

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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NAZI LAKE

Tell-tale signs accumulate that the next big Hitler drive is to make the Mediterranean an Axis lake. The most obvious, of course, is Hitler's unannounced plan to launch submarine and bombing raids against Suez from his new base at Salonika and from the Greek islands.

Secret plans for closing the other end of the Mediterranean have been evident for some time along the Spanish border, where big guns are ready to be rushed against Gibraltar.

Most significant of these preparations, however, has not leaked out. It shows how extensive are Hitler's ambitions around the Mediterranean. For some weeks now, Nazis have been busy dismantling the airplanes of General Weingand in North Africa. Every morning the French wake up to find a magneto missing from one machine, a carburetor from another. Gradually, the essential parts of this air fleet have evaporated.

Hitler is taking no chances on letting what remains of the French air force get into British hands. There now seems to be little question that Hitler plans to take over French possessions in North Africa, together with French naval bases, as soon as the time is ripe.

Note—U. S. military observers believe the Mediterranean will be ripe first, next Russia. That is the way the Hitler time-table looks today.

IRISH ARMS

The visit to Washington of Irish Defense Minister Frank Aiken, on an arms purchasing mission, was no boon to congressmen of Irish descent who voted against lend-lease.

He has pointedly avoided them, and instead gone out of his way to hobnob with the members of congress who supported the bill—particularly House Democratic Leader John McCormack, who sponsored the measure, and Rep. Jim McGranery of Pennsylvania.

The tall, genial Irish minister has been eloquent in praise of British courage and President Roosevelt's policy of making the United States the "arsenal of democracy." He wants to draw on that arsenal to arm Ireland against the Nazi menace.

The Irish are as adamant as ever, Aiken says, against turning over their urgently desired bases to the British. But he points out that Ireland is Britain's "breadbasket," having provided one-third of its food, considerable clothing, and other necessities since the war began.

Ireland proposes to mobilize an army to battle off any Nazi attacks, if the necessary equipment can be obtained from Britain and the United States. Britain has agreed to furnish some, and Aiken hopes to get the rest here. He says he has "several hundred million dollars" to spend for anti-aircraft guns, tanks, rifles, ammunition; also for wheat and food.

Note—Ireland has an army of 250,000 volunteers, but only 25,000 are properly equipped and garrisoned. Most of the men are local "security guards," who train only once a week.

LEND-LEASE KINGPIN

Kingpin in directing the lend-lease program is Harry Hopkins, gaunt intimate of the President.

Living and working in the White House, Hopkins is Roosevelt's personal spokesman on all lend-lease matters and holds all the reins. No move is made without his knowledge and approval. In inner circles Hopkins is referred to as lend-lease "coordinator," but actually he is the boss-man for the President.

Hopkins' chief assistant is Maj. Gen. James H. Burns, one of the army's procurement aces.

The test in passing on allied requests for supplies is whether they will also be useful for our own defense. The government's policy is to provide all equipment and materials possible, but not to disrupt our own defense program.

An example of the emphasis on standardization of the armament of the U. S. and Britain was a recent request for 37-mm. shells. It was turned down because 75 mm. is the caliber of the guns now chiefly in use in our army. Production of 37 millimeter shells would have required extensive retooling, only to turn out ammunition of no value to us.

The actual placing of lend-lease orders is being handled through three offices; munitions by the navy's bureau of supplies and accounts and by the bureau of ships; and army supplies by Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Braintruster Tom Corcoran, in private law practice since last November, will return to government office—but not as a braintruster. He will be entrusted with a key administrative job as assistant secretary of the navy for air.

Socialite Jimmy Cromwell, former U. S. minister to Canada and defeated Democratic candidate for the senate in New Jersey, is quietly plugging himself as successor to Philippine high commissioner Francis Sayre.

My Week

by Eleanor Roosevelt

Out-of-Doors Days

Our two days in the country were, on the whole, very peaceful and I think we accomplished a good deal. I was outdoors all one morning looking at trees and planning where to put in shrubs and plants, both at the President's cottage and my own. By noon it began to rain really hard and so, at two-thirty, I did not regret delivering a speech indoors at Vassar college to a group of girls.

I saw a good many of my neighbors and read a good many things which I have been carrying around in my brief case for some time. I was back in New York city by five o'clock the next day and went to the meeting of the Men's Faculty club at Columbia university.

