



Washington, D. C.

RUSSIA AGAIN BUYING COTTON
Here is big news for the South. Soviet Russia is back in the American cotton market.

She already has purchased 58,000 bales, of which 18,000 are en route via Vladivostok in Greek ships, and has indicated the total orders may run as high as 500,000 bales.

To facilitate transportation, the maritime commission last week granted sub-charters to Amtorg (the Soviet trading agency) for three U. S. freighters, the Carleton, Export and motor ship Excelsior, which will load the cotton at Houston and Galveston.

The last time Russia bought U. S. cotton was in the early 1930s.

Official Russian explanation for the U. S. purchases is that under the latest five-year plan, her spinning equipment is so rapidly expanding that she needs more cotton than she produces. According to the Soviet buyers their spindle capacity will reach a point in 1942 which will require a 40 per cent increase in cotton supply.

The matter of possible Russian re-export of the U. S. cotton to Germany was one of the subjects discussed by Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles and Soviet Ambassador Oumansky, who gave positive assurances that the cotton was strictly for Russian use.

DIPLOMATIC CAPITAL

It looks as if San Francisco is slated to become the capital for Axis diplomacy in the United States.

For several years, the city has been the headquarters of Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, Hitler's World War commander and personal representative in this country. And now he has been joined by a new Italian consul general of equal behind-the-scenes eminence. He is Carlo Bossi, who ranks as high in inner Mussolini councils as Wiedemann does in Hitler's.

Bossi, who is carefully avoiding the limelight, played a leading role in Italy's support of General Franco against the Spanish Loyalists, and is credited with directing the capture of Barcelona, the blow that crushed the Republic. He is strongly anti-British and has close ties with both Nazi and Japanese bigwigs.

It was no accident that Bossi assumed his San Francisco post shortly before the announcement of the Axis-Japanese alliance. From the Pacific coast city, and working closely with Wiedemann, he will be in a strategic position to represent the Axis in the Far East.

NEW SYSTEM FOR ARMY BUYING

Nothing has been said about it publicly, but the defense commission has persuaded the army to make a revolutionary change in its purchasing methods. It will mean juicy orders to hundreds of factories which never had a look in before.

The new system junks the old procedure of advertised bids and substitutes a modified plan of negotiated contracts. Instead of buying shoes, shirts, or raincoats in huge quantities from a few large concerns, the army will purchase these goods as far as possible within each of the nine corps areas.

This means that small local factories will have a chance to obtain a chunk of the army's business.

On the basis of orders already granted under the new system, experts say costs will be no higher than under the old procedure.

WINNING ISOLATIONISTS

Very quietly, the administration is waging a campaign to win over Midwest isolationist sentiment. Most striking feature of this campaign is the distribution of the Bullitt speech given at Independence hall in Philadelphia.

This distribution has now reached the amazing figure of 2,384,000.

After his speech, Bullitt received no less than 9,000 letters and telegrams, with unsolicited contributions totaling more than \$6,000. This paid for distribution of the speech.

Three people saw the Bullitt speech before it was delivered. One was Stanley Hornbeck, state department adviser on Far Eastern affairs, who urged, without success, that Bullitt tone it down. Another was Archibald MacLeish, librarian of congress, who was elated with it. The third person was the President.

Note — Highlight of the Bullitt speech was the warning: "The United States is in as great peril today as was France a year ago. Unless we act now, decisively, to meet the threat, we shall be too late."

MAIL BAG

S. R., Philadelphia—Any man not yet 21 may become subject to the draft whenever the President sets another registration day. Under the law he may designate future registration days, and those who have reached 21 in the interval are then required to register.

L. P. A., San Mateo, Calif.—Robert Montgomery is not an alien. He became an American citizen many years ago. As such he was wholly within his rights in introducing Willie in Hollywood.



Man About Town

The Big Parade: Millionaire C. V. (Sonny) Whitney, who, intimates insist, will soon be back in circulation. . . . The newest of the serious romancers, Eddy Duchin and Carol Bruce. . . . Jay Carlisle, whose merger with Marcelle Edwards is a Reno-go, and Virginia Langdon, his next? . . . Isabel Jewell of the moon pitchers and Bob Musel, the reporter, who are cheek-to-cheeking. . . . Gladys Glad, more beautiful than ever, and groom M. Hellinger, who is hardly. . . . Congressman Warren G. Magnuson of Seattle and Trudy Burke of the Ed Wynn show—having their own New Deal. . . . George White and divorcee Doris Donaldson. . . . Judy Canova and her rumored new marriage name (in the near future) Johnny Diggs of H'wood. . . . Critic John Mason Brown—peacocking because of the new baby boy via Medical Center. . . . Lady Brinsley-Plunkett, who will sell her Rolls-Royce for a measly \$3,000. . . . Harry James, who says he's been studying Milton Berle's new nose for weeks, but still can't tell on which comedian he's seen it before!

