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Nazi To Pay Penalties From four to six million Germans will pay penalties for Nazi atrocities...

While there is an excellent chance that some of the top-flight Nazis may be executed, the probability is that the punishment of most of the vast number of Nazis will take the form of enforced labor.

Certainly, if the War Crimes Commission of the United Nations secures evidence to pin point upon individual Nazis for heinous crimes perpetrated upon innocent peoples, the guilty should not escape by the relatively easy contribution of the trial.

Why the trials begin and the terms are meted-out, there will arise in this country something of a campaign to secure mercy for guilty Nazis. While there will be good Americans misled by their interpretation of religious teachings, the bulk of those speaking for the Nazis will not be motivated by conscience.

Transporting Freed Prisoners Very few of us realize the magnitude of the task involved in transporting prisoners of war liberated in Germany...

Reports from Paris tell us that approximately 1500 transports and bombers were used for evacuating prisoners by air and that as many as 36,000 were transported in a single day.

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The Japs Will Collapse The hard fighting on Okinawa leads many so-called experts to predict that we will find similar difficulties throughout Japan.

This reminds us of the similar predictions about what we would find in Germany. It was said that the Westwall would cost hundreds of thousands of lives, that the passage of the Rhine would be all but prohibitive in human costs and that, thereafter, we would face subterranean resistance inside Germany.

The predicted difficulties did not materialize. It may be safe to assume that the same will be true in the Far East. The Japanese fight desperately upon Okinawa because it is a key to the defense of southern Japan.

If it becomes necessary to land troops on the Japanese home islands the course of the fighting will probably follow the pattern seen in Europe. There will be bitter resistance on the beaches and throughout the initial phases of the great military operation.

Prophecies Confounded The self-exorcism practiced by some of the Nazi leaders, notably Hitler, Chief Heinrich Himmler, indicates that these men had no confidence whatever in prolonged subterranean resistance by Germany.

For months before the end of the war, there was considerable speculation about the Nazi Werewolves organization, which, it was presumed, would conduct a gangster type of resistance throughout Germany.

Everybody remembers reading about the "inner redoubt" where die-hard Nazis were to congregate in the mountainous areas of Austria for bitter resistance unto death.

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Happenings of Long Ago

90 YEARS AGO June 20, 1855

"Miss Kate Leggett was in town last week." "Bicycle bloomers are not in it with the up-to-date bathing suit."

"Eight ladies and four gentlemen graduate this evening... In intoxicating liquors and picnic adjutants are proving just as dangerous and deadly as ever."

"Your uncle Benny Harrison is presiding on the theory that the pessimism belongs to him who can knock it down."

"Edward March has gone to Alma where he is engaged to play at the college commencement on Thursday, at this week."

20 YEARS AGO June 19, 1925

"Four homes in the village were entered Saturday evening between ten-thirty and midnight, netting the intruder a total of one silver dollar for his evening's work."

"Birmingham claimed the attention of the Garden Club America for one day last week during their conference in Detroit. On Friday a large group of delegates motored through the Hills visiting the Corvyl nurseries and going on to the estates in the county."

"At a meeting of the community House Board last week Miss Mary Clark Griffith was engaged as resident hostess for the next year at the Community House, beginning in September, the report of the budget committee was read and Mrs. George Moore submitted a statement on the Girl Reserve program."

FIVE YEARS AGO June 20, 1940

"Birmingham residents will get cheaper garbage collection after July 1, it was revealed at the City Commission meeting Monday night when a new contract was let to Russell Brice, Route 1, Royal Oak."

son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Armstrong, 995 Shirley drive, will represent Birmingham at the Wolverine Boys' State...

"The City Commission discussed briefly Monday night a proposal to erect an apartment building on East Maple, a block west of Adams road."

"Off to a rainy start, but favored with the voucherman's best for the rest of the events, the annual Detroit Horse Show at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club's grounds closed Sunday night, called by many the best in the show's history."

"Despite prospecting for more than a month in five different locations, a satisfactory site for a new city well has not yet been found, City Manager Donald C. Egbert told the City Commission Monday night."

"Ellie Spearman, head of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, will be awarded an honorary doctor's degree by Harvard university at commencement there tonight."

Ronds are as vital to victory as bullets. Have you bought your share?"

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Birmingham's member of the Blackhawk Division, which roared into New York harbor Saturday night...

The gun jet 21 days home and then must report back to camp, probably Fort Dix, for reassembly and go to Japan.

Someone said as they watched the soldiers pile out of their ship Sunday morning they were loaded down with bags of souvenirs.

Every dollar above the necessities of living must go into War Bonds—to fulfill your obligation to your fighting men—to keep them the cost of living—to win the peace with an economically sound nation.

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Advertisement for a kitchen range, featuring the text 'Your "bee" and look what's ahead!' and 'a kitchen that kisses your "chones" good-bye!'.

Advertisement for Bruce Floor Cleaner and Floor Wax, featuring the text 'FLOOR CLEANER 68¢' and 'FLOOR WAX 89¢'.

Advertisement for Creosote, featuring the text 'CREOSOTE Gallon \$1.00'.

Advertisement for Picnic Tables, featuring the text 'PICNIC TABLES UNFINISHED 6 Ft. Size \$20.00'.

Advertisement for Lawson & Son, featuring the text 'LAWSON & SON 484 Forest Fuel and Builders Supplies'.

Large advertisement for Lincoln-Zephyr, Ford, and Mercury cars, featuring the text 'SALES - SERVICE' and 'GENUINE FORD MOTOR COMPANY PARTS'.

Advertisement for Wabek State Bank of Detroit, featuring the text 'Stick with Our Boys to the Finish! BUY AN EXTRA \$100 BOND during the Seventh War Loan'.

Large advertisement for Michigan Bell Telephone Company, featuring the text 'Sometimes There's Quite a Crowd' and 'MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'.