It seemed rather presumptuous to address people on a subject as large as: "What Is Really Happening in the United States Today," many of whom knew much more about this subject than I possibly could. I realized, however, that what I had to say was merely a preface to an open discussion.

It proved to be a very interesting evening, more profitable to me probably than to those who listened to me start it off! President and Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler were kind enough to come to supper and I enjoyed seeing them very much.

I took the night train back to Washington.

GRADUATES

One afternoon, I received a group of winners in an essay contest from Lancaster County, Pa. They were such bright looking young people and evidently were enjoying their trip to Washington. Then we gave the annual tea for the graduating classes of the various schools. I think the group should be congratulated, for they came past me more rapidly than any other group that has ever been here.

UNION NOW

At dinner that night, Mr. Clarence Streit talked to us a little about his lectures on his plan "Union Now." After dinner, Mr. Theodore Dreier showed us some of his slides of Black Mountain college, near Asheville, N. C. This is a most unique educational experiment, where the students and faculty are not only building their own buildings, but really are attempting to demonstrate democratic procedure in an educational institution.

Then the movie, "Men of Boys Town," was shown and made a tremendous impression on everybody. I had to leave for a time to broadcast for the Federal Employees' council, but could tell on my return what a moving story it is.

COMMON SENSE

There is an editorial in Common Sense for this month, which I think will do a valuable service in stimulating thought and argument. It is entitled "Whose Sacrifice?" I am going to quote one thought here: "Sacrifice is indeed called for. But it is the sacrifice of the old methods of unplanned, competitive, monopoly profit-seeking business, and not the sacrifice of the bread and butter of the poor."

That is a large statement with which many people will agree wholeheartedly. The difference always arises as to how we shall achieve the ends which almost anyone will concede are desirable. The editorial makes some valuable suggestions. Some of the statements are open to argument. But, after all, the value of anything which is written lies largely in its challenge to further thought and study. I hope a great many people after reading this month's Common Sense, will do some constructive thinking.

CONGRESSIONAL WIVES

I had a very pleasant luncheon one day during the week with the wives of the members of the Seventy-third congress, who came to Washington in 1933 when we did. Then I received some 200 members of the Daughters of Patriots and Founders at the White House. After that I took the plane to New York city.

I spoke at the dinner given by the New York city board of education to hear the conclusions of months of hard work and innumerable reports, made by groups of doctors and educators on the care and education of handicapped children. It is a study made in New York city, but of value to the whole country.

Changes have come about in medical care, more knowledge is now at hand and certain new techniques must be developed in order to give handicapped children the best possible opportunity for education and future usefulness in life. I hope many people will read this report, since we have, I believe, some 6,000,000 handicapped children in the country.

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN

The next noon I spoke on a broadcast which is being inaugurated by the Friends of Children Incorporated. Once a week they will broadcast an American play for children. It will go by shortwave not only to British children, but to other children throughout the world. Up to this time, the Friends of Children, Inc., have been sending boxes of clothes to children in England, but they felt that there was need for a message which would interest the children themselves and tie them closer to children in this country.

