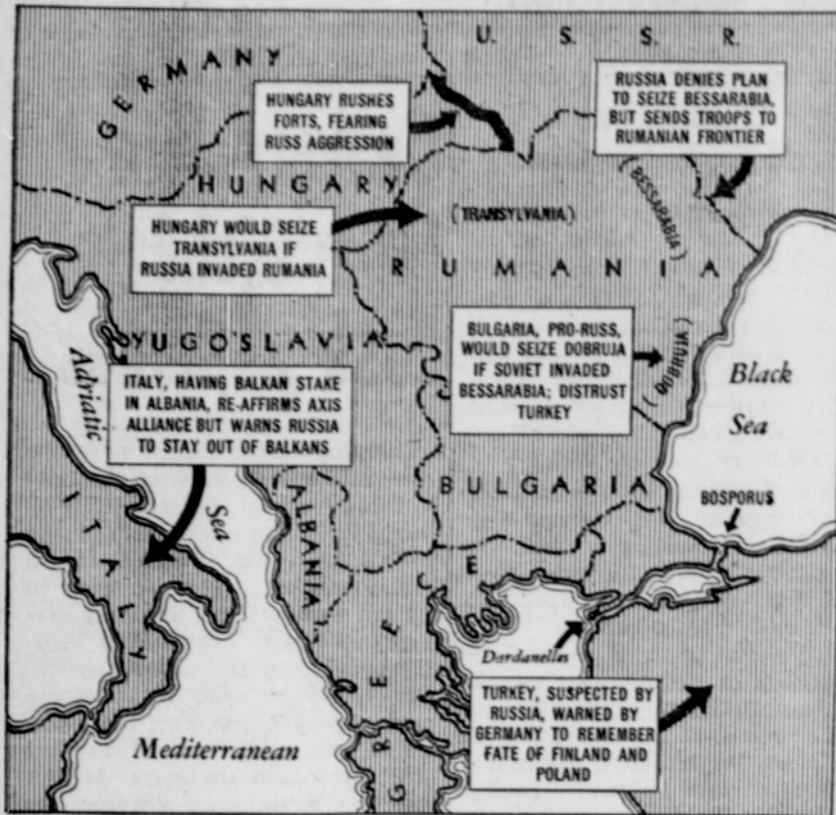


WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Rumania, Pressed on All Sides, Is Key State in Balkan Crisis; Berlin Peace Talk Heard Again

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



RUMANIA FIGHTS OFF ENEMIES AND 'PROTECTORS'

Chances grew this month that pressure on Rumania from all sides may drive Europe's war into the Balkans, where a precarious peace still clings hopefully.

DOMESTIC:

America Abroad

There may have been some marked connection between U. S. politics and the state department's abrupt decision to censure Europe's belligerents.

Russia was warned the U. S. would hold Moscow responsible for damages to American interests growing out of its blockade of Finland.



JOE KENNEDY His hand was visible.

exports "shall not cause interference with the legitimate trade of its (America's) nationals . . ."

Joe Kennedy's hand was more visible in the next move. President Roosevelt told his press conference the ways were being sought to increase the use of American ships on routes abandoned by the British and other belligerents.

Climaxing the renewal of vigorous U. S. action abroad was establishment of a dummy Finnish-American Trading corporation, to be financed by \$10,000,000 in credits supplied by Jesse Jones' export-import bank.

THE WARS:

Rumor Hath It—

A persistent but unconfirmed report popped up simultaneously in a half-dozen European capitals to the effect that Germany was willing to call off her war with the allies, joining hands in a four-power (France, Britain, Italy and Germany) drive against the Russian juggernaut.

Arctic War

Whether they were spreading propaganda or telling the truth, the Finns did a nice job of building up world hatred of the Soviets.

Western War

It was no picnic for the Reds, at any rate. Inexperienced in arctic warfare, they died by the hundreds as the Finns loosed snow avalanches, disabled scores of tanks with uncanny firing accuracy and rode to victory on skis against their ill-prepared adversaries.

But the Finns were weakening, outfought by force of sheer Soviet manpower. In desperation, Vilho Hakkila, speaker of the Finnish diet, appealed by radio: " . . . We believe the civilized world, which has given us testament of its great sympathy, will not leave us to fight alone . . ."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS:

China to the Rescue

"It is for us to act in order that little people in distress will not be deceived." Thus spake Norway's Karl J. Hambro, new president of the League of Nations assembly, as he ascended the rostrum to open the league's greatest show—the trial of Russia for an attempt on Finland's life.

This left the league largely a group of democracies bound together in a last futile attempt to maintain peace by collective security. There were puppet stragglers like Lithuania and Latvia, but they could speak only in the assembly, not in the council which must vote unanimously in order to oust Russia.



