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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS
Allied Drives Menace Reported
Nazi Plans for Mountain Stand;
Less Meat, Lower Prices for U.S.

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Deciding to move from town in path of General Patton's sweep into Saar only after it was bombarded, these German women pull cart with belongings along road in search of new homes.

EUROPE: Fleeting Hope
Faced with the preponderant might of the U. S. and British on the west and the Russians on the east, desperate Nazis were preparing for a final last stand in the mountain mass in southern Germany. Reported both by reliable military and political sources, the Nazi plans call for the retirement of the cream of the Wehrmacht to the forested ranges in Thuringia, where they would then be expected to hole up in strongly fortified positions for heavy defensive fighting. Object of such a plan, it was said, would be to inflict heavy losses upon attacking Allies, and also increase the internal chaos in Germany proper to such an extent that the U. S. and Britain would consider an armistice to permit the restoration of order in the Reich.

Plan Hobbled
If, indeed, such is the Nazis' plan, Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' drive to the east bank of the Rhine at Remagen seriously jeopardizes it, since his last army has steadily built up strength in that sector to thrust eastward across the waist of Germany and thus prevent any general German withdrawal southward to the mountain mass. At the same time, the Russians have exerted strong pressure against the eastern entrance to the mountain mass.



Supreme Allied Commander Eisenhower (center) confers with Field Marshal Montgomery (left) and Lt. Gen. Bradley.

MEAT
On the home front, recent government regulations spelled less meat for civilians, on one hand, and a tighter control over retail clothing, furniture and home furnishings prices, on the other. Following President Roosevelt's statement that Americans must pull their belts to help feed hungry Europeans, the War Food Administration announced a 12 per cent slash in civilian meat supplies for April, May and June, bringing consumption down from the prevailing rate of 130 pounds per year to 115 pounds. At 115 pounds, the level would be about 10 pounds below the 1935-'39 average.

FINLAND: Swing to Left
With Moscow closely watching the election to observe the extent to which Finland might veer to the left and shy from rightist elements which supported the German alliance, the Communist Democratic People's Union won approximately 50 seats in the 200 member parliament.

U. S. EMPLOYMENT: At High
Though total employment including government workers and armed service personnel reached an all-time high of 63,072,000 in 1944, civilian employment alone dropped more than a million to approximately 52,000,000, the National Industrial Conference board reported.

POSTWAR BEEFSTEAK MAKES MOUTH WATER
As the scientists picture it, that postwar steak will be tender, juicy and flavorful. Its fat will be creamy rather than pure white and will be distributed or "marbled" through the lean, rather than concentrated in an outside layer. The color of the lean will incline toward cherry red. Cuts will have less bone in proportion to meat.

TYNDALL FUNERAL HOME
IN MOUNT OLIVE
Dr. H. W. Colwell
OPHTHOMOLOGIST
Eyes Examined, Glasses Fitted.

DRAFT: Policy Change
More men over 30 faced the draft following the announcement of the government's decision to defer some 145,000 young men under that age in the steel, coal mining, non-ferrous mining, synthetic rubber and transportation industries to avert serious manpower shortages in those fields.

MIDNIGHT CURFEW: LaGuardia Balks
Said Mayor Albert W. Glynn of Haverill, Mass.: "The government is not going to make fish of New York and honor of Haverill." His honor was referring to New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia's defiance of the government's midnight closing order of amusement centers, and War Mobilization Director Byrnes' admission that the government could not step in to enforce the curfew because of a lack of police.

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Improved Uniform International LESSON

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Lesson for April 1
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THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 27:42-50. GOLDEN TEXT—Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.—Hebrews 12:1, 2

Christianity is a resurrection faith! How good it is to recall that in this troubled year of 1945, even as we share once more the spiritual inspiration of Easter Sunday.

Today we recall that the loving hands of His friends and followers had given themselves in what they thought was to be their final act of devotion to their Lord. His body had been tenderly laid in Joseph's tomb and the great stone rolled in place at its door.

But even as some were kind and loving, there were others who were so relentless in their hatred that they pursued Christ even beyond the grave.

I. The Hatred of Christ's Enemies (27:42-50)

We sometimes wonder at the bitterness of the enemies of Christianity in our day. Had we given more earnest heed to the Bible story we should have known that it was so from the very beginning.

The wicked men who brought about the crucifixion of Jesus were not content to let Him rest in His grave. They had lusted after His life and they had taken that, and even as He lay silent in the tomb, the priests and the Pharisees came to Pilate and called Him "that deceiver" (v. 63) and demanded a special guard.

They feared that His disciples would perpetrate a fraud, and after stealing the body declare that He was risen. Wicked and deceitful hearts can imagine all sorts of treachery on the part of others.

The hatred of unbelievers toward Christ and toward His followers knows no stopping place. In civilized lands and among cultured people it operates under a cloak of respectability, but it is nonetheless bitter and relentless in its pursuit of Him and of His church.

