

THE WAR - WEEK — Commentary on Current Events
Assault upon German-Occupied Countries Is Allies' Chief Problem

The broad lines of Allied global strategy, says the New York Times, will fall down within two months at the latest. The Pacific, Germany, counted the most powerful of the United Nations, was marked for defeat first. A limited strike upon Japan was planned until the full weight of Allied might could be brought to bear following the defeat of Germany. Last week, seventeen months after these decisions had been made, they were being questioned in America. There were demands for a campaign that would make Japan the enemy to be defeated first.

Victory on Attu
 While the discussion was under way, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin D. Roosevelt and their military advisers were surveying future Allied plans. Hints of their decisions were seen in the action on the fighting front in both the Eastern and Western theatres of war. In the East American troops would control strategic Attu from a Japanese base. This tiny, ice-bound island could become a base for Allied air bases against the Japanese on Kiska Island. In addition, Americans had gained on Attu a Japanese-built bomber runway from which Flying Fortresses and Liberators may strike the northernmost island of the Japanese homeland, 620 miles to the southwest. With the development of new long-range bombers even Tokyo, 2,000 miles from Attu, might be within round-trip range.

Blockade Weapon
 Some observers say, even more important, advantages in the capture of Attu and the expansion of American bases throughout the Aleutians. These points out that the teeming northern sea commanded by the islands is one of the world's richest fishing areas. From these waters and the adjacent sea of Okhotsk Japan has been drawing a large portion of its food supply. Thus American operations against the big Japanese fishing fleet in the long run prove a blockade weapon of decisive value. In addition, American possession of the entire Aleutian chain, stretching 1,200 miles from Alaska to within 500 miles of Kamchatka, would provide a series of stepping stones for the eventual attack on Japan proper. In the event, Russia becomes involved in the Asiatic war, this route could be of inestimable value in joint operations.

In the West the Allied air forces pressed an ever-mounting assault upon Adolf Hitler's fortress Europe, an offensive driven home with particular fury against the Italian islands in the Mediterranean. There the drive seemed a prelude to invasion.

Strategy Reaffirmed
 In these operations observers saw a reaffirmation of the original plan. The assault upon the German-occupied Continent would remain the Allies' chief concern. It would increase in fury in the air. It would, at the proper time, be extended to include ground action. The Pacific would remain secondary. But in this theatre there were signs that the action would be stepped up and heavy blows would be aimed at Japan even as Germany was being beaten to its knees.

The debate on the wisdom of this course was started in the Senate last Monday by Senator Albert Benjamin Chandler of Kentucky, who contended that America should concentrate its resources on first Germany's defeat. He offered two arguments to support his contention. The first was that the Japanese were digging into their newly conquered lands and unless ousted now would prove tough opponents later. The second was a charge that after the war in the West was won Great Britain and Russia would withdraw, leaving America to win back the East alone.

Mr. Churchill's Reply
 The Senator was answered in dramatic fashion. The Prime Minister of Great Britain appeared before a joint session of the American Congress, where he defended the Allied grand strategy in much the same way that he appears from time to time before the British Parliament to defend the policies of his government. Mr. Churchill went directly to the issues. First came a pledge, aimed at allaying the suspicions that Britain would not take her full share in the war in the Pacific. He said: "And I am here to tell you that we will wage that war against Japan side by side with you in accordance with the best strategic employment of our forces, while there is breath in our bodies and while blood flows through our veins."

Role in the East
 Next the Prime Minister spoke of the role the British forces can play in the East. He said: "A notable part in the war

THREE LITTLE PRINCESSES



Although their country is an island of neutrality in a continent of war, these three little Swedish princesses have gay smiles for the camera at their home near Stockholm. They are Princesses Birgitta, Margareta, 9, and Beatrix, 5, daughters of Prince Gustaf Adolf and great-granddaughters of King Gustaf V.

OTTAWA REPORTS
 That Canada's 1943 Food Production Drive Will Be Greatest in Our History.

