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Holding the Line

While the Montgomery Ward case takes the headlines on the labor front, shared in the northwest by the shutdown in the lumber industry, the real battle is being fought in the east over the demand of the CIO steelworkers for wage increases. The case is now before the steel panel of the war labor board. The board has passed this hot potato around for months hoping to find some way to settle the case without squaring off for a knock-down dragout contest. It seems headed for just that now.

The demands of the steelworkers were presented about the same time that John L. Lewis was having his row over coal miners' wages. That is where the shoe pinches now. Having breached the line for Lewis the labor board is having a hard time to hold its ground against the steelworkers. The steelworkers have had their full 15 per cent wage increase, but so had the coal miners. If the wage demands for the former are now granted it practically means the abandonment of the little steel formula.

The union is demanding a flat wage increase of 17 cents an hour, with other concessions in addition, most important of which is a guarantee of an annual income to its present force of workers. The wage increase alone would virtually wipe out the company's profits, while the guarantee of an annual wage to all present workers would bankrupt the company if it ran into a depression like the 1930's.

Steel companies have been operating with rising costs and fixed selling prices. As a result most of the companies are showing declining earnings in spite of continued increase in volume. In fact the steel companies make about the poorest financial showing of all big industries during the war boom. Further wage increases there will force increases in prices, and since the government is now the biggest customer the cost of the war will be run up enormously.

If the government means what it says on "holding the line" against inflation it will have to stand its ground both against the demands of the lumber workers in the northwest and the steelworkers in the east. That is why these cases are of critical importance.

Farm Questionnaire

Farmers will remember the long questionnaire they had to fill out on the use they made of farm trucks preliminary to getting allowances for gasoline. The forms were sent back to Detroit for "processing," but finally ODT got some sense and left allotments of gasoline up to the local boards.

The worst example we have since seen of official inquisitiveness comes from California, where a questionnaire form has been mailed out from the office of the bureau of agricultural economics at Berkeley to farm residents in the San Joaquin valley. It consists of five pages of queries, and the purpose of the information, so it is said, is for study in connection with the question of whether ownership of lands to be irrigated under the Central valley project shall be limited to 160 acres. But here are some

Characterize the interior of the house. Is it decorated with carpets and curtains all in good order? Is it poorly decorated, but neat and clean? Is it untidy? Is it extremely dirty?

How frequently do you attend church? Did any member of your family change denominations upon coming here, or since you've been here? Do you attend church more or less frequently now than before the change?

What informal activities did members of your family participate in during the year? List families with whom you visited in 1943 and in 1940 (if different) and whom you consider your more intimate friends. How many times did you visit them during the year, and how many times did they visit you?

Five pages of that stuff! That should be enough to provoke a revolt among the farmers of central California. Just what clean or dirty curtains have to do with the size of an irrigated farm is quite beyond immediate perception. We are not surprised that an English woman, as is reported, wanted a copy of the form, saying,

Interpreting The War News

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Collapse of the whole nazi defense front below Rome from Cisterna to Piedimonte is foreshadowed in allied successes on both flanks and in the center. It seems clear the enemy is desperately seeking to escape from the middle Hitler line in the south before an allied breakthrough into the Sacco valley from the Anzio beachhead ham-strings his main communications lines. It probably accounts in part for the five-mile Canadian lunge up the lower Liri valley to the Malfa river, and American capture of Terracina on the sea flank and the

important Mount Alto peak 10 miles to the north. These advances represent converging fifth and eighth army threats to rip the German front apart. and the French forces on the right flank of the fifth army are still to be heard from, The Canadian advances north of the Liri paved the way for a French smash south of the river and along the Pico-Ceprano highway into the lower end of of the Sacco valley.

It is on the Cisterna sector of the Anzio beachhead that the allied attack holds the grayest danger of a major disaster for the enemy, however. The assault on the town unquestionably prompted the German command to fall back along the punc-

tured Hitler line before it was too late. It may already be too late for nazis in the coast-al hump pocket beyond Terracina. American guns on Mount Alto command their only escape corridor up highway 7 and the Priverno-Frosone road. Fifth ermy troops astride the Appian Way and the Rome-Naples railway southeast of Cisterna bar flight in that direction.

