

IMPORTING COTTON?

For years the United States has had a huge surplus of cotton. The idea of importing cotton seemed fantastic. Yet that is exactly what is about to be done, as the latest development in the Good Neighbor policy.

Oscar Johnson, leading Mississippi cotton planter and former official of the AAA, will go to South America to buy surplus cotton from Peru and Brazil. He carries a checkbook of the Commodity Credit corporation, whose funds for domestic and foreign crop purchases amount to \$4,000,000,000.

Both Peru and Brazil are suffering severely from loss of foreign markets. Brazil's cotton was sold in Europe, Peru's to Japan. Both Latin American countries wholeheartedly backed the United States at the Rio conference and now Uncle Sam is returning the favor.

For some time, department of agriculture officials, fearful of outcries from the cotton belt, were timid about buying foreign cotton. They thought they might get away with purchases for storage in South America—but not for imports into the U. S.

But two agriculture officials—John B. Hudson, president of Commodity Credit, and Sam Bledsoe, aide to Secretary Claude Wickard—conceived the smart idea of putting the plan squarely up to southern congressmen, with Oscar Johnson as the choice for buyer.

This worked like a charm. Cotton congressmen have full confidence in Johnson, and they even approved importing some cotton, especially the long staple variety from Peru, which does not directly compete with U. S. cotton.

Meantime, plans are being made to purchase other Latin American agricultural surpluses, including beef and vegetable oils. But Argentina, which is suffering more than any other country, will get no U. S. help while President Castillo remains on the neutrality fence.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

President Roosevelt has indicated to Democratic chiefs who urged him to tour the country, that he may take a transcontinental trip this summer—if the war permits. Democratic candidates facing tough election battles are eager to have him visit their states. Also the President long has wanted to inspect several army camps and war production centers.

HOPKINS LOOKS AT WAR

Following his trip to England, Harry Hopkins is giving close friends a very optimistic picture about the war situation.

He is convinced that Hitler is really alarmed at the tough resistance of the Russians, the growing war strength of the United States, and the fear of an invasion on the European continent.

One of Hitler's greatest weaknesses, Hopkins believes, is manpower. German industry has done a great job hitherto. But now with an increasing drain on both industry and the German army, the tremendous losses at the Russian front are having a definite effect.

To his close friends, Harry Hopkins is known as one of the most optimistic men in the administration. But even discounting this natural optimism, other war chiefs in a position to know seem to have a fairly bright look in their eyes recently.

It will be a long time before we can begin to do any real crowing, for the situation in the Near East is almost as sour as the very, very sour situation in India. It does look, however, as if the spring had definitely brightened the war picture.

MUSSOLINI'S DOTAGE

Inside word brought back from Italy by those in the know gives a desolate picture of Benito Mussolini. He has been pretty well isolated from the war command and from direction of the government, both of which are dictated, directly or indirectly, by Nazis.

Mussolini has gone in for reminiscing on his younger days when he was a militant young socialist, part of the time exiled in Switzerland.

He has even sent for his old socialist friends, including some previously exiled to France. And they have sat around talking about the good old days when they were young.

Maybe this is insanity. Maybe it is just getting back to sanity after 20 long years of delusions of grandeur.

POWER PROBE

A powerful lobby is again back on the Washington scene.

Driven out of the capital a few years ago by the blasting investigation of Justice Hugo Black, then U. S. senator from Alabama, the utility forces have quietly resumed their undercover pressure operations.

Inquiries at this office elicited the explanation that the purpose of the power interests was to "facilitate co-operation with the government in the war effort."



THE UNIONIZED MILK INDUSTRY

John L. Lewis is now trying to unionize the milk industry throughout the country. If he succeeds every bottle of milk delivered will have a union label certifying that there has been no non-union contact from the cow pasture to the doorstep.

The idea is to have milk from hands and delivered by union milkmen. The new slogan may be "Milk From Union Cows, Contented or Not!"

We can imagine a union cow, chewing its union cud in a union meadow, wishing a unionized tail and louing in tones approved by the Musicians Union.

We can picture union clover, union brooks, union hillsides and union hay.

