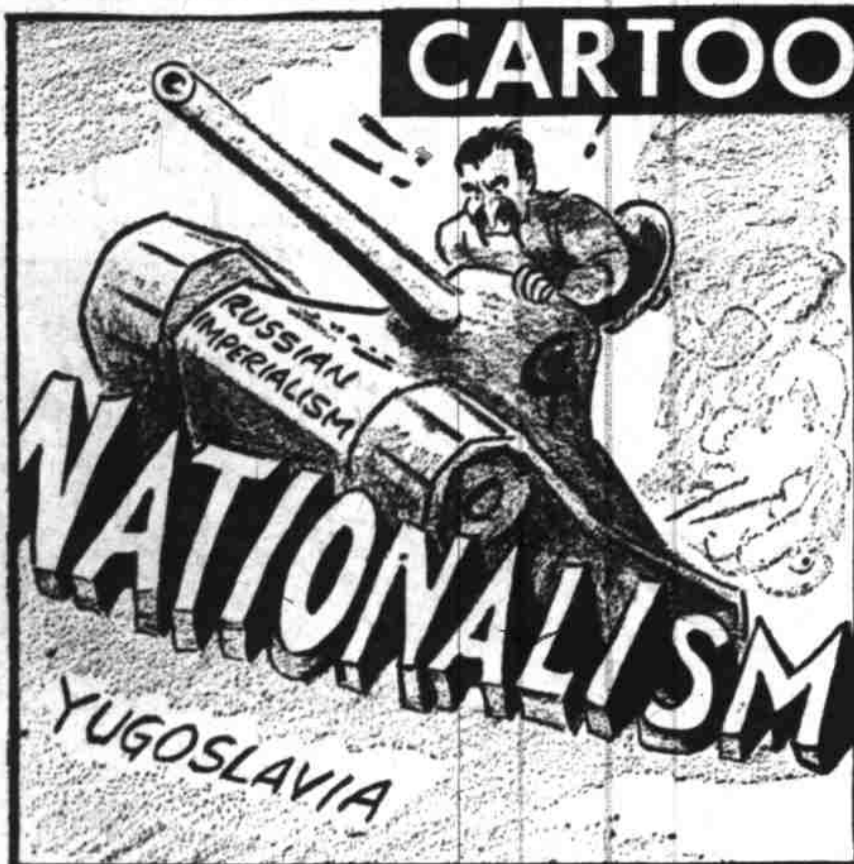
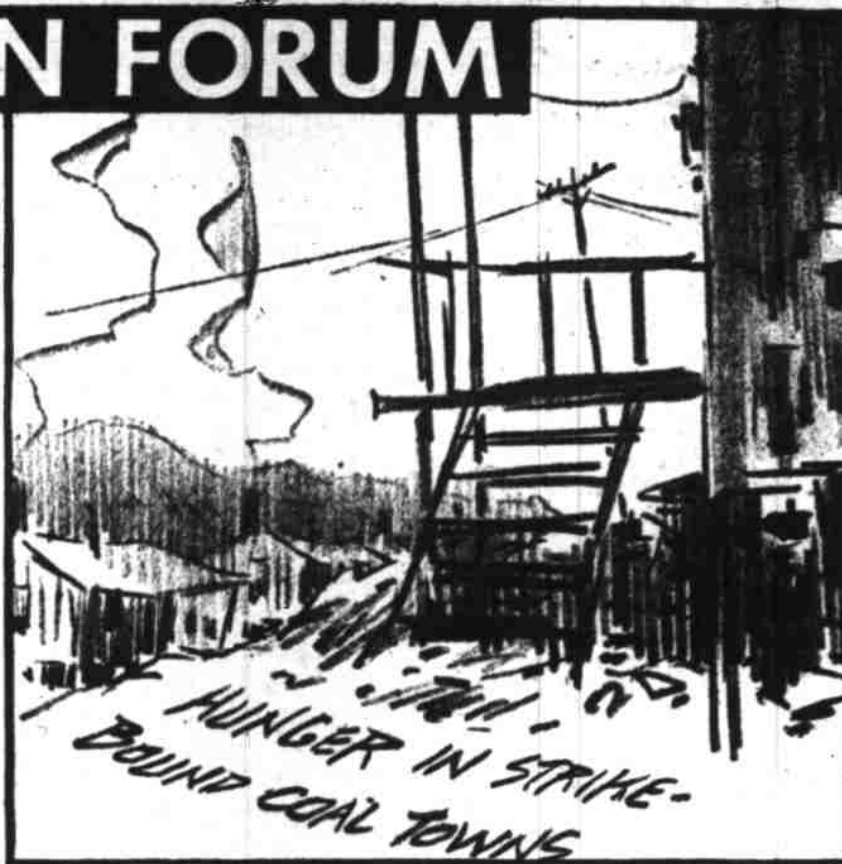