That Farmers Have Been Given Special Consideration in Meat Rationing Plan
 No single wartime regulation by the Canadian Government more closely concerns the day in and day out lives of all Canadians than the meat rationing order. There were lots of folk completely unaffected by one or other of the restrictions passed upon the consumption of liquor, or tea, or coffee, or even gasoline, but no body, from infancy to old age, except a very few vegetarians, is unaffected by meat rationing. Weeks and weeks of intensive study and careful consideration were devoted by experts to the planning of this unprecedented change in the Canadian way of life. The experts approached the problem in the full realization that rural Canada presented a completely different set of circumstances from those prevailing in the cities. Full consideration of the way of life of the farmer's family in respect to meat supply has been given an unconditional surrender basis.

There are some 550,000 farm families in Canada, and very many of these secure a part of the meat they and their families consume from the slaughter of their own animals. Many secure a portion of their meat from the farmer's next door or the one on the next concession. The fact is, the farmer gets much of his meat supply from his home-killed stock, and there is a good deal of exchange of meat between farmer and farmer.

On the other hand, very many farm households purchase a portion of their meat from the meat shop. A farmer kills a hog for his own family's use, probably sells half of it to another farmer down the road. But he and his family do not want to live on pork until the whole half hog has been eaten. He wants to be in a position to buy a roast of beef or cut of lamb occasionally.

The meat rationing plan has been designed to take these facts into account. Farmers who slaughter meat for their own use are allowed to retain at all times 50 per cent of their meat ration coupons with which to purchase meat from a retailer.

Farm households are urged by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to live at six times within the spirit of the rationing order. If they have been eating more than two pounds (gross weight) per person a week, they are asked to cut their consumption by 10,

Lake Freighters To Carry Guns

Lakers in Combat Zones To Be Manned by Navy

Keen-eyed veterans of the Royal Canadian Navy, some of whom have heard their shots fired off the steel sides of enemy submarines on the Atlantic, will this year become crewmen of lake freighters for the first time in history.

Each of the lakers that finds its way through waters designated by the navy as a combat zone will carry stern guns for protection against lurking U-boats and blue middied gunners, who know how to handle them, will be on duty 24 hours a day.

Night and day shipyard workmen are putting the finishing touches on guns and equipment which shipyard workers will bring death and destruction to U-boats and their crews who lurk in waters off Canada's eastern shores.

Special gunhouses are being built to house the guns, only a few feet away from the guns, and lookouts will scan the water night and day for the tell-tale feather of enemy periscope.

Last year, according to the lake shippers, they could do little more than shake their fists at U-boats that surfaced near their boats and took pot shots at other ships in their convoys. But this year, they say, things are going to be different.

One skipper said that last year they could have finished off more than one submarine that surfaced near them, but didn't as much "as a pea-shooter to hit back with."

The need for more ships on deeper routes, shipping authorities said, has made it almost a necessity to send the lakers on runs through combat zones.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

FARM IMPLEMENTS UP
 FARMERS are given of the price received at recent farm auction sales. A six-year-old, six-horse-draw mower which cost \$30, went for \$75. A hayloader in use for twenty-four years, which cost \$85, brought \$95—ten dollars more than its first owner paid for it. A mechanical potato-digger, which cost \$150 ten years ago, brought \$162.

CONSUMERS OF GASOLINE
 Every single day aimed at training in this country by 2000,000 miles, which constitutes another very good reason why non-essential trips are being considerably reduced this year.

STARVING
 It was meatless Tuesday and it was just heartbreaking to see those poor fellows in the restaurants trying to keep body and soul together by eating baked trout, pea soup, scrambled eggs, chicken pot-pie and the like.

AT LEAST IT ACHES
 The Nazis are shocked by Churchill's vulgar phrase, "the unwholesome belly of Europe," and suggest the more refined word "abdomen." Whatever thing it is, aches.

NEEDS A BIG HOLE
 Gossiping orders silt trenches to dig for the protection of German civilians. Meanwhile, Hefty Herman is no doubt trying to scare up a steam shovel for his own use.

TO FIT THE CRIME
 Japan announces that it has punished British and American servicemen in the Philippines for posing as civilians. Maybe we should punish the Japs for posing as human beings.

JOKE ON HIM
 A report from Indiana says that a youth who stole an auto "for a joke" was found in a ditch. The joke was on him.