Memos of a Midnighter: Could the Hotel Pierre's sleeping beauty (who took an overdose of sleeping pills and is still unconscious) be Mary Rogers, the Powers model? She hasn't reported for a fortnight. . . . Gloria Swanson's son is at the Republic Aviation plant at Farmingdale, learning how to build planes. . . . Editor Frank Carson, a great newspaper man, has quit journalism after 40 years for his Arizona ranch. . . . The nearest thing the town has had since Coal Oil Johnny is a handsome young character named Homer Hines. A race-tracker. He and his two assistants, H. Crump and Chas. Scott, boss trainers, are the biggest spenders in years. More spectacular than free fireworks. Simplex wundaful! . . . What's Billy Rose cooking up with the owner of Roseland and the Gay Blades Ice Rink? . . . Harper's fiction editor, George Davis, wants to marry Gypsy Rose Lee.

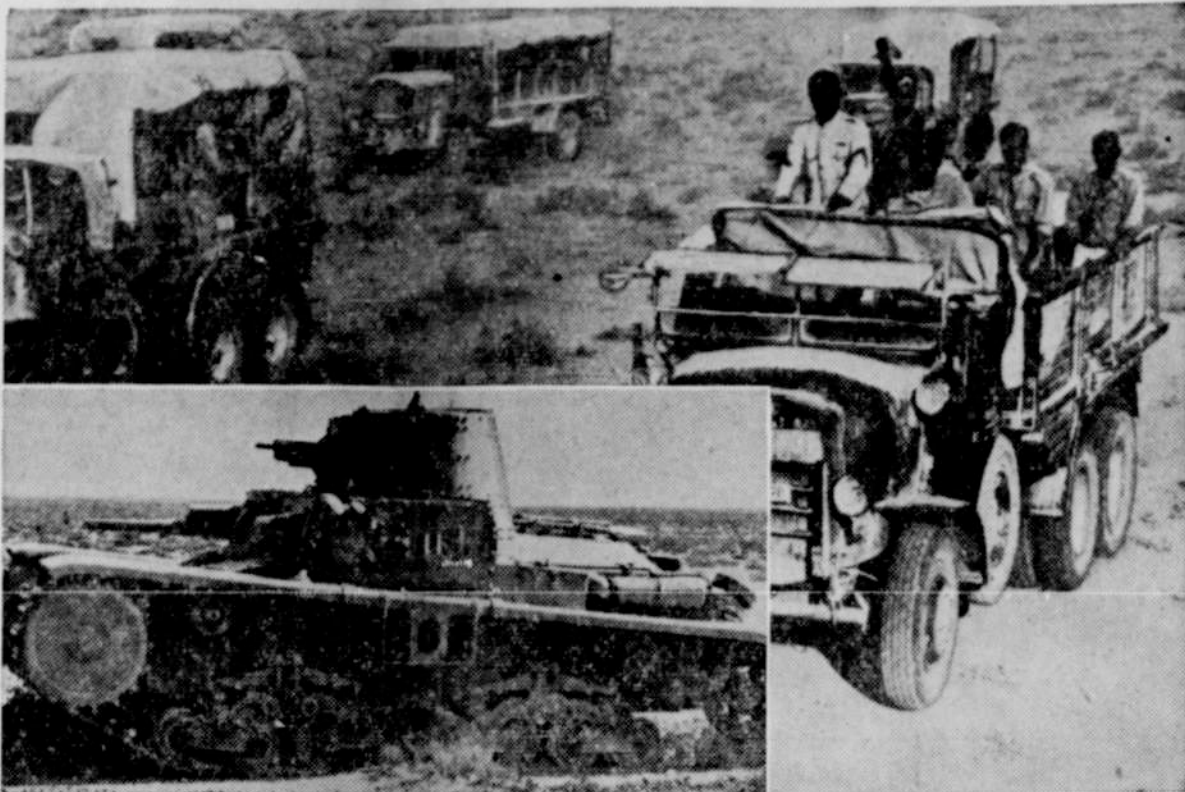
Modern Vignette: Busby Berkeley is one of Hollywood's top directors, who came to town to see the premiere of his recent clicker, "Strike Up the Band." He stopped at the Plaza, if you please, and after two days of being bored stiff with conferences, meetings, etc., he phoned Prop. Proser at The Beachcomber. . . . "How about rounding up some of the old gang, I'd love being with you all once more before I go back to the Coast?" he said. . . . Proser phoned the "mob," including every available showgirl on Broadway, to come to "a party." . . . You never saw such a crowd of lovely lookers. . . . Everybody had a wonderful time, as did the guest of honor, whom nobody met. . . . In the excitement, a captain thought Berkeley was a lonely sucker. He ushered him quietly to a rear table to get him out of the way. . . . Busby was served two Zombies, chow-mein, and the check—which he paid and then went home. . . . He didn't want to interrupt the fun!

