

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Scandinavia Works With Nazis To End Russo-Finnish Conflict; Feel Allies Aren't Dependable

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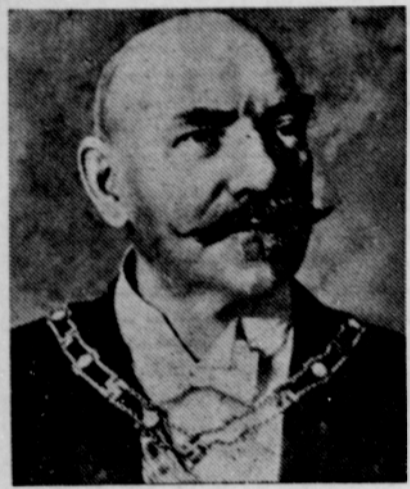
EUROPE: The Wars

Northern Front. Soviet troops captured the entire northern tip of Finland, placing the Arctic sea outlet in Soviet hands.

Western Front. Reconnaissance flights and patrol clashes.

Finnish Finish?

Off to Berlin one day went 79-year-old Per Evin Svinhufvud, former president of Finland.



PER SVINHUFVUD ... started something in Berlin.

done his work well. Within 24 hours Moscow had invited Finnish Premier Risto Ryti and three aides to visit the Kremlin and talk peace.

Up north, Scandinavia cheered; a Russo-Finnish peace would relieve the terrific pressure Sweden and Norway have felt from France and Britain on the one side, and Russia and Germany on the other.

After several days a truce was reported near, leaving frontiers substantially where they have been pushed by fighting thus far.

Obviously von Ribbentrop hoped to win Italian sympathy against Britain, but the Englishmen acted too fast.

British Gesture

Off to Rome went Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop to capitalize on an Italian pique.

Herr von Ribbentrop, the wind taken out of his sails, eased back home after visits with Mussolini, King Victor Emmanuel and—unexpectedly—Pope Pius XII.

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Neither he nor anyone else could really dig it out, because the European situation was more perplexing than anything the world has seen in 20 years (see EUROPE).

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war. Still a third report: That he sought Italian co-operation to form an economic bloc of all eastern Europe, eventually including Russia and the Baltics.

DOMESTIC: Farmers' Congress

"It is more than ever important to have a government . . . that can act to protect the interests of our farmers as well as our business men when foreign trade conditions are upset."

Thus did Franklin Roosevelt address 500,000 farmers in 24 states assembled at 50 and 75-cent dinners to celebrate AAA's seventh anniversary.

Meanwhile another senate committee was even out-doing the President to help farmers. An appropriations sub-committee upped the house-approved \$749,561,000 agricultural appropriations bill to \$958,000,000 (the President had recommended only \$788,929,519).

Gloom fell over the house, which had previously clipped some \$300,000,000 from budget estimates on 10 different appropriations in the hope of saving enough to prevent new taxes or a boost in the national debt.

Also in congress: Hatch Bill. Not sidetracked for the farm bill, as everyone expected, amendments to the Hatch "clean politics" act were pushed through the senate.

Wagner Act. Chairman Mary Norton (Dem., N. J.) of the house labor committee charged that 21



WELLES AND LEBRUN A baptism of fire.

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TREND

POLAND—Forty thousand German artisans have been sent to conquered Poland to take over small businesses and "purify" libraries, according to authentic reports.

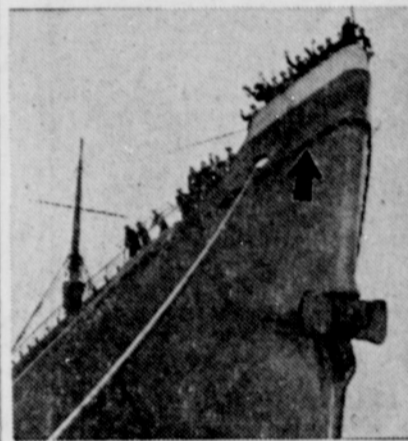
AVIATION—It was revealed in Washington that the war department will soon release for Anglo-French purchase one of its newest and fastest fighting ships, the Curtiss P-40.

DEFENSE—Removed from the list of 17 "strategic" materials essential for U. S. defense were aluminum (because the U. S. aluminum industry has conserved its Arkansas bauxite); optical glass (because U. S. optical glass is now as good as the world's best) and wool (because substitutes and supplies are being found here).

MARINE: Contraption

For several months German airplanes and U-boats have sprinkled the sea with dangerous magnetic mines. When a ship approaches, its steel hull attracts the mine, which explodes.

Elizabeth's crew was tight-lipped, but naval experts were pretty sure her girdle was an effective anti-mine device which may make Brit-



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ain's shipping invulnerable to the latest Nazi weapon. One opinion: That the girdle sets up a field that neutralizes the magnetic mechanism of the mine.

MEXICO: Oil Settlement

In March, 1938, Mexico incurred the ill will of many a government by expropriating the oil properties held by 17 U. S., British and Netherlands companies.

INTERNATIONAL: Argentina

Alleged vote frauds in Buenos Aires province caused President Roberto Ortiz to supplant Gov. Manuel Fresco by a federal administrator.

Palestine

To stave off Arab-Jewish violence during the European war, Britain's cabinet announced restrictions against purchase of Palestine land by Jews.

