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By GENE ALLEMAN

What's the "lowdown" on the Michigan war production situation? A small group of Michigan newspaper editors met at Lansing the other day. They conferred three hours with Detroit officials...

In a minority of cases both management and labor have been at fault. Manufacturers have been guilty of hoarding manpower. They have kept workers standing around...

At the same time, a minority of labor workers—both organized and unorganized—have been guilty of imposing restrictions on production.

This point is well established, it seems. In fact, one labor leader testified at Washington for the open record that his organization had been "successful" in reducing industrial productivity 5 to 10 per cent...

In protest over the Detroit strike, a state legislator proposed last week that the state impose a death penalty upon war strikers.

Public indignation mounts at each strike during war-time. The walkout of members of the United

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The people of Birmingham, along with the other people of the nation, will "go over the top" for the Seventh War Loan.

The German Propaganda Minister, Herr Goebbels, says that Germany has survived her "hour of greatest trial," because of the "disastrous mistakes" made by the Allies in making public their plans for dealing with Germany when the war ends.

The German official is not in a position to do much boasting about this. From the beginning of the war against Poland, the Nazis have made clear their purposes and intentions...

The treatment accorded subject peoples by the German military forces has been sufficient to mobilize every man in those countries to resist German domination of Europe.

MICHIGAN'S TAX STUDY COMMISSION recommends that the present three per cent sales tax be reduced a half per cent, and that local governments be allowed to raise the rate...

It HAS BEEN WELL SAID that the hardened criminal is the "healthy" criminal—he is so callous to the therapy of a good conscience.

the machine, Eric Johnson, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, recently said: "One of the main causes for work stoppage is the fact that when the job is finished there may be nothing left but unemployment itself."

That's the "low-down" as we see it. Proposed changes in Michigan's inland fish law that have conservation commission approval emphasize protection specifications rather than arbitrary control of fishing waters.

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in and for the City of Pontiac, in and for the County of Oakland, in and for the City of Pontiac, in and for the County of Oakland...

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Calling attention to the increasing momentum of scientific and technical developments, three outstanding scientists predict that, if war breaks in this country, most either be prepared or perish.

The scientists suggest that present weapons are merely the forerunners of others which might give an aggressor nation the ability to strike suddenly, without warning, and destroy a country's ability to defend itself...

We are inclined to agree with the views expressed by these men, who were testifying before a Congressional committee in support of a proposal to establish a research board for national security.

Such a body would function in cooperation with Army, Navy and Air officers and have the responsibility of keeping up with all military devices. It would be its business to provide this nation with weapons equal to, or better, than those possessed by any other power.

HUMAN NATURE IS HUMAN NATURE, the world over. Not long ago France was enslaved by Germany, then freed through the combined efforts of Russia, England, and the U.S.A.

The CIGARETTE SHORTAGE suggests that, in some matters, many Americans don't care if part of their earnings goes up in smoke.

Tax rates depend upon tax assessments and yet many experts overlook the assessments.

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Happenings of Long Ago

60 YEARS AGO March 14, 1885

"The L.L.C. meet next Monday evening with Mrs. Langley. Quotations from 'Good Call'."

"The study of the French language is being persistently pursued by many in our midst and we begin to feel like taking it up ourselves. Can we?"

"We stepped aboard a Woodward avenue electric car in Detroit one day last week and who should step up before us for our nickel carefully stowed away in our inside pocket?"

"A secret and mysterious lodge is composed of a 'luff' element in our town whose lodge room is an unoccupied house in dollars and cents amounts to quite a sum that the boys will be called upon to pay for damages to the said house."

"20 YEARS AGO March 13, 1925

"Providing no unforeseen obstacles arise in obtaining options on several proposed sites on the school board at a special meeting next Monday night will prepare a plan by Wednesday noon to obtain location for that work, except \$4000 a plan."

"The Eccentric is pleased to publish brief obituary material providing it has new value and suggestions are welcome. Contributions are usually edited briefly so that they conform to general newspaper style."

"A park of about two acres was seen as definite for south Birmingham when the City Commission took action Monday night to acquire the property gratis through the State Land Sale and the gift of two lots in addition."

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quintet over to Wyandotte Monday night to see the home team beat their opponents to second place in the State finals.

"5 YEARS AGO March 14, 1940

"Formal dedication services for Birmingham's new \$150,000 post office are planned for Saturday, May 18. It was announced Wednesday by Postmaster Joseph A. Byrnes."

"The much-debated question of whether married women should be allowed to keep their jobs in the public service is again before the Board of Education and will be decided in the next meeting, March 26."

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