

A Crust of Bread



THIS VERY YOUNG GREEK, like many of his elders, is making the best of a difficult situation. His name happens to be Charalambos Makris. But he is only one of thousands who have survived three and one-half years of war and German occupation. Head bandaged, he is seated upon a beam that once formed part of his home, now in rubble. He has a morsel of bread, but his distended stomach indicates malnutrition. He has an expression in his eyes old beyond his years. He has the sunshine, but not much else.

Wonder Drug Being Flown To Holland

In a race against death 200 pounds of protein hydrolysate, wonder-working drug, are being flown to Holland to help check mass starvation by the Germans of thousands of Netherlanders, according to a report Friday to Charles A. Sprague, president of the Oregon War Chest, from the National War Fund.

This initial supply of the drug and arrangements for special priority for air transportation were obtained by the Queen Wilhelmina fund, whose work is financed by the National War Fund through contributions to community war funds, such as the Marion County War Chest.

Successful in checking famine in Bengal, India, two years ago, administration of hydrolysate has never been attempted on such a wide scale nor upon Europeans hitherto, said the report, which explained that the treatment has been devised by a special famine rescue committee of distinguished research experts, in an effort to save the lives of thousands, especially children, who are dying at the rate of 125 a week from famine conditions alone.

The emergency treatment provides for administration of protein hydrolysate in its simplest form with blood plasma to restore the protein element in the blood so the starving victims will be able to swallow and digest food now being rushed to that long-starved area, said the report. The hydrolysate concentrate consists of casein from milk and extracts from lean beef, and may be taken orally, by nasal tube feeding or intravenous injection, it was explained. The protein hydrolysate is casein broken down to its simplest form with glucose and, essential vitamins added.

The treatment will be administered first to those deemed moribund and exhausted to the point that they can no longer feed themselves, and require that the patient remain abed for two or three days as the danger from over-eating after liberation is as real as the present threat of starvation, the report stated.

Survey Shows Drop in Portland Milk Rating

PORTLAND, April 20—(AP)—The U.S. Public Health service said today Portland's pure milk rating has fallen from 90 to 83.5 per cent since introduction of milk from outside the normal supply area.

The service recommended stricter sanitary requirements for all dairy herds and proper pasteurization.

Westport's Only Mill Will Close in August

WESTPORT, April 20—(AP)—A sawmill that for more than a century has been this Columbia river town's only industry will close down in mid-August.

Officers of the Westport Lumber company said unsatisfactory prices asked for logs in the area will force the shut-down. The mill cut operations to one shift of 225 men last August after normal operations of 330 men. The firm has no timber holdings.

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Nazis Discard Usual Rules Of Warfare

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Hitler's war of fang and claw has now been formally proclaimed. Goebbels tells the German people to throw away the rules of war.

Hitler says "We are now starting a battle as fanatical as that which we had to fight for our ascent to power." In other words, a war of sneaking thuggery.

American doughboys capture an ammunition dump at Leipzig containing 27,000 poison gas shells. The Canadians, fired upon by snipers, evacuate a village's population and burn it as a lesson. The next village doesn't learn, is destroyed without evacuation.

Hitler once promised that, if he went down, all Europe would go with him. He wasn't quite able to do the job outside Germany, although the swathe he cut has been terrible enough, but within the reich he is making progress.

Although some rural areas near the Rhine escaped the worst ravages of war, the Germans are more and more forcing us to a policy of complete annihilation in a guerrilla war, with whole areas involved.

Hostages are being taken on both sides. The Germans, as witness the special cure taken with Lt. John C. Winant, jr., and the prisoner of war relatives of important British personages—will try to hide behind the lives of their prisoners.

Whether they will use poison gas in their final throes seems to depend on practicality rather than morality. And even practicality may be cast aside.

Allied experts feel sure that the Germans would have used gas already if they had one which would penetrate Allied masks; that they would do anything commensurate with the risk of retaliation.

Now, with proclamation of suicidal "defense zones," with suicide taking the place of surrender after last ditch stands, that risk doesn't matter. Gas or anything else can be expected.

