

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

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Rough Weather Aids Greek Troops In Fighting Off Invasion by Italians; Kennedy Urges U. S. Aid for England; Soviet-Nazi-Fascist Diplomats Meet

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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President Roosevelt was guest of honor and No. 1 off the record speaker at the National Press club's annual dinner for the Chief Executive. Wendell Willkie, who had been invited, was not present. As usual, there was plenty of "panning" at the expense of the President and other high government officials. Picture above shows: (left to right) President Roosevelt; his bodyguard, Thomas Qualters; Richard Wilson, president of the National Press club and Vice President Elect Henry Wallace, just before they sat down to dinner.

DEBACLE:

Fascists Meet Greeks

The Greeks, aided by heavy storms and mountain torrents, claimed to have dealt a crushing blow to the Italian armies attempting invasion. The Italians, using the accepted German formula of "pinchers" invasion, were attacking boldly on two fronts, the left flank moving from Koritza as a base, and the right flank smashing southward close to the Adriatic coastline toward Ioannina (Janina or Yanina). The right flank was making some progress, and at points had crossed the critical Kalamas river. The left flank, however, never had made any advances, and it was there, in the vicinity of Koritza, that the Greeks claimed their first and continuing successes.

Latest dispatches indicated that these successes were colossal. Thirty thousand Italian troops were first described as trapped, then nearly half of them cut off and captured, and finally thousands of them caught in a mountain torrent in a gorge and drowned.

Cut to pieces, London has heard, is one of Italy's crack divisions of Alpini, or mountain troops, called the Centaur division. Trapped in the Pindus mountains, the Greeks say it has been annihilated.

There was wild enthusiasm in Athens and throughout the nation. Added to this was the favorable report from the Kalamas river sector, where the Greeks reported the mechanized advance had been halted in its tracks and forced to take up defensive positions.

Heroes of the Greek victory seem to have been the Evzones, or mountain guerrilla troops, who have been clipping away at the Italian columns in a manner reminiscent of the Finnish depredations on Russian troops during the early days of that war.

Like the Russo-Finnish war, however, it is too early to write the attempted Italian invasion down as a failure, for there are other quarters, notably Russia and Germany, to be heard from.

While Italy has admitted no reverses, it was considered significant that Italian dispatches told of Greek attacks.

AMBASSADOR:

Speaks Out

Sensation was sprung by U. S. ambassador to the Court of St. James, Joseph P. Kennedy, who suddenly abandoned the hush-hush role of the diplomat, and in a copyrighted interview published by the Boston Globe told what he thought about the war and where Europe is heading.

Summed up in brief, Kennedy said:

1. England is holding out, but

SIDELIGHTS

... in the news

¶ An election aftermath in many communities was the public burning of all campaign literature as a gesture of "unity." In Salina, Kan., they had a fine blaze. In Tacoma, Wash., the gesture was a "flop." Reason—nobody showed up with anything to burn.

¶ The Civil Liberties Union has announced itself ready to aid in the legal defense of eight German-American Bundsmen charged with making anti-semitic speeches at Camp Nordland, Andover, N. J.

¶ The Chinese have invented a three-story bamboo "basket" which is placed on the roofs of important buildings to catch Japanese bombs. It works, too, according to neutral observers.

¶ A draftee in Washington, D. C., turned down because of ill health, leaped to his death from Rock Creek park bridge.

He'll Stick Around



ANN ARBOR, MICH.—Fakhri Maluf (above), University of Michigan student, who has learned from Syrian newspapers that he has been sentenced by the French Petain government to 15 years in prison for his writings advocating independence and social reform in Syria. In this country on indefinite scholarship permit, Maluf said he guessed he "would stay awhile."

FIFTY-FIFTY:

Election Aftermath

Immediate aftermath of the president-shattering election of President Roosevelt to a third term in the White House was the strengthening of the foreign policy.

Japan had seen this as a likely happening, and the Axis powers had commented on it frankly in expressing hopes for a Roosevelt defeat, hopes used by the Democrats as a lever in the campaign.

It was not unexpected in Europe, nor in this country for that matter, when President Roosevelt made his first announcement of a strengthening of the "aid to Britain short of war" which had been his open foreign policy prior to the campaign.

This took the form of a statement that on the production of war materials for our national defense, Britain will be given a "fifty-fifty" pick. We are planning to build 25,000 planes. Britain has placed orders for 12,000, and the priorities board has said that unless things change from the present, Britain will be given one plane of every two that come off the assembly lines.

This will include even the largest and most modern planes, the "flying fortress" bombers, which the British have long been seeking, but which had thus far been denied them.

It also will include foodstuffs, the output of merchant ships from the nation's ways, machine tools, everything of usefulness to a nation at war.

