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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Jap War at Pre-invasion Stage; Senate Acts on Global Pacts As Big Three Map Postwar World

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With block upon block of their once proud city in ruin, German women join men in clearing debris from Berlin.

PACIFIC: New Stage

As U. S. warships prowled along the Japanese coastline to lob 2,700 pound shells into industrial installations on shore, and British carrier units joined up with the Americans to send naval planes against the enemy homeland, Adm. Chester Nimitz declared that the Allied attacks opened the pre-invasion stage of the Pacific war.

Tightening of the blockade around the Nipponese islands to prevent receipt of raw material from outlying territories, and destruction of industrial facilities for producing military goods, are the objectives of the new phase of operations, Nimitz said.

Appearance of the British units heightened the tempo of the attacks on Japan proper, with one of their carriers, one battleship, two cruisers and five destroyers announced in action, and indications that others were participating. As the U. S. and British carrier planes conducted pin-point sweeps over Nippon, shipping and ferry facilities linking the coal producing island of Hokkaido with Honshu were hammered by American naval batteries and steel mills on Honshu were heavily hit.

GLOBAL PACTS: Senate Acts

While it was commonly reported that Stalin had brought Japanese terms to the conference, reliable American sources declared that President Truman presented U. S. conditions for surrender, drawn up by the state, war and navy departments.

According to the report, U. S. terms include surrender of all air, naval and military equipment; dismantlement of Japanese forces; evacuation of Manchuria, Korea and Formosa and other territory outside the enemy home islands; abolition of all war factories; supervision over ship building, industry and port facilities, and prosecution of all war criminals.

Implication of the terms was that an Allied occupation force would be necessary to carry out the fulfillment of the conditions and prevent the re-establishment of the influence of the Japanese military officials in the government.

Previously passed by the house without major opposition, the Bretton Woods monetary agreements ran into stiff opposition in the senate, with Taft (Rep., Ohio) leading the fight.

Under such dealings, it was charged, corn is offered with the understanding that barley and other grains will be taken above market prices. At the same time, OPA revealed it would look into reports that interests performing no marketing function were marking up corn prices over ceilings.

Announcement of OPA action came as traders predicted little corn would be available for delivery on July contracts and marketings were below requirements of wet processors. Along with corn, rye stocks tightened, the visible supply in the U. S. declining to 5,000,000 bushels in mid-July compared to 10,000,000 a year ago.

BRAZIL: Brazil's recent regrouping of her states and territories into five new regional combinations directs attention to the outstanding bigness of this "good neighbor" to the south.

Largest republic in the Western hemisphere, the United States of Brazil spreads over more than 3,276,000 square miles, nearly half the area of all South America. It would overlap the North American Republic of the United States with almost enough land to spare to make another Texas.

CHANGE MEETING DATE: The Food Panel Board has been meeting on Tuesday evening. This meeting has been changed to Monday night of each week at the same time.

RAIL RATES: Protest Revision

Declaring that the Interstate Commerce Commission's order increasing railroad class freight rates 10 per cent in the East and reducing them a like amount in the South and West was unsupported by evidence that previous tariffs were unequal and unlawful, 10 northeastern states petitioned the ICC to reconsider its action.

Applying only to so-called class rates on articles on which volume is not sufficient to command a commodity tariff, the new rates effective August 30 are designed to eliminate freight differences working to the advantage of the highly industrialized East. Only 10 per cent of all freight moves under class rates, however, and southern interests seeking parity declare that the ICC's action is but the first step in an equalization program.

While the 10 northeastern states fought the revision of class rates, five southwestern states declared it would result in "non-discriminatory, non-preferential and non-prejudicial" tariffs. The states requested minor alterations to the order.

REDEPLOYMENT: New Workers

In Berlin for the Big Three conference, Pres. Harry S. Truman called upon available civilian workers in the U. S. to fill 65,000 railroad jobs to help speed the redeployment of troops and material to the Pacific and assure an early end to the Japanese war.

