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That Food Production In Canada Has Increased 150 Percent Over Pre-War Levels

The Canadian farmer, by his food production efforts is playing a great part in winning the war, and at the same time is helping to lay the foundation for permanent world peace, K. W. Taylor, Wartime Prices and Trade Board's food co-ordnator, told foods officers at an Ottawa conference recently. With a labor force only 75 percent of the pre-war total, Canadian agriculture has increased food production 150 percent over pre-war levels.

"We can't look for a decent and lasting peace settlement in Europe if negotiations are carried on in an atmosphere of hunger, misery and despair," said Mr. Taylor. "It is in our interests to see that the people of Europe get at least basic requirements so as to arouse in them hope for the future."

Much of the food for Europe at the end of the war will have to be sent from Canada and the United States.

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Shipments of food to Greece will be increased to 31,200 tons monthly in 1944, Prime Minister King announced early this month in the House of Commons. The major part of the increase consists of 9,000 tons of wheat a month, a gift by the Argentine Government. This will be in addition to 15,000 tons monthly sent to Greece since that summer of 1942 as a gift of the Canadian people. The United States will supply through lend-lease monthly 4,700 tons of pulse (peas, beans, etc.); 1,000 tons of fish; 300 tons of vegetable stew mix; 300 tons spaghetti; 300 tons soup; and 600 tons canned milk.

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Experiments conducted at the Dominion Experimental Farms, Napan, N. S., on a medium clay loam soil, (not underdrained), indicate that a direct saving can be made in reducing the average rate of seeding. Over a period of 15 years, oats seeded at 2 bushels an acre gave a yield of 42½ bushels; at 2¾ bushels the yield was 52 bushels, and at 3½ bushels, the yield was 53.7 an acre. When barley was seeded at 1½ bushels an acre, the 5-year yield was 36.3 bushels; at 2¼ bushels an acre the yield was 35.4 bushels, while the 3-bushel rate of seeding gave 35 bushels an acre. Tests also indicate that the heavier grain seedings have a tendency to reduce the clover yield the following year.

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This year as last, farmers are asked by the Dominion Department of Agriculture to tie fleeces with paper twine which does not injure the wool. When a farmer ties fleeces with binder or other sisal twine, he has to take a discount of a cent a pound from the market price of clean wool because fragments from sisal often become tangled with the wool and show up light in woven cloth since sisal does not take the dye.

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A fifty-cent subsidy on every pound of packaged bees imported from the United States up to June 15 as encouragement to farmers to go into honey production is announced by Wartime Prices and Trade Board. It will also help offset increased costs of U.S. stocks, it is pointed out by the Board.

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Little pigs don't need much iron but they do require more than the sow supplies in her milk. The Dominion Department of Agriculture advises that one of the simplest ways to provide this necessity is to give each litter a sod or shoveful of earth every two or three days until the pigs are four weeks old. Sucklings pigs raised indoors need iron if they are to stay lively and healthy. If they cannot be given earth, then tiny amounts of chemical iron should be fed, but if the latter is used, direction should be followed carefully. Too much is not only wasteful but may be harmful.

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SCOUTING ...

New Zealand now has 18,000 registered Boy Scouts.

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The Chins Up Fund, raised by Canadian Boy Scouts to help their brother Scouts in Britain and in conquered Europe after the war, has just passed the $44,000 mark.

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Eight year old Roger Widdowson, a British Wolf Cub has for the past year been staging Punch and Judy shows for his friends. In that time he has raised nearly $135 which he has put into War Savings.

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A record unique in Canadian Scouting was chalked up recently when ten members of the 8th Oshawa, Sea Scout Troop received their King's Scout Badges at one time. The King's Scout is the highest rank available to Boy Scouts and was inaugurated at the suggestion of the late King Edward VII.

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Just before he died at Edmonton recently, Dr. Geo. H. Malcomson, former Provincial Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association in Alberta asked that the Scout Promise be repeated at his funeral. This was done by W. J. Dick, President of the Alberta Boy Scouts Association who was attended by a guard of honour of Boy Scouts.

March Sets Record For New Planes

Aircraft assembly lines in the United States moved at record speed in March with 9,118 new 'planes, Aircraft Production Chief Charles E. Wilson reported.

Nearly 87 percent. of the 'planes were combat craft—fighters, bombers and transports. The previous monthly record was 8,760 in February.

Wilson said the "remarkable" March output may represent the 1944 aircraft production peak.

