

Britain Calls For More Austerity To Get Out of Red

LONDON, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Britain announced yesterday a four-year plan to muster all her men, money and materials to get the nation out of the red by 1953. The aim is to make Britain self-supporting by the time the American-financed European Recovery Program comes to an end. The plan calls for continued austerity and self denial, and a massive production effort. Officials called it "a sign post for the future."

The plan assumes that Britain will continue to receive American help under ERP until mid-1952. It estimates Britain's dollar needs under ERP next year at \$340,000,000 compared with \$1,263,000,000 in 1948-49.

Without American help, the planners said, "recovery would be gravely hampered and there would be a real risk of the whole economy being caught in a descending spiral."

The ambitious program calls for doubling production of oil from British-owned fields, raising the output of coal 25 per cent, and building domestic agriculture to an all time high level. Such efforts will be aimed at building up a \$100 million (\$400,000,000) surplus of foreign exchange by 1952-53. Last year Britain had a \$630 million (\$2,520,000,000) deficit.

Success of the plan, the government said, "will depend on full cooperation with other countries in Western Europe and the commonwealth."

It has been under study by the organization for European economic cooperation in Paris for two months as Britain's contribution to an over-all plan for the 19 ERP nations.

The French have criticized the belt-tightening in the British plan because, they say, it closes United Kingdom markets to a wide range of luxury goods such as wines and fine textiles, produced in western Europe.

Mrs. Ybaro Says She Slew Husband For Beating Her

MARBURG, Germany, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Mrs. W. H. Ybaro told a U. S. military government court yesterday she shot her war hero husband because he was beating her up and had threatened to kill her. The pretty 23-year-old mother from Malden, Mass., added that a family quarrel involving "sexual incompatability" and her husband's attention to a German girl led up to the fatal fight.

"He had told me he was going to kill me and had beaten me up terribly before," the defendant declared. "I just couldn't go through that again," she said, "so I reached into the wall locker and got the gun where I had put it after taking it away from him the other night, when he was going to kill us both."

The court all but ruled out a possible death penalty for Mrs. Ybaro. It held the prosecution had failed to show any premeditation in the shooting of Sgt. John Ybaro of Gollad, Tex.

At the same time the court ruled an American woman can be tried for murder under German law, which authorizes beheading for murderers. There was no possibility, however, that the penalty would be applied in this case.

Forbidden Trophies To Grid Players Turned Back

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 21 — (AP) — Trophies awarded individual members of the Grants Pass State High School champion football team have been turned back to the Lions Club. School officials said they learned that acceptance of the trophies was in violation of Oregon School Activities Association rules. Lion's Club President Carl Brown said the organization was unaware of the ruling.

United Nations Ban on Genocide Bold Step in Behalf of Human Rights

By JAMES THRASHER
Fifteen years ago, when Hitler's purge of the Jews was just beginning, a Polish law professor brought a revolutionary proposition before the League of Nations. It was a crime, he said, to persecute or exterminate groups of human beings because of their race, religion, language or nationality. He called this crime "genocide," from the Greek word meaning race and the Latin word for kill. And he said there should be an international law against it.

But the League's legal experts told him there wasn't any such crime. Not until 12 years later was any official notice taken of this man's solitary legal crusade. Then the professor, whose name is Raphael Lemkin and who now teaches at Yale, was given the job of writing the genocide clause in the indictment of the Nazi war leaders at the 1945 Nuremberg trials.

Now at last Professor Lemkin has won his long fight against mass murder and persecution. The UN General Assembly has voted to outlaw genocide. The vote was 55 to 0, with three absences but no abstentions. Even Russia did not object to the idea that, on specified grounds, it is just as wrong to kill a million people as it is to kill one man.

Four Freedoms Recalled
The genocide ban must still be ratified by the individual UN member states. But the big task is undoubtedly finished. And it marks a considerably more practical and immediate step than the UN's adoption of the Declaration of Human Rights, though it is a much shorter step.

It is also a step in the direction of the almost forgotten declaration of the Four Freedoms. That declaration was one of those idealistic goals like the Atlantic Charter which appealed to people all over the world in the highly charged emotional atmosphere of war.

These ideals have been largely forgotten, at least by the world's statesmen, in these last three years of political tension. But now at least the UN is on record with a majority vote in favor of individual freedoms. And the genocide convention, if ratified, will back further individual protection with the force of international law. Fear of War Remains
The UN Declaration of Human Rights faces the same world-

Poison Lurks in Japs' Oyster Cocktails

TOKYO, Dec. 21 — (AP) — The occupation's deputy chief surgeon blames American housewives in Japan for causing him more headaches than combat soldiers. The surgeon, Col. George N. Schurmann, addressed his statement "to the ladies" after several persons were poisoned by Japanese oyster cocktails at a private dinner. Several are still ill.

Colonel Schurmann said it had become dangerously fashionable to serve Japanese shellfish in American homes. He pointed out

that the eating of Japanese food by occupation personnel had been forbidden for more than three years. He cautioned the housewives that food inspection here is not comparable with that at home.

Palestine War 'Over,' U. N. Mediator Declares

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 — (AP) — The Palestine war "is now over" and a final solution of problems

arising out of the creation of the new state of Israel is well on its way, Dr. Ralph Bunche says. The acting United Nations mediator of Palestine added, on his return to this country, that the new Jewish state is "firmly es-

ablished." He said fighting in Israel now is a matter of "local incidents," and although it may continue for some time, "I would not regard it too seriously."

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