After London's Worst Air Blitz



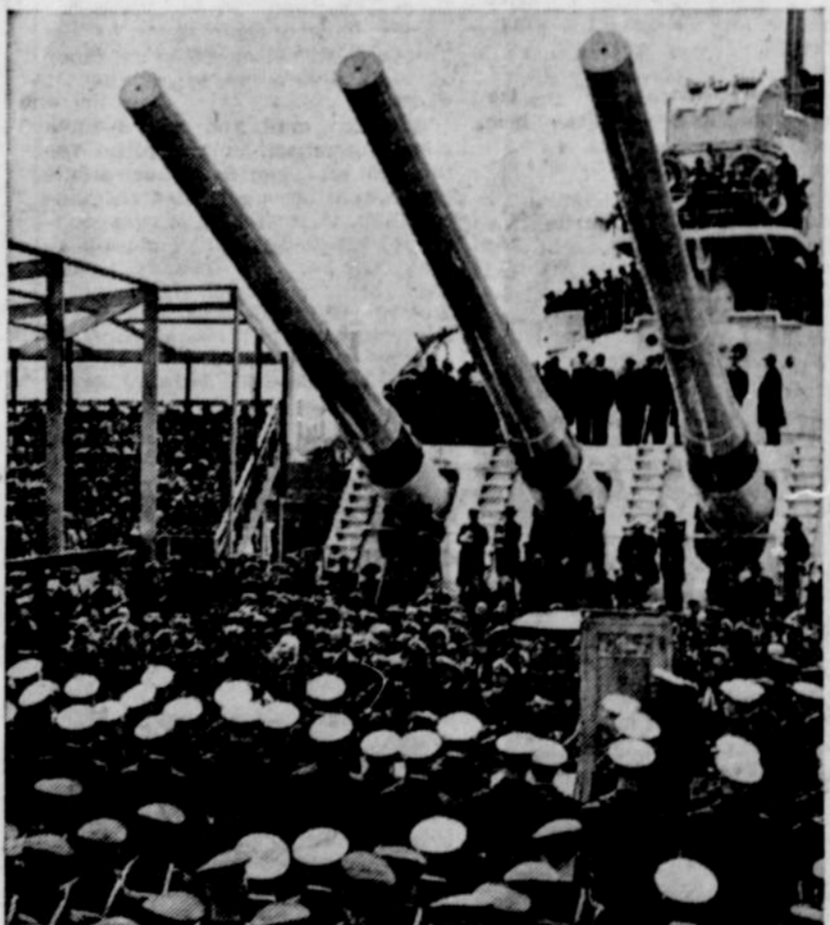
After what is believed to be the worst air raid of the entire war on the capital of the British empire, workers are shown clearing up the debris in London, while the work of digging the dead and wounded out of the ruins was still going on. Material damage was terrific, thousands of high explosive and incendiary bombs having been dropped.

English Lord and Lady Killed



Two of the victims of the great air blitz on London were Lord and Lady Stamp. Both are shown above as they appeared on their last visit to America. Lord Stamp, better known as Sir Josiah Stamp, was Britain's leading economist. Their sons, Trevor and Colin, were married to relatives of Gen. Charles G. Dawes.

Mighty Battlewagon for Uncle Sam



Scene on the deck of the U. S. S. North Carolina, as the 35,000-ton battleship was commissioned six months ahead of schedule. Three of the battleship's nine 16-inch rifles form an impressive backdrop for the ceremonies at Brooklyn, N. Y. The North Carolina is the first of 17 capital ships authorized under the two-ocean navy program.

Capitol Hill Picks a Queen



Eleven girls in a row, and beauties all! From all this pulchritude pretty Bonnie Patton, sixth from the left, daughter of Rep. Nat Patton of Texas, was selected as "Miss Capitol Hill" by members of the "Little Congress." She is pictured with the runners-up. The "Little Congress" is made up of congressional secretaries.

Found Guilty



J. M. Schenk, (left) board chairman of Twentieth-Century Fox film corporation, leaving the federal court in New York with his lawyer, after being found guilty of income tax evasion. He faces a possible sentence of 10 years in jail and \$20,000 fine.

Fears 'He's Next'



G. Pantalone, former head of the Italian tourist information office in New York, who says his life has been threatened three times. All the threats, he claims, were made in the same manner as those received by his friend, John F. Arena, anti-Fascist newspaper editor who was slain in Chicago.

Brazilians



Alzira Peixoto, daughter of the president of Brazil, arriving in Miami with her husband, governor of the state of Rio, in Brazil. They are shown on their way to Chester, Pa., to attend the launching of a ship, "The Rio de Janeiro," for Brazilian maritime forces.

To Leave Italy



Capt. William C. Bentley, assistant military attaché for air, of the U. S. embassy in Rome, whom the Italian government requested withdrawn from Italy, "immediately."

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AROUND THE HOUSE

Never scrape kitchen utensils with a knife. Use a stiff brush dipped in scouring powder to remove stains and burrs.

Never wash a tea strainer or a teapot in soapy water. Wash and rinse in clear water always.

When running rods through your curtains put a thimble on the end of the rod. It will run through more easily.

To prevent metal salt-shaker tops from corroding, cover the inside of the tops with paraffin.

Winding wool is difficult if there is no one to hold it. Put two flatirons on a table at a sufficient distance apart to allow the wool to be tightly stretched. Then wind over the irons, just as if someone was holding it.

FEMALE PAIN

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Real Modesty

When one remains modest, not after praise but after blame, then is he really so.—Jean Paul Richter.

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