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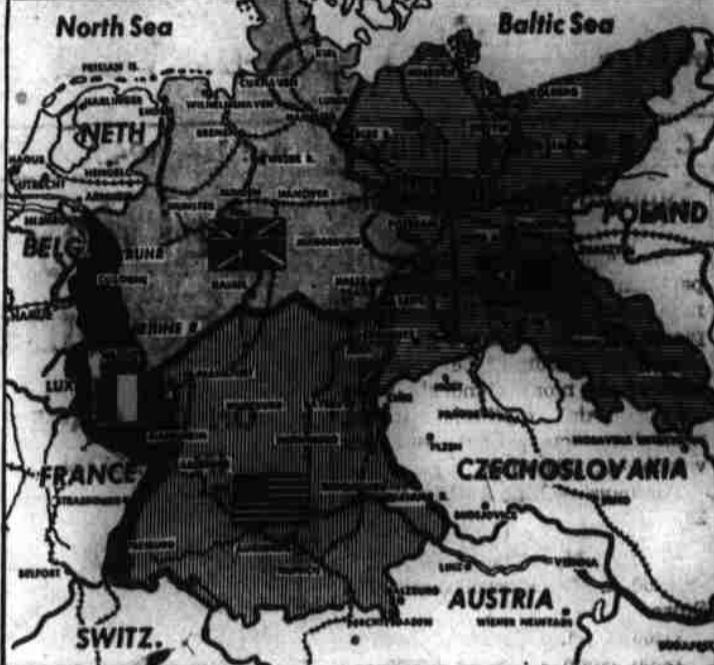
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS Truman Warns Japs to Quit as U.S. Shifts Weight to Pacific; More Civilian Goods to Come

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Flags identify Allied forces occupying German territory in accordance with postwar plans. In addition to Russia taking over the east, the British the northwest, and the Americans the south, the French reportedly are to occupy the Rhineland.

ONE FRONT: Speedy Shift

Despite persistent reports of Jap peace feelers, America is going full speed ahead for an all-out war in the Pacific following Germany's unconditional surrender...

More Goods

Though war production will continue to dominate U. S. industry until the Japs quit, civilian output should increase in proportion to the volume of material and manpower freed from army cutbacks...

Way Out

Reading the handwriting on the wall even while Germany was still hanging on the ropes, Jap businessmen, seeing their industries being reduced to rubble even before the U. S. could throw her full weight into the fray...

How Discharge Plan Works

Over 100,000 men a month are to be discharged under the army's separation system based on vet's credit of 85 points...

Map Movements

Including some 1,000,000 troops with extended combat records, who are to be released along with the wounded and overaged, the army will bring 845,000 men home in the first quarter after V-E day...

Allied Terms

Having vanquished Germany, the Allies showed no disposition to soften up in the imposition of terms, with extended military occupation aimed at a close supervision of industry, finance and government to prevent a rebirth of militarism...

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

United States stocks of corn, oats and barley on farms, at terminal markets, and government-owned on April 1 totaled 47,700,000 tons, about 19 per cent more than a year earlier and almost as large as the average for the five preceding years...

POSTWAR SECURITY: Regional Plans

Against protests that such arrangements would narrow the activities of a general security organization and eventually displace it, South American nations pushed for recognition of regional defense systems at the San Francisco conference.

Based on the Act of Chapultepec drawn at the recent Pan-American convention in Mexico City, the South American proposal envisions the use of force to suppress aggression against any of the Latin republics without awaiting the official sanction of the international security organization...

Discussion of the regional security proposal came as the U. S. and Britain tried to reconcile their differing views on postwar trusteeships over conquered territories after the war, with this country standing for exclusive use of military bases upon strategic islands and the British insisting upon control subject to the security organization.

Meanwhile, sentiment in congress grew for unentered U. S. use of any postwar bases in the Pacific vital to defense in the area. Since this country primarily will be responsible for keeping the peace in the Pacific, Senator Byrd (Va.) declared it should not be subject to supervision by any other nation or group.

SUGAR: New Problem

Latest of the food problems confronting the nation is sugar, with reports that the 1945 Cuban crop will fall 700,000 tons short of the 1944 harvest, pointing up the tight supply expected to persist throughout the year.

The report of the smaller Cuban crop came in the midst of the house food committee's investigation of the sugar situation, with evidence indicating that manpower shortages, importation of twelve million short tons of foods will be necessary to improve living conditions in liberated nations and to prevent starvation in enemy territory in Continental Europe this year...

Supreme Court: Award Miners

Drawn after laborious parley between companies and union representatives, the new soft coal contract was closed by a Supreme court decision holding that miners were entitled to pay for full underground travel time under the wages-and-hours law.

WAR COSTS: High Toll

With the war half-won, U. S. casualties total over 500,000 and military expenditures \$77,000,000,000. Late reports showed 747,104 casualties in the European theater, with the army reporting 497,488 dead, 467,400 wounded, 48,974 missing and 82,990 prisoners; the navy 6,415 dead, 8,612 wounded, 504 missing and 29 prisoners; and the marine corps 34 dead, 17 missing, 1 wounded and 3 prisoners.

PUBLIC WELFARE

Steps were taken by more than a dozen states this year to increase old age assistance payments and aid to dependent children. Aged persons in "new" states may receive \$10 monthly under legislative action...

Approved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for June 3

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BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS LESSON TEXT—Malachi 3:1-3, 18, 17; Luke 1:18, 21, 27, 31; Galatians 4:4, 5. GOLDEN TEXT—I am the way, the truth, and the life.—John 14:6.

