



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—The army could use a few top-flight Broadway playwrights, particularly those who have had war experience. But it already has its own David Belasco. War games, to condition our new army of 1,400,000 men for real combat now provide the utmost in dramatic realism. There are machines to simulate faithfully the screaming of Stuka bombers; there will be the roar of gunfire—

with blank cartridges, of course; there will be parachute attacks, machine gunning from airplanes, and every possible device to keep the boys from forgetting that "they're in the army now."

Gen. Lesley James McNair, chief of staff of general headquarters, a small, keen, alert man who seems omnipresent in the army camps, is the impresario in this the army's biggest and most serious venture in applied theatricals. He has had long experience in war games and has convincingly portrayed them as invaluable rehearsals for the real thing, not only for the instruction imparted but for the unconscious, reflex conditioning of nerves and sensitivity to the now heightened tumult of war.

When the nucleus of a general headquarters staff was formed July 25, 1940, General McNair was put at the head of it. That subsequently placed in his hands the intensified and expanded war-training maneuvers, far exceeding anything ever before attempted, and last September he took over the entire training program of the rapidly increasing army.

It is regarded as an undertaking of the utmost importance and President Roosevelt recently promoted the army Belasco from major general to the rank of temporary lieutenant general. His knowledge of war is by no means confined to make-believe. He fought with the field artillery in France and won the U. S. Distinguished Service medal and the French Legion of Honor. He is a native of Minnesota and was graduated from West Point in 1904.

THIS writer went to the wedding of a young woman friend a few weeks ago. The bridegroom was a tall, loose-garbed, bespectacled young man with an enchanting grin and a thick thatch of brownish hair. The bride told us he was a scientist. We should have known that he was Russell Varian, the inventor, with his brother Sigurd and several other associates, of the Klystron radio generator which American technicians say is better than anything the British have in their new plane-spotting system and which has made blind-flying, in fog or night, like a trip around the block in a baby-carriage.

Russell Varian worked his way through Stanford, odd-jobbing for the professors. His brother Sigurd was a flight captain with the Pan-American Airways on Mexican and Central American routes. One day Russell got a letter from Sigurd in which Sigurd said he was tired of ramming around in fog and night and they ought to get together and work out a radio beam which homing planes could really follow. Russell thought that was a good idea, so Sigurd brought him his savings of \$4,000 and the boys set up a workshop at Halcyon.

Their facilities just wouldn't do. Dr. David L. Webster, head of the department of physics, at Stanford, provided a laboratory, gave them effective aid in every possible way and made them research associates of the university, but the university could provide no funds. Sigurd's \$4,000 dwindled to \$47. The young men were living sketchily when the Klystron came through. A representative of the Bureau of Civil Aeronautics put them in touch with the Sperry Gyroscope Co. Sperry hurriedly plunked down a check for \$25,000 and built a laboratory for Russell in Garden City, Long Island.

Russell came to New York. His radio beam had guided him straight to Miss Jane Martinson, a comely research worker in biochemistry, niece of Miss Bessie Beatty of the current radio team of "Betty and Bill." It was a case of love at first sight on the part of both. Hence the wedding, just a fortnight later, in the East Nineteenth street residence of Adolph Berle, now occupied by Miss Beatty. Bride and bridegroom, both tireless hikers, had their outdoor togs ready for a long vacation and honeymoon tramp through New England.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

DREW PEARSON & ROBERT ALLEN

Washington, D. C.

MORE ON 'HESS-MESS'
Following the outbreak of the Nazi-Russian war, European capitals buzzed with reports of a German offer to Britain to make peace, then turn their united forces against Soviet Russia. These reports were not empty rumors; they were absolutely true.

Behind them is a story of the most audacious and astounding Nazi intrigue of the war to date. Its opening scene was the sensational Hess "flight" to Britain; its closing paragraph the "surprise" Nazi declaration of war on their ally, Red Russia. The inner details of this brain-reeling plot are not yet unraveled and all of them won't leak out until the history books are written. But authorities have pieced it together and it is now possible to get the main outlines.

Hatred of Communists.
Following the victorious Balkan campaign which made Germany master of Europe, powerful military-Nazi elements, always hating the Communists, began urging peace with Britain in exchange for a British-German coalition against Russia. After a bitter struggle inside the Nazi party, Hitler sided with the anti-Red group and the wheels were set in motion to line up the British.

It was realized that they would have to be approached in such a manner that they could not doubt the authenticity of the Nazi plan. So Hess was chosen for this mission. Not only was he the one man in Germany closest to Hitler, but he was also known for his hatred of Communism. And before the war he had had contacts with the British nobility.

So Hess, not flying alone, but accompanied by several guiding planes; and not taking off from central Germany as reported, but from Norway, made his dramatic descent on the estate of the Scotch duke of Hamilton.

Hess' Message.

