visit of President Manuel Prado of Peru to this

When Senor Prado arrived by clipper plane, it marked the first official visit in history, of a South American president to the United

Significance of this precedentbreaking official mission to the future of Pan-American resistance to Nazism was seen in the fact that Peru was the first South American country to break off relations with the Axis under the accord reached last January at the Rio de Janeiro conference. President Prado's Anti-dictator policy before the war was an important step in the virtual exclusion of Axis propaganda from Peru.

Under a recent decree, Peruvian armed forces now function under the direction of U.S. army and navy officers.

RUBBER:

U. S. Wants Tires

Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, intimated that county fairs, football games and other public gatherings might have to be curtailed this year in the interest of rubber conservation, when he announced that the government planned to purchase extra tires from private car owners. By "extra" was meant more than five to a car, he said. Purchases will be on a voluntary basis.

At the same time the Office of Defense Transportation disclosed that it was drafting plans for "rationing" civilian travel by train, bus or airplane. Officials declared that "travel-asusual" would be a thing of the past by the end of 1942. They expressed the belief that sharp curtailments of non - essential trips would be necessary before the end of the summer.

That requisitioning of civilian tires and cars would be undertaken if necessary was a view supported by a number of Washington officials.

In outlining his views on motor car use curtailment, Mr. Patterson said the prospects are that there will be sufficient rubber for the army, navy, war-workers and essential civilian supplies. He pointed out that there was a million tons of rubber "now rolling on the highways" and that it must be conserved.

Civilians who expect synthetic rubber plants to bring any relief this year are doomed to disappointment, it was declared. All such rubber is ear-marked for the nation's armed

PACIFIC SEA BATTLES:

U. S. Shows Power A crucial test of the United Nations' increasing strength in the Australian sector was given as Japanese sea and air might ma sed northeast of the key continent in a thrust, from New Britain, the Solomon Islands and the Loyuisade Archipelago.

Within a five-day span American warships and planes had taker a toll of 16 Japanese ships either sunk or badly damaged. Engagements were the heaviest since the battle of the Java sea.

Concentration of the Japanese raval forces in the Australian area Ica and Britain pointed out that the was regarded as a threat to the steadily expanding U. S. commurication lines in the South Pacific Blocking of this threat meant that not only would Australia's position be more secure, but that the "springboard" for an ultimate Unit ed Nations' offensive against the Japs to recapture the East Indies and the Philippines would be further prepared.

Japan's strategic power in this area lay in its possession of the Solomon islands which form stepping stones along Australia's northeast flank starting from Rabaul on the island of New Britain and extending down to New Caledonia.

GAS RATIONING:

East Coast First

the entire United States loomed as a future possibility when the Office of Price Administration limited the sale of motor fuel in the Atlantic Seaboard area to two to six gallons weekly to "non-essential motorists."

The initial rationing applied to 10,-000,000 motorists in 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia Officials stressed the fact that sufficient gasoline would be provided for essential driving but not enough for extensive "pleasure" driving or other non-essential purposes.

The OPA's order included three types of ration cards: "A" for nonessential motorists; "B" for essential users such as defense workers. public service officials and others; and "X" providing for unlimited usage. This latter category included doctors, nurses and kindred professional people whose duties require rapid and extensive travel.

In the scale of gasoline a age, the "A" range was based on an average mileage estimated at 4.5 miles daily. The "B" range covered from 4.5 to 13 miles daily and the "X" for mileage far in excess of these av-

LIVESTOCK SHOW: War Casualty

Indicative of necessary war-time restrictions on the nation's transportation facilities, was the decision by its directors to cancel the International Livestock Exposition held annually in Chicago for the past 42 years.

The anticipated lack of transportation facilities to handle the livestock formerly shipped here from all sections of North America was cited as the principal reason for the cancellation.

Traditionally the mecca for rural Americans of all ages in the week following Thanksgiving, the exposition recorded an all-time high attendance of 400,000 last year.

TRADE BARRIERS:

Ban Local Restrictions

Suspension of trade barriers between states which are adversely affecting war production was predicted following the close of a federal-state conference on war restrictions in Washington.

