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THE WAR - WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

Axis Troops Pour Into Hungary And Occupy All Strategic Points

Out of the welter of confusing and contradictory reports about Hungary there emerges this one certainty: Hitler has taken over another country. He has converted another ally into a vassal and is rapidly wiping out any distinction between those who hoped to share in his victory and those he has conquered. Moreover, he appears to have accomplished this new coup with the same old methods of treachery, surprise and fifth column preparation that proved so successful in the cases of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Norway, and to some extent even in Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium and Yugoslavia. For while the heads of the Hungarian Government were still conferring with Hitler at his headquarters, more than 190,000 German and Rumanian troops marched into Hungary with the aid and connivance of Hungarian Nazi elements; occupied all its important points and communication centers; arrested hundreds of Liberals and Socialists, and rapidly crushed any opposition. Now Hitler is searching for a compliant puppet government under whose nominal authority he proposes to incorporate Hungary into that greater German Lebensraum which is rapidly turning from a living space into a region of death, says the New York Times.

Rumania heralds the end of the battle of Russia and the beginning of the battle for the Balkans. Hitler must hold the Balkans because he needs their raw materials, and in particular the oil of Rumania, without which his war machine would be in danger of breaking down. But after the severance of the Odessa-Warsaw railway by the Russian armies his main communication lines to the Balkans lead through Hungary. Hungary was his ally; it joined both the Anti-Comintern pact and the Axis pact; it granted Germany military transit rights long ago, and it joined in the war against Russia with its own troops. But, using treachery as a normal device of his own diplomacy, Hitler trusts nobody. He does not trust the Germans whom he keeps in line by the terror of his police; and he trusts his allies even less—unless his own troops and Gestapo are in control. The German occupation of Hungary is thus Hitler's notice to the world that he is determined to fight for the Balkans and that the Carpathians are his main line of defense.

Hungary's Recent Growth
—Just what the attitude of the Hungarian Government has been in this situation is still unclear. There are reports that it refused Hitler's sweeping demands and has been put under arrest. That is not implausible, for proud Hungary has always been jealous of its sovereignty. But that does not absolve the Government of responsibility for the plight of the country. Hungary joined Hitler partly under the compulsion of its exposed geographic situation, but also because of the spoils promised it. With German aid, it acquired the Carpatho-Ukraine from Czechoslovakia, Transylvania and Rumania and the Banat from Yugoslavia. The country grew from 35,800 square miles, with a population of 9,100,000 to 61,700 square miles and a population of 12,700,000. Now Hitler is exacting payment for his aid at the cost of Hungary's independence.

Again The Iron Fist
There still remains the question why Hitler adopted methods which are bound to antagonize the Hungarian people. There can be no doubt that the Hungarians would resist a Russian attempt at invasion. But if they could escape an invasion and get out of the war even at the cost of heavy sacrifices they would probably jump at the chance. There have been numerous reports that not only Hungary but also Rumania and Bulgaria were eagerly seeking a way out,

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FINE REPORT OF C.N.R.

Management and personnel of the Canadian National Railways are to be congratulated on the report on 1943 operations tabled in the House of Commons last week. The statistics presented by the president and chairman, Mr. R. C. Vaughan, constitute a new high all around. After payment of all operating expenses, there is a net revenue of \$116,140,000, or \$29,454,000 more than in 1942. A cash surplus of \$25,529,000 remained after meeting taxes, interest due the public and the Government, and providing \$19,000,000 reserve for pension contracts. This exceeded the surplus of 1942 by more than \$10,000,000.

The unprecedented success was due primarily to the heavy traffic of a war year. It shows nevertheless the earning power of the system when the possibility exists. Obviously expenditures were closely watched. Operating expenses increased by \$25,476,000, while operating revenue gained \$61,951,000. The operating ratio for the year was 73.64 per cent, compared with 81.99 per cent in the most favorable peace year, 1928.

The way in which the railway systems have risen to the extraordinary demands must be gratifying to the public as well as those directly concerned with the job. A standard has been set which indicates that only sufficient traffic is required to make operations successful at any time.

—Toronto Globe and Mail.

Plan Frozen-Food Units For Farmers

Ontario farmers after the war may be able, through "quick-freezing" units at low cost, to enjoy in midwinter the berries and vegetables they produce in summer. As soon as the war ends, Ontario Hydro proposes to send out mechanized units to display to the farmer and his wife latest electrical machinery and "gadgets" available. The plan was disclosed in the Legislature last week by Hydro Commissioner G. H. Challies.

Mr. Challies said the "quick freezing" unit was not a dream but had been worked on for months in Hydro laboratories to sell at a very low cubic-foot cost. Hydro was not merchandising but would provide cheap power to bring modern equipment within the reach of every farm home.

He knew, he said, of one unit already in operation which could hold 60 dozen ears of corn, six crates of strawberries, six crates of raspberries as well as poultry and meat. Through their use farmers could enjoy in winter their summer surplus.

