

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS By Edward C. Wayne

Current War Front Shifts to Syria With Oil Fields of Iraq as Prize; 'Draft Everything' Legislation Aims To Break Strikes in Defense Plants

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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'WAR' IN U. S.
Citizens of Bear Mountain, N. Y., received a taste of what actual war attack might mean when the coast artillery and West Point cadets put on a dive-bombing attack and anti-aircraft defense of a big bridge near that point. Guns and equipment used were in same positions they would actually occupy in an actual battle for defense of the bridge.

DEFENSE: Production

Returning foreign correspondents, making a junket of the defense production industries as guests of the war department, found that airplane motors, considered one of the potential bottlenecks, are being rushed into production at one plant in Connecticut to the tune of 1,400,000 horsepower monthly.

One official of this concern, reviewing what he knew of the potential production of this industry, predicted that between 70,000 and 100,000 airplane engines will be turned out during 1941-42.

The total airplane industry, from a motor standpoint, should eventually be turning out 10,000,000 horsepower a month.

While these producers had no accurate figures on Axis production, it was figured that it might be between 3,000,000 and 5,000,000 a month at the present time, with future capabilities unfigured.

In addition to the three great American aviation motor concerns' output, the automotive industry has been asked for some, and while not in production yet, they will eventually contribute a large percentage of the total.

This turned the pages back to World War I, when America's most important fighting airplane motor, the Liberty, was turned out in quantity in a leading automotive factory.

This factory also, by the way, was making the recoil mechanism for the 75-millimeter gun—then a war bottleneck.

DRAFT: 'Everything'

A stiff fight against President Roosevelt's "draft everything" measure sent to the congress closely following his "freedom speech" appeared likely, though the administration forces seemed willing enough to modify the measure from its first draft.

The President softened the shock of the measure, which at first sight looked like an effort toward a complete economic dictatorship, by a later announcement that its major purpose was to permit the administration to break strikes in defense industries, which were still a knotty problem all over the nation.

Both Senator Byrd of Virginia and Senator Tydings of Maryland had taken the floor to demand that the President himself take the leadership in halting strikes, Byrd saying: "There are 60 to 70 strikes in defense industries, and new ones are occurring every day. I don't assume the government would want to take over and operate all these plants."

"A prohibition against strikes and compulsory arbitration would be a better method."

The bill, which in its original form would give the President, under his proclamation of a state of unlimited emergency, power to seize and sell anything in the nation's long list of private property, found its first compromise offer coming from administration leaders in the form of a time limit on the President's powers, together with a proviso that congress must first itself declare a national emergency before they could be used.

Labor-minded members of both houses, wildly suspicious of the measure, started their own investigation to try to determine its origin.

U-BOATS: Bigger Range

Sinkings of eight British ships by torpedoes fired from U-boats revealed that the German submarine, instead of being a smaller vessel with a shorter range operating in greater quantity, is becoming a bigger boat with a bigger range.

Some of these reported sinkings took place within 700 miles of the United States, well within the supposed neutrality patrol area.

WAR: On New Front

The collapse of the Greco-British defense of Crete was followed by a good deal of backing and filling as the forces of Great Britain wondered where the axe was going to fall next.

The preponderance of British belief was that it would be in Syria, and two things happened at once: The British started mobilizing toward Syria and began air attacks on Syrian points, and the French started propaganda efforts to prove that they needed German aid to repel British attack.

The British countered by announcing, via their Turkish friends, that Germany already had landed 20,000 men in civilian dress, who would doff their tourist garb and take up arms just as soon as sea-borne transports landed them.

Also the British asserted that 400 German planes were already at Syrian airdromes, ready for an attack on Iraq's British army from bases supplied, in defiance of Franco-British friendship, by agreement with the Petain government headed by Darlan.

The observers in this country were not fooled by this sort of diplomatic blip, and were able to recognize the same maneuvers, with some variations, that had preceded the German occupation of the Balkans and the subsequent blitz attack upon Greece.

Britain's plan was not only a delaying action, but because of the peculiar location of the immensely valuable Mosul oil field, to try to get into Syria first, while the German "tourists" were still unarmed, and to destroy the landing fields there if possible.

