

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

DREW PEARSON
& ROBERT ALLEN

WASHINGTON, D. C.— BUNDISTS EMPLOYED IN DEFENSE PLANTS

Dies committee agents have secretly warned government authorities to be on guard against an outbreak of sabotage in defense plants on the West coast.

According to the Dies-men, biggest U. S. danger spot is Los Angeles, where Nazi and Communist fifth columnists have been unusually active of late. The Los Angeles area contains one of the largest concentrations of defense work in the country.

One reason for the Dies-men's fear was their discovery of a secret mailing list of 2,500 names in a raid on the Los Angeles headquarters of the German-American Bund. Herman Schwinn, West coast Bund fuhrer, admitted, under questioning, that the list consisted of Nazi sympathizers who regularly attended Bund meetings.

A check-up of the names revealed the startling fact that 800 of them are employed in airplane plants, shipyards, oil refineries, auto factories and other key defense industries.

SPANISH BRIBE

The career clique of fascist-minded appeasers inside the state department has dwindled in size and strength since Europe's tragic history proved the fallacy of their course in Spain. However, they are still strong enough to urge a loan (or gift) of \$100,000,000 from the Export-Import bank to General Franco, dictator of Spain.

Furthermore, it may be that the career clique will get away with it.

They urge that the hundred millions be advanced to Spain in order to keep Franco from coming into the war against England. They claim that if Spain has enough food, the country will remain neutral. And it is the British, whose fumbling in Spain was even more responsible than ours for the present danger to Gibraltar, who now want the United States to bail them out with a hundred million dollars.

Confidential military reports from Spain, however, indicate three things: first, the Spanish people are so fed up with three years of bloody civil war that they won't fight in any foreign war not of their choosing; second, Spain is so badly defended that her harbors would be easy targets for the British fleet; third, the Spanish people actually are near revolt, which is the secret reason why Franco wants the hundred million. Without food, the old Loyalist government might come back again.

In other words, it looks as if the career clique inside the state department is still trying to keep in power the man they secretly backed during the Spanish civil war.

CRACK IN THE SOUTH

The Solid South was cracked in the recent election, but not by a Republican. It was the work of a Nashville, Tenn., Democrat, in the only hard-fought congressional battle in the entire South.

Hero of the saga was J. Percy Priest, crack newsmen of the Nashville Tennessean, who, running as an Independent, unseated two-term Rep. Joseph W. Byrns Jr., son of the late speaker of the house of representatives.

Priest defeated Byrns although the district hadn't elected anyone but a regular Democrat since the Civil war, and although he committed the faux pas of failing to register so he could vote.

Priest, however, had other strong advantages on his side. For many years he has been his paper's "good will" reporter, attending barbecues, fairs, graduations and civic gatherings. Practically everybody in the district knows "Perce" Priest personally. Also, Byrns, first elected as a New Dealer, had chalked up a near perfect anti-Roosevelt record.

Priest also made much of the fact that Byrns' speech against the draft bill had won thunderous applause from the Republicans. Nashville generally is strong for national defense and FDR. So while Byrns won re-election, he found a real fight on his hands when Priest threw his hat into the ring as an Independent.

Byrns sent out a frantic SOS to house colleagues and Rep. Sam Hobbs dashed up from Alabama to stump for him. But it was no go. Byrns was defeated in the only Democratic upset in the entire South.

Note—Priest's constituency is known as the "Hermitage district," because it was the home of President Andrew Jackson, patron saint of the Democratic party. The new congressman is 40 years old and unmarried.

EXIT JOE KENNEDY

Intimates of Ambassador Joe Kennedy are offering bets that he will not return to the Court of St. James's. While publicly Joe has expressed his willingness to go back, the inside fact is that Kennedy tried to resign at his last conference with the President. Roosevelt refused to consider it.

Several very tempting business offers have been made to him. He has made no final decision, but returning to London definitely seems the last thing he intends to do.

Walter Winchell

Reporter's Memo to His Editor:

Washington, D. C.: The Greek victories are not being taken too seriously by you know who. Says it is "all a trap" to get the British fleet away from the Suez and then etcetera. Don't overplay streamers. The Molotov-Hitler minutes were in Washington three hours later. Russia will send about 15 divisions to Turk border to "keep the Turks from becoming too troublesome." Those are exact quotes. Time mag killed most sensational quotes of campaign rather than incense certain subscribers. Amazing. No secret down here in every lobby. Steve Early's resignation plans off indef. That cop incident in N. Y. People might think he was fired. Has big salary job waiting. Flynn's call was for Sam Foley of Bronx—for Demo candidate mayoralty. Whiskers says positively no evidence of sabotage in any of those explosions. Whew!