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,

The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea,

The plowman homeward plods his weary way—

All unionized and happy as can be.

Whoever thought the cowbarn would some day become a closed shop.

What would grandpa have thought if somebody had predicted that the walking delegate would wind slowly o'er the lea, that the cow would jump over the moon only if it had a union permit and that the milkmaid's answer to "May I go with you?" would have been "Not unless you are a member of the union in good standing, mister."

Somehow we find it hard to gaze over the rolling country these spring days and take in the bucolic scene without feeling that, although he is not there in person, the spirit-form of John L. Lewis flits through the meadows, looks disapprovingly on the gusto of the rushing brook and, wielding an invisible rubber stamp, puts an "Okay J. L. L." on the flank of every moo.

Whispering into the ear of every cow the wonders of the five-day week and warning the bull to take orders only from its local board.

To revise Anne Emille Poulsson's old verse:

At five o'clock he milks the cow,
The busy farmer's man.
At six o'clock he strains the milk
And pours it in the can.

At seven there's a clamor and
A merry little row,
It's found the cow that gave the milk
Was not a union cow.

The busy farmer's man is called—
With him it goes quite hard;
It's charged that when he strained the milk
He lacked a union card.

At eight o'clock John L. appears,
A frown upon his pan—
And there will be no milk today—
"T'WAS NOT A UNION CAN!"

"I'm short of food but long on stair carpet and paper treads, wheelbarrow, snath, flag 46 by 56, 12-foot staff, hose, iron washtub, vanner, crowbar, jigsaw puzzles, dust mop and kitchen utensils. A609,"—Yankee Magazine.

And a man must live.

YOU'LL FIND OUT

Little grains of sugar,
Little ration books
Tend to cramp the style of
Many pastry cooks.

One-half pound of sugar per person per week will be the new federal sugar ration. "But I can't wait a week! I use it every day," complains Ima Dodo.

The race tracks of America will donate two million dollars to army and navy relief funds this year. The chart writer would perhaps describe the belated decision thusly: "Slow to get off, appeared out of it at first turn, responded to urging in stretch and came through under a hard drive."

Mahatma Gandhi must be one man who is moved somewhat unusually by the prospect of losing his shirt.

Elmer Twitchell, the old horseshoe pitcher and chess champion, is quite sore. He says Mr. McNutt abolished those bureaus before he got his games co-ordinated.

—Buy Defense Bonds—

Secretary Morgenthau says every doorbell in the country will be rung at least once in the drive to sell war bonds. The trouble is that they have been rung so often for various purposes that most of 'em are out of order.

"Bombers Set Back at Stadium 3 to 2."—Headline.

We always said those baseball fans wouldn't stand for any nonsense from Tokyo or Berlin.

Before Japs Cut Burma Road at Lashio



Two years ago when Lashio became the buzzing hive of industry as the jumping off place for the fleet of trucks that fed China's war machine over the Burma road, this rail line was laid from Mandalay to Lashio. Supplies were run over the line by train, and then transferred to trucks for the run into China. The Japs flanked the British-Chinese armies battling about Mandalay, and the Burma road has been cut at that vital junction. Lashio was taken by the Japs in one of the swiftest drives in their whole startling campaign.

Russians Land Back of German Lines



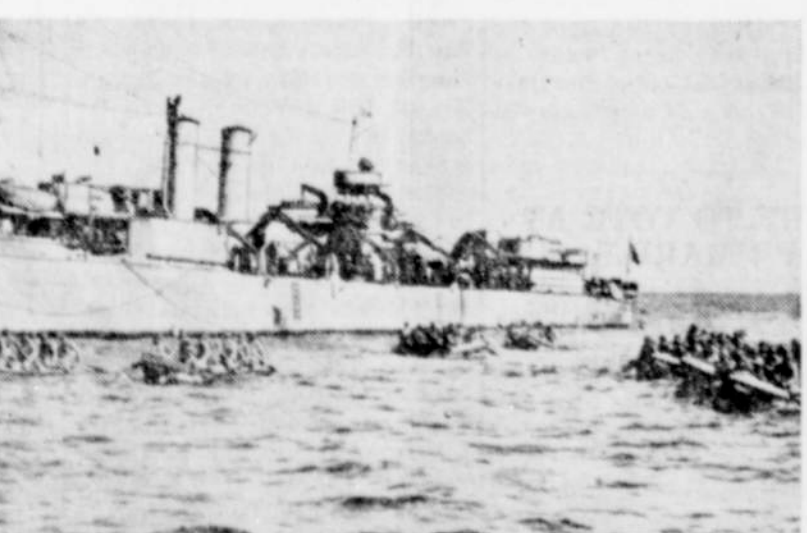
Submarines of the Russian Black Sea fleet are shown landing marines on territory held by the Germans. Rubber rafts are used to put the marines ashore where they go to work in the rear of the German lines. Caption accompanying this photo from Moscow does not say so, but it is likely that this action took place in the Crimea.