Home Front

Churchill's government, taking a great deal of criticism because of the Crete disaster, because many British people thought the Crete battle might have been won if better handled, now found itself with an intensely serious problem on its hands.

There were signs that "authorized sources" in Britain were preparing the public as gently as might be for a practical abandonment of the Mediterranean as a naval control area since the loss of Crete, and one announcement flatly said that American aid must hurry if it was to get to the Red sea and Suez in time to get to the British forces in North Africa.

The British were expecting airborne attacks on Malta, Cyprus, Alexandria and Suez, but whether the Germans would attempt parachute troop operations after their huge losses in Crete was doubtful.

In fact, the Turkish slant on the attempt to land in Syria was that sea-borne invasion would be carried out. A dozen or more large ships were to carry supplies to Syria via the Dodecanese islands, and from these it would be possible, Turkey said, to land in Syria by an overnight sailing under cover of darkness.

Five hundred motorized troops had made such a trip, Turkey said, though France vigorously denied it. Harking back to the days when Weygand's Near-East army was estimated at 750,000 men, figures were now being given out in allied circles that De Gaulle had an army of 250,000 men at the present time.

Loyal to Vichy?

The stories about the first Nazis landing in Syria, in fact, stated that they were being sent in to "straighten out" the French forces in Syria, whose loyalty to the Vichy government was in question.

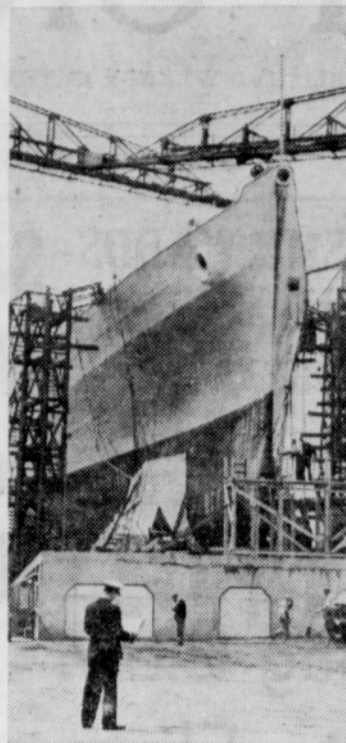
There had been many reports of disaffected troops leaving Syria before the German infiltration to flee into Palestine, there to join the Free French, but just how much of this had occurred was largely a matter of conjecture.

Aviation Plant Closed by C. I. O. Strike



Strikers and pickets outside the huge North American aviation plant in Inglewood, Calif., which was closed tight when C. I. O. workers called walkout while demand for higher wages was being considered by National Defense Mediation board in Washington. The plant has \$200,000,000 worth of orders for planes for the U. S. and Great Britain.

'Terror' of Deep



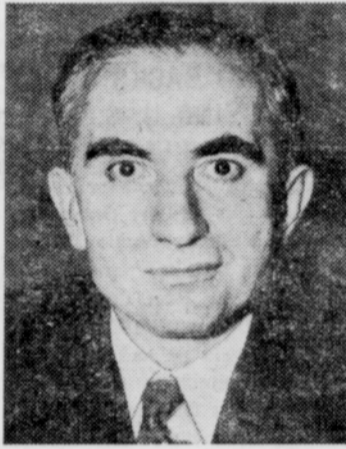
The U. S. S. Terror, the navy's first vessel particularly designed as a mine layer from the keel up, is shown getting its final touches in preparation for its launching at Philadelphia navy yard. It displaces 6,000 tons.

