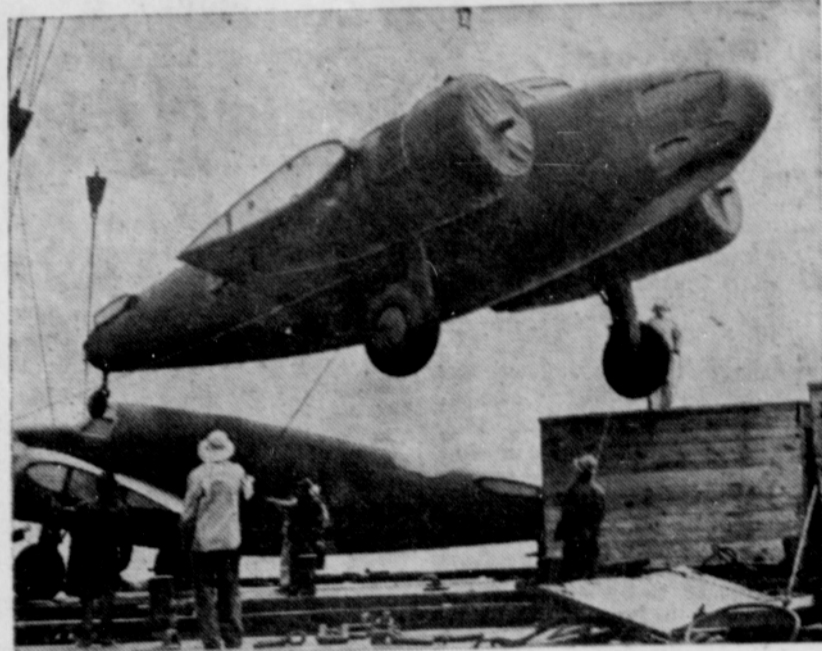


WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

More Neutrality Precautions Expected in January Session; Britain Calls U. S. Its 'Arsenal'

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AMERICAN BOMBERS LOADED FOR BRITAIN
Millions of dollars overnight, but what next?

DOMESTIC: 'Arsenal'

"I am very glad that the bill has restored the historic position of neutrality of the United States."

Thus spoke Franklin Roosevelt before he signed, with two five-cent pens, the neutrality legislation congress had just passed before adjourning until January. One pen went to Administration Spokesman Key Pittman of the senate; the other went to New York's Rep. Sol Bloom, house neutrality whip, who lost money on the deal. He had bought an expensive pen for the signing, ending up by trading it for the President's five-cent variety.

The neutrality law: (1) permits "cash-and-carry" sale of arms to all nations at war; (2) forbids arming of American merchantmen,



BURGIN
U. S. is "arsenal."

which must also steer clear of the North sea combat area; (3) bars Americans from traveling in combat zones, on belligerent ships. For a simple piece of legislation, it brought more repercussions than any U. S. action since the senate voted for war in 1917. Isolationists went home grumbling, satisfied it would get America involved. Flashed overseas, the news brought cheers in London and Paris. Britain's Minister of Supply Leslie Burgin said: "The United States will be an arsenal of unlimited resources at the disposal of the allies." The British treasury and admiralty worked out legislation for a billion-dollar war loan to buy U. S. arms. Paris saw a chance to overcome the slump in French production.

Zoom!

Aircraft and heavy industrials set new peaks on the security market. Trucks rumbled onto New York's piers, where sheds bulged with exports awaiting British boats to carry them away. A French militarist arrived in Chicago seeking 10,000 horses and mules. Two French banks opened New York headquarters. A billion dollars in war orders from the allies were expected within the next few weeks. Everybody was happy except shipping interests which stood to lose hundreds of millions by abandoning European routes, laying up vessels and discharging seamen. United States lines partially met the problem by transferring eight ships to Panama registry under the maritime commission's authorization.

Keeping their fingers crossed were veteran economists who saw nothing healthy in a war boom. The federal reserve board reported industry rolling at the fastest pace since 1929, while the bureau of agricultural economics predicted an increase in industrial and business activity.