Perkins' probable successor as sec'y labor may be George Harrison, pres. Brotherhood R. R. Clerks. Knudsen, Henderson and General Wesson of Ordnance Dept at private demonstration of "Secret Weapon" to "stop" Adolf. Creator is Carleton Brown. Worked on it 21 years. Revolutionize mobile transportation. Terrific form of tank. Check with Arthur Loew, heir to all those double-features. He and his wife going to school last few months—up at Columbia U. Taking course in motion picture and play production! No kidding. Raft invested 80 Gs in Florida race track. Frau Thomsen, wife of Nazi man here, depressed over snub of local hunt club. Wasn't invited to affair for first time.

RAF damage to Berlin almost as great as in London, according to pouch-bearers. Goebbels, of course, will deny. Hamburg practically doesn't exist. Thurman Arnold was waving his resignation for weeks—but has made peace. Francis Biddle, U. S. solicitor-general, may inherit Bob Jackson's post as AG if Jackson beats an eastern senator to Supreme court as chief justice. Jackson won't accept an associate justice job. Hotels jammed to capacity—many turned away during heavy rains. Clerks explain town crowded because of defense contractors. Most of the mob, the clowns say, are here trying to square themselves with New Dealers. Newspaper men saying Willie sore at many of his original boosters, partie R. Howard, of all people!

More Tips for Ye Ed.:

Talk here Nathan Straus seeking chance at NY governorship. Check with him regarding Bronx hand bill matter. All I know on it. Bases promoted for U. S. in Rio Platte practically set, despite denials. Lawrence Langner, Broadway producer, excited about his defense job here—doesn't miss white lights at all. Nelson Rockefeller very popular with mob, say he's doing swell job putting in "the un-official fix." Talk persists Frank Murphy would be happier at Dept of Justice—not enough action on bench. Big new job being angled by almost everybody for chief of propaganda post similar to one Creel had last war. Lowell Mellett leading field. Check if Capone still at Mayo Brothers. Went many weeks ago—same trouble.

Ambassador Kennedy interview

(on persuading Lindbergh to tell Chamberlain what he knew—which led to Munich pact) given me by Kennedy in Florida January, 1939. Every word okayed by him—we didn't use any of "off-record" stuff. Dr. Frank Nolan in attendance Helen Morgan illness on Coast—"the heart." Did Seymour Weiss sentence (30 months) break? Jesse Lasky depressed over critical response to "Quiet Please," says audience howl at it. Wants me see it and tell whether it has chance. If not will close pronto. Why don't you cover it—you might save him some dough—or all those jobs. At least five men expected to be FDR's running mate. Rob't H. Jackson and Wm. O. Douglas were two. So when Inner Circle ask each other: "Why do you think the boss picked Henry Wallace?" reply is supposed to be: "You mean to say you never saw the pictures in the papers of him juggling those boomerangs?" In short, Henry Wallace was the boomerang thrower who didn't boomerang on the President!

