

Pe Facing Worst Food Short In Years

AMERICAN officials have been advised in confidence from abroad that the country will be less able to feed its population in the first year of liberation than at any time during the war.

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At Fort Knox



PRIVATE ROBERT L. BROWN, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. He entered the service on January 22 of this year and was inducted at Camp Croft. Prior to entering the army he was engaged in farming in this county.



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GERMANS CAPTURED AT NUREMBERG



THESE TWO GERMAN SOLDIERS sit and await removal to a P.O.W. camp after the city of Nuremberg, Germany, was taken by American troops. One of them, a mere youth, suffered a bad wound in the head and jaw. Very little sympathy shows on the face of the old German woman looking on. Note the American guard at the extreme left. (International)

longer already have been consumed or got out of the reach of rationing authorities.

In many cities of liberated areas, civilian consumers are said to be getting food with an energy value of less than 1,500 calories a day. Americans, by comparison, consumed at an average rate of more than 3,000 calories in 1944.

The reports say that 1945 production will be affected adversely by a number of factors. In the first place, bad weather last fall held plantings of fall-sown crops, such as winter wheat and rye, considerably below the previous year.

In the second place, thousands of farmers in areas involved in the fighting have abandoned their lands in search of safety. Many of these will not get back in time to do much planting.

In The Netherlands, livestock and crop production is said to have been disrupted by German destruction of sea dikes, which permitted the flooding of thousands of acres.

Reports state that production prospects in the Danube basin—a major European wheat basket—have been upset by government programs of confiscation and redistribution of land.

The reports say that virtually every country will need supplementary supplies from overseas if conditions of hunger and malnutrition are to be improved.

Germany's own outlook is darkened not only by prospects of a sharp decline in total production, but by the fact that it has been divided into zones to be occupied by the United States, Great Britain, Russia and France.

Zones to be occupied by Great Britain and the United States are in northwestern and southern Germany—which are food-deficit areas. Surplus producing areas of the east will be occupied by Russia. Undoubtedly, Russia will claim any surpluses of this territory for her own use.

The reports estimate that the American and British zones will be able to produce no more than a per capita average of about 1,200 calories a day, hardly sufficient to maintain an adult in physical condition to do any work or fight off disease.

France is said to be hampered by a shortage of farm labor, fertilizer, horses or other motive power and other agricultural supplies.

The reports say that food production will be hampered also by a shortage of processing facilities, such as flour mills, beet sugar plants and canning factories. Many of these plants were destroyed by the aerial bombing and land fighting.

Production in southern Italy will be adversely affected, the reports say, by tendency of great landowners to devote more of their land to pasture than to food crops.

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Newspaperman Is Heard On 'Frisco' Security Meeting

Asheville Editor Heard At Weekly Meeting of Rotary Club On Conference.

Quite conceivably, the next war could begin with little or no warning. Don C. Shoemaker, associate editor of The Asheville Citizens, said in a talk to the Rotary club here Friday. His topic was "The San Francisco Conference."

"It is well within the bound of reason that the next aggressor, seeking to assure victory, would make lightning war first upon the United States, employing the new weapons which science has procured to satisfy the war of lust of nations," he continued.

Mr. Shoemaker said there is a great deal of public misinformation and confusion about the San Francisco conference. "It is confined solely to forming a world league, to forming an economic council as machinery to adjust later developments in this field, a statute for a world court, trustee plan for colonies and mandates of enemy nations."

"The more vital issues of the conference are: Voting—whether one of the Big Five should have power to prevent the Security Council from taking jurisdiction and recommending a peaceful solution; ability of the regional agencies to act ahead of the council—what of the Monroe Doctrine? power to review peace settlements, trusteeships—what to do with former German, Japanese and Italian colonies or mandates; middle powers authority—Canada, Sweden, Brazil, Netherlands; and should acts of aggression be defined?"

"I think we are trying to rebuild, mindful of some past mistakes. To agree to agree is our only hope, for if the powers fail, then any system will be useless and we will have war. This is merely the beginning in the newest quest for peace—we must end war."

Forty-Nine Men Reclassified; Only 4 In 1-A

Forty-nine reclassifications were made by the local draft board during the past week, according to the clerk of the board.

Placed in class 1-A were: Troy Charles Boyd, Carroll James Morrow, James Earl Smith, and Jessie Grooms.

Placed in class 1-C (inducted) were: William F. Green, Claude Hogden, Earl R. Franklin, and Emmett Wilburn.

Placed in class 1-A (discharged) were: Jack L. Biddle and Fred L. Moody.

Placed in class 2-A were: Sherman Harris, James Robert Davis and Lloyd Newton Trull.

Placed in class 2-B (F) were: Charlie A. Smith and Norman W. Cagle.

Placed in class 4-A were: Herman Rathbone, Columbus Wright, Glenn T. Beasley, Guy V. Fulbright and Lawrence Hooper.

Placed in class 4-D were: Fred Inman, Ambrose F. Rohrbacher, Dock D. Russell, and Horace G. Hammett.

Continued in class 2-A were: Kenneth C. Miller, Herbert C. Price, William C. Russ, and Robert T. Yarborough.

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Cpl. Robert M. Hawkins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hawkins, of Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1, is now a member of Squadron S at MacDill Field, Tampa Fla. where he is undergoing combat crew training as a gunner on a B-29.

Cpl. Hawkins was a former aircraft engine inspector with the U. S. Civil Service, Brookley Field.

Max C. Witt, Dove Cagle and Wayne L. Hyatt

Continued in class 2-B were: John R. Stovall, Charlie C. Rush, Sam W. Milner, Zeb Clark, Wayne D. Moore, Thad L. Sutton, and John A. Whitaker.

Continued in class 2-B (F) was: Jesse G. Mauck.

Continued in class 2-C were: Erasto Grasty, Benjamin R. Sisk, Queen D. Kent, Elmer Gillett, Robert T. Boyd, Lee J. Caldwell, Johnnie L. Hill and Vinson Smith.

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