Particularly critical at present are state and local laws governing man power, construction and housing, the delegates were informed. Steps must be taken by state governments to relieve this situation. speakers declared.

Rent Ruler



Charged with the responsibility of setting up machinery to place cellings on rents affecting more than 86,000,000 persons, Paul A. Orter, deputy administrator of the Office of Production Management, is directing the federal rent control program under the supervision of Price Administrator Leon Henderson. Landlords in affected areas have until June 28 to stabilize rents in line with OPA recommendations.

'BACKDOOR THRUST': Japs Use Burma Road

Japan's "backdoor" invasion of China via the Burma road continued into Yunnan province despite U. S. army air attacks which knocked out

74 enemy planes in a single week. Seriousness of the newest threat to China's resistance was seen in the decision of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to take personal command of his armies. That Chiang could count on stout co-operation from his American allies was shown by the repeated attacks by big Yankee bombers from India on the Jap's main airdrome at Mingaladon north of Rangoon, Burma. This field was the main Nipponese base for the all-but-finished Burma campaign which had been extended to China.

The effectiveness of the American nir offensive was illustrated by reports that each bomber was able to drop 250-pound explosives on the field in spite of heavy anti-aircraft

CHARGE ACCOUNTS: Time Buying Curbed

Every American who used a charge account or an installment purchasing plan to acquire the goods he uses in everyday living was affected by the Federal Reserve board's orders clamping the brakes on time-payment buying. The orders, tightening restrictions already in effect, were the latest move in President Roosevelt's attack on spi-

The Reserve board decreed: period over which most consumer's a common question, "What is my goods could be purchased on install- place in all this?" ment plans.

cash on a majority of consumers' forces. The army has just an-Eventual gasoline rationing for items. Exceptions were automobiles nounced that volunteers 18 and 19 purchaseable over a 15-month period and furniture and pianos for which a down payment of only 20 per cent is required for purchase of over a 12-month period.

3-Payment of charge accounts in full by the 10th day of the calendar month after purchase. Failure to abide by this order would prevent the purchaser from buying on the account until he settled up.

4-The following additions to the already apply: automobile batteries. tires, tubes and accessories; bedgoods; household equipment; nonmilitary clothing including shoes, hats and other haberdashery.

SPECIALISTS SOUGHT: ficers.

Also Allied Nationals Two moves to increase the flexibility of the army were made when the war department announced the creation of the new army specialist corps and the selective service headquarters declared that nationals of all Allied nations will be able to join either this country's forces or those of their home nation.

Men with certain specialized skills will be recruited for the army specialist corps. They will replace those who are capable of going into active military service. In general, no men subject to the draft will be admitted into the new corps, according to the announcement. Those accepted may become officers ranging from lieutenants to "director

In the move to recruit nationals of our allies, Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, announced that reciprocal arrangements had al-Canadians residing in this country might join either the Canadian or American forces. This agreement will be extended to other nations.

MISCELLANY:

Honolulu, Hawaii, first American area to suffer Axis aggression, proved again that its people are grimly determined to see the war effort through, by oversubscribing Teachers college, Trenton, N. J., four times the Islands' May quota said: "People know intuitively that of \$250,000 War Bond quota.

New York: Rationing of silver bullion supplies for industrial purposes has been undertaken because of increased industrial demand.

War Effort Strengthened By High School Graduates

Armed Services, Industry, Farms Lure 1942 Students; Vocational Training Now Becoming Increasingly Important.

By WILLARD E. GIVENS

Executive Secretary, National Education Association. T HAS been estimated that over one million boys and girls will leave high school this spring with their diplomas. It is this same group of boys and girls, the youth of the

nation, who were figuratively being spoken to when a commencement speaker said to a group of graduates before him: "You have seen more history than you have read."