Inflation rumors laughed at

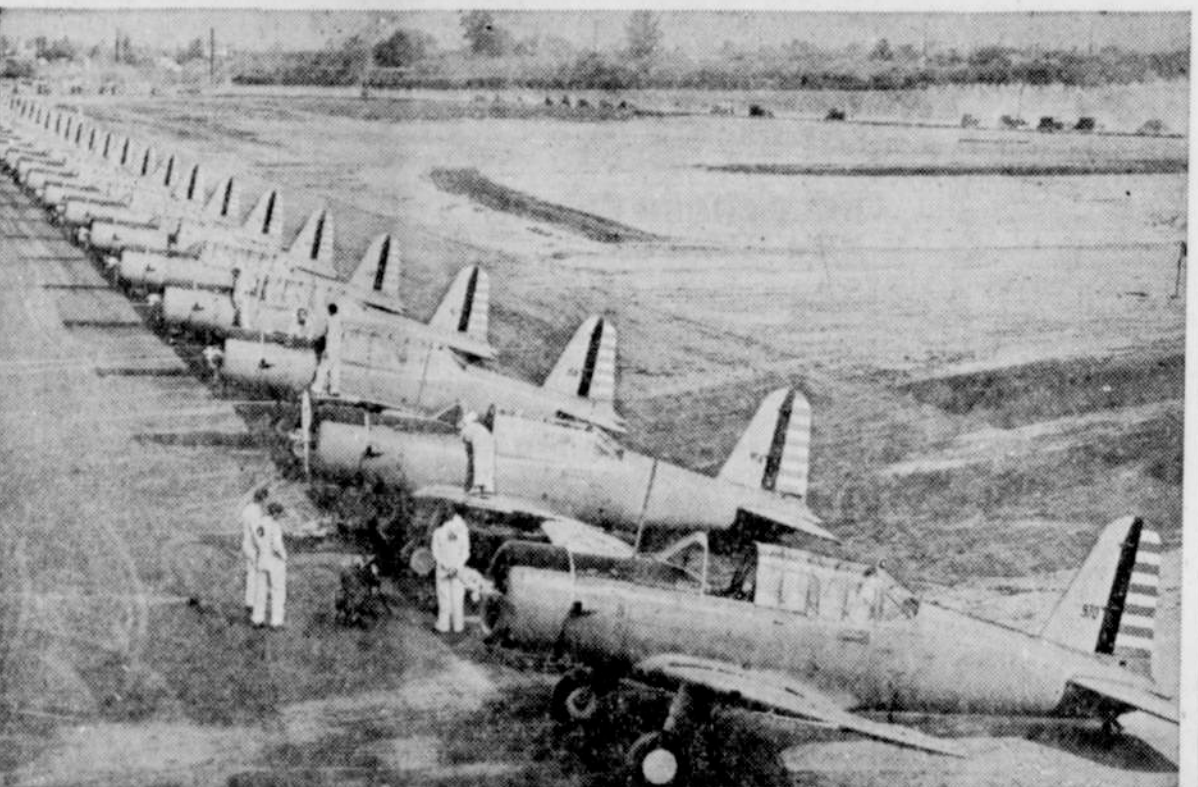
"Any one who performed miracles in 1933 (opening banks) can control money now," according to financial experts at Shoreham hotel ringside. Henri Bernstein, Parisian playwright, now in New York, expects to lose French citizenship. Rene Kraus, author of "Churchill," was offered British passport act of good propaganda work. He is Austrian. Refused it. However, he's flying to England next week. Has assignment to do book on RAF. Leaves pretty English refugee in U. S.

Brought Down 'Somewhere' in England



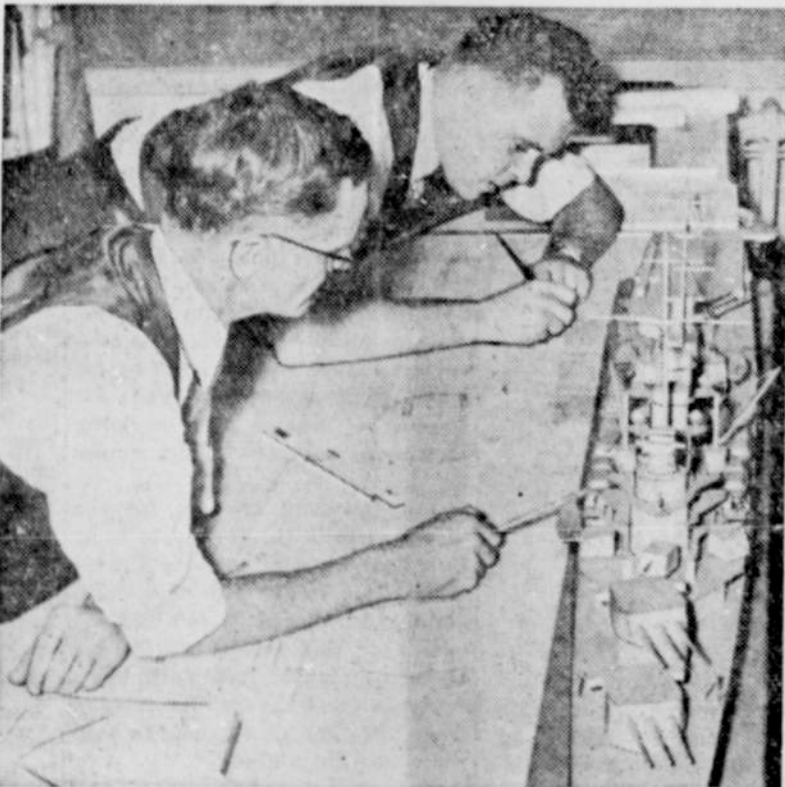
A crashed Italian bombing plane being examined and guarded by civilians and a British soldier after it had been brought down during an Axis air raid "somewhere in England." (Inset) The first Italian prisoner to be taken in England since the war started, shown under British guard. This fellow was taken when 13 Italian planes, the first, were shot down over England in one day's air raids.