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THE WAR - WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

Britain On Eve Of Invasion: Lull On The Italian Front

England last week was so crowded with invasion forces that Britons had to change their way of daily life, says the New York Times. They had been used to queuing up for rationed foods; now they were queuing up for buses and tubes, for places in a lunchroom or tea shop. Civilians had to leave for their jobs earlier and get home later. In London the streets were jammed with British, Dominion and Allied troops. "Snowdrops" — the London nickname for white-helmeted American military police — were patroling the sidewalks in ever-greater numbers. Londoners could catch a glimpse of a four-starred black limousine rushing General Eisenhower from one conference to another. Someone said: "That car attracts as much attention as royalty used to."

Invasion Date Set

This is England's fifth year of war, the third spring which has been filled with invasion talk. Britons are tired and war weary, but this time they know the invasion of Europe is really coming, that the date has been set. A merchant marine officer recently returned from England said: "It looks to me as though you could walk from Land's End to Edinburgh on packing cases, trucks tanks and airplanes." There is still room, however, for signs of spring to poke through, crocus and daffodils are in bloom, gardeners find moments to spend on roses as well as vegetables.

Russian Advances

London's headlines last week told of the great new Russian advances. They told, too, of new regulations covering the coastal areas of England facing the Continent; of the severance of telephone connection with Ireland "as part of the general measures to prevent a possible leak of vital information"; of the cancellation of all leave and travel permits for members of the British armed forces, although this was said to be aimed chiefly at preventing an Easter week-end travel jam.

Domestic Crisis

While all these things were heightening tension in Brtish minds a domestic crisis arose. Strikes in Britain's coal mines, which have waxed and waned for six weeks while disputes over wages and conditions of work were under consideration spread to new mining areas and broke out in other industries. About 90,000 miners went out in Yorkshire, 20,000 shipyard apprentices in Clydeside and Tyneside struck, about 30,000 shipyard, aircraft and engineering workers were reported out in Belfast. Appeals by Government and labor leaders brought some men back to their jobs and all signs pointed to a more general return after the Easter week-end.

There was no sign that problems had been solved and the crisis met. As a result the British War Cabinet drafted a new regulation to make the incitement and fomenting of strikes an offense against the state. The powerful Trades Union Congress, joining Labor Minister Ernest Bevin in warning against outlaw strikes, said a continuance of work stoppages would bring about a major national disaster, imperiling the prosecution of the war and labor's future.

Italian Lull

On the Italian front last week there was a lull in the fighting. Artillery was engaging in violent duels—no fun for those where the shells land, but involving only a few people. Planes were in the air now and again, but their activities meant little to the men on the ground. The Germans had tried a sizable thrust at the Anzio beachhead, but it had been pushed back. Even patrol activities fell off.

A lull does not mean that the frontline soldier is called back to the rear areas. He stays right where he is—in or near his foxhole. He sleeps more, perhaps takes more time to eat his K rations. He may even try to write a letter, if he can find a flat surface. But shellfire is usually audible even if the bursts and the scream of fragments are not close. Such luxuries as a chow line for hot food and a chance to wash himself and his clothes are far from possible, even though the fight has slackened.

Hope For Letters

Within their limited areas of movement the soldiers at such times are apt to go in for slightly longer and talkier "bull sessions". They gripe about the usual subjects, talk a little shop, then swing into talk about sports or things at home. They smoke plenty of cigarettes, but they light no fires in the open no matter how cold it gets. Smoke by day or flame by night are too obvious targets. The men at a mortar site get off a few shells, "just for practice" as they say. No matter where a man is there is always a hope that a courier will come up with letters, for the mail follows the infantry into the most incredible places.