Though the army has furnished 4,000 experienced railroad men to relieve the crisis, they represent but a fraction of the carriers' needs, the President said. Most urgent need is for 12,000 skilled workers such as trainmen, electricians, carpenters and signalmen.

Meanwhile, the war manpower commission granted 17 western railroads top priority in the inter-regional recruitment of workers.

Frauleins Reserved

Despite the army's setup against association with German civilians, G.I.s are not being swamped by curvaceous frauleins. Children continue to cluster around friendly Yanks, however, and play up for a share of their rations.

Having swept the mademoiselles of their feet in France and Belgium, the G.I.s have found the German belles less sluttish. For one thing, return of many German soldiers has provided the more comely wives with escorts, while the open hostility of civilians toward women fraternizing with the Americans in certain sections also has tended to restrict relations.

MEAT STORAGE: Supplies Up

Despite the fact that the 635,908,000 pounds of meat supplies in cold storage on July 1 were at the highest level since last September, civilians were not expected to benefit because a large percentage of the stocks are earmarked for the army.

Supplies of other foods were spotty, with butter holdings abnormally heavy and stocks of frozen and shell eggs up, while dried egg and poultry inventories were down. Beef registered the largest gain in meat supplies, standing at 261,373,000 pounds, with pork also showing an increase at 239,524,000 pounds. Lamb and mutton stocks were up to 17,903,000 pounds and lard 62,430,000 pounds.

REPARATIONS: Allied Plan

German payment of reparations from available resources to avoid the rebuilding of the reich's economy to meet foreign claims, was the case following World War I, was recommended by the Allied reparations committee sitting in Moscow.

Following the pattern of the U. S. plan, the commission's proposal calls for the distribution of potential German war-making equipment to claimant countries, and German production of reparations material from existing facilities. No funds would be advanced for reconstruction of transport or industry that could be integrated into a military economy.

In line with its plan, the commission also declared that claims against Germany should be taken from the country's existing wealth, such as stocks, foreign investments, machines and supplies.

Capital Notebook

Recently named as federal loan chief, banker John W. Snyder, 45, of St. Louis was named to succeed Fred M. Vinson as director of war mobilization and reconversion.

Former congressman, judge and director of economic stabilization, war mobilization and federal loan administration, Vinson in turn was nominated to fill the shoes of Henry Morgenthau as secretary of the treasury.

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Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for July 29

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GOD'S PROMISE OF A NATION

GENESIS TEXT—Genesis 17:1-10. GOLDEN TEXT—I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee.—Genesis 17:7.

God keeps His promises. It may have appeared that God had forgotten, but He had not, and in our lesson we find Him ready to fulfill His promise.

We need to learn the lesson of patience, of awaiting God's time for the carrying out of His purpose. He is not in any hurry, but He always arrives on time. If we travel life's way with Him, all will be well.

Abram found the fullness of God's blessing because he sought His will for life and service. We find him 1. Walking in God's Pledge (vv. 1, 2).

The place of blessing is not in some cluttered refuge where the circumstances of life and its problems cannot disturb us. It is in the daily walk with God, in the home, the office, the shop.

What is God's plan for the life of the believer? Just what He told Abram: "Be thou perfect." Nothing less will do. For He is a perfect God. His law is perfect (Ps. 19:7). He requires a perfect obedience to the perfect law (James 2:10). This was His standard for Abram, and it can be no less for us.

How shall we attain to it? Only in Christ can we meet and fulfill God's plan of perfection.

That means that as followers of the Lord we are to seek His power for the outworking of His grace in our lives. We are not to be content with a Christian life on a low standard or lacking any of the graces which God can give us.

We, too, must recognize that if God is to give us His full measure of blessing, we must walk in accord with His will, walking in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). Much of the failure and impotence of present day spiritual life is explained by the willingness of Christians to live imperfect lives.

II. Talking of God's Purpose (vv. 3-8). Abram fell on his face in adoration and worship. In reverence and humility, he put himself in the place of subjection and service.