The only "rule of thumb" which President Roosevelt has said that he will recognize is prior need by this country for her defense. In this he will be guided by the army and navy chiefs and by Knudsen, head of the national defense council.

Steps have been taken to extend large credit to Britain to permit the "paper" purchase of her needs.

AIR CRASHES:

10,000 Miles Apart

In the snowy mountain wastes of Utah 10 persons, including a couple of honeymooners, met death when an air-liner crashed into a mountain-side, split in two.

A few days later a Brazilian air liner, taking off at the airport of Rio de Janeiro, collided in midair with an advertising plane. Nineteen were killed.

The first crash is believed by an airline survey as to have been caused by the failure of the radio beam or range signal, the result of a blinding snowstorm through which the ship was flying, attempting to reach safety.

Unexplained is the Brazilian crash, which occurred in full view of thousands on the shores of the beautiful harbor, watching the take-off. The big liner collided in mid-air with the advertising plane, piloted by an Englishman, and both plummeted downward.

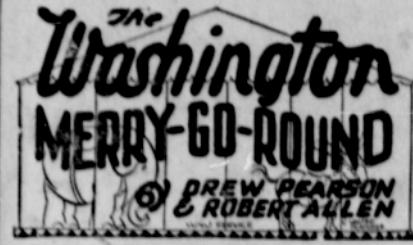
The liner landed in the water, smashed to pieces and sank. The small plane, out of control, sailed helplessly over the city and crashed on the roof of a building.

MISCELLANY:

¶ Nearly a year after the end of the Finnish-Russian war, a ship arrived in New York with 100 American volunteers, who managed to escape back to this country again. They said they arrived in Finland after it was all over, and had spent all this time trying to get back to the U. S.

¶ The lash still is administered to prisoners in Delaware, which then sends the whipped men off to prison. Three were whipped recently, two for burglary, one for attempting to wreck a train. After the 60 blows (20 to each man), Nos. 1 and 2 went off to prison for five years, and No. 3 for ten.

¶ Newest defense of British freighters against mines, submarines have been noted on the American waterfronts. The bows of the ships carry the paravanes and nets of mine-sweepers. Also on board many are torpedo tubes.



Washington, D. C.

NO CABINET POST FOR WILLKIE

Rumors that Wendell Willkie will be offered a cabinet post or chairmanship of the defense commission are just rumors and no more. Roosevelt has no intention of unifying along such lines.

After the 1936 campaign, the President and Alf Landon went out of their way to be friendly. The mellow Kansan called at the White House when he went to the Capitol in December for a Gridiron club dinner, and a year later Roosevelt appointed him a member of the U. S. delegation to the Pan-American conference in Lima. But with Willkie the situation is entirely different.

Roosevelt deeply dislikes and distrusts him—a feeling, incidentally, that is strongly reciprocated by Willkie.

Privately, the President believes that the G. O. P. standard bearer's campaign was motivated chiefly by personal malice and went far out of bounds of legitimate political warring in deliberate misrepresentation and distortion.

On his side, Willkie feels just as hotly regarding Roosevelt.

EUROPEAN APEASEMENT

The story of imminent European peace deals which floated around London, Berlin and Washington just before election was no myth.

Since November 5 these ideas are dead.

Ever since Hitler's proposed invasion of England was frustrated last September, Nazi diplomats have sent out feelers to the effect that Germany now had almost the entire continent of Europe and might be satisfied to drop the war, leaving England to stick to its own islands.

Such a peace, of course, meets no response from the great majority of the British people, nor the government, and absolutely none from Winston Churchill. However, it has been received favorably by the little group of "City" men (London's Wall Street).

Diplomatic reports indicate that had Willkie been elected, this group would have launched a strong drive for appeasement. This does not necessarily mean they would have had Willkie's blessing. But it means that Wall Street groups in the United States which think along exactly the same lines as London's "City" were all ready to co-operate in this drive and expected to get support from Willkie.

Latin American governments, whose weather vane is the United States and who study us with a microscope, actually were getting ready to warm up to Hitler. But since November 5, the effect is just the opposite.

PERSHING AS ENVOY TO VICHY

The situation inside France is such that there is more and more sentiment among administration advisers to draft venerable John J. Pershing as American ambassador to France.

It is believed General Pershing could do a good job because of his old friendship with Marshal Petain, now No. 1 man in the Vichy government. The two were comrades in arms during the World war, and never do they meet without an affectionate embrace on both cheeks.

Should the French North African army become active on behalf of England, it would mean much not only to the British but to the United States, whose biggest worry concerning the Monroe Doctrine is that a combination of German-Italian forces might use Dakar, French naval base on the bulge of Africa, for operations against Brazil and South America.

That is why "Papa" Pershing is considered so important to influence his old friend "Papa" Petain.

