

WOMEN, CHILDREN VICTIMS OF NAZI RULE IN BELGIUM

20 to 40 Pounds Loss in
Weight Noted — Young
Stunted by Starvation.

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Brussels, Sept. 14—(U.P.)—The Germans held the Belgians white, physically and economically.

Rehabilitation experts who kept charts of the country's decline under German occupation estimated today that it would take at least 10 years to bring Belgium back up to its pre-war standard.

Many Belgian women have lost 20 to 40 pounds, and the children have been stunted for lack of sufficient food and vitamins. The Nazis had the victory on a starvation basis.

No Pork or Fish

The daily ration—if it could be had—was seven and one-half ounces of bread, five ounces of flour, one-third of an ounce of butter, an ounce of sugar, two-thirds of an ounce of meat and 15 ounces of potatoes.

Authorities told me after my arrival here with the Belgian government returning from London after years of exile that the people of Brussels had not seen pork or fish since the Germans moved in.

The bread was so bad dogs refused to eat it, they said. It was made of ground beans and peas, with grass and a little real flour.

The number of Belgians starving would have been great if the people had not resorted to the black market. The number who did starve is not known. And the black market was only for those with money.

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The Belgian women sacrificed their slender ration for the children, but still the youngsters were underfed. Tuberculosis and rickets were common. The birth rate is below the death rate for the first time in the country's history.

When the Allies came back to Belgium, the food shortage had reached such a state that economic experts estimated one-fourth of the country's women and children would have succumbed in another year of such conditions.

FIGHTERS CURB CALIFORNIA FIRE

Lakeport, Calif., Sept. 14—(U.P.)—Weary firefighters were reported last night to have gained the upper hand against scores of forest and brush blazes which blackened more than 50,000 acres of timber and resort land in Lake, Sonoma, Mendocino and Trinity counties, despite starting of seven new fires.

The Lake county fires, which blazed over 30,000 acres including the unoccupied Houdt Gibson Salvation Army camp and several summer homes, were stopped short of the major resort areas and but one mile from Middletown.

West of Willits in Mendocino county, another major fire raged, covering an estimated 15,000 acres. Planes were flying low and supplies from Ukiah to 200 and soldiers from Hamilton field and 80 San Quentin prison convicts, fighting side by side. One man, John Ellis of Whiskey Springs, died of exhaustion and one convicts was injured by a falling tree.

9 AIRMEN KILLED
Mountain Home, Ida., Sept. 14—(U.P.)—Nine airmen were killed yesterday in the crash of a Liberator bomber on the desert near Triangle, 50 miles southwest of the Mountain Home air field, the plane's base. Lt. Col. Clarence D. Barnhill, commandant, announced today.

"Chowtime" in Normandy Finds U. S. Army Nurses Eating From Mess Kits



These members of the U. S. Army Nurse Corps, taking time out for dinner on the site of a field hospital in Normandy, were among the first group of American women to land with the vanguard of our troops in the invasion of France. The Army nurses, sharing the hardships of the fighting men, have saved countless lives, but still more nurses are needed.

GIRL COMMANDOS OF KLAMATH TO DISBAND GROUP

Klamath Falls, Sept. 14—(U.P.)—(Special)—The Klamath Commandos, girl organization which has operated a major part of the local service men's hospital program for two years, announced Wednesday they are disbanding service center program as an organization, but will continue to help individuals.

The local military service committee said the center will continue without interruption. This week the federal works agency allotted \$13,700 for service men's recreational activities here, and troop entertainment will benefit to the extent of \$5000 from the Klamath combined fund this year.

Organized in the summer of 1942, the Commandos opened a service center here in September. They later inaugurated a wounded service men's project which brought them nationwide attention. When the marine barracks and naval air station were started here, the group dropped the wounded service men's project to concentrate on the local work, which has steadily increased.

There has been some discussion of inviting the USO into Klamath Falls, but no action has been taken.

Corporal Harris. Member of Cited B-25 Bomb Group

At a 12th AAF B-25 Base—The veteran B-25 Mitchell bomb group to which Corporal John D. Harris, son of Ernest Harris, Route No. 4, Box 389, Medford, Ore., is assigned has been cited by the president of the United States for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy. This official recognition by the commander-in-chief entitles the service man to wear a distinguished-unit badge over the right pocket of his uniform.

Corporal Harris is serving as aviation mechanic with the distinguished B-25 Mitchell unit. His group has flown more than 450 combat missions in the Mediterranean theater of operations and is now playing a major role in cutting communications behind the German lines in Italy.

CALIFORNIA P.T.A. OPPOSES \$60 PLAN

Los Angeles, Sept. 14—(U.P.)—The California Congress of Parents and Teachers' Board of Managers today went on record as opposing the "\$60 to 60" Townsend plan because it would increase the tax burden and benefit only 10 per cent of the people.

Mrs. J. J. Barland, Congress

ROGUE RIVER MAN FATALLY BURNED

Grants Pass, Sept. 14—Alison C. Harmon, 81, resident of Rogue River, died at the Josephine General hospital Tuesday evening as a result of accidental burns suffered late Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Harmon was a passenger in the car of J. E. Coppock of Rogue River, having been brought to Grants Pass to consult a physician.

When they started home the two men had their mail, including several newspapers, in the car with them. When Mr. Coppock returned to his car at Seventh and H streets after transacting some business at the Grants Pass creamery, Mr. Harmon's clothing, as well as the upholstery of the car, was ablaze.

