

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Chinese Register New Coastal Gains As Japs Are Diverted Toward Russia; U. S. Air Power Aids British in Egypt; Huge Nazi Losses Mark Soviet Fighting

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CHINA:

Fighting Back

The Japs learned something more of the Chinese ability to fight back as the defenders of the Hangchow-Nanchang railway front wiped out three weeks of the enemy's gains in a concentrated drive that netted them a 25-mile wedge into Jap lines plus two important towns.

In this fighting in eastern Kiangsi province the Jap was virtually cleared out of the southeast Chekiang coastal area and the Chinese recaptured the two vital ports of Julian and Wenchow.

Taking the Japs by surprise, the Chinese captured several villages along the railway before smashing through to the coast. Continual thinning out of Jap garrisons in the newly occupied regions of Kiangsi and Chekiang provinces helped the Chinese in their victories, according to military experts on the scene.

This thinning out was viewed as being most important for some sources indicated strongly that troops leaving the area were headed for Inner Mongolia. And this was interpreted as meaning that preparation for the long expected Jap invasion of Russia was actually making headway.

But the Chinese were intent on keeping their minds on the task at hand—regaining the entire 403-mile Kanchow-Nanchang railway—and refused to be diverted entirely by the movement to Inner Mongolia. The official communiques from Chungking said that attacks all along the line were in full swing and hinted that the Jap positions were far from secure.

EGYPT:

Air Warfare



This is Maj. A. F. Kalberger of North Hollywood, Calif., who led the attack of the U. S. army's four-motored bombers on the Italian fleet in the central and eastern Mediterranean sea recently. It was the first participation by U. S. air forces in that theater of war.

In Egypt Nazi Marshal Rommel's drive for Alexandria and Suez had been slowed down for over two weeks and the British were busy at work keeping his hard-hitting forces off balance.

Then the word began to sift through to the outside world that the U. S. army air forces were also in there pitching—and bombing. For it was announced from Cairo that Maj. Gen. Lewis Brereton had assumed command over these U. S. forces in the Middle East and for some time been directing a series of terrific bombing raids on the chief Axis supply ports of Tobruk and Bengasi.

In driving through to establish himself some 65 miles to the west of Alexandria, Rommel had dangerously extended his supply and communication lines. It was the job of the United Nations to harass such supply and communication activities with all possible fervor. Not only were American planes blasting the Axis forces, but the British had called into action many of their navy planes to fight against the land based enemy.

Meanwhile on the ground British Imperial and Axis land forces battled back and forth for new footholds on the barren wastes near El Alamein. Tanks and truck-borne infantry tangled day in and day out in the non-ending fury of desert warfare that is Egypt in mid-summer, 1942.

General Brereton had been in command of American air forces in India and came to the western desert area with large numbers of big four-motored high-altitude bombers. He described these as being more suitable for action on the Egyptian front because of the cloudless skies. An announcement from his headquarters indicated that the U. S. bombing units were depending on RAF facilities and ground crews to keep their ships flying. He spoke of splendid "RAF co-operation" and said that "we also depend on the RAF for intelligence."

Aids War Effort



LONDON. — British parliament members now have the opportunity to make munitions in their spare time and so far five members make up the vanguard of these volunteers who are given instructions at a London center. Here Miss Thelma Cazale, MP, works at her machine learning a new art for beating the Axis.

SELECTIVE SERVICE: Line-Up

Local draft boards were authorized to consider registrants for selection on the basis of a new memorandum released by national headquarters of selective service.

Following is the order in which such registrants will now be called under the new plan: (1) single men with no dependents; (2) single men who do not contribute to the war effort but who have dependents; (3) single men with dependents and who contribute to the war effort; (4) married men who are not engaged in the war effort but who maintain a bona fide family relationship with a wife only; (5) married men who are engaged in the war effort and who maintain a bona fide relationship with wife and children or with children only; (6) married men who are engaged in the war effort and who maintain a bona fide family relationship with wife and children or children only.

"In all cases the dependency status must have been acquired prior to December 8, 1941, and at a time when induction was not imminent," the announcement said.

ALIENS: More Arrests

As the Washington military commission trial of the eight Nazi saboteurs drew to its close the FBI arrested 14 persons in New York and Chicago charging them with acting as contacts and assisting the eight on trial.