CARTOON FORUM



TANK TRAP



MR. LEWIS IS CONSIDERING THE MATTER



HOW MUCH LONGER?



STUDY IN BLACK AND WHITE

N. Atlantic Council Speeds Arms Abroad

A DISTINGUISHED Briton is mixing business with pleasure on a visit to this country. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, military chairman of the Western Union defense alliance, is to address the English-Speaking Union in New York next Tuesday. But in the week since his arrival on the Queen Elizabeth, Monty has renewed wartime acquaintances with Gen. Eisenhower, his World War II boss; Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Joseph L. Collins, Army chief of staff, and other military and diplomatic leaders.

Everywhere Monty went he wore British Army battle dress, with nine rows of ribbons and the black beret he made famous. He was accorded ovations.

Western Strategist

Marshal Montgomery is the kingpin planner for the Western Union, comprising Britain, Belgium, France, Holland and Luxembourg. It is these plans which form the basic core of North Atlantic defense strategy for which Congress has voted \$1,000,000,000.

In Washington, just before Monty's arrival, the 12-nation Atlantic Pact Council concluded its first working session since the treaty was signed last April. It set up a key board to speed the flow of modern weapons and special equipment to Europe.

Standardization Goal

One of the main duties of the supply group will be to hasten standardization of military equipment among Atlantic pact members to aid effective area defense.

An economic and financial committee is to guard against any phase of the rearmament program placing too heavy a strain on individual nation economies. Economic recovery still has priority over rearmament.

Both boards are to have permanent headquarters in London. The United States is chairman of each group for the first year.

The Ward Case

While American foreign policy proceeded smoothly in Europe quite the opposite was true in the Orient. There imprisonment of American consul-general Angus Ward by Chinese Communists was on the verge of becoming a cause celebre.

Secretary of State Acheson requested 30 nations, including Russia and her satellites, to bring diplomatic pressure to bear on Chinese Communists to free Ward and four members of his Mukden staff.

Last Wednesday, the State Department received its first word from Ward in more than a month. The consul-general reported that he and his staff had been convicted by a Peoples Court in Mukden on a trumped-up charge of beating and insulting two Chinese employes in a wage dispute.

Jail sentences of from three to six months had been imposed by the court but the new Chinese Communist government commuted the prison terms to deportation "forthwith."

In Short . . .

**Blamed:** By a Canadian Supreme Court Justice, both owner and master of the steamship Noronic for the fire which cost 118 lives September 17.

**Rejected:** By the Supreme Court, an appeal by Communist fugitive Gerhart Eisler from a contempt of Congress conviction.

**Postponed:** The Judith Coplon-Valentin Gubitchev conspiracy trial in New York, until December 27, to permit Gubitchev's newly engaged counsel time to prepare a defense.

**Sentenced:** By a federal judge in San Francisco, the chief defense counsel for Harry Bridges, to six months for contempt of court, to be served at conclusion of the trial.

**Rescued:** One 12-year-old boy, sole survivor of 28 Jewish refugee children and seven adults aboard a Dutch mercy plane that crashed in Norway.