UNFAIR TO WOLVES
 A headline mentions "Jap Wolf Pack." An innit to the wolf which is, by comparison, a gentleman.

Petticoat Rule
 Petticoats—literally—are ruling the range country. Sanchez Floyd W. Lee tried hiring 300 Navajo Indian women as sheep herders, and said men herders were never like this. Each squaw wears at least a dozen flaring, gypsy skirts, he explained, doffing them as needed to wrap up chilled, newly-born lambs.

I GOT RID OF MY CONSTIPATION WITHOUT "DOSING"!

When we're all doing our best to help win the war none of us can afford to be slowed up physically and mentally by common constipation... I got rid of my constipation without "dosing"!

Steve fingered the horseshoe that he had concealed in his coat pocket. He was smiling. "I'd be so unhappy if you gave up doing a thing you had set your heart on," said Christine. She put her hand on his shoulder and said, "Please forgive me—and trust me, if you can."

KEEPER OF THE FLAME

Adapted by HALSEY RAINES from the M.G.M. Picture starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn.

SYNOPSIS
 Moved by a desire to write a book about the late Robert Forrest, vivid apostle of fighting Americanism, Steve O'Malley returns from a fascinating European trip to help Forrest's attractive young wife. She seems reluctant and her cousin, Greg Midford, is bitterly hostile, being to see the rest's aged, mentally unbalanced mother, Steve finds her filled with hatred toward Christine and openly charging that the latter knew that the bridge from which he crashed to his death had been washed out.

CHAPTER FOUR
 The look in Christine's clear blue eyes was one of hurt accusation rather than anger.

"Will it please your readers to know that Robert never hated his wife?" she asked Steve. "Now we've got to talk honestly to each other." "I don't believe your sister will talk honestly," said Steve slowly. "Mine's a tough profession. We like to tell the truth."

"At all costs?" Steve nodded emphatically. "At all costs." "That what if you broke their hearts or weakened their courage?"

"It's not for me to judge of that. My job is clear. I must do what I can for. So I'm quitting. Someone tougher, who won't give a hang for truth, must take over."

"As she mounted and rose away, Steve stared after her. He had forcibly to suppress the desire to follow." Acting on a secondary impulse, Steve proceeded slowly in the direction of the ravine where Forrest's car had plunged to destruction. He whistled softly as he caught sight of Freddie, who had been taking pictures and making sketches. They exchanged joshing remarks, then Steve stepped along the brittle path beside the fallen bridge. Suddenly he paused in his tracks and bent down. When he stood up he was holding a horseshoe.

GARDEN NOTES

Cultivation
 Killing garden weeds is only one of the functions of garden cultivation. Of equal importance is the stirring up of the soil to prevent surface crusting and to check evaporation of valuable moisture. In the dryer section of Canada the latter point is vital. By breaking up the surface we produce a mulch which checks the capillary action or upward movement of moisture to the top of the soil surface where it must be evaporated by the sun.

THE BOOK SHELF

GARDENING FOR GOOD EATING
 By Helen Morgenstau Fox
 In these days of stress when it is a patriotic duty as well as a pleasure to raise at least some of your own vegetables, Mrs. Fox's book is most valuable. In it, in addition to the vegetables usually grown by the gardener, you will find many forgotten vegetables that are worth your attention because of their high food value and delicious flavor: edible plants from field, marsh and forest rich in vitamins and readily available to the initiated; thirty-five leafy greens which may be used as spinach; many suggestions for salads "in variety"; forty-three plants that may be grown for tea; herbs; small fruits and berries.

Mrs. Fox also includes many delectable recipes; suggestions for turning a commonplace dish into a gourmet's delight; a nutritional evaluation of vegetables; chapters on planning, sowing and cultivation, insects and diseases, and tells how to preserve and store the winter supply.

This practical and interesting book is illustrated with numerous full-page drawings showing in detail the unfamiliar plants, garden plans and storage methods.

Substance To Drive Sharks Away Found
 A substance has been discovered which will drive sharks away from men afloat in shark-infested waters, the United States Navy reported recently.