Formal charges had been filed against six Chicago persons alleged to have aided the saboteur Herbert Haupt. Four others will also be charged with unlawfully and knowingly assisting the Nazis; three with being dangerous alien enemies; and one is being held in custody pending further investigation.

During the saboteur trial it was revealed that they had been surprised by John C. Cullen, 21-year-old coast guardsman, when they landed from a submarine on the coast of Long Island in June. Cullen was on a six-mile coastal patrol at the time. When he discovered them they threatened him and he pretended to accept a bribe but rushed immediately to his headquarters to spread the alarm.

MAC ARTHUR ON WAR: 'Off the Record'

In an "extremely frank" two-hour off-the-record talk to more than 100 newspaper editors and correspondents, Gen. Douglas MacArthur outlined his views of the entire World War picture and the southwest Pacific area in particular.

The conference was MacArthur's second since his arrival in Australia. The first was held March 23. MacArthur answered all questions with surprising freeness after being assured that everything he might say was strictly off the record. As usual, MacArthur used sports terminology in illustrating his points, making reference to prize fighting and baseball in his explanations. He also made frequent references to his experiences in World War I, when he was chief of staff of the 42nd division in France.

BRIEFS:

OFFICIAL—Although congress had several weeks earlier passed joint resolutions of war against Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, President Roosevelt has now formally proclaimed a state of war with these Balkan countries.

DISOBEYS—Although he had received orders to change his course, British submarine commander Anthony Miers, continued to trail an Axis convoy into a heavily guarded harbor. Without damage to his sub or its crew he torpedeed two ships, ran a gantlet of enemy planes and warships and later for his act of "disobedience" he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

RATIONS—A London news report says that fish is now being rationed in Norway and that the food situation in that country is growing "progressively acute."



Washington, D. C.

PROFESSOR VS. SUBS

Governor Rex Tugwell of Puerto Rico was flying from his post to the British island of Jamaica a short time ago, and just before he stepped into the plane, the young naval pilot said:

"I don't suppose we'll see anything. But we might as well be ready just in case."

So they loaded the plane with half a dozen depth charges. It was a small transport plane, had no regular bomb bay, so the depth charges were merely placed on the seats.

Out over the Caribbean, suddenly the pilot looked down, said, "There she is." Below them with its conning tower above water, was a Nazi submarine.

Both the pilot and Governor Tugwell reached for the depth charges, opened the window. But before they could drop even one, the submarine had submerged. The ex-braintruster came home with no submarine scalp in his professional belt.

Buy War Bonds—EYE TRICK

The war has spawned a number of rackets, designed both to gain deferment for unwilling draftees and to aid others in passing their physical examinations. But the most ingenious to date was uncovered by the navy department.

A Washington doctor has been restoring 20-20 (perfect) eyesight to applicants for commissions—long enough to enable them to pass their "physicals"—by injecting a high-powered drug. The trick was brought to light during an examination of a young commission-seeker with defective vision.

He had been examined three times and each time was told to go home and practice eye exercises. But his eyesight remained 31-9, far below the required standard. After the third test, the applicant was told he would be given one more chance. If he flunked again, he would be rejected.

When he returned the fourth time, he amazed the navy eye doctor by passing with a 20-20 mark. Doubting that the exercises had achieved such a phenomenal result, the doctor decided to make a check. He sent the applicant into an adjoining room and kept him there five hours.

Then he was given another examination. This time his vision was found to be 31-9 again.

The applicant finally broke down and admitted that his temporary perfect vision had been due to a shot in the arm given him by a Washington doctor. This doctor, he said, had told him to make sure he was examined within "four or five hours" after the injection, as its effect would last only that long.

NAZI FOOD SHORTAGE

Word from inside Germany makes it clear that Nazi officials are anticipating a hard winter, even if Hitler does take the vast granary of South Russia. They have already completed arrangements for emergency food distribution, in anticipation of serious shortages.

The plan calls for community feeding throughout Germany. It would mean that families would no longer sit down to dinner in their own homes, but would line up at a community feeding center for a government handout.

Under this system, the hausfrau would not buy her own provisions, ration cards would be replaced by meal tickets, and one-dish meals of the "stew" type would be handed out several times a week.

Under this system, the Nazis will be able to distribute food supplies more efficiently, with greater use of substitutes, and with equal treatment for all.

Hitler may not see the irony of it, but this system brings him to communism, from which he professes to be so eager to "save Europe."