Broadway Rhythm: The Skouras-Newins indictment (for allegedly bribing Judge Manton), is coming up for trial on the 28th. The G-Men are seeking "Mrs. Newins." If she talks, they say, several famed lawyers may wind up in the clink. . . . Alois Fabry, brother of the Esquire cartoonist, and Sally Sawyer of Vogue will be threaded next month. . . . Wythe Williams reports that the planned radio program for National Defense is in abeyance until after the voting. The valid reason being: "political commercial commitments have consumed full time." . . . Jack Sterling and chornie Dot O'Neill are oof-ly clubby. . . . The Gypsy Markoff-G. Schirmer Jr. idyll merger talk, which someone planted in the gazettes, put the "insiders" in stitches. Veddy fuddy. . . . "Boyd's Daughter" which got the boyd from the critics, cost the Schuberts 20 Gs.

It happened in West 52nd Street early one recent morning. . . . Two garbage-wagon heavers paused to lean against a taxicab while a co-operative taxi driver tuned up the volume on his radio which was giving the news roundup from the foreign correspondents. . . . When they ended, one garbage collector jumped back onto his truck, rubbed his hands, and to his partner (who was lifting a refuse can) yelled: "Go ahead, Berlin!"

Sounds in the Night: At the Hickory House: "See that blonde? That's his reputation." . . . At the Enduro: "Why Grandma, what big guys you have!" . . . At the Pago-Pago: "It's difficult to tell which is more questionable—her conduct or his intentions." . . . At the Brown Derby: "She's making a name for herself, all right. You oughta hear what the rest of the cast calls her." . . . At Armando's: "He's a friendly fellow. You know, the kind guys slap on the back and gals usually manage to slap on the face."

As Italians Advanced in Egypt



According to the Italian censor-approved caption for this photo, mobile units of the Italian army, composed of Colonial and Italian troops, speed across the desert land of northern Egypt in the drive climaxed by the fall of Sidi Barrani, objective in the push toward the Suez canal. (Inset): Italian tanks, which were stalled at Sidi Barrani, moving towards what may prove to be the first big battle of the war in northern Africa.

Largest All-Woman Orchestra to Celebrate



Eva Anderson, conductor of the Long Beach women's symphony orchestra, largest all-woman orchestra in the world, is shown leading 45 violins in rehearsal for the orchestra's fifteenth anniversary concert. Sponsored by the Long Beach recreation commission, the orchestra is one of the only two such tax-supported organizations in the world. It has 120 members with an average age of 21. Instruments are valued at \$27,000.

Ready-Made Marksmen for Draft Army 'Started Something'



The army will not have to work very hard to make marksmen of these two boys, shown registering for selective military service in Phoenix, Ariz. The hunting season opened on registration day, so the boys went forth and bagged their deer before signing up. L. to R., Bob McComb, J. W. Wheeler, registrar Jack W. Eaton, Maj. R. W. Shaw and J. S. Stanley.

Military Visitors See Endurance Test



Military experts from nine Latin-American republics, who are currently touring United States forts, army posts and defenses, are shown watching an army truck undergo a stiff test at the plant of the Dodge Motor company in Detroit, Mich. The tour of these military experts is part of the great Pan-American defense program now under way.



James A. Tumulty of Jersey City, Dem. senatorial candidate, whose charges of fraudulent registration conditions in Hudson County, N. J., started a U. S. inquiry.

Czech R. A. F. Eagle



One of the pilots of an all-Czechoslovak fighter squadron attached to the R. A. F., climbing into his "Hurricane" for patrol of England's southeast (Hell's Corner) coast.

Daisy Hot Dish Mat An Appropriate Gift

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

IT WAS the flower handle of the tea-pot lid that suggested this daisy mat. I had been thinking of making a hot dish out of firmly braided strips of cotton cloth. I wanted it to be thick and sewn firmly like a rag rug, so that it would stand frequent scrubbing. The design had to be novel and gay so that it would be appropriate for a Christmas gift or would



attract attention if used to sell at a church bazaar. All the directions you need to make one are right here in the sketch.

Cotton flannel or heavy cotton knitted material are good to use for the braided strips. Cut the strips two inches wide if the goods is heavy or wider if light weight. Braid tightly and then use No. 8 white cotton thread to sew, as shown. A set of these mats are pretty on the table; and mats for oval dishes may be made by sewing two daisies together.

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