China

Mid-March found Japan's army driving against Chungshan, birthplace of China's famed Sun Yat-Sen, located south of Canton.

Meanwhile, as Japan completed her thirty-second month of a fruitless war, a new enemy appeared for both Japanese and Chinese forces.



GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

WHAT FARMERS NEED.

Tom Dewey's farm speech was lifted largely from Glenn Frank's background for a Republican platform.

In their critical aspects both were masterpieces of understatement. The net result of all that Mr. Wallace has done for agriculture is absolutely zero—which is considerably less than 32 degrees below freezing.

All authorities agree that the problem is largely surplus production. Mr. Wallace started out to reduce the surplus. He has not decreased it. He has greatly increased it and his and other administration policies have vastly decreased the possibility of consuming it.



TOM DEWEY GLENN FRANK "Beautiful," but . . . Old Confucius, he says: "bohee."

was a Democrat President, on the theory of the best brains and experience for the job, Mr. Wallace would be my candidate for the job he now holds.

Both Glenn Frank and Tom Dewey disclosed that they don't know anything about the farm problem. After careful study of their offerings, I am inclined to believe that they don't even suspect anything about it.

During his whirlwind election campaign Courtney amply demonstrated his gifts as a silver-tongued orator.

It was a tough spot for a Southern gentleman. To get elected Courtney had to challenge Mrs. Turner's qualifications for the office.

Why a man who is considered at all solely because he is a New York gang-busting district attorney, has to try to sell himself in Nebraska as a hired farmhand is beyond me.

What farmers need is free and unrestricted production and sale of their products and an outright subsidy to bring their prices for what we consume in this country up to absolute "parity."

It means a more equal distribution of poverty, a sharing of our debts rather than our credits, a greater burden on the have-nots and a restriction of abundance in everybody's life.

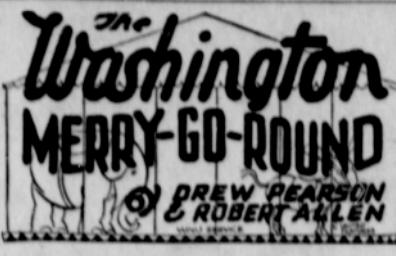
SHARING POVERTY

WASHINGTON.—Suppose it were true, as this administration says, that, as all governmental debt has gone up by an indefinite amount—above 20 billions—private debt has gone down by an equal amount.

It can be retired only by taxes or default. The former is a burden on every family budget in the nation—including the unfortunates on relief or on the dole.

The whole nation, rich and poor alike, is responsible for the public debt—every wage, income, pension and piece of property of any kind is in hock for it.

The poisonous doctrine that only the rich pay has been exposed over and over again.



WASHINGTON.—Senator Vandenberg privately is very uneasy over the unfavorable effect upon his presidential campaign of his clamor for aggressive action against Japan.

He is so concerned that he summoned his regional managers to Washington for a secret pow-wow.

(1) The inconsistency, to the public, of his denouncing Roosevelt's repeal of the arms embargo as a war move, and at the same time demanding a war-like policy toward Japan; and (2) complaints by G. O. P. leaders that Vandenberg played into the hands of the Democrats by diverting public attention away from domestic affairs and focusing it on international problems.

Republican strategists have pointed out that the one thing the Democrats want is to wage the campaign on the administration's international policies, and a G. O. P. candidate who allows them to do that would be



Discouraging to Romeos.

licked from the start because the party is split on these questions.

The managers also reported that in the coastal states, where Vandenberg is weakest, there is much public opposition to his "let's go get 'em" stand on the Japanese.

Note—The consensus of opinion at the meeting was in favor of entering Vandenberg in more state primaries in opposition to Dewey.

One of the most effective speakers in the house is Rep. Wirt Courtney, Tennessee war veteran, who won his seat only last fall in a special election.

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"Ladies and gentlemen: I find myself in a very embarrassing position running against this beautiful and gracious lady.

"Sometimes there is bedlam there. Sometimes the lie is passed and sometimes fists fly. Imagine, my friends, if you can, placing in such a situation this beautiful and gracious lady whose heart is in the skies with one who has gone beyond the last horizon."

The voters' imaginations broke down, for Courtney won with a two-to-one majority.

NO GUN-RUNNER.

The protocol office of the state department ran into a novel war-born problem the other day when David Gray, new minister to Ireland, came in to make plans for his departure.

Gray is a tall, slender gentleman, with a taste for hunting. He told the protocol office that he couldn't be happy on the other side without his sportsman's shotgun.

"But I am going to Dublin by way of Europe," said Gray. "I wonder what they will think of a U. S. diplomat if he shows up in the war areas with a shotgun?"

Gray was assured that, enjoying diplomatic immunity, he would not be jailed as a gun-runner.

MERRY-GO-ROUND.

When Venezuelan Minister of War Medina visited Washington he did three things: first, placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier; next, called on Secretary of State Hull; third, visited the Federal Bureau of Investigation to scan the death mask of John Dillinger and other G-man trophies.

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Products of the farm have more than 400 nonfood uses in industry. For example, corn is used in making adhesives, potatoes in laundry starch, soybeans in plastics, cattle grease in antifreeze mixtures, grape-seed oil in soaps, buttermilk in paints, and eggs in leather-dressing processes.

In many Japanese bedrooms the compass points are painted on the floor. Few Japanese will sleep with the head pointing north, the position in which they are buried.

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