Old Man River Jumps Traces



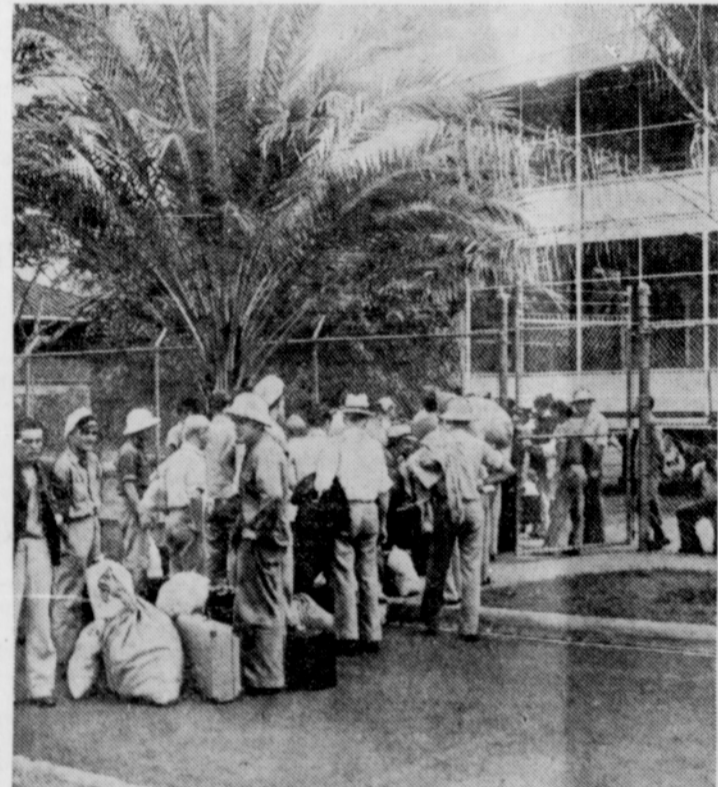
Roaring waters of the Youghiohenny river, sent far over its banks by a three-day continuous rain, washed out the tracks of the P. & L. E. railroad and sent this freight train plunging into the river at Dickerson Run, about 30 miles from Pittsburgh. The three-man crew was riding in the engine cab and narrowly escaped death.

Drops Dead



Rep. M. Edelstein (D.) of New York city who dropped dead on floor of house corridor after leaping to his feet to answer statement made by Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi that "international Jewry" was creating difficulties in the money market.

Axis Seamen Arrive at Canal Zone



Some of the 102 German and Italian seamen who sabotaged and scuttled the vessels Eisenbach and Fella off the coast of Costa Rica, pictured when they arrived at the Canal Zone quarantine station preparatory to deportation to Europe via the first Japanese vessel.

Wins Revere Award



Eugene Phillips, 33, of Fort Worth, Texas, who heads list of winners in the Revere award for best contributions made by workers at the bench to America's defense plants. He was awarded first prize (\$5,000) for his creation of a system for the blind landing of airplanes.

For Better National Nutrition

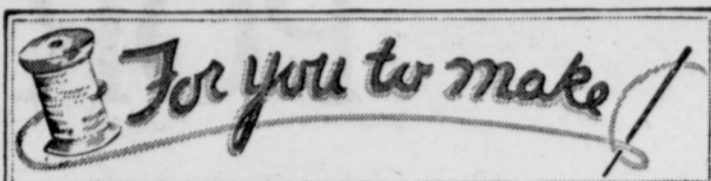


At the National Nutrition conference held in Washington at the request of the President 400 physicians and health officers were told that "diet standards of 75 per cent of our population need to be raised to withstand the strain of total defense." (Left) Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator; M. L. Wilson (center) and Russell Wilder of Mayo clinic.

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- The Questions**
1. A pundit is a man who is illiterate, comical or learned?
 2. What American city outside the United States has the largest population?
 3. How long is a tennis court?
 4. Where is the world's largest church building?
 5. Which of the following had faithless daughters—Othello, Macbeth or King Lear?
 6. The name of Elijah Lovejoy is associated with what?
 7. Over what country does the House of Savoy reign?
 8. What organization is the largest user of office space in the world?
 9. What was the area of Germany before the present war as compared to that of the state of Iowa?

- The Answers**
1. Learned.
 2. Mexico City.
 3. Seventy-eight feet.
 4. Rome (St. Peter's cathedral).
 5. King Lear.
 6. Freedom of the press. He was an Abolitionist editor who was killed by a mob at Alton, Ill., in 1837.
 7. Italy.
 8. Our federal government. It owns or rents a total of 118,225,000 square feet in 19,117 buildings scattered throughout this country. The 26,000,000 square feet in Washington alone is double that of only nine years ago.
 9. The area of Germany before September, 1940, was 225,258 square miles, including Austria and the Sudetenland. The area of Iowa is 56,147 square miles.

Time for Greatness
Nothing great is produced suddenly, since not even the grape or fig is. If you say to me now that you want a fig, I will answer to you that it requires time; let it flower first, then put forth fruit, and then ripen.—Epictetus.

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