



Invasion Date Has Been Fixed

Draft Will Trim U. S. Coal Supply

36,000 Miners Are Under 26; Would Cut 28 Million Tons

Washington, April 6—(AP)—Secretary Ickes said today that he had little hope that any coal miners under 26 will be deferred from the draft and forecast that it will mean more restrictions on the use of coal next winter.

At his news conference, the solid fuels administrator gave the coal manpower picture as follows:

There are 36,000 coal mine employees under 26, according to the latest survey. If none get occupational deferments, 20,000 of these will be inducted (the others being 4-F or deferred for miscellaneous reasons). This would mean a loss of 28,000,000 tons of coal.

Such a loss would be in addition to the estimated 26,000,000 tons deficit under the year's requirements with existing manpower—a total deficit of 54,000,000 tons.

If miners 22 through 25 years old with three years' experience were deferred, an estimated 8,000 men under 26 would be drafted, with a consequent loss of 11,000,000 tons.

This proposal at one time was approved by the inter-agency committee considering the question of deferment of men under 26, but that group later reversed its position and decided against any deferments for miners under 26.

Paul V. McNutt, chairman of that committee of manpower elements, was to lay the question before the War Manpower Commission today, but all indications were that the inter-agency group's decision would not be reversed again.

This, said Ickes, would have a "serious effect," and it "looks as if we'll have to live on a hand-to-mouth basis." The nation entered the last coal year, beginning April 1, 1943, with 50,000,000 tons of soft coal in stock piles; this is down to about 50,000,000 tons at present, and average stocks of only 28 days, whereas "we have to keep at least three weeks supply as a cushion."

Argentine Doctor Says Quintuplets Appear Authentic

Buenos Aires, Argentine, April 6—(AP)—The Diannes appeared today to have an authentic set of rivals from Argentina for quintuplet honors.

Dr. Jose Beruti informed the Argentine Medical Association that after a careful investigation he saw no reason to doubt that Senora Franco Dilligenti of Buenos Aires bore quintuplets last July 15, two boys and three girls.

Dr. Beruti said of the head of the head of the obstetrical department of the University of Buenos Aires school of medicine, and first recognized medical authority to report on the case, said the skepticism which greeted first newspaper announcements of the births apparently was unwarranted by the data he had uncovered.

The skepticism arose when no trace of quintuplets could be found in birth records. The parents explained that they had tried to keep the event secret because of the fear of publicity.

ITALIAN FIRESIDE CHAT



WIFE OF THE MAYOR of a small Italian town entertains two of her guests at her fireside while a cheerful blaze lights up the hearth. Quartered in the house, Sgt. Vernon Dennis (left), Northome, Minn., and Pvt. Harry Boone, Oneonta, N. Y., have been permitted to take their pin-up pictures to the wall. Official U. S. Signal Corps photo. (International)

DR. GOEBBELS ISSUES A 'WARNING' AT ANZIO



AMERICAN BOYS on the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead in Italy not only face the fire of German machine-guns and artillery but also undergo a leaflet barrage turned out by the Nazi propaganda mills of Dr. Joseph Goebbels. The leaflets shown here, released for publication by our War Department, were dropped into the American lines by means of special shells. The leaflet above, designed to break morale, recalls to the flustered happy days with his girl at home and attempts to turn his thoughts to his own chances of coming out alive.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS!

Remember those happy days when you stepped out with your best girl "going places and doing things"?

No matter

whether you two were enjoying a nice juicy steak at some tony restaurant or watching a thrilling movie with your favourite stars performing, or dancing to the lilt of a swing band

you were happy.

WHAT IS LEFT OF ALL THIS?

Nothing! Nothing but days and nights of the heaviest fighting and for many of you

NOTHING BUT A PLAIN WOODEN CROSS IN FOREIGN SOIL!

Washington Ponders Course Wilkie May Follow In 1944

Wilkie Out, Admitting He Has Lost

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Might Even Become FDR Running Mate; May Back Stassen As GOP's Candidate

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Time Table Is Ready In Last Detail

Only Few Topmen Know; Troops Told Of Jobs Assigned

With the U. S. Army Somewhere in Britain, April 6—(AP)—"D" day has been set.

The Allied western invasion time table has been worked out to the minutest detail.

Only a few high ranking officers know the date, however, and only a few will know it beforehand.

But topflight commander-in-charge talks with their officers and men, are being amazingly tight in some respects—even to the extent of telling the troops the job out for them.

Among American troops who will participate in the initial assault on Hitler's fortress, a growing sense of expectancy can be noticed.

In their barracks, the soldiers talk among themselves, but there is tremendous security consciousness among them when they are outside camp.

Gov. Bricker Expects Some Wilkie Vote

Columbus, Ohio, April 6—(AP)—Governor John W. Bricker said today he did not know where Wendell Wilkie's strength might go now that the 1940 Republican presidential standard-bearer has removed himself from the 1944 race for nomination.

Newsman asked the only remaining candidate who is campaigning personally for the nomination whether it was not a natural assumption that he hoped to get "your share of that strength."

"Yes, of course," the governor replied.

Bricker returned early today from Pittsburgh, where he met last night, he said, with "fifty or sixty industrialists."

He was in that meeting when word of Wilkie's withdrawal was announced, and Bricker said in a brief statement that the move "comes as a surprise."