What happened? "God talked with him" (v. 3). This man was ready for a holy conversation with the Lord. His attitude of body was only the outward expression of an attitude of heart which was right. So God and he talked about the purpose of the Lord for Abram's life.

He had been Abram, which means, "exalted father," that is, of a family or a tribe; now he became Abraham, "the father of a multitude."

This is the first of many instances in Scripture where a name was changed by God to mark an important event, or a change of heart. For example, Jacob "the supplanter" became Israel, "a prince with God" (Gen. 32:28); Simon became Peter, "a rock" (Matt. 16:17, 18).

The letter to the church at Pergamos speaks of the one who overcomes in Christ's name as having a new name written which no man knows save he that receives it (Rev. 2:17). The believer on Christ is a changed man, a new creature, whether his name be changed or not. God wants to change men—has He changed you?

The promise is renewed to Abraham. It was to his "seed," that is, his descendants. He took the blessing from God's hand, accepting things that as yet were not, as though they were. God is able to make them come to pass (cf. Rom. 4:16-18).

III. Trusting God's Promise (vv. 9, 10). Down through the ages every man in the great host to descend from Abraham was to bear the outward token that he belonged to the covenant people. This was to be a symbol of and to lead the recipient into that attitude of heart which would bring outward rite into fulfillment as an inward reality.

Observe that after Abraham, it was always the parent who thus brought the son into the covenant. This speaks of the parental responsibility to bring the little children to the Lord, and it also gives us the precious assurance that God is interested in the children and ready to receive them at the hands of parents, taking them into His own tender care.

Thus down through the generations, Israel was to show their faith in God, their assurance that He would keep His promises to them, and their consequent eagerness that their families should be counted into the covenant with God.

Christ is ready and eager to undertake for our children. His grace is sufficient, not only for us, but also for those who come after us. His promise is to our "children's children" (Ps. 103:17, 18), "of such as keep His covenant." Let us trust Him, and put ourselves and our children in that place of obedience where He may bless us and them.

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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: N2, P2, Q2, R2, S2, expire June 30. T2, U2, V2, W2, X2, expire July 31.

MEATS & FATS: E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, expire on June 30. K2, L2, M2, N2, P2, expire on July 31. Q2, R2, S2, T2, U2, expire on August 31. V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2, expire on Sept. 30.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 36 expires Aug. 31.

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.

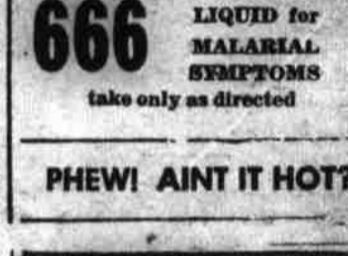
GASOLINE: A-15 coupons valid through June 21. Rationing rules now require that each owner write his 1945 license number and state on each coupon in his possession as soon as it is issued by his local rationing board.

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MEANS REVOLUTION

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THE SWORD MUST FAIL

There is a lot of eye-wash in the current discussion of the "unconditional surrender" policy of the United States in regards to the war against Japan.

The war was brought about by Japanese militarism, espousing the principle that the sword could rule supreme. The essence of our present policy is that those who took to the sword shall renounce it.

The Japanese militarists set out to dominate the Far East by brute force, convinced that, if they failed, they could establish such force that the western world would negotiate a peace. Every line of propaganda that issues from Tokyo about the great cost defeating Japan, etc., evidences the faith of the militarists that the sword will yet buy terms.

Faced with this fanaticism, this faith in the power of arms, it is essential that the present conflict absolutely break it, once and for all. The only way this can be accomplished, as we see it, is to compel the rabid militarists of Japan to acknowledge the impotence of their weapons by abject and absolute surrender.

It may be that it will cost more

American lives, during the present war, to implement the "unconditional surrender" policy but we do not believe, for a single moment, that it will cost more American lives, in the long run. This is another way of saying that by winning a conclusive victory now we will probably avoid the necessity of fighting another war.

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