SECTY. BUTLER China saved Russia.

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NEWS QUIZ

Know your news? Perfect score is 100; deduct 20 points for each question you miss. Anything above 60 is acceptable.



- 1. The above man, former Russian revolutionary head and now an exile in Mexico, has agreed to testify before the Dies un-Americanism committee. What's his name?
2. Admiral James O. Richardson will take over Admiral Claude C. Bloch's job January 6. What's the job?
3. The father of Movie Actress Joan Crawford's ex-husband died recently. What was his name?
4. According to a Gallup poll, who would win if President Roosevelt ran for re-election against Thomas Dewey?
5. Who is Baron Carl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim, much in the news lately?
(Answers at bottom of column).

POLITICS:

Evangelist

Day after New York's District Attorney Tom Dewey opened his G. O. P. presidential drive in Minneapolis, America awoke to find itself in the middle of an election campaign.

Observers disliked impugning the motives of Attorney General Frank Murphy and his trust-busting assistant, Thurman Arnold, but they picked a strategic moment to open a graft crusade in Chicago which may end up by out-Deweying Tom Dewey's cleanup of New York.



FRANK MURPHY Strategic moment?

lifying before the temporary national economic committee against federal price control, said he would like instead a 150-man trust-busting staff. At the same time the justice department announced its vote fraud inquiries would be extended into "other oppressed areas."

AGRICULTURE:

Resolution

Closing its annual convention at Chicago, the American Farm Bureau federation passed an expected resolution. It demanded more and bigger farm benefits, financed by "such tax measures as may appear most feasible," to remove the "disparity between farm prices and industrial prices."

MISCELLANY:

Camerlengo

At the Vatican, Pope Pius XII named Lorenzo Cardinal Lauri camerlengo of the Holy Roman church, thus providing an interim administrative head of the church during the next interregnum before a new pontiff is elected.

Rubber Sale

At Chicopee Falls, Mass., directors of the Fisk Rubber corporation agreed to take \$6,827,330 cash, plus 109,981 shares of stock for sale of their firm to the U. S. Rubber company.

News Quiz Answers

- 1. Leon Trotsky.
2. Chief of U. S. naval operations. Bloch has reached age limit.
3. Douglas Fairbanks.
4. Roosevelt. Latest trial heat: Roosevelt, 54 per cent; Dewey, 46 per cent.
5. Finland's "George Washington," head of army and man for whom defense line is named.

—Being Directions On How to Carve Christmas Turkey

Gather round ye masters of the Christmas dinner table. Uncle Sam will teach you a lesson:

The government has issued an official bulletin on the proper technique for carving the Christmas turkey.

The bulletin rules on such important problems as whether the father should stand or sit while doing the honors and the position of the turkey on the platter. All you have to do is read this, and carving the festive bird will be a lead-pipe cinch.

"The turkey rides on the platter back down," says the bureau of home economics. "The first prob-

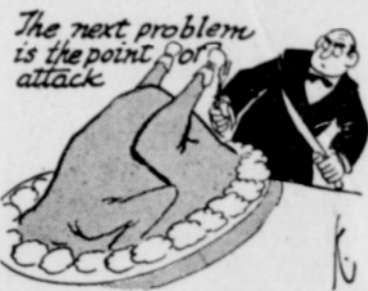


lem is father's: Should he stand or sit while carving?"

There are two schools of thought on this subject, and the government grants father his constitutional rights to do as he pleases. But it is suggested, after deliberation, that a short person had best stand and a tall person should sit for the most effective work. Are you short or tall?

The next problem, says the bulletin, is the point of attack. It is here that many a head of a house, the bureau believes, has lost the Christmas spirit through ignorance or awkwardness—or just plain stubbornness.

Only a few simple rules need be followed. The most important, of course, is to keep the bird on the platter, because it's rather difficult to work on the floor. Also, the bu-



reau estimates, a bird on the platter is worth two on the tablecloth.

"First," the bureau said, "remove the leg from the body by grasping it in your left hand (but what if you're left handed?) and cutting straight down to the hip joint. Remove the wings and the other leg."

"Then place the fork squarely across the breastbone toward the end of the keel, to anchor the bird while you carve the breast in slices; using a slightly sawing motion."

If you don't like the shape of your turkey, or the distribution of dark and white meat, well—why not have your wife carve in the first place?

Christmas Hymns 'Ring From Depths Of Michigan Mine

ISHPEMING, MICH. — "Silent Night, Holy Night" drifts mysteriously up the pitch-black Morris mine shafts here. Down below, 1,500 feet underground, 200 grimy-faced workmen pause for the world's most unique Christmas party, an annual event held at the Inland Steel company's iron mine here.