EXIT FANNY

Miss Frances Perkins, idealistic secretary of labor, will not be in the third Roosevelt cabinet.

She will be replaced as part of the President's plan to put an end to A. F. of L.-C. I. O. warring and to bring about unification of the two organizations. No. 1 on the President's list for Miss Perkins' successor is George Harrison, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and a vigorous advocate of labor peace.

MERRY GO ROUND

Probably the best campaigning among the Roosevelt children was done by Franklin Jr., whose wife is Ethel duPont, daughter of Eugene duPont. The far-flung duPont family contributed around \$50,000 to the Willkie campaign, but Ethel remained loyal to her in-laws.

Franklin's speeches were of a rather naive, amateurish nature, but they endeared him tremendously to his father. Franklin would start his speeches in most formal vein, carefully referring to his father as "the President." But when heckled from the side, he usually forgot his dignity and sometimes shouted, "my old man's a great guy," which always brought down the house.

Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles listened to election returns until 4:15 a. m. but was down at his desk reading a telegram from Greece by 9:30 a. m.



WASHINGTON, D. C.

RECENTLY there has been a large turmoil over the Ogden Miller, of Yale, interview and the conflict between the purists and the proselyters in football's happy or unhappy family.

Nothing new was either uncovered or discovered. It was merely the revamping of an age old argument and conflict.

If you felt like walking that far we could take you back 30 years or more through the same old argument. And let you finish where you started.

The only difference is that in the last few years the line has been much more sharply drawn—and in the future it may even reach a razor edge.

There isn't any questioning the fact that too many colleges overdo their football collecting. There isn't any questioning the fact that colleges with stricter entrance requirements and higher scholastic standards are at a disadvantage in meeting opponents who have no such barriers to face.

There are, of course, always exceptions. Cornell and Pennsylvania are Ivy institutions and yet they manage to hit the jackpot with regularity.

Badly Tangled

On a general scale there is entirely too much proselyting, recruiting and paying for good players, in what should be the greatest of all amateur games.

But it is a tangled, intricate scheme when you come to locating the true answer. I don't believe there is one, in a game that has such a direct appeal to so many millions.

Many ask, "Why shouldn't a poor boy who can play football have his way paid through college, with some thing in the side, when he is playing before gate receipts that range from \$100,000 to \$400,000 per game? Doesn't he at least earn an education?"

The answer is O. K., if the college feels that way about it, but let those colleges play among themselves. They have too great an edge on those who happen to feel otherwise. It isn't fair competition.

How Can You Stop It?

I know of more than one strong college outfit where the students get no help through college. But wealthy and influential alumni get summer jobs for the leading players that net from \$200 to \$400 a month, plus board, no working experience required.

I know of others who play before big-time crowds, where each player is given from 5 to 10 tickets per game which net from \$25 to \$50 per contest. The ticket request is made for the family.

This isn't much money. Possibly \$300 a year plus a scholarship and all other expenses paid. But it still isn't alfalfa.

After talking with a large number of football coaches my guess is that at least 75 per cent of the better players belong to the proselyted, or paid for group, one way or another.

But when an enthusiastic group of alumni get to work I can't see any way you can stop them. For this work may not even reach the notice of the college or the football coach. The deal may be made with the boy's father, who isn't likely to talk about it.

Part of the Answer

The main trouble, of course, is the demand for a winning team. But, unfortunately, not every team can win. So the problem is shoved along to the coach. The coach doesn't want to lose his job. The chances are he also has a family to look after. If the alumni won't get him players, he must do his part—or get fired.

College football in two months draws far more spectators than big league baseball draws in six months—far more. It has grown into big time. Big league teams can lose a flock of games and still draw. College teams can't afford to lose many in a season, especially where there is no traditional rivalry to help lure out the crowds.

Part of the answer is working its way out through conference schedules. The Ivy league now rarely leaves its own borders. The Big Ten wanders more, but not too much. There are now supervisors in the Big Ten, the Pacific Coast and the South, where in certain colleges too many have come from far-off places to play.

Teams with about the same scholastic ranking and the same methods of ethics should play among themselves.

We'll take the Southwest. They help their athletes. But in the main they are all Texas players.

"At S. M. U.," Matty Bell told me, "we have 35 men on the squad. Thirty-three are from Texas. The other two from Oklahoma and Missouri, just across the borderline."

The new director on the West coast has already thrown out a flock of budding stars who were improperly brought in.

Hook Posy Pad for Chair or Foot Stool

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

WHEN I made the sketch in Sewing Book 5 showing the method that our Grandmothers used for making original hooked rug designs, I forgot that Grandmother did not wear silk stockings every day. There have been dozens of letters saying, "I would like to hook the flower designs for which you give directions in Book 5. Will you please tell me if I can use old silk stockings for these?"

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