First Casualty in Argentine Shipping



This view of the new 12,500 ton motorship, "Victoria," first ship under Argentine registry to be attacked by an Axis submarine, shows the effect of the explosion. The "Victoria" was torpedoed off Cape Hatteras while en route to New York from Buenos Aires. She was proceeding with her flag plainly visible and showing lights at night. The boat was hit by two torpedoes. After the second hit some of the crew took to the lifeboats and rowed away. The others took to the boats and finally re-manned the ship, which did not sink. They continued to New York under difficult conditions and managed to reach port safely.

U. S. Marines Adopt Commando Tactics



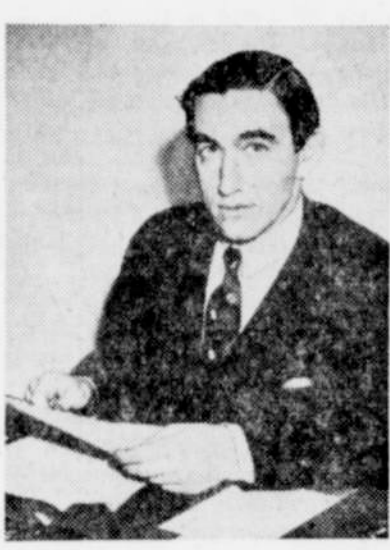
Somewhere in the U. S. marines are at commando practice. In the background is the mother ship, a U. S. destroyer, and about it are marines in rubber boats, which they have inflated to three pounds per square inch, and in which they are starting on a practice shore raiding party. The marines have been landing on hostile shores for the last 167 years.

Last Assignment



Melville Jacoby and his wife, Jacoby, a war correspondent, was killed in a plane crash with Brig. Gen. H. H. George, MacArthur aide, in Australia. He came to Australia with George from Bataan, after "covering" the defense of the peninsula.

Henderson Aide



Merle Fainsod, who has been put in charge of the retail trade and service division of OPA, in connection with the price ceiling which becomes effective May 18.

Keeps 'Em Buying



Every family is expected to invest 10 per cent of their income in U. S. savings bonds to help win the war, while preparing for their own future security. The statuesque beauty playing the role of Miss Liberty is Miss Jetsy Parker, who is leading a group of movie stars on a nationwide bond-selling tour.

Pros and Cons



Connie Mack, the venerable and capable manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, is one of the few real old-timers in the baseball business. He is shown here giving Joe DiMaggio, Yankee batting ace, a few pointers on batting. Rain had postponed the game.

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An elderly widower had been spending a week-end with an old friend, and found himself very charmed with the daughter of the house.

So much so, in fact, that he took the first opportunity when they were alone in the parlor to pop the question to her.

"Oh, Jessie, my dear," he sighed explosively, "I'd go through anything for you, darling! Anything, if you will but have me!"

The girl eyed the receding hair and the obvious "store" teeth. Then she replied, rather stiffly:

"And, Mr. Macintyre, how much, may I ask you, have you got to go through?"

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2 eggs 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Melt chocolate over hot water and add butter. Beat eggs well, add sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Add melted chocolate and butter. Stir in flour, All-Bran, chopped nutmeats and flavoring. Pour into greased pan, making a layer about one-third inch thick. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) about 20 minutes. Yield: Sixteen 2-inch squares (8 x 8 inch pan).

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