Witnesses of the accident extinguished the fire and called the ambulance to take Mr. Harmon to the hospital, according to Mrs. D. McKinstry, bookkeeper at the creamery, who saw the accident.

There has never been an accident to a child at any street crossing supervised by San Francisco's 21-year-old school safety patrol.

MEXICANS AGREE TO CURTAILMENT OF CELEBRATION

Celebration of the Mexican Independence Day will take place in Medford Saturday night instead of Friday, according to Meliton F. Otero, manager of the two Farm Labor Supply camps here. Mr. Otero stated that due to the pressure of work in orchards, packing plants and warehouses the men here had agreed to forego any extensive

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celebration of the Mexican national holiday.

Under a plan worked out by employers in cooperation with the officials of the Farm Labor Supply camp and the Mexican national workers, the men will work until 4 p. m. Saturday and will confine the celebration to that evening. It was thought

that many of the older men would not participate in the festivities since they regard their work with great seriousness and are anxious that nothing interfere with the orderly and efficient harvesting of the fruit crop. About a third of the men usually work on Sunday as well as throughout the week

Thursday, Sept. 14, 1944 MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

and these will report as usual this Sunday, it was said.

Exact nature of the celebration is still in doubt, the supply camp officials said, since an effort was being made to meet the men's own wishes as far as possible and as yet no agreement

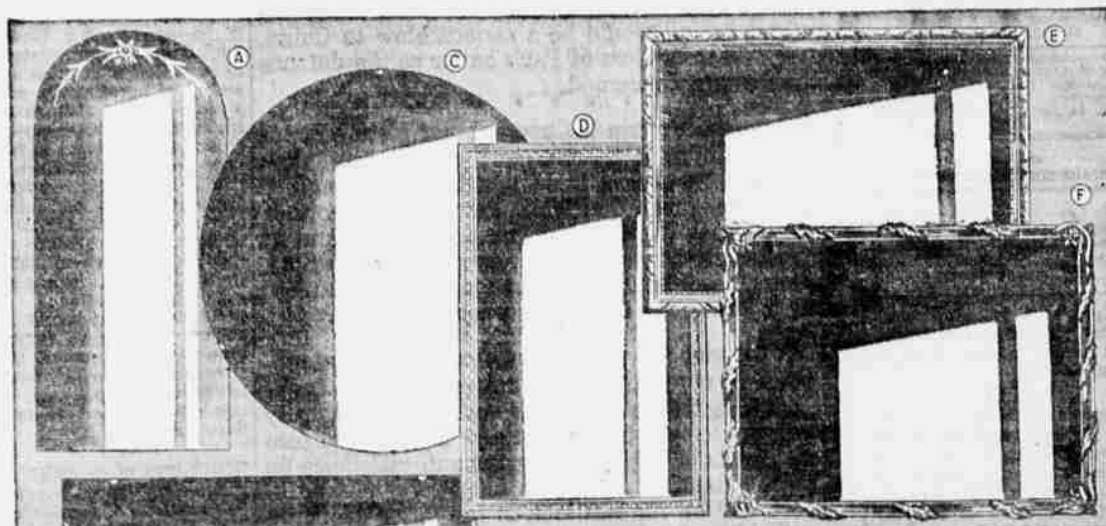
had been reached as to how the celebration fund, contributed by employers, would be used.

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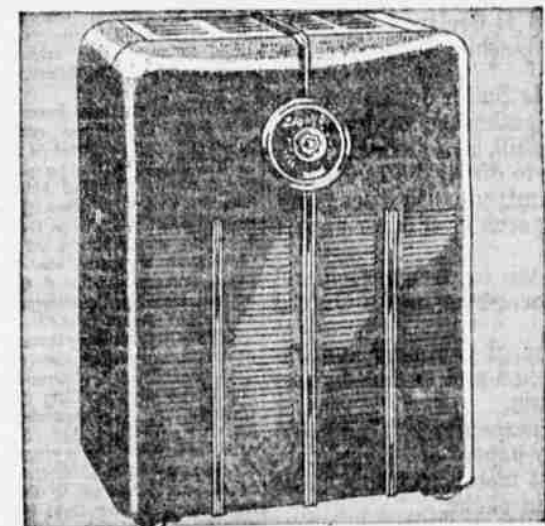
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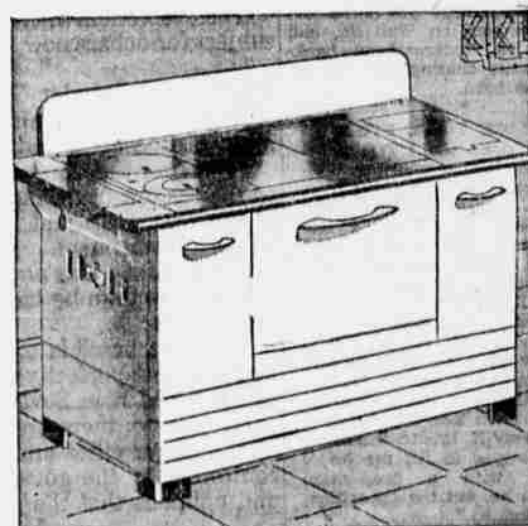
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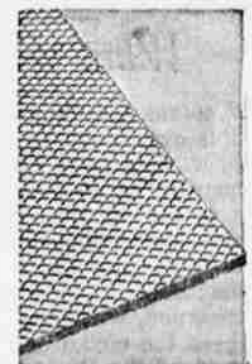
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