II. The Victory of Christ (28:1-9)

Victory and praise should be the keynote of Christianity. Why should we be doleful and sad? Our Lord has come back victorious from the grave! We may be glad and sing even in the midst of earth's sorrows and distresses. Let praise be the employ of our lips constantly as we worship Him and work for Him.

The picture that greeted the surprised eyes of the two women as they came to the grave, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, was one resplendent with the glory and majesty of God. The earth quaked as the lightning flashed. The angel of the Lord broke through the supposedly unbreakable seal of Rome and rolled back the stone which was to have permanently closed the door to the tomb.

This was done, not to release Christ—for He had already gone, no grave could hold Him—but that men might see the empty grave and know that He was risen. Other religions keep the graves of their founders. Christianity points to an empty tomb.

To the foes of Christ represented by the keepers, the coming of the angel and the revelation of the power of God brought absolute discomfiture. That is still true. Men will argue with theology, church methods, even Christian profession, but when they see the power of God revealed, they can only be "as dead men."

To the friends of Christ, the angel brought comfort and assurance. Their fears were assuaged by his word of comfort, and then their faith was revived by the assurance that Christ was risen. The resurrection declares that He is the Son of God with power, the Saviour of the world.

III. The Joy of Christ's Disciples (28:7-9)

The followers of Christ had their share of fear and unbelief, but it was quickly overcome by joy and assurance as they knew that their Lord was risen.

The note of great joy is highly appropriate on Easter Sunday, but just as proper on every Sunday—yes, every day of the Christian's life. He is risen from the dead! That settles all questions about His deity, His power, His salvation. It meets the problems of our lives with an unflinching word of confidence and joy.

Be sure to note that such good news must not be kept to ourselves. We should emulate the zeal of the disciples, who "departed quickly" to make it known to their families and friends. The story of the sinuous Saviour is still unknown to many thousands—possibly we should say millions. Let someone depart quickly to tell them of Jesus. And don't forget to ask yourself, "Should that someone be me?"

Jesus met them on the way with a greeting of peace. He loves to do in each of the three cases. Try to make plans justify four workers where three work now. Nobody can plan for you. Nobody knows your business like you do. When war ends, every man should have quick access to his own health-care thinking, and be ready to welcome peace. It is an idea for small business, but small firms usually employ 25% of America's workers.

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RATIONING GUIDE

(NOTE: The Raleigh District Office of Food Administration compiles this thumbnail ration guide from official sources each week for the Duplin Times as a public service feature.)

RATION CALENDAR FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 24th.

PROCESSED FOODS: Blue X5, Y5, Z5, A2, E2, F2, and G2, expire April 28, H2, J2, K2, L2, N2, O2, P2, Q2, R2, S2, became valid March 1st.

MEATS & FATS: Red Q5, R5, S5, expire March 31. T5, U5, V5, W5, and X5, expire April 28. Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, became valid March 4th.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 35 expires June 2nd.

SHOES: Airplane stamps No. 1, and No 2 and 3 now valid.

FUEL OIL: Period 4 and 5 coupons from last season and 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 coupons for current season now valid at 10 gallons each in North Carolina.

GASOLINE: A-14 coupons valid through March 21. Rationing rules now require that each owner write his 1945 license number and state on each coupon in his possession as soon as it is issued by his local rationing board.

POINT VALUES

No. 2 cans of Spinach, green or wax Beans, and Asparagus are 10 points. No. 2 cans Corn and Peas are 20 points. Butter now 24 points.

LOOKING AHEAD GEORGE S. BENSON

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Observation makes me believe that the magnitude of many world problems, currently discussed in print and on the air, creates a mental hazard. Utter bigness causes people to turn their thoughts away from facts that concern them vitally.

I have heard several intelligent people recently talk as if postwar planning might be something outside of their world; a job for some mysterious committee of mental giants or supernatural beings. Actually, only a small part of postwar planning needs to be central planning. It is a job for us all and the sooner we start it the more promptly prosperity will follow peace.

People who imagine they see ghosts are harmed as much by them as if they really existed. People who get alarmed at a big undertaking and run away from their part of it, are in much the same class. Planning is for everybody with a job, every firm with a business, every family with a farm. Things are going to be different soon, and we will need to be ready.

Spectres of unemployment shaped in the smoke of war are scary enough to frighten even the wizard statisticians who know how to tame wild figures. That street corner estimate: "20 million without jobs," is probably 25% high. America has 40 million people working now at jobs they can keep after the war. After the war, however, 55 million will have to work if the nation prospers.

The difference is 15 million. This many will come from our armed forces and from war baby industries; too many to be idle. Fewer job hunters than that made 1932 a very bad year. But (not counting the jobs that will die with the war) our industries are using 40 million people now and should use 55 million in peacetime. It does not divide evenly, but call it a gain of one man in four.

Intelligent Guessing
Men who won the war, men from uniform and men from munition plants, are returning to peacetime pursuits and we must have work for them. Anybody can plan on a one-man scale. The first step is for each of us in his own shop or office to figure out about three things that might happen in his business when peace comes. Then line up these "could be" postwar changes in 1-2-3 order, the most likely one first.

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