The message brought by Hess in substance was as follows:
(1) Britain and Germany would enter a coalition as the chief partners in a new Axis; (2) Italy would be placated with some minor possessions of France, which would be stripped of its empire; (3) Germany would retain a free hand on the whole of the continent, with Britain helping to establish that free hand by joining Germany in conquering Russia.

The British government's answer was to incarcerate Hess and immediately notify Washington and Moscow of the plan.

The subsequent chain of events is history. Darlan and Laval were among the first to get wind of the scheme, and rushed to Hitler offering complete "collaboration." This drew withering denunciations from President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull.
Britain, which for months had been trying to make up its mind to attack in Syria, launched an offensive with Free French forces to seize this strategically vital region. Then on June 15, British intelligence got wind of quiet German withdrawals of air and other forces from French bases. This was why the British took the initiative in their continuous day and night bombing raids wreaking havoc on key German centers.

Russia Fearful.
Fearful of attack and anxious to appease in all directions, Moscow abandoned its stiff-necked coolness to Japan and hurriedly signed a pact in order to ensure at least temporary tranquillity on its eastern border. Simultaneously Stalin abandoned his traditional behind-the-scenes role and actively assumed the reins as premier of Russia. Russia began massing 160 divisions on its western borders.

It was at this time that Ambassador John Winant returned to the U. S. A. at the request of Prime Minister Churchill in order to give President Roosevelt a complete fill-in and to deliver categorical assurances from Churchill that Britain will never make peace with Hitler.

Note—The British government was so sure Hitler would attack Russia that Churchill was able to prepare and deliver his history radio address only 18 hours after Hitler invaded Russia.

CAPITAL CHAFF
Sentiment is increasing in several states for a "Federal Union of Nations." The North Carolina legislature has memorialized congress to undertake an international federal union now, and Representative Woodring of Pennsylvania is proposing the same to the Pennsylvania legislature.

One of the strongest foes of war in President Roosevelt's inner circle of defense advisers is Bernard Baruch, head of the 1917 War Industries board. Baruch believes the U. S. is not prepared to wage large-scale military action.

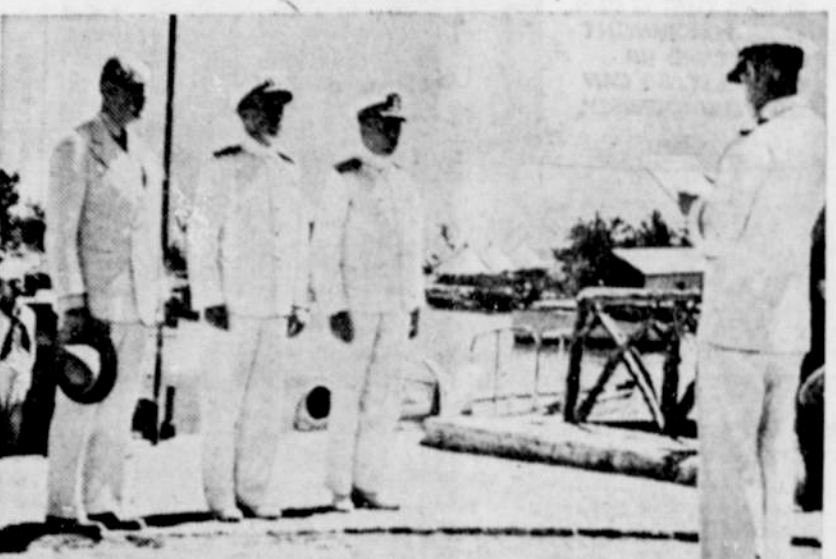
Telling newsmen about his inspection of a new powder plant in Tennessee, OPM Director General Knudsen remarked, "They are turning out the stuff in great shape," and nonchalantly pulled out of his pocket a stick of dynamite. Most of the reporters, pop-eyed, nervously doused their cigarettes.

Nazi Tank Re-Loads With Shells for Reds



German soldiers load shells into a Nazi heavy tank at Grodno, U.S.S.R., after capture of that former Polish city from Soviet forces, while Josef Stalin, Soviet premier, warned his people that they must defend each inch of soil and fight to the last drop of blood. This photograph was transmitted via radio from Berlin.