China

Li's Bellyache

In the Orient where face is all important, Nationalist China's Acting President Li Tsung-Jen came down with what may be a strategic illness.

A serious stomach ailment took Li to a hospital in British Hong Kong while Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek cooled his heels in Chungking. When Chiang arrived in the Nationalist refugee capital at Li's request, he found Li gone on an inspection tour of the Nationalists' dwindling domain.

Although Li insists he hopes to return to duty soon, he has handed his job over to Premier Yen Hsi-shan. The Hong Kong press says Li may go to the United States for treatment.

Discounting reports of Li's illness, one informed source said the Hong Kong trip may have been intended to force a showdown with Chiang, to force Chiang either to resume the presidency or give Li greater power.



LI TSUNG-JEN

Dates

- Monday, November 28  
American Society of Mechanical Engineers meet in New York City.
- Wednesday, November 30  
Birthday (75th), Winston Churchill.  
New Zealand elections.
- Friday, December 2  
Democratic \$100-a-plate dinner in New York City.  
Anniversary (126th), Monroe Doctrine.

Prank

Westminster's High Hat

Someone — and London's bobbies would like to know who — put a policeman's helmet atop the tallest spire of Westminster, home of Britain's Parliament.

The spire is 310 feet tall, the last 15 feet without a foothold.

It took a professional steeplejack all day to put up a series of ladders and bring the helmet down.

A telephone call said it was the work of two madcap medical students. The helmet was stolen, the caller said, from a bobby in a roughhouse on November 5 during student demonstrations on the anniversary of Guy Fawkes' gunpowder plot to blow up Parliament.

While a companion kept watch, the caller said, two medical students climbed to the roof. Then tied together with a rope, mountaineer fashion, they scaled the slippery, sheer masonry of the tower.

Police last week were combing student lodgings and clubs. They said the pranksters had several things to answer for, including a number of broken tower windows.



DIAMOND HORSESHOE—The Metropolitan Opera in New York opened its 65th season with glitter on stage and off. Richard Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier" was televised to six cities.

Is German Peril Back

THERE are mounting signs that the old spirit of German nationalism, so feared by the French, is not far beneath the surface in either east or west Germany.

Only this month, the Russians, fighting with ex-Nazis to win political strength, stumbled upon evidences of characteristic German stubbornness. Under the new east German state constitution, former Nazis were accorded civil rights. The first act of the former Nazis, banded together within the National Democratic Party, was to lash out against turning private enterprise into so-called peoples-owned industries.

In addition, the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party has acknowledged existence of the "nationalist" spirit within its ranks and ordered a widespread purge. Party functionaries call it "Titoism," but western observers say that "ism" was prevalent long before Yugoslavia's marshal broke with the Kremlin.

Old Deadly Trail

All four occupation powers appear to be sensitive to the rebirth of the old Bismarck creed of "Germany for the Germans." Western allied officials are keeping a file that shows scattered but increasing evidence that Germany would like to head back down an old deadly trail.

How much of the growing German spirit of independence is "nationalist" and how much is pure Nazi is debatable. However, almost any major Nazi who has escaped trial for war crimes up to now can face most German courts without too much fear, unless he personally is linked with an individual war crime.

The changed attitude toward ex-Nazis is shown by the recent conviction of Gertrud Scholz Klink, head of Hitler League for German Women. A French zone German court found her a "major Nazi" but ruled the 18 months she had already spent in jail waiting trial was sufficient punishment.

Her co-leader in the male division, Baldur von Schirach, head of the Hitler Jugend (Hitler Youth) got 20 years in 1946 from the International War Tribunal at Munich.

Baseball

Tribe Sold

The Cleveland Indians, baseball's 1948 world champions, were sold last week to a Cleveland syndicate. Succeeding the flamboyant Bill Veeck as president of the American League club is Ellis W. Ryan, 43, native Cleveland insurance executive.