Finn and Austrian, Swede and Englishman, Italian and Irishman, these helmeted giants of the earth join lustily in Christmas hymns as elevators carry them to the 1,500-



Genial Jim Fowler, garbed as Santa Claus, gives Elmer Waara, one of the miners, a folding rule as remembrance of a six-inch error.

foot level where their party is held. "Genial Jim" Fowler, 225-pound timber boss, strides forth in a Santa Claus costume and takes his place at the brightly lighted tree. Like children around a tree at home, the miners stand eager and expectant.

Gifts are rib-tickling reminders of errors during the year. Last year, for example, the mine carpenter was given a rule—inspired by a six-inch error made a few months earlier.

"Silent Night, Holy Night"



Shoppers' Aid

Analyze Subject's Personality Before Selecting Gift for Him

WHAT to buy mother, father, brother, sister and sweetheart is a perplexing problem every Christmas. Most stores can give you specific tips, and probably there's something definite you've already decided to buy. But in case you're still puzzled here are a few general tips:

For Mother:

Buy her something she would not ordinarily buy herself. They tell about the young housewife who bought a woolen muffler for her husband's hard-working mother, and a fluffy, impractical gift for her own mother who already had everything she needed.

For Sister or Sweetheart:

Flatter her tastes, and make it a distinctly "from-me-to-you" sort of gift. Jewelry is a favorite standby. Then there are books (which are regaining favor as gifts), a pair of gloves, a desk set, book ends—or how about a real, live dog to stress the "Love me, love my dog" angle?

For Brother or Sweetheart:

If the young man is particularly close to you there's an extremely wide range of gifts. Otherwise an expensive, elaborate gift might express too great an interest and you might therefore be wise to stick to the books-and-handkerchief line.

For Father:

Ties, mufflers, cigarette cases or hose are always acceptable but you've only scratched the possibilities there. Does he have a hobby

that needs encouragement? Does he have a peculiar weakness for some sport or a certain type of clothes which he's intentionally discouraged because it's extravagant?

In the clothing line, besides the first named items, you might look at smoking jackets, cuff links or a tie clasp set with his birthstone. Maybe he needs exercise for that waistline. Answer: Athletic equipment. Most men like games for fireside entertainment, or they'd appreciate a lunch kit for hunting and fishing trips.

Proper choice of gifts requires a cool analysis of the man. If he likes the outdoor life, follow the sports motif. If he works inside, how about a memo pad or a desk set with a large blotter and leather accessories? Generally speaking, avoid tricky gifts and follow your salesperson's advice.

Goose Is Favorite For Yuletide Feast And Easily Fixed

Goose, which is the traditional Christmas fowl just as turkey is Thanksgiving's dish, is easily prepared and is delightfully tasty if handled correctly. Not until recent years has goose been properly appreciated, largely because it hasn't been prepared properly.

Geese vary in weight from 8 to 12 pounds or more. Watch for soft feet and a pliable bill (if you dress your own bird) as an indication of proper age for cooking.

An excellent dressing is the apple-and-raisin variety, made with the

Removing fat is a simple process. First wipe the bird dry, inside and out. Place in a covered roaster in a 425-degree oven for 30 minutes to start warming. Remove from oven and cool. Remove fat. Repeat this process twice.

Then stuff the goose, close the opening of the body cavity and tie the legs together. Weigh the bird, allowing 20 to 25 minutes to the pound for roasting in a 325-degree oven. Roast with breast side down.

You don't have to baste the bird as it roasts, but orange juice with grated rind may be used if desired.

Yule Table Decorations Inexpensively Prepared; Add Gay Note to Feast

Company coming for Christmas dinner? Or just the family? In any event you'll want a Christmas looking table and it can be accomplished easily and inexpensively. Here are three suggestions:

A large bowl, preferably of wood and filled with shining fruits (a bunch of grapes on top) gives a festive air. You can lay a wreath of holly about the bowl and use tall, slender candles grouped about it. Lace runners or doilies that reveal the gleaming table top complete this informal picture.

For an all-white table, use a white table cloth for your background and a miniature Christmas tree in the center. For ends of the table, white tapers in candelabra are excellent, and around their bases use simulated snow, cotton sprinkled with tinsel.

Flowers, while more expensive, make a beautiful table. An arrangement of pompon chrysanthemums and red roses in a low bowl, bedded by sprays of long-needle pine and frosted with cones is particularly attractive. A bit of holly gives it a definite Christmas air. The entire arrangement needs few more than a dozen flowers. Such an arrangement should be kept low so it will not hide the folks across the table. For a long table, make the arrangement long; for a round table, make it round.



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following proportions: One pound of apples, peeled and diced; one-fourth pound of raisins; one tablespoon of brown sugar, and three cups of bread cubes. Salt to taste. Although this dressing is dry, the juices from the bird will make it tasty.