U. S. Takes Over New Naval Air Base



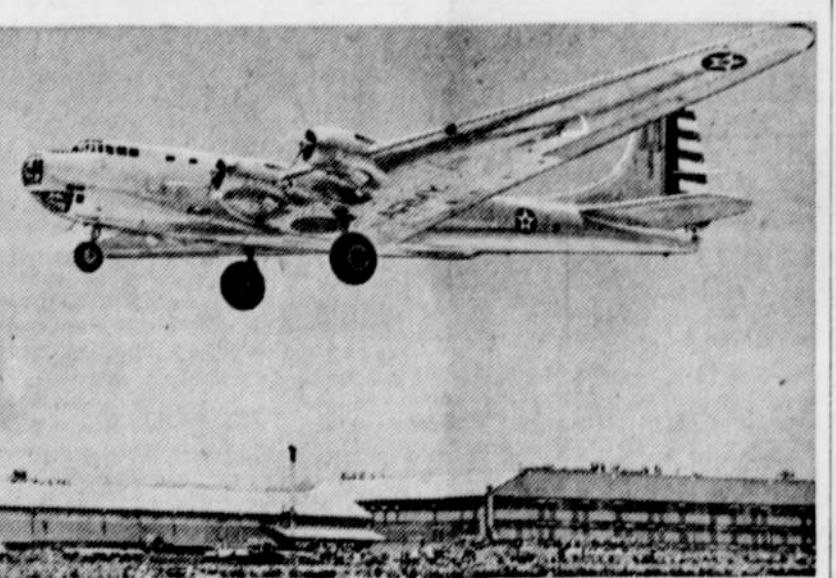
This soundphoto shows scene at the new naval air base on Tucker's Island, Bermuda, as Commander Robert Hickey of the United States navy read the orders assigning him to take over the base. The Tucker's Island base is the first of a chain of similar U. S. island defenses to be formally dedicated.

Off for Joint Maneuvers With Marines



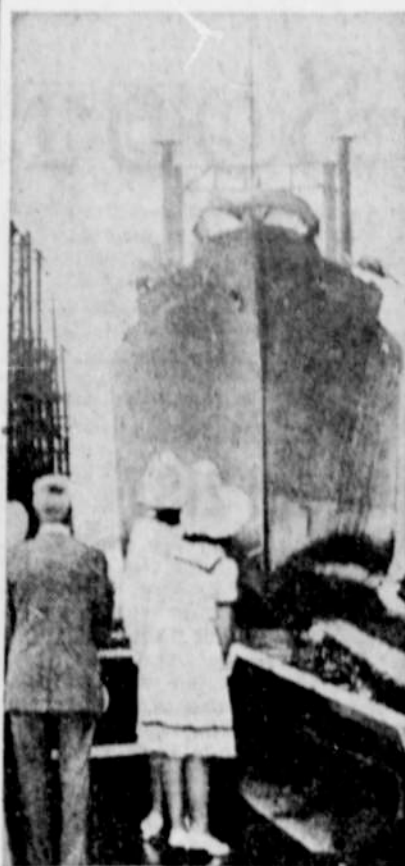
Troops of the first division are pictured as they boarded a U. S. army transport vessel in New York, before sailing to take part in joint maneuvers with United States marines along the coast of North Carolina.

Giant B-19 Takes Off



Douglas B-19 bomber, largest airplane ever built, is pictured above as it took off on its first test hop from Clover field, Santa Monica, Calif. The mighty plane lifted from the concrete runway amid a rousing cheer from Douglas workers and army officials. Army air corps ace test pilot, Stanley Umstead, was at the controls.

Down the Ways



S. S. President Polk, newest of America's ships, going down the ways at launching at Newport News. The ship was built for the American President lines, and will be another vessel for the ever-increasing American merchant marine.

From Ecuador



Juan de Dios Martinez Mera, former president of Ecuador, and a leader in his country, shown on arrival in New York with Mrs. Martinez, aboard the S. S. Santa Lucia.

Ty Cobb Wins Match



Ray Joslyn of the Golden Rule Farm for boys in Franklin, N. Y., for whose benefit this charity golf match was played at the Commonwealth Country club, presents Ty Cobb with the Bette Davis trophy, while the Georgia Peach indicates with his fingers the three-up score in which he beat Babe Ruth. The Golden Rule Farm received the proceeds of the "feud" match.

Argentine Quiz



The Argentine congress committee has requested evidence uncovered by Dies committee on Nazi infiltration into Latin America. Shown is Robert Stripling, Dies committee secretary, addressing pouch with evidence of such infiltration.



They Were Here
A Hollywood film hero had had five wives, each of whom had promptly divorced him.
He was now declaring his love to the prospective sixth.
"But I've heard some queer stories about you," said the girl.
"Don't worry about that," replied the star. "They're only old wives' tales."

Called Her
"Any knives or scissors to grind, ma'am?" inquired the man at the door.
"Don't think we have," replied the facetious young wife, "but can you sharpen us?"
"Yes, if you've got any!"

Quick Effect
"Was your lecture on economy a success?" asked Blankley.
"Yes," replied Blinkson, "they gave me two hearty cheers."

Foiling the Doc
Smart—You don't look well, Jacob. What's the matter?
Jacob—I've just been to see a doctor, and he's going to take away my appendix.
Take away your appendix? Don't let him do it. Put it in your wife's name, and then he can't touch it!

HE FOUND A BETTER WAY

BETTER VISION
THROUGH EYE GLASSES WAS DISCOVERED BY SALVINO D'ARMAIO AROUND 1275.

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