New Wings for the U. S. Army



This line of 33 new basic training planes is shown on the Vultee Aircraft field at Downey, Calif., just before they were delivered to the United States army air corps. Thirty-three veteran air instructors flew the planes to the army's new air center at Moffett field, Moffett, Calif.

Navy Speeds Defense Program



Scene at the navy department's bureau of ships where designers formulate plans for new naval equipment. Models of proposed battleships, destroyers and cruisers are built from these designs and thoroughly tested before actual construction of equipment is started. Here a model of the cruiser Wichita is being used as basis for a new ship design.

500,000 to 1 Shot Who Came Through



Anton Wrba, 17, is the center of attraction in the WRBA candy store in New York city. He is now pronounced as good as new after having had a bullet pass completely through his heart. The heart was quickly stitched, a blood transfusion of the boy's own blood was administered, and Anton lived! 499,999 other such cases would prove fatal.

Tip Toppers



Irene Stevens (left) and Kae Sumner, members of the Tip Toppers club, all of whom must be over six feet four. Miss Sumner, who organized the club, went to New York to appear on Ripley's program. The man is "Stormy Bergh," three feet tall.

'Blitz Bowlers'



Today in London they are wearing the latest in "blitz bowlers" (shown above) which are splinter-proof. The "bowler" is for both men and women.

Set of Shelves From Spools and Can Lids

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

THE other day I went to a Hobby Show and there, hanging on the wall with a blue ribbon pinned on it, were the spool shelves from SEWING Book 3! Of course, I searched out the proud girl who had made them, and she told me that she had also made the end table of spools that is in Book 5. I felt most as proud as



she did. All her friends are saving spools for her and her urgent need at the moment was, "something to make for Mother for Christmas."

Here is my suggestion. An adorable set of three corner shelves made of a lid from a tin candy box, one from a cracker can and a coffee can put together with wire, spools and two beads. These shelves were painted cherry red and hung up with a brass hook to hold salt and pepper shakers, vinegar cruet, and other things for making salads. Any homemaker will think of a dozen places where this handy set of shelves could be used. All the directions are here in this sketch.

There is time to make the hanging book shelves in Book 3, or the end table in Book 5, before Christmas, if you mail your order for these booklets today. Send order to:

MRS. RUTH WYETH SPEARS
Drawer 10
Bedford Hills New York
Enclose 20c for Books 3 and 5.
Name
Address

It Seems That Woman Passenger Was Bit Hasty

"Conductor," demanded the imperious-looking woman, as she paused on the platform of a crowded streetcar, "I told you to let me off at Rasput avenue!"

"But—" began the conductor. "Don't make excuses. I know about your not being able to remember where everybody gets off. I've heard that before!"

"But—" "You may be sure," interrupted the woman, "I shall report you!" She alighted, and the car started again.

The conductor touched his cap and called to the woman being left behind: "Sorry, but Rasput avenue is a mile farther on!"

Relief At Last For Your Cough

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Doubt First

To believe with certainty we must begin with doubting.—Stanislaus.

IN SAN FRANCISCO
ENJOY REAL LUXURY
Distinguished in name and service; finely appointed rooms... all with bath.
Ideal downtown location.
RATES from \$2.50
Twin Beds from \$4
Family Rooms for Four... \$4
HOTEL Maurice
POST NEAR JONES

CREATING NEW WEALTH TO ORDER

● Advertising creates new wealth by showing people new and better ways of living, and as it creates new wealth it contributes to the prosperity of everyone touched by the flow of money which is set up. In this way, don't you see, advertising is a social force which is working in the interest of every one of us every day of the year, bringing us new wealth to use and enjoy.