The withdrawal, Bricker said, would make no difference in his campaign plans. The three-term

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ECTC BOARD MEETS TO RETIRE MEADOWS

Raleigh, April 6—(AP)—Trustees of East Carolina Teachers College will meet here tomorrow primarily to consider a request of President Leon B. Meadows that he be retired August 31, the end of the school year.

Some of the trustees here said they believed the meeting would be closed, and that a sub-committee would be appointed to consider the selection of a successor to Meadows. Names thus far advanced here are those of June H. Ross, superintendent of the Greenville city schools, and Guy B. Phillips, of Chapel Hill, chairman of the planning commission of the North Carolina Education Association.

Three Dead, Five Missing In Blast At Naval Arsenal

Hastings, Neb., April 6—(AP)—An explosion at the naval ammunition depot early today killed three persons, and five others, missing are presumed to be dead. Captain D. F. Patterson, commanding officer at the depot, said.

The explosion occurred in a railroad box car. It set off another in a shed filled with mines and depth charges.

In addition, 35 people sustained injuries described as minor. Damage was estimated at \$50,000. Captain Patterson said. All the dead and injured were civilian depot employees living near here.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and not quite so cold tonight, with frost east and central portions.

Days Are Numbered For Odessa As Base For Axis In Russia

Blasts New Deal



NOVELIST Rose Wilder Lane has stopped writing well-paying fiction and has retired, with 600 pounds of pork and 800 jars of preserves, to a farm in Danbury, Conn.

Explaining her action, she says, "I don't see why I should work to support the Writers War Board, the OWI and all such New Deal piffle while men are dying and work's to be done." She called the income tax "the last straw." (International)

London, April 6—(AP)—General Rodion Y. Malinovsky's third Ukrainian army was reported closing in rapidly on Odessa from the east and north today, after severing the last major railway escape route to Rumania. For approximately 200,000 German and Rumanian troops assigned to the defense of the great Black Sea port.

Front dispatches indicated that the days of the beleaguered city were numbered, and that the Germans already were trying to escape the jaws of a Soviet pincer movement by fleeing across the Danube estuary twenty miles to the west into lower Bessarabia.

Moscow advisers said the Nazi line of retreat was being systematically attacked by the Red air force and that units of the Russian Black Sea fleet were standing offshore ready to join in the bombardment.

Malinovsky's command, probably formed the mid junction of Izdobilnaya, 20 miles northeast of Odessa, on the line from a through Transilvania to Rumania, then drove further east and south to capture numerous other towns and villages, a Soviet communiqué said.

It was from the east and northeast, however, that the greatest threat to Odessa appeared. Here Malinovsky's left wing surged forward along the Black Sea coast to capture Starove-Belivars, 18 miles from the port and Kubarinka, 14 miles to the northeast on the Odessa-Yasenskiy railway, the Russian communiqué declared.

In all, the third Ukrainian army swept up more than 150 towns and villages yesterday in its smashing drive down the south Russian steppe country.

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Japs Apply Pressure On Assam Line

Allies Inflicting Heavy Casualties On Enemy, However

New Delhi, India, April 6—(AP)—Japanese forces are continuing to exert pressure all along the Assam front north of Imphal, but Allied troops have inflicted casualties on the enemy in ambushes and down roads north and south of that Indian base, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced today.

In northern Burma, meanwhile, the announcement said, Chinese forces are driving the enemy steadily southward in the upper Mogaung valley and are advancing on the village of Wakaung.

The Indians also declared that 24 Japanese planes had been destroyed in an air commando attack against the Myingon airfield, in central Burma, Tuesday.

Fighter pilots who returned to base reported that the following day they had destroyed 10 Japanese fighters, which appeared to be almost entirely destroyed by fire as a result of the six-minute raid.

In the Assam offensive the Japanese have seized 15 miles of the Imphal Khyoma highway and are threatening to gain 20 miles away

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Bombers Hit "Invasion" Coast Hard

London, April 6—(AP)—U. S. Lt. General H. H. "Hap" Arnold today blasted the "invasion coast" of France, striking the Pas de Calais area for the second consecutive day under escort of Thunderbolt fighter planes.

All headquarters said no aircraft were lost on the operation, which encountered only meager flak and no aerial opposition. A few hours earlier RAF bombers, flying for the first time in a week, returned from

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40 Enemy Planes Downed In Ploesti Oil Bombing

AP (The Associated Press) April 6—(AP)—A major enemy bomber force was destroyed today in a surprise attack on Ploesti, Rumania, Germany's main source of oil. A first headquarters announcement today.

The main target on this raid were rail yards choked with tank cars. Bombs were showered over tanks, rolling stock and adjacent buildings, causing many fires and explosions, an announcement said. Adjacent oil refineries were also hit.

Smaller formations of Flying Fortresses and Liberators attacked railroads at Nis and Leskovac in Yugoslavia as the Allies pursued a relentless campaign against German communications in the Balkans in

coordination with the Russian land advance.

While the heavy bombers were thus occupied on distant targets, medium and fighter bombers continued their campaign against German communications in Italy.

Air Marshal Sir John C. Slessor, deputy commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean Allied air forces, discussing the importance of the air campaign in the Balkans, said the Ploesti oil fields were vital to the Germans "on anything like a long term basis."

These fields, Slessor said, are one of the most important Balkan targets, and if they can be knocked out and kept knocked out the effect on the outcome of the war may be very great, for they are Germany's big source of natural petroleum.