100 Octane Gas In Aerial Warfare
 We have learned much about 100 octane gas since it was first produced nine years ago, and one thing we have learned is its vast importance in aerial warfare.

TABLE TALKS
 SADIE B. CHAMBERS
BEANS: AN IMPORTANT FOOD AT PRESENT
 "Beans" have always been popular in this country, and ever since the Indians taught the white man to bake them, or did they? Anyhow the Indians baked them in their earthenware pots, not unlike the sturdy brown vessels found in our kitchens today. Have you not time and again served them for Saturday night supper and then turned the remains into real nourishing soup?

Did you ever try a menu of baked beans, a cold slaw or raw salad and a dessert of warm ginger bread or of course the ever popular Boston Brown Bread. In many homes you will find a bean pot which has been used for years. The continued use of these earthenware vessels seems to give them a something in flavor which is hard to describe. For a medium sized pot you will need about a quart of the small white beans. Cover with cold water and cook overnight. By the way, the newly prepared beans in packages are quite a boon and I have found them very satisfactory for Saturday night supper and wash well. Cover again with fresh water and parboil until the skins pop open when you blow upon them. Take about 1 1/2 lbs. salt pork with a streak of lean in it. Scald it, scrape the rind and score across both ways. Put beans in the bean pot and bury the pork down in the centre leaving a little of the rind exposed. Pour over the following mixture: 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard, 3 tablespoons brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add enough boiling water to

FUNNY BUSINESS



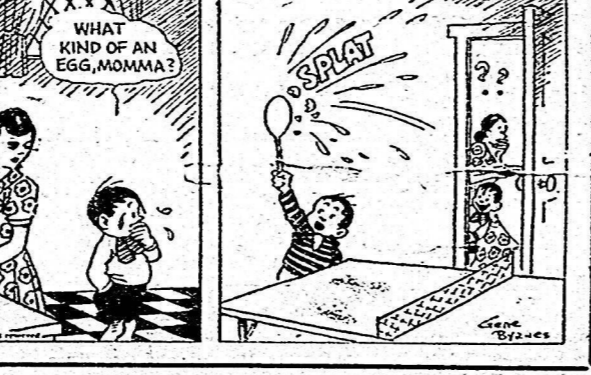
"Send it as a one-word telegram—my brother's a numerologist!"

By GENE BYRNES

REG'LAR FELLERS—Strictly Fresh



See Here, Private Hargrove



ROLL YOUR OWN BETTER CIGARETTES WITH DAILY MAIL EXTRA MILD

LIMA BEANS EN CASSEROLE
 Soak 1 1/2 cups of Lima beans overnight. In the morning boil until the skins pop open. Drain well. Dice three or four pieces of lean bacon and sauté in frying pan. Remove bacon, add two small chopped onions and cook until soft. Arrange beans in greased casserole with layer of onion and bacon. Season each with a little salt and pepper. Pour over a cupful of milk and bake one half hour in moderate oven. Serve with buttered spinach. You may almost cover the lima beans with canned tomato or vegetable soup. Season with salt, pepper, a dash of onion sauce, and onion juice. Top with buttered crumbs and bake in a moderate oven until top is brown. If bacon is plentiful you may lay strips across the top.

BEAN SOUP
 To use up any leftovers, press them through a sieve and add a tin of tomato soup and enough water to be sufficient. But in dry years or seasons when seed growth is excessive, more may be needed.

BAKED BEAN SALAD
 To 1 cup of chilled baked beans add the following:
 1/2 cup diced celery
 2 or 3 chopped pickles
 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion or chives
 1 hard cooked egg (diced)
 Salt, pepper and paprika.
 Soak dressing to blend the ingredients properly. Serve chilled on crisp lettuce or on watercress.



FREE
 As a tribute to the men who "go down to the sea in ships", Gutta Percha has issued a 16 PAGE BOOKLET IN 7 COLOURS ILLUSTRATING 121 BADGES OF THE FIGHTING SHIPS OF HIS MAJESTY'S ROYAL NAVY. Also shown are the sleeve markings and shoulder straps indicating the rank of Naval Officers and Silhouettes of British Naval Vessels.

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