The desperate Nazis care no more for the non-combatant Germans than they did for non-combatant Londoners in 1940. Even less, for then there was a real military objective. Now there is only a beaten nazidom thrashing about senselessly like a beheaded monster, neither knowing nor caring where the blood spatters.

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More Flexible Meat Subsidy Is in Process

WASHINGTON, April 20—(AP) Senate food investigators heard today that a "more flexible" meat subsidy and pricing program designed to keep packer profits up to peacetime levels, is in preparation.

Officials of the office of price administration, the war food administration and the defense sup-

plies corporation, which actually administers subsidies, acknowledged that new plans were in the making, but said details were yet to be worked out. For one thing, the program has yet to be submitted to William H. Davis, director of economic stabilization, who must approve any subsidy increase.

Meanwhile house committees, conducting a separate inquiry into food shortages heard a rancher's demand for three cents a pound more to the producer on high grade beef.

Richard M. Kleberg, former congressman and manager of the huge King ranch in Texas, said

that increase would in large degree stifle the black market.

Bay City Will Defend Title For Gourmets

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20—(AP) Ration points, notwithstanding, this city is prepared to defend its reputation as a world mecca for gourmets even in the challenging company of the top-flight diplomats who will be here from 46 nations. Lunch time has been the wor-

ry. Delegates will have to rush that meal in the best (or worst) American style. But the American women's voluntary services are determined they'll eat "international."

They're setting up a canteen in the basement of the San Francisco opera house where, each day, lunch will be devoted to one famous foreign dish: rice pilaf and shish kebab (for the middle east and the Russians); meat balls and ravioli (for the Mediterranean people); good old English beef stew; French dishes, Chinese dishes.

Crews of a hundred women plan to feed 2000 delegates and

newsmen each noon at a dollar a head. They'll include women who have been specially enlisted from San Francisco's polyglot population: French, English, Chinese, Armenian, Scandinavian, most of whom learned their recipes right at home.

But just to be sure the delegates enjoy that last little whiff of garlic in the sauce, or taragon in the dressing, the women are going through a last minute training course with one of San Francisco's most famous chefs, George Mardikian, an Armenian. There will be no hot dogs.

Settlement Reached In Phone Dispute

WASHINGTON, April 20—(AP)—A settlement was reached today in the New York telephone dispute which threatened to tie up communications in the metropolis. The agreement is subject to ratification by union membership and approval by the war labor board. Terms were not disclosed.

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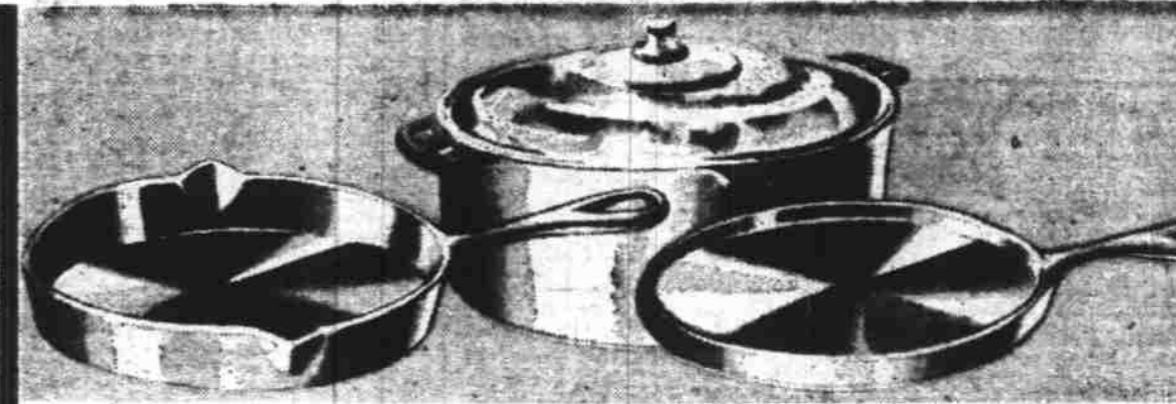
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