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help manufacture the guns and

tanks and planes upon which the

fighting men on far-flung battle

fronts depend. The graduates may

enter these industries at once, or

they may enroll in one of many

different types of training for more

skilled service in the factories pro-

These training opportunities range

from the elementary vocational

schools where the simpler skills of

the assembly line are acquired, to

schools of our great universities

which are turning out recruits for

highly responsible positions both in

the armed forces and in industrial

The high schools themselves in

many city school systems, and in

some of the village schools serving

farm areas, are equipped to offer a

high grade vocational training.

Some graduates who have taken

non - vocational courses in high

school will immediately begin such

courses, if available, in the schools

from which they have been gradu-

ated, or they will seek that kind of

training in neighboring communi-

The federal government in June,

1940, appropriated \$15,000,000 to

technical and engineering

ducing the material of war.

During the first half of 1942, the pages of history have been

turning fast, recording the names of a men and their deeds in the greatest school graduates, boys and girls, drama of all ages. will at once enter war-industries to

And now today, not only the high school graduate, but all those who have read the story of man's upward struggle from the early dawn of history to the present time, recognize the climax of history in which they are now living. Each and everyone-especially the high school graduate-is seeking to find the proper place, the suitable niche

The Significance of Today. Only to the man who is in some

measure educated is it granted to know what is going on about him and to estimate its significance. There is an old story of two peasants of Brabant who were weeding their crops on a sultry June day in 1815 when the guns of the Iron Duke greeted those of Bonaparte at Waterloo. One of the peasants lifted his eyes from his hoe and scanned the horizon. "Soule," he said, "it thunders; it will rain today!" As the guns of destiny broke the silence of their fields, these two peasants went on hoeing their vegetables, almost as ignorant as their beets and cabbages of what went on anywhere else in the world but in the limited sphere in which they moved.

The mental isolation of mankind in the not-so-long-ago unhappy days of the human race when one class of men was privileged to enjoy the culture and refinement of wide knowledge, and another class was doomed to live and die in vulgarity and poverty, is banished. Universal education has banished it. The high school, especially, is responsible for making this vastly different world from the one which existed a century and a quarter ago when Europe was rocked as it is today by the clash of arms and ideals-and only a few knew the issues and fewer still had a part in resolving them.

Today, high school students see themselves in the setting of time and events. In their hearts is a 1-A limit of 12 months in the stirring that finds its expression in

Some of the boys may volunteer 2—Down payments of one-third at once for service in the armed years old may select training in the combat branch of their own preference-infantry, cavalry, artillery, tank corps, air corps, signal corps, or corps of engineers. Others will wait the decision of the Selective Service system as to where and when they may serve best.

Many graduates will continue their education under the direction of the navy, which has in operation list of goods on which regulations plans by which graduates may go on to college and pursue studies in which they may earn college ding, draperies, household electrical credits and at the same time preappliances; used furniture; athletic pare for more effective service in the navy. From this group, the huge two-ocean battle fleet now building in our shipyards will secure many of its commissioned of-

War Industries to Hire Many. Some thousands of these high



A mechanized army calls for the utmost inventive and operational skills which the American people can ready been worked out under which produce. These Denver high school boys will know how to operate an electric semaphore if they should serve in the signal corps of the

Problems of Education Aired at Conference At an annual meeting of the

American Council of Education, Chicago, Ill., the following statements were made by educators: Roscoe L. West, president, State

education must focus on getting folks ready to live better in their community than they would have lived otherwise. And by community I mean the nation and the world."

tion: "There is evidence that during the post-war period, conditions pertaining to the support of the public schools will not be improved. The demand for social security is already being given much consideration as the principal factor in the new social order and may supersede education in importance . . public education will become involved in a confusing mass of legis-

Victory vs. Luxury "John's older brother who fin-ished high school in 1941 burned up the tires of his old jallopy on the highways at sixty miles an hour, either pleasure or business bent. John will ride a bus or walk to "go places and do things." Susan who graduates in 1942 will find that permanents, fluffy evening dresses, silk and nylon hose were luxuries that her older sister of 1940 did not bequeath to her. Youth, like the rest of us, must sacrifice some of the refinements of existence, and before the struggle is over, may forego some of the necessi-

trades.

able, in the armed forces.

from time to time.