It seems certain that some of the forces left to delay the allied advance up the coastal flank for a junction with troops in the Anzio beachhead must be abandoned. Allied capture of Terracina has ex-posed the Germans still on the coastal hump be-low the Pontine marshes to attack from the south, the east and the northeast.

"I want one to send my folks in England, so they can understand the difference between English and American democracy."

It used to be said that a man's home was his castle. Evidently not in California-it's a fishbowl.

Uncle Sam's Loans

The American people will have to keep their eye on plans to make the USA not the banker but the Santa Claus for the rest of the world. The United States will be the largest reservoir of liquid capital in the world, and will be in position to do business with other countries and with industries in other countries: but its operations should be on a business basis. The United States can't be the almoner for the whole world.

Congressman Dewey of Illinois has a bill to put up half a billion dollars for use with other nations in loans to sick countries. But the treasury department's representative opposes the bill because the amount provided isn't big enough. No sum would be big enough if we started pouring our gold down the rathole of foreign demand.

We should make it clear to other countries that the Lord helps those that help themselves. Maybe we can give some emergency relief for the needy, but extension of credit should be avoided if at all possible. If we repeal the Johnson act private capital could take up eligible foreign loans, but the government should be chary of money-lending.

Just why the courthouse lawn should be used for a sideshow again we do not know, nor why the war department would permit a captured Jap zero plane to be used for exhibition purposes at so much a head for admission. The place for these tentshows is out on some vacant

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, May 24 - Particularly what enabled us to break Cassino after four months of disappointing and bruising battering (since

January 21) was a slip-through which the French unexpectedly made in the mountains several miles south of the town. Plunging along the ridges,

they found a weak point in the Gustav line. The Germans apparently thought the mountains themselves sufficient protection, and had made their preparations to fight their big effort in the adjoining Liri valley, where they threw back every initial effort of the British. Also in mountains

north of the town, the nazis were well prepared and held the first attacks of the Poles. But the unnoticed French plunged easily onward atop the mountains to come out into the open, upon the nazi lines up the Liri, far in the rear of the

place where the Germans were holding the Bri-The Hitlerites had to decide immediately whether to fight on and risk the chance of being surrounded, or retire. They ran, or as many as could,

escaped back to the Hitler line, and there the Poles eventually faced them again in the historic fighting around Piedmonte. The nazis also failed to expect the size of the French and American forces which confronted

them on the rest of the line southwestward down to the sea. In fact, they seem to have been fooled completely by the whole offensive.

They even shot their propaganda leaflets down into the wrong armiees the day before the attack started. They had prepared propaganda in French for the French, in Polish for the Poles. But they shot the French propaganda into positions where we had the Polish army, and Polish propaganda into the French troops (using artillery shells which explode in the air and release the leaflets, instead of the usual planes, a strategy reflecting their deficiency in aircraft.

Obviously they were confused and bewildered by our heavy disposition of forces-our "regrouping" as our general staff blandly called it in their first communiques.

In short, the nazis did not have enough manpower to defend their whole line, underestimated ours, had ours wrongly placed, chose excellent spots to concentrate their strength, but in doing this, left the weak spots which we found.

Our overall strategy plan worked equally well. We turned on hotter and hotter pressure, threatening invasion from England daily, thus to keep von Runstedt's forces pinned down in France and the lowlands, so they could not reinforce their bewildered comrades in Italy.

The Russians helped out by exerting pressure attacks around Vitebsk, in the central part of the eastern line, and elsewhere. Thus do we stretch the nazi line thinner and thinner-like Grant took

To nail the vastly strewn nazi forces down even more firmly where they were, we bombed all railroad lines up the Italian boot and even the Brenner pass in advance. But this eventually turned out to have been a possibly needless emphasis.

The Germans just dared not spare men from the western or eastern fronts even if railroads had been available to carry them to Italy.