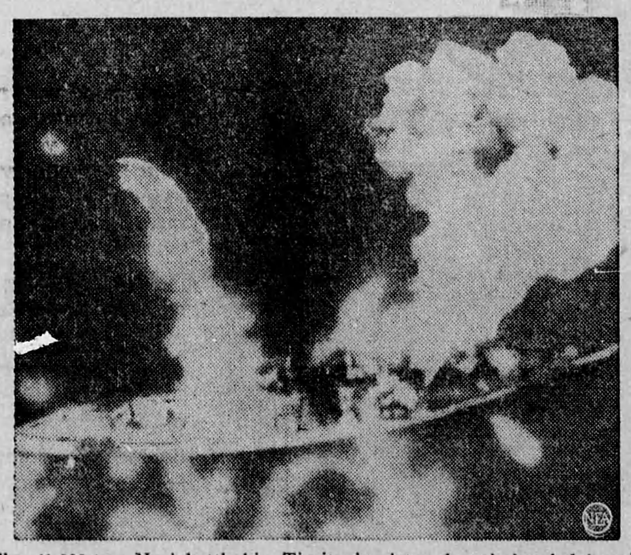
Waiting And Waiting

Basically, when a unit is in the line a period like the present brings little rest in the usual sense. It is all waiting and more waiting — either for enemy shells or bombs or for word to be relayed along from the company commander through the platoon leader that something is up that will mean the end of the break. What the next "something" would be was not clear last week. In recent weeks both sides have tried stiff offensives and both sides have been stopped. Cassino was still in German hands; the small beachhead below Rome was still in Allied hands with a small gain reported yesterday. The current stalemate was running into its third week and further Allied progress seemed to hinge on new decisions by the High Command.

BEARING UP

Like most visitors to Australia, Lt.-Col. Mary Agnes Brown, WAC director in the southwest Pacific, is quick to make friends with the Teddy-bear-like koala, No. 1 pet of the Aussies.

NAZI BATTLESHIP CAUGHT BY BOMBERS



The 41,000-ton Nazi battleship Tirpitz is pictured as it lay helpless in Norway's Alten Fjord while British dive-bombers scored at least 24 hits on her. Caught by surprise, the previously crippled ship was attacked on April 3 by the largest group of aircraft ever concentrated against one ship.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

Battle Of Britain

A sentence in a speech by Flight Lieut. Teeling, in the recent foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons, provokes fruitful reflection: "People do not realize that only 700 people took part in the battle of Britain, which was as important in many ways as Trafalgar and Waterloo."

—London Spectator

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Fighting Gurkhas

As a fighting man none is better than the Gurkha of India. A unit of them underwent a trying ordeal for twelve days on Hangman's Hill at Cassino, but they returned with their morale unshaken.

—Hamilton Spectator

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"Dream" Home

A "dream home" is a place to live in where the taxes are low, the insulation thick, the dog friendly, the neighbors generous, the garden pretty, the outlook good, the inlook better.

—London Free Press

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Like The Front Line

Here's how you can get a pretty fair idea of what the front is like, according to a paragrapher. Note how you feel when lightning keeps striking close and multiply by 10,000.

—Kitchener Record

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No Guns Needed

Land boundary between Canada and the United States is marked by 5,483 monuments — and no guns. European nations, please note.

—Chatham News

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From Bad To Worse

A contemporary says Germany has lost her reputation. It would be more accurate to say that she has made a bad one worse.

—Brantford Expositor

New Diamond Field Developed In Urals

During the war inntensive diamond mining has developed in an area of the Western Urals. The Urals' "Diamond Land" was discovered in 1829, when the first Russian diamond was found in this area. During an entire century only 239 diamonds were mined.

After the Revolution the "Diamond Land" was carefully explored and its industrial exploitation begun. The demand for diamonds, which are widely used in the mining, rubber, silk and weaving industries, and above all in tank and aviation construction, has increased greatly during the war.

As a result, new mining districts with small electric power stations, industrial buildings, dwellings and clubs have sprung up in the diamond area of the Urals, where formerly there was only virgin forest, and even the huts of trappers were few and far between.

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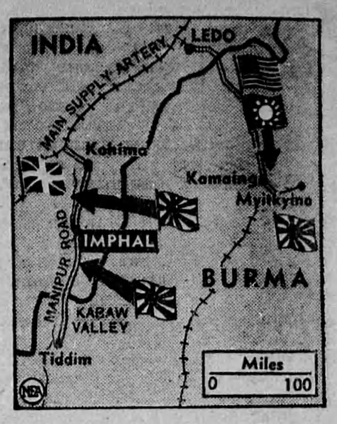

Map above shows how Japanese forces invading India from Burma have cut, north and south of Imphal, the Manipur Road main supply route for British forces operating in the Kabaw Valley. Above Imphal, British supply base for the area, Jap thrust may turn north westward against railroad which connects with Ledo Road and supplies Chinese-American troops driving southward toward Jap base at Myitkyina.

Diamonds are found in four distict colours. The absolutely colourless, known as "white," are the most valuable; next come blue, yellow and brown.

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