Buy War Bonds—MERRY-GO-ROUND

Opening prayer in the senate was offered recently not by a clergyman but by a member of the U. S. senate itself—Berkeley L. Bunker of Nevada, a former bishop in the Mormon church.

"Whenever I come to Washington," says Walter Winchell, "I am amazed at the number of big men supposed to be working for the country who spend their time working against each other."

Curtailed of musical instrument production will save enough metal to build 12,000 six-ton trucks, more than 100 big tanks, 500 pieces of heavy artillery, and 50,000 rounds of machine-gun ammunition.

The OPA soon will crack down on a number of tire recappers on charges of incompetent workmanship and waste of vital materials.

Hon Wu, chief of the 500 Chinese residents in Chicago's Chinatown, points proudly to the fact that his group was one of the first in Chicago to be organized for civilian defense.

Northrop Aircraft company has evolved a new welding process that is claimed will revolutionize plane making. The new method will permit the construction of all-magnesium planes. Magnesium is one-third lighter than aluminum.



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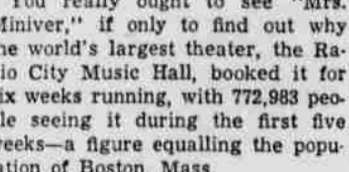
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SEEMS as if a doffing of hats to Gene Autrey, who enlisted in the Army Air Corps, is indicated. "He will not receive a commission," announces the report. He'll get one, of course, eventually—he's bound to, because he's the stuff that officers are made of. But when so many men of the motion picture industry are stepping right out as officers at the start, isn't it swell of Gene to begin at the bottom? Reminds me of one movie executive who told me that he had applied for a commission as lieutenant colonel in the army; if he didn't get it, he'd stay out! P.S.—He didn't get it!

You really ought to see "Mrs. Miniver" if only to find out why the world's largest theater, the Radio City Music Hall, booked it for six weeks running, with 772,983 people seeing it during the first five weeks—a figure equalling the population of Boston, Mass.

The film version of Irving Berlin's "This Is the Army," the army show which delighted New York...

IRVING BERLIN



from the moment it opened, will be photographed in color, luckily, Irving Berlin will supervise the production, in Hollywood.

Robert Donat's first screen appearance since "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" will be made in "Saboteur Agent." It will be directed by Harold Buequet, who has just finished "The War Against Mrs. Hadley," and will be made in London.

Five years ago the Maine Development association sent Walt Disney the two young deer who served as models for the hero and heroine of his "Bambi." So a special premiere of "Bambi" was booked for Augusta, Maine, following the first showing of the picture in New York.

Daisy, who won fame in the "Blondie" series, recently whelped five pups, all of which are now the property of Penny Singleton because she has a large ranch. She named them, naturally, for the characters in the pictures. By the way, this is the only film series in which the original actors have worked as a unit throughout—Penny, Arthur Lake, Larry Simms ("Baby Dangling"), and Daisy.

Maybe Esther Williams started something when, wanting a souvenir that she could show friends who weren't in the movies, she bought a white satin bathing suit and had it autographed in black waterproof ink by every star on the Metro lot. Incidentally, though she's a swimming star, Esther really swims in "Andy Hardy's Last Fling"—usually Hollywood doesn't let an expert do what he or she is expert at.

The biggest stride of any regional radio network show has been made by "Grand Ole Opry," the Saturday night folk music program heard over NBC. It was the first of the in-person shows to make regular army camp appearances last fall, under the name of "Caravan." Now there are four road units touring the camps. One master of ceremonies has landed a network contract on the new CBS Caravan Hour.

To prove that Uncle Sam uses radio talent to the best advantage, take the story of Detroit's Frank Telford, director of the "This Is Our Enemy" series heard over Mutual Sunday nights. A former script writer for the Detroit board of education, Telford went to Washington without network experience, but with a briefcase full of ideas. Now he's made a niche for himself as a radio executive.

ODDS AND ENDS... All in one week Frank Morgan celebrated his 52nd birthday, began his 52nd feature picture, "White Cargo," and celebrated the completion of 25 years as a motion picture actor... Red Skelton says that he has played so many camp shows that every time he sees a soldier he goes in to his monologue... Jack Benny won't star in "The Meanest Man in the World"; it's said that after he read the final script he persuaded the studio to abandon plans for it... Instead of giving his annual party for members of the "Big Town" cast at the end of the season, Edward G. Robinson gave them all war bonds this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for August 2

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ABRAM: A PIONEER IN FAITH

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 12:1-9; Hebrews 11:8-12. GOLDEN TEXT—Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.—Genesis 15:1.

Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). The opposite is also true, namely, that faith always pleases God. As we read the Bible and consider Christian experience, it is evident that God is constantly longing to show Himself strong in behalf of them who believe Him (II Chron. 16:9).

Abraham was not the first man to walk by faith. Before him came such men as Abel, with his acceptable sacrifice; Enoch, with his walk pleasing to God; Noah, who believed and obeyed; and others.

But Abraham was nonetheless a pioneer of faith. He had many other noble characteristics, and was a man of such distinction that his memory is venerated by Jews and Mohammedans as well as Christians. Yet his real claim to an outstanding place in history is that by faith he responded to God's sovereign act in choosing him to begin a new nation, to be His chosen people.

We note two important points about faith:

I. Faith Makes Demands.

In the very nature of things, faith calls for action consistent with belief. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20), that is, not a real faith at all. In Abraham's life (and in our life) faith calls for:

1. Separation (Gen. 12:1): "Get thee out" was God's command to Abraham. To accomplish His divine purpose God had to take him out of the heathendom of his fathers, and start anew. It is His command to His followers today, "Come out from among them, and be ye separated, saith the Lord."

Who will doubt that this is the crying need of the church today, for instead of the church being in the world seeking to win it to Christ, worldliness has come into the church and devalued its message.

2. Obedience (Gen. 12:4-6; Heb. 11:8, 9): "Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken" (v. 4). He didn't know where he was going, but he did know who had called him, and he went. Faith knows God, and obeys Him without hesitation and without reservation.

Obedience is a virtue that needs to be revived, in the home, in school, in society, and especially in our relation to God, for there surely should be no disobedient children in the family of God. He merits and expects obedience.

3. Trust (Gen. 12:7-9; Heb. 11:10): An assured reliance on the Word of God is a part of faith. God made a promise to Abraham. He accepted it, and worshipped. Here was no questioning, no bargaining, but simple trust in God's word. In fact, there was anticipation of even greater things to come (Heb. 11:10).

We need men of vision and that means we need men who by faith can see the unseen, who can see "a city which hath foundations" even in the midst of destruction and disorder. "In God We Trust" must be more than a motto on our coins if America is to survive.

II. Faith Brings Results.

The world wants to know if a thing works before accepting and approving it. Well, faith really does work! It brings:

1. Blessing (Gen. 12:2, 3). God is always on the giving hand. "I will bless" was His word to Abraham, and not only for Abraham himself and for the great nation of which he was to be the father, but to "all the families of the earth" (v. 3). How gloriously that promise was fulfilled in the coming of Christ our Redeemer, who also was a "son of Abraham" (Matt. 1:1).

2. Protection (Gen. 12:3): "I will curse him that curseth thee." That promise to Abraham is still binding and valid. God is not through with Israel. The nations and persons who have vented their hatred upon the children of Abraham need to take notice.

We need to be reminded that God's protecting care is just as sure over us who bear His name. We too are "safe in Jehovah's keeping," even in what is perhaps the darkest hour in the history of the world. Faith in God brings to us the protection of His almighty hand.

3. Fulfillment of Promise (Heb. 11:11, 12): The entire promise to Abraham hinged on the birth of a son, something which was, humanly speaking, beyond all possibility. But because Sara, joining Abraham in believing God, "judged him faithful who had promised," it came to pass.

"With God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26). He delights in doing the impossible in response to the faith of His children. Apart from that fact we might be fearful, yes dependent, but "with God" we say again, "All things are possible."

JUST

That's Pointed Mother—Sometimes there are rude boys in Sunday school who giggle and smile at little girls, and sometimes little girls smile back at them, but I hope my little girl does not behave like that. Small Daughter—No, indeed, mamma; I always put out my tongue at 'em.

To Save Argument Professor—Can you prove that the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the two sides of this triangle? Student—No, sir. But I'm willing to admit it.

Same Result "Are you a college man?" "No; a horse stepped on my nat."

Brussels sprouts prove that the best part of cabbage can come in small packages, but can still spread as violent a smell.

True to Form "If I refuse you, will you commit suicide, Cecil?" "Well, that's been my usual custom."

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