The revitalized Cleveland club is a tribute to Veeck's flair for showmanship and executive ability. Veeck and his associates bought the club June 22, 1946, for a reported \$1,250,000. In the last two seasons, Cleveland drew nearly 5,000,000 fans to home games in the huge Municipal Stadium.

The sale price was a reported \$2,200,000. In addition to the franchise, the new owners got League Park, the old stadium valued at \$500,000, and working agreements with 13 minor league clubs.

Ryan's first act was to appoint Hank Greenberg, former Detroit home run slugger, as general manager.

Veeck's profit on the sale was estimated at \$500,000 on a 30 per cent stock holding. His explanation of why he sold so profitable a property was:

"The only way a man can make money under the present tax setup is to sell something he has created and take advantage of the capital gain provision.

"I could have borrowed the money I needed in any one of several places but I couldn't have paid it back in less than 20 years because I couldn't have made enough out of salary and dividends after taxes. I don't want my children to be in hock to a creditor."

Mr. & Mrs. Veep

Vice President Alben Barkley, 71, and his bride, now honeymooning in the South, were offered these formulas for romantic bliss by Andrew McAffrey, 75, of Miami, Okla., and his 40-year-old bride, who were married six months ago.

McAffrey to the Veep: "Be kind to her, but if she needs it, give her a whipping every morning and a kiss every night."

Mrs. McAffrey chuckled and volunteered her own formula to the 38-year-old Mrs. Barkley: "Feed him, love him, and be his constant companion."

Taxes

Persistent Rebel

Vivien Kellems, the feuding Connecticut manufacturer, has fired a law suit at the government in her battle against the income tax withholding law.

The suit filed in Federal District Court is an effort to recover \$7,819 which, Miss Kellems says, the government took from her "in the tradition of the boldest bank robber."

"Of U.S. Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, Miss Kellems says: 'The only difference between Mr. Snyder and Jesse James is that Mr. James was an outlaw and used a gun.'"

Sought Court Test

On several previous occasions, Miss Kellems has invited Snyder to indict her for refusal to collect withholding taxes from employees in her cable grip manufacturing firm. She wished to be indicted, she said, in order to test constitutionality of the withholding tax.

Throughout her controversy with the government, Miss Kellems said, her employees have paid their income taxes themselves instead of paying them through the company.

Moved Plant

Miss Kellems, who recently moved her plant from Westport to Stonington after a tilt with Westport zoning officials, disclosed that before filing suit she had made formal demand on the Treasury for return of the \$7,819. She said:

"This the Treasury has refused to do and therefore we are now permitted under the law to bring suit. Unfortunately this suit will not test constitutionality of the withholding tax law."

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RED BANNERS—Chinese Communist supporters parade in Canton after Nationalist defenders withdrew without a fight.

Quotes

The Shah of Iran, admitting that his advisers sometimes object to the risks he takes as a private pilot: "Sometimes one has to say 'hell.' I say hell to them."

Norman Thomas, six-time Presidential candidate of the Socialist Party: "One place we don't retire men at 65 is the place we ought to begin—in the U.S. Senate. At the age when a college professor stops working, a senator is about eligible to become a committee chairman."

James F. Byrnes, former Secretary of State: "Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem to be more afraid of life than death."

Java

Jumping Coffee Beans

There are a number of reasons for the record-high coffee prices which, some experts say, may hit \$1 a pound early next year.

Americans now drink more than 19 pounds per year per capita—a third more than prewar.

The U.S., easily the leading coffee drinking country in the world, takes two-thirds to three-fourths of the entire world's exportable production.

During the war Brazilians, who grow most of the crop, were unable to obtain ships and millions of pounds of coffee beans were burned. After that fiasco, Brazilian cut down their plantings.

The current Brazilian coffee crop was hurt by a two-months drought which, the U.S. Department of Commerce says, has been broken.



RESCUE—Eighteen U.S. airmen are picked up at sea off Bermuda by a Canadian destroyer. They were spotted from the air three days after B-29 bomber had been forced down in heavy seas.