Overseas

An orphan in the storm was the U. S. S. City of Flint, released by Norway to her American crew after a German prize crew had docked her at Haugesund. Neutrality left her stranded, with no business being abroad. Hoping to sell her cargo in Norway and scot for home minus contraband, the Flint awaited opportunity. But for angry Germany, the Flint and U. S. neutrality were open wounds. Sample comment: "American arms have been made available to our enemies but these materials will have to get past our raiders." It was also hinted that contraband would be treated more sternly. For example, had the Flint been sunk outright her cargo would now have no chance of reaching Britain. Still open, boasted the Reich, was her new "lifeline" to

Russia, which was said to extend clear to the Pacific.

Forecast

While congress headed for a two-month vacation, there was every sign that its work next January will hinge mostly on neutrality. Coming up is the \$1,300,000,000 naval program which Georgia's Rep. Carl Vinson will broach (for 95 combatant ships, 2,395 planes and 36 dirigibles); an army expansion program which the President will probably recommend; repairs on weak spots of the new neutrality law; new federal taxes to clamp down on war profiteering; aid for shippers whose boats are idled by neutrality. Already at work is an inter-departmental committee to see that foreign arms orders don't interfere with the U. S. defense program. Meanwhile politicians were wondering what would happen to domestic legislation.

EUROPE: News Notes

Excitement ran high along the Maginot line as Nazi shells dropped around Forbach and Lille. Next day nine French planes met 27 Nazi ships; Paris said nine of the Germans were downed.

Was this the long-awaited offensive? Belgium, thinking yes, threw 600,000 men along her frontier and conferred with the Netherlands, presumably over a German demand that she state her position. But there was much bigger news in at least three places:

Minorities. This was a problem beginning to irk Der Fuehrer. There was too much discontent, cropping up in unexpected places. Following the Czech independence day



PREMIER METAXAS
He cooed at Italy.

riots in Prague, Slovaks in Bratislava rioted for no particular reason. The Vatican learned one answer to Pope Pius' encyclical the week before (in which dictatorships were denounced) was renewed persecution of Catholics by Hitler youths. It was also rumored 17,000 Poles had been executed by German police, though there was no verification of the report.

Italy. In Rome there were rumors Russia would encourage Germany to force Rumania into a protectorate position, thus prolonging the war for Moscow's sake. Whatever the cause, Il Duce moved swiftly to solidify his Balkan position. Already armed with Rumanian and Yugo-Slavian pacts, Mussolini was reported engineering another pact with Bulgaria, which is being drawn closer and closer to Russia. A fourth pact was underway with Egypt. But the most concrete step was an exchange of flowery notes between Italy and Greece, which felt better when Rome withdrew troops from the Albanian frontier on September 20. Cooed Grecian Premier John Metaxas: "The evolution of the international situation will furnish the two governments in the near future an occasion for giving their relations a more concrete form."

Star Dust

- ★ Peak Performance
 - ★ Wanting to Stay?
 - ★ Dangerous Subject
- By Virginia Vale

THERE'S one thing that must be admitted about Bette Davis; she's not afraid to stick her chin out. She'll ask for anything that she thinks she deserves. If she gets it, fine; if she doesn't, she proves that she's a good loser.

She wants to do a play that she saw last summer in Provincetown—at least, at the moment of writing she wants to do it. She persuaded Warner Brothers to buy it. They're willing to let her do the movie version, after it had been produced on the New York stage with names that mean something in the legitimate theater.

With characteristic confidence in her own ability, she can't see why they won't let her have a try at it in New York. It's said that they're afraid of what might happen to her draw at the box office of motion picture houses if Broadway didn't feel that her performance on the stage came up to the mark.

James Stewart may find himself receiving one of those statues for giving the best performance of the year, as a result of "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." It's a grand



JAMES STEWART

picture on every count, and adds another laurel wreath to the collection already amassed by Frank Capra, who directed it. Whatever you do, don't miss this one!

The world premiere of "Mutiny in the Big House" was held at the Berks County Jail, Pa., one of the largest penitentiaries in the state. It was the first time in two years that a commercial feature had been shown at the penitentiary. After the screening the warden said, "The boys liked the picture a lot and I believe they learned something from it that will hold them all." Hold them in jail!

If you value your life, don't ever mention model planes to anybody connected with the screening of the "Tailspin Tommy" comic strip. The other day they were using 10 of the toy planes during the filming of the picture, called "Danger Flight." Danger was the right word.

They were shooting an important scene, in which a midget plane is used to warn "Tailspin Tommy" of impending danger. Every time the plane was turned loose it headed for the top of the stage and became entangled in the rafters and lights. Then the crew had to stop work and disentangle it. Half a day's shooting was lost in all.