Future developments will turn mainly on this manpower deficiency. The Italian terrain to Rome is such that the Germans could put up stiff resistance from mountain positions covering the Appian Way as far back as the capital. Their decision, however, is apt to rest on whether, and how soon, they can get more troops in, and materiel.

The fact that the German radio has been blatantly preparing its public for a disaster has been encouraging, but not a conclusive sign of their Italian predicament. They turn their radio on and off like a brainless automatic voice, and would naturally deceive their own people for the purpose of deceiving us.

Thus whether they retire to "north Italy" as Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter has been saying,

depends on whether they are beaten.

Their fighting at Piedmonte and Pico, naturally showed determination for death rather than retreat, and in nowise confirmed Hitler's newspaper editorials. Obviously, he gave his editor and his troops opposite instructions.



The Quitter

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM-MBS-TRURSDAY-1290 Ke. 11:45—Orchestra. 11:55—News. 12:00—Serenade. 6:30—Rt's the Truth.
6:45—News.
7:00—News.
7:15—Farm and Home Program.
7:30—Shady Valley.
7:45—Today's Top Trades.
8:00—Good Ship Grace.
8:30—News. 12:30-6:00 a.m.-Music and News. REX-BN-THURSDAY-1196 Re.
6:00-Musical Clock.
6:15-National Farm & Home.
6:45-Western Agriculture.
7:00-Home Harmonies,
7:05-Top o' the Morning.
7:15-News
7:30-James Abbe Observes,
7:45-The Listening Post.
8:00-Breakfast Club.
9:00-Christian Science Program.
9:15-Voice of Experience.
9:30-Breakfast at Sardi's.
10:00-News.
10:15-Sweet River.
10:30-My True Story.
10:55-Buddy Twiss.
11:00-Baukhage Talking.
11:15-The Mystery Chef.
11:30-Ladies Be Seated. 8:35—News, 8:45—Orchestra, 8:55—Boake Carter, 9:30—Pastor's Call, 9:30—Midland USA, 9:45—Amazing Jennifer Logan, 10:00-Hardy, News. 10:15—Jack Berch,
10:30—Let's Be Charming,
11:30—Cedric Foster,
11:15—US Navy,
11:30—Skyline Serenade,
11:45—Around Town,
12:00—Organalities. 2:35 Nashville 1:00 News. 1:05 Spotlight on Rhythm. 1:15 Lum 'n' Abner. 1:30 Full Speed Ahead. 11:30—Ladies Be Seated, 12:30—Songs. by Morton Downey. 12:15—Hollywood Star Time. 12:15—Hollywood Star Time.
12:30—News.
1:00—Sam Hayes.
1:15—Radio Parade.
1:30—Blue Newsroom Review.
2:00—What's Doing. Ladies.
2:30—Baby Institute.
2:45—Labor News.
2:50—Alex Clipper, Organist.
3:00—Grace Elliott. 2:00—News.
2:05—Broadway Band Wagon.
2:15—Don Lee Newsreel.
2:45—Radio Tour.
3:00—News. 3:05—Concert Hour. 3:45—Johnson Family. 4:00—Fulton Lewis,
4:15—Care & Feeding of a Husband,
4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm,
4:45—Roundup Revelers,
5:00—News. 3:15—News 3:30—Rollie Truitt Time. 3:45—Music. 4:00—Kelly's Courthouse. 4:30—Hop Harrigan. 1:45—Sea Hound. 5:15—Superman. 5:30—Dinner Melodies. 5:45—Gordon Burke. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter. 4:45—Sea Hound.

\$:20—Terry and the Pirates

\$:15—Dick Tracy.

\$:30—Jack Armstrong.

\$:45—Captain Midnight.

6:00—Schools at War.

6:30—Spotlight Bands.

6:55—The Story Teller.

7:00—Raymond Gram Swing

7:15—Appointment for Life.

7:30—Red Ryder.