IF YOUR NOSE "CLOSES UP" TIGHT AT NIGHT

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... And remember, it helps prevent colds from developing if used in time. **VICKS VA-TRO-NOL**

OTTAWA REPORTS

That Question on Subsidies On Dairy Products May Be Re-opened Before May 1

Protest over the failure of the Federal Government to continue the subsidies on dairy products throughout the summer months has been registered by a delegation of some 20 members of the Dairy Farmers of Canada. This group, representative of all branches of the dairy industry, met in Ottawa earlier this month with the Agricultural Food Board and also with the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, and put their case in plain language. The Minister was urged to have the Cabinet reopen the question of subsidies before May 1 when most of the subsidies now being paid on dairy products will be reduced.

There is hope that appropriate action will be taken. Dr. G. S. H. Barton, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Chairman of the Agricultural Food Board, said recently, "Of all the food products needed urgently, dairy products top the list." The reason for this, he said, is due to the wide range of demands for butter, cheese, concentrated milk, fluid milk and other milk products as a result of war. Canadian civilian consumption of milk and milk products jumped 15% in 1943 over the previous year. In addition huge quantities were provided for our Armed Forces and for shipment abroad, while to-

tal milk production was up only slightly, according to Bureau of Statistics figures.

In the current year increased demand is anticipated while prospects for greater production are none too cheerful. Information from other Allied countries, notably the United States, New Zealand and Australia, reveals a situation similar to that existing in Canada.

It begins to look as though there will be a serious shortage of these vital foods in the face of critical need once the starving peoples of Europe are liberated and the United Nations are faced with the task of feeding them, in addition to meeting present needs. Unless the hard-pressed dairy farmer gets immediate and substantial aid, what's going to happen?

Oats, the most important cereal crop in Prince Edward Island, is liable to injury chiefly from leaf rust, and to a lesser extent stem rust. Department of Agriculture grain experts are recommending Erban as outstanding among the varieties resistant to leaf rust. While it is pointed out that it is resistant to only two of the many forms of leaf rust, these are the ones causing most of the damage in the Maritimes. Erban has no resistance to stem rust but is highly resistant to both loose and covered smut, and over a period of years has compared favorably with Banner and Victory in yield. The kernels are large so that increasing the regular seeding rate by one or two pecks per bushel is advised when this variety is used.

MODEL HEROINE



Exploits of Paulina Syedova, former leader of guerrilla band, who became pilot of military ambulance plane, inspired Russian director Frederick Ermler's film about Soviet women at war, showing under title of "No Greater Love".

LADIES! LIVE YOUR LIFE AND LOVE IT

All women who have had functional pains know the amount of silent suffering they must endure each month. Cramps, Backache, Upset Nerves, Blues and Depression crowd ambition and enjoyment out of life. The pleasure of freedom from this condition knows no bounds. Yet soothing and comforting help is no farther away than your nearest drug store. A welcome relief from this distressing condition may be found in the use of Mulveney's P.WELL TONIC. It is a splendid medicine for women through all the seasons of life. P.WELL contains different herbs that women really need to keep them regular and help the different organs back to normal. Try P.WELL with confidence. MULVENEY'S P.WELL, Dept. W.P., Toronto 3, Ontario.

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HOW TO RELIEVE PILE TORTURE QUICKLY AND EASILY

If you are troubled with itching piles or rectal soreness, do not delay treatment and run the risk of letting this condition become chronic. Any itching or soreness or painful passage of stool is nature's warning and proper treatment should be secured at once. For this purpose get a package of Hem-Roid from any druggist and use as directed. This formula which is used internally is a small, easy to take tablet, will quickly relieve the itching and soreness and aid in healing the soft tender spots. Hem-Roid is pleasant to use, is highly recommended and it seems the height of folly for any one to risk a painful and chronic pile condition when such a fine remedy may be had at such a small cost. If you try Hem-Roid and are not entirely pleased with the results, your druggist will gladly return your money.

Speaking of oats, a new variety of hullless oats named Brighton is announced by the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Developed from a cross of Markton with Laurel, it is resistant to smut like its Markton parent, while in yield it surpasses the Laurel side of the family. In tests it outyielded both Banner and Victory on a kernel basis. It is also reported apparently well adapted to soil and climatic conditions in many parts of Canada. Seed stocks are still scarce but officials say there should be enough at the end of the 1944 season for all who may be interested.

Prices for seed potatoes this spring are based by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board on the ceiling price per pound for Canada No. 1 table stock in any zone during the period March 6 to April 2, plus a premium of one cent a pound for Certified Seed, 1 1/2 cents a pound for Foundation 'A' Seed and 2 cents a pound for Foundation Seed.

Why Not Turkey Eggs In February

Turkey eggs in February! That is the story of a district feed merchant who specializes in select poultry foods, says the St. Catharines Standard. One of his farmer customers presented him with a turkey egg the other day, and even the farmer wanted to know: How come? The answer was that the turkey had been getting the proper food, some of that which made the Leghorns produce an egg a day.

On Canadian farms, for decades past, the turkey has been considered a semi-wild fowl given to the greatest secrecy in nest hiding and laying just enough for one brood a year. The young turks come out in all the hazards of weather and, if the season is rainy, the casualty toll is very heavy. No special feeding of turkeys has ever been felt necessary, on the average farm; they always roam far afield.

The turkey shortage last Christmas was just one of those things which intelligent breeding and handling will obviate in the years to come. If turkeys lay eggs in winter, under proper conditions, there will soon be a turkey hatchery on a big scale, as complete a domestication as that which applies to the chicken family.

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