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Why We Are Rationed

THE American people are indulging in unrealistic today which is going to add to the unpleasantness of tomorrow.

Specifically, to take current illustrations, there are the matters of automobiles and of sugar.

With all that has been said and written, the average man still appears to believe that the dire shortage will be relieved soon by a huge output of synthetic rubber.

The same is true of sugar. We have been told, truthfully, that enough sugar is available to fill our national sweet tooth to overflowing.

The Lord knows there are bureaucrats enough on the Potomac. But that is another story which doesn't affect the bald, unpleasant truth.

Tires, gasoline, sugar are banned or rationed because there is no other way of beating Hitler and the Japs.

Everybody realizes that tires are cut off because we can't get rubber to make more.

We're so short of steel, already, that we're struggling to keep armament and munitions production booming.

It is sensible to suppose that any sane government will pull more steel out of war production just so we can have tires for pleasure automobiles?

Everybody knows this country has more petroleum than we can use for generations to come.

But neither crude nor even gasoline helps unless it can be brought to our filling stations.

War use and sinkings have depleted our tanker fleet. The railroads are handling all the oil and gasoline they possibly can.

Moreover, as a recent Washington statement said perfectly: "It is unbelievable that sailors are asked to take the risk of going down on a burning ship in order that someone may have gasoline to go to a bridge party or the ball game."

Everybody knows there is plenty of sugar. But where? In Cuba. In Puerto Rico. In Hawaii.

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I'll just have to quit coming over here--he never teaches my children anything elevating! Look at the dead japs for one soldier... and he's making more, piles of them!

Daffy, Eh, What?

FIRST the boys from the country come to the city, to work in factories. Then there isn't enough help to plant, cultivate and market food crops.

Probably it is inevitable. But it sounds more than a little daffy, doesn't it?

Editorials on News

ain since March 1, demanding mastery of continental Europe, the right to annex "living space" from Russia and control of French, Dutch and Belgian colonies.

In return she is said to have offered to recognize the British empire in its present form, to recognize "control" of Latin-America by the U. S. and to collaborate in setting up a post-war trade system among the three resulting "empires."

CHURCHILL and FDR are said to have received these suggestions with scorn and it is added that Churchill referred to the nazis as the "guilty men who let hell loose on the world."

It is safe to expect many such peace feelers from Hitler, who would like nothing better than to quit with the swag he already has.

INTERESTING slant to the rumor: Germany is said to have referred to assistance she is prepared to give the allies to "drive Japan back to her natural limits."

(As a curious coincidence, the Berlin radio has referred three times lately to "the axis powers and Japan," although Japan is officially a part of the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo bloc.)

THE implication is that Hitler doesn't think much of the Japs—and you will be wise if you pay no attention whatever to implications and rumors.

Still, this writer has a notion that Hitler would cut Japan's throat in an instant and without a qualm if it suited his purpose to do so.

And vice versa.

WATCH what Japan does about Russia.

If Hitler is half as hard pressed as recent news has hinted, he's pushing the Japs for all he's worth to attack the Russians in the rear.

If they refuse, he won't like it. He may even bite a few more carpets.

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The score is even there.

We have no complaints to make as to the way Stalin is handling Hitler.

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WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY



WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4

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The board has authority to offer and give commissions to physicians who are under 45 years. If the physician has a growing practice which he does not wish to abandon the board will tell him gently but firmly that later he may be drafted, in which event he will take a lowly position and no commission. A physician can accept a commission and leave his practice or he can refuse it and be grabbed later.

Next to physicians, the army needs dentists and veterinarians and these also will be given the alternative of a commission or being drafted.

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NOTICE RESIDENTS OF MYRTLE CREEK DISTRICT

We are at War and the Government needs your scrap metal and rubber. No tin cans. Let's gather all we have and deliver it to the lot east of Chas. Magee's blacksmith shop.

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Roseburg high school athletic teams completed a busy day last Saturday afternoon as they turned in a record of one win, one tie, and one loss over Grants Pass teams. The local tennis team opened the day's engagements with a 5-2 victory over the Cavemen, then the tracksters turned in the unusual feat of a tie score at 61 points each.

Cardinals Shave Brooklyn's Lead To Single Game

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VOTE! VOTE! MR. AND MRS. VOTER: You have a date—and a V O citizen's obligation—for Fri T day, May 15, at the E PRIMARY ELECTION T Be OF a democracy as well as IN it. VOTE! VOTE!

Brooklyn's champion Dodgers still rule the roost in the National League, but the St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates have them hanging on the ropes in what is rapidly shaping up as the hottest three-way argument since junior learned to drive the family automobile.

Still reeling from the effects of a one-two punch they absorbed at Pittsburgh, Durocher's Dandies staggered into St. Louis yesterday and were flattened twice by a Cardinal team that finally discovered what bats were for.

The Cardinals clipped the Dodgers, 14-10, in the opening game and 4-2 in the afterpiece, which was held to five and a half innings because the daylight ran out.

The double defeat reduced Brooklyn's margin to a single game over the second-place Pittsburgh Pirates, who missed their chance to share the lead by dividing a doubleheader with the Boston Braves.

Cleveland Streak Ended. Pressure finally caught up with the Cleveland Indians, two lengths to the good in the American league, and the Boston Red Sox cashed in on a trio of errors for an 8-4 triumph that ended the tribe's winning streak at 13 games.

The New York Yankees snapped a deadlock with the Red Sox and moved to within a half game of the second-place Tigers by sweeping a bargain bill from the Chicago White Sox, 6-4 and 3-1.

The St. Louis Browns and Washington Senators divided their double bill, Washington taking the opener 9-8 and St. Louis coming back for a 5-1 decision in the second with the help of effective pitching by Hollingsworth.

Pittsburgh ran its winning streak to three by downing Boston 6-2 in the first game behind the seven-hit pitching of Butcher, but the Braves came back with a 14-hit attack to square accounts, 12-3.

The New York Giants knocked Walters out of the box in the second inning and went on to trip the Cincinnati Reds, 5-4, as Carpenter went all the way.

At Chicago, the Cubs downed the Philadelphia Phils, 9-1, but the Phils took the second game, 8-1.

League's Standings (By the Associated Press)

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