Four hundred silent years—such is the period between the Old and the New Testaments. There was no voice from God during those years, and spiritual darkness prevailed largely in the land. But there were those who kept their lamp of faith in God rightly shining even in the darkness.

The political history of Israel during this time is partially known from secular sources. Palestine was successively under the rule of the Gentile powers until at the time of Jesus' birth they were under Roman domination.

Spiritually that age may well be described by the words used in II Timothy 3:5, "having the form of godliness but denying the power thereof," referring to the last days. There is much here that fits our day's decadent churchliness.

Although they had reached the state of spiritual pride and self-sufficiency where they talked back to God (see the "whereins" of 1:6, 7; 2:14, 17, etc.) Israel still talked about looking for the Lord to come. They knew from their prophets that He would one day come to judge their enemies, and they longed for that day; but they failed to see that it would be a day of judgment for them (vv. 2, 3).

How much like those of our day who like to talk about the love of God. His mercy and His long-suffering, but who minimize or forget that He hates sin and demands holiness of life from His people.

The forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist, is in mind in verse 1, but the "messenger of the covenant" is doubtless the "angel of Jehovah," one of the Old Testament names for our Lord Jesus (see John 8:56). Christ is coming! Such is the message to Israel, and He will come as a refiner's fire. Christ has come! That is our message to men now, and He has come as a divider of men, a cleanser and refiner of hearts; that we, too, may be ready for that day of judgment which is to come when He appears again in all His glory.

II. Living for the Lord (Mal. 3:16, 17).

When others forgot or misrepresented the Lord, when they were content with a formal worship without the power of godly living, there were a faithful group who "spoke one to another" about the Lord. How exceedingly precious!

Notice that the Lord "hearkened and heard." He knows when His people so much as talk to one another about Him, and He notes it in His book of remembrance. When men are forgetting Him, He is remembering those who are true to Him. They are His precious jewels!

How vitally important Christian fellowship is in a dark and troubled day. Do not miss the joy and strength which will come into your life as you join others in God's house to speak of Him and to think "on His name." He may be all we have (that was true in Israel), but He is always and eternally enough.

III. Light from the Lord (Luke 1:68, 72, 77, 78).

The silence of the 400 years was broken, and the spiritual darkness which beclouded the land was pushed back. God, who had in the past spoken through the prophets, now spoke through the coming of His Son (Heb. 1:1-3). Being the Light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5), He shone forth with the "brightness of His glory."

Little wonder that godly Zacharias, the father of the forerunner John, sings, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people" (v. 68).

He of whom all the prophets give witness, to whom every one of the sacrifices pointed forward, the Saviour and Redeemer, has come to show forth God's mercy and to give, not only to Israel, but to all men, "the knowledge of salvation" and the remission of their sins.

The "dayspring" is at hand; a Light has shined forth into the darkness of men's hearts. Jesus the Christ, the Saviour, has come!

IV. Liberty in the Lord (Gal. 4: 4, 5).

Men who had been servants under the law became sons of God in Jesus Christ. Redemption sets a person free from the bondage of the law and brings him into the family of God as His child (Rom. 8:14-17).

How does one become a child of God? By accepting God's only way of cleansing from sin (Heb. 9:11-14, 22)—the shed blood of Christ. Believing in Him and making confession of Him before the world (Rom. 10:9, 10), we are saved and have the right to call ourselves the sons of God (John 1:12, 13).

That blessed liberty in Christ is for you who read these lines, if you will but turn to Christ now! Will you do it?

RATIONING GUIDE

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

RATION CALENDAR

PROCESSED FOODS: H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, expire June 2. N2, P2, Q2, R2, S2, expire June 30.

MEATS & FATS: Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, D2, expire on June 2. E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, expire on June 30.

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-15 coupons valid through June 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.

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Bryan C. Bryant, USMM, has arrived at an American seaport after being repatriated from an overseas area by the War Shipping Administration. His home is at Pink Hill, N. C.

TOKYO RADIO-TALK

The Tokyo radio tells the people of Japan that they have nothing to worry about "so long as we maintain our correct composure." This may be good advice, but it is going to be difficult for the Japanese people to maintain "correct composure" with the United States Air Force dropping bombs all over Japan.

It is interesting to note that the broadcast says that Japan started the war "on her own accord for her own reasons" and not with the idea that "Germany would take sides with us." There seems to be no reason to argue about this statement.

When the enemy radio talks about action "to avenge fallen Germany," it is spouting nonsense. None of the Japanese have any interest in the fate of Germany, except so far as the collapse of the Nazis permit additional strength to be thrown against them. Moreover, the prospect is that the Japanese will be so busy fighting for their own lives that they will not have much time to think about Germany.

SUPPLIES FOR CHINA

Announcement that American service troops, together with transport vehicles, have been transferred from the Persian Gulf area into China reminds us that many experts believe that the bulk of Japan's army is in China and Manchuria and, therefore, the primary purpose of our operations in the Far East should be the destruction of this fighting force.

Other experts advocate a direct invasion of the Japanese islands, believing that the capture or destruction of industrial facilities and the armed occupation of the home islands would end the war. Both schools of thought express the opinion that the Chinese Army properly reinforced and supplied, could take care of the Japanese on the mainland.

The service units transferred from the Persian area represented some of the force built up in that section to speed supplies to Soviet Russia. When the Dardanelles were opened to traffic and Russian ports became available, the main purpose of the Persian operation was ended and the transfer of personnel and equipment to China was logical.

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Darling I Am Thinking Of You

Darling I am Thinking of you tonight as the dim shadows fall. As the beautiful moon shines through the trees, I can almost hear you call. I wonder if you are thinking of me and of the nights long ago, when we watched the moon together and felt the warm breeze blow.

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