8:00—News. 8:15-Nick Carter 6:30—Garden Talk. 6:45—Sports. 7:00—Commentary. 7:15-Lowell Thomas. -Orchestra. :18-Lum and Abner. -News 9:15—Rex Miller. 9:30—Fulton Lewis. 9:45—Orchestra. 10:00-Wings Over West Coast. -America's Town

10:45—Music. 11:00—Sign Off. KGW-NBC-THURSDAY-520 Ka. 4:00-Dawn Patrol. 5:55-Labor News. 6:00-Mirth and Madness. 6:20-News. 6:55-Labor News. 7:00-Journal of Living. KOIN-CBS-THURSDAY-950 Ke. 6:00—Northwest Farm Reporter. 6:15—Breakfast Bulletin. 6:20—Texas Rangers. 6:45—KOIN Klock, 6:45—KOIN Klock,
7:15—News.
7:30—News.
7:45—Nelson Pringle.
8:50—Consumer News.
8:15—Valiant Lady.
8:30—Stories America Loves.
8:45—Aunt Jenny.
9:00—Kate Smith Speaks.
9:15—Big Sister
9:30—Romance of Helen Trent.
9:45—Our Gal Sunday.
10:30—Life Can Be Beautiful.
10:15—Ms Perkins.
10:30—Bernadine Flynn.
10:45—The Goidbergs.
11:30—Portia Faces Life.
11:15—Joyce Jordan 7:30—Charles Runyan, Org 7:45—Sam Hayes. 8:00—Stars of Today. 8:15—James Abbe. News. 8:30—Silly Symphonies. 8:45—David Harum 9:00—Personality Hour. 10:00—School Program. 10:30—News. 10:30—News.
10:45—Art Baker's Notebool
11:00—The Guiding Light.
11:15—Today's Children.
11:30—Light of the World.
11:45—Melodies of Home.
12:00—Women of America. 11:00—Portia Faces Life.
11:15—Joyce Jordan
11:30—Young Dr. Malone.
11:45—Perry Mason.
12:00—News.
12:15—Neighbors.
12:45—Bachelor's Children.
1:00—Broadway Matinee.
1:25—Dorothy Fisher.
1:30—Mary Marlin.
1:45—Mid-afternoon Melodies.
2:00—Open Door.
2:15—Newspaper of the Air-2:15—Newspaper of the Air. 2:45—American Women. 3:00—News.
3:00—News.
3:15—State Traffic.
3:30—Stars of Today.
3:45—World Today.
3:55—News.
4:00—Lady of the Press.

4:15—Bob Andersen, News.
4:30—Tracer of Lost Persons.
5:00—Galen Drake.
5:15—Red's Gang.
5:30—Harry Flannery, News.
5:55—Bill Henry.
6:00—Major Bowes.
6:30—Dinah Shore.
7:00—The First Line. popular acceptance: parison with the facts of the present-day world, journalism is the facts of the present-day world. The excitement, the adventure, the drama which are :00—The First Line :30—Here's to Romance .00—I Love a Mystery. so conspicuously absent from our current novels are present in full measure in the books of

:30—Death Valley Days :55—News. :00—Dreamin Time. :15—Dan Harmon. :30—Orson Welles. 10:00—Five Star Final 10:15—Wartime Womer 10:20—Rufus Holman. 11:00-Orchestra 11:30-Airflo of the Air.

The Safety Valve

To the Editor: We, the members of the Salem fire department, eagerly thank the voters of Salem for their support of our retirement fund measure, assure them of our appreciation for such action and feel sure that they will not regret it at any future time.

We feel doubly anxious to merit the consideration of the citizenry by giving the utmost m efficient service in fire protection for the city.

Salem Firemen. als should not yet be broken.

1:15—Stella Dallas,
1:30—Lorenzo Jonea,
1:35—Young Widder Brown,
2:00—When A Girl Marries,
2:15—We Love and Learn,
2:30—Just Plain Bill,
2:45—Front Page Farrell,
3:00—Road of Life,
3:15—Vic and Sade,
3:30—B Boynton.

7:15—News Headlines. 7:30—Charles Runyan, Organist.