is also the home front. Whole states

workers, electricians, ship carpenters, joiners and other skilled

There is opportunity of some kind today for youth everywhere. All can join in the "great adventure" in some capacity. This is true for girls as well as for boys. Many girls are taking their places in the war industries. The great expansion of offices in Washington and other centers of administration of the war effort issue calls for typists, stenographers, clerks and secretaries. Many girls are enrolling in nursing courses which lead to direct or indirect service, for some of which officer's commissions are avail-

The kinds of military work for girls to choose from are numerous, and announcements of further opportunities are expected

Ofttimes the impulse to seek service far afield is ill advised. There must be prepared to resist invasion from land, sea or air. Civilian defense is vital. First aid, air raid duty, auxiliary fire and police service must be manned and adminis-

In hundreds of agricultural communities high school graduates will immediately lay aside their diplomas for cultivator handles and hoes. There is much truth in the slogan and staff the rapidly ex- that "Food will win the war." The



Many high school graduates, such as these at the Hannah Penn, junior high school, York, Pa., will be able to take their places without much further training in the ranks of those who are planning to defend their communities from death dropping down during air raids.

panding vocational departments and | provision of food stuffs and the use schools of less than college grade which had undertaken to train workers for defense industries. The need of workers was so urgent and the plan of meeting it so successful that subsequently other sums were appropriated for this purpose.

By March, this year, approximately 2,463,862 workers had been prepared for the war industries in this manner. This number is in addition to those trained for similar occupations in the vocational courses that constitute the normal service of the schools.

The demand for the graduates of these vocational courses is much greater than the supply and is increasing. According to the War Production board, over ten million additional war industry workers will be needed within the year ahead to staff plants now being built or expanded.

The vocational training activities in Oakland, Calif., are typical of those in many cities near great shipyards or other centers producing the machinery of war. On April 1, 1942, there were 199 classes in "defense training" in the Oakland schools, enrolling 3,901 students. This was 473 less than the number of students the Oakland schools were prepared to accommodate in this kind of work.

During January, February and March an average of 500 trained workers a month were placed in war manufacturing from this school system. There have never been sufficient trainees enrolled to meet the demand for riveters, chippers, caulkers, ship fitters, sheet metal

William J. Hamilton, superintendent of schools, Oak Park, Ill., spoke on this problem which faced educaof foods dictated by modern knowledge of nutrition for both civilian and soldier are of vital importance. Many of the opportunities may be

seized without leaving home or community. The alert and eager high school graduate will look about him for unfilled places in the ranks, step in where he is best qualified and serve.

The student selected by fate for graduation in 1942 faces towering handicaps as well as opportunities. For many of these graduates, school days are ended. In any case, educational careers will be interrupted or diverted from original purposes.

The Test They Face.

Ambitions must be modified, new emphasis placed upon ideals and duties. The high school graduate of 1942 faces the severest kind of test which can be given to individualsthe test of flexibility, adjustment to untoward circumstances. This applies to the minor as well as to the major enterprises of life.

The contrast is still greater if we compare this generation with grandfather's as an illustration of change in our national life. To that elderly gentleman now toasting his slippered heels in retirement by the fireplace, Horace Greeley's advice, "Go West, young man," was an inspiration. There was an immeasurably wealthy West to conquer. Grandfather saw the finishing touches given to the world's greatest economic emp. 2, as the ingenuity, energy, and determination of a New world, assembled from the tribes from the Old, trimmed off the last frontiers from the American wilderness.

Looking beyond the present strife. there is the citizen-in-the-making getting ready for the years ahead. Complete and final victory would be unavailing if we lost in peace what we had won in war. There is a tremendous task of reconstruction shead of all the world. There is the rubble to clear away; but much more important there are new struc-

tures to take the place of the old. The vision and capacity of today's youth will determine whether they live in the ruins of a past or in new edifices builded upon the ideals of freedom and liberty.

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Legal Holidays

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Since most of these holidays have been declared local holidays by the individual states, they can be said to be national and legal holidays. The President proclaims Thanksgiving a holiday.

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