Those 10 small planes were worse than the battalion of transport planes used in the film. They flew into houses, broke windows, got lost in trees, hit the wrong people or disappeared completely.

"Danger Flight" is the story of a boy who saved many lives because he had learned about flying from model airplanes. John Trent, who plays the lead, is a real pilot and knows all about big planes.

All the members of Jack Benny's radio show troupe, with the exception of Mary Livingstone, are facing the cameras at Paramount for "Buck Benny Rides Again." Andy Devine will be in character, but Don Wilson plays a straight role. The two men who turn out Benny's radio scripts got a break—they wrote the script for the picture, and get screen credit for it.

At first it was announced that Nelson Eddy was leaving that radio program because he hadn't time for it. Now it develops that his sponsors feel that his salary is just a bit too high, and that other members of the cast heartily agree with them. Six thousand five hundred dollars a week does seem a mite high for the once-a-week efforts of the blond baritone.

ODDS AND ENDS — They've given Dinah Shore a new spot on the air, Sunday nights, opposite Jack Benny. "If somebody has to 'buck' Benny, it might as well be I," quoth she. . . A friend in India wrote Benny Veneta, asking if she'd like a muckna—she was on the verge of accepting, when she found out that a muckna is a male elephant without tusks. . . Mervyn Leroy went to the rodeo in New York, and saw and signed a sixteen-year-old Texas girl, Sydna Yoakley—he announces that she will be put into an early production.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

'Cactus Jack' Comes of Age; May Seek Presidency at 70



November 22 finds John Nance ("Cactus Jack") Garner, most un-Throtlebottomish vice president in U. S. history, celebrating his 70th birthday. The event is significant, because it calls attention to the age of a man who is yet spry enough to be presidential timber next year. Simple, close to common folks, he once said: "I deceive all of them by telling the truth." Immensely popular, he usually gives new congressmen their first lessons in statecraft. Above: Sporting his Texas sombrero, he leaves the White House with Alabama's Rep. William Bankhead and Kentucky's Sen. Alben W. Barkley.



Once a shortstop, baseball is his favorite diversion in Washington. Here he throws out the first ball at the season's start. He's nearly always sunny and unworried, which accounts for his good health.



With Mrs. Garner at the one time each year when he dons formal dress—something he dislikes. He's bound for a White House dinner. The Garners retire at 9 p. m., arise at 6 a. m.



Back home in Uvalde, Tex., he loves to hunt and fish with a few old cronies, who probably know the real John Garner better than any of his Washington colleagues. Here he's fishing with Ross Brumfield, who operates a garage when the vice president isn't around.



The above picture may be symbolically significant. Awaiting the President, whose chair is vacant, Garner and Postmaster General James A. Farley drink a toast. Political wisecracks believe these men may get together in opposition to the President next year. But "Cactus Jack" won't talk. He just smokes in silence, as when the picture at right was taken following a reputedly heated conference in the White House. His friends say the best presidential endorsement he has received to date was the fervent denunciation of C. I. O.'s John Lewis.

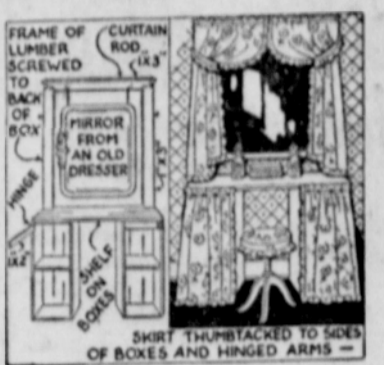


Banter: With New York's Rep. Mead and California's Sen. Downey.

Now for the Mirror And Old Piano Stool

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

THE illustration shows what became of the mirror and piano stool which the bride had left over last week. To the mirror and stool were added two wooden boxes from the grocery. These were placed on end about 18 inches apart and a shelf of 1/2-inch pine screwed to the top. A frame was then screwed to the back of the boxes as shown here. A curtain rod was placed across the top and the mirror hung lengthwise under it. An arm was then hinged to the front of each box. Paint was next. White, be-



cause white furniture is smart and because it matched the woodwork. The flowered chintz in tones of rose and blue-green with narrow frills of the plain blue-green tone matched the window curtains.

The dressing table skirt was made with a one-inch heading at the top and tacked along the ends of the table and the hinged arms with thumbtacks through a double strip of the plain material.

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