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3:15—Vic and Sade.
3:30—B, Boynton.
3:45—Rambling Reader.
4:00—Dr. Kate.
4:15—News of the World.
4:30—Voice of A Nation.
4:45—Carl Kalash Orchestra.
5:00—OK for Release.
5:15—Tunes at Sundown.
5:30—Day Foster, Commentato
5:45—Louis P. Lochner.
6:00—Music Hall.
6:20—Bob Burns. 6:30—Bob Burns.
7:30—Abbott and Costello.
7:30—March of Time.
8:30—Fred Waring in Pleasure
8:15—Night Editor.
8:30—Cafree Time.
9:90—Aldrich Family.
9:30—Ellery Queen.
10:00—News Flashes.
10:15—Your Home Town News.
10:25—Labor News.
10:30—Charles LaVere. Singer. 10:30-Charles LaVere, Singer. 11:00—Hotel Biltmore 11:30—News.

12:00-2 a. m.-Swing Shift. KOAC-THURSDAY-850 Ke. KOAC—THURSDAY—356 Ke.
10:00—News.
10:15—The Homemaker's Hour.
11:00—School of the Air.
11:15—Melodies for String.
11:30—Concert Hall.
12:00—News.
12:15—Noon Farm Hour.
1:00—Ridin' the Range.
1:15—Treasury Salute.
1:30—Variety Time.
2:00—Home Garden Hour.
2:30—Memory Book of Music
3:00—News.

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Americans in Italy Think Of Home, Mother on Her Day

By KENNETH L. DIXON

WITH THE AEF IN ITALY, May 14-(Delayed)-(P)-It was a strange way for a boy to spend Mother's day, but no matter where they were most of them thought about it quite a bit.

The infantry company was crossing the meadow northwest of Minturno. Our own shells screamed overhead, punching into the German positions on the hill at the far end of the meadow, and the enemy mortars were

chunking into the green grass Sniper's bullets sang intermittently through their rushing, brok-I said that next year ... en ranks, and now and then a "Next year," interrupted Ruth-

But in that split second before he jumped the ditch and followed his comrades across the meadow, the dazed private who was going into combat for the first time saw none of this. He saw only the multi-colored flowers blooming in the meadow.

man would twist and then double

and fall and the others scurried

"Sure some nice flowers for Mother's day there," he said. Sgt. Jack Raymond of the Bronx who writes for Stars and Stripes, was going back to the beachhead on an LST with a bunch of boys

who had been given a brief rest. They got to talking about Mother's "On Mother's day there is al-

ways something special that makes you think of Mom all the more," said Cpl. Grant Pratt of Los Angeles. "We left the states May 10, 1942. Then a year later, May 9, 1943, we just finished up the Bizerte business. And now-." Five of the boys on board had

sent flowers to their mothers. They were Sgt. Edward Fofiell of Baltimore and four corporals, William Rutherford of Fremont, Mich., William Kent of Elco, Pa. and Richard Corriden and Edward Counts of Indianapolis. "I sent home a package of

cameos for everybody," said Cpl. Louis Citrin of Detroit. "My mother, my wife, the whole family. It was the first time in three years we've had a chance to send anything." "I sent a letter," said Pfc. Rus-

sell Foster of Patriot, Ind. "It's more personal. You can't always say it with flowers, even roses." "I wrote my sister a couple of weeks ago," said Cpl. Woodbury Snyder of Lodi, Ohio. "I always

Today's Garden By LILLIE MADSEN

E. T. P. asks how to rid a nasturium bed of quack grass. Says it has been beautiful for 18 years but will fail in this now.

ANSWER: Quack grass is a very difficult grass to eliminate. It is listed as one of the most troublesome weeds known. Only by digging out or by smothering it can be controlled. Broken rootstocks simply make new plants. Straw mulches, tar paper coverings and heavy peat moss mulch are said to smother it out if left on long enough. Continuous digging out until every bit is gone, is one sure method.

ETP also gives me the family street address and asks me to come see their garden. Thanks. If, as he suggests, I can find the gasoline, I'll be glad to do so.

write to my sister on Mother's day. My Mom is dead. So I write to Sis. I didn't send her anything.

erford. "Next year we send ourselves home." "That's what I wrote my sister," said Snyder.





Tonight at 7:15







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