



# WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—There was once a hill-billy girl who walked 10 miles over the mountain to borrow a hammer. She said her pappy was figuring to build himself a house next fall. It was an act of faith, not to be cynically regarded, in spite of small beginnings and remote eventualities, and quite comparable to the brave hopes and contrivances of sundry men of good will today.

Paul Van Zeeland, former premier of Belgium, is one of them. He sees a world of decentralized power after the war, with small, autonomous states of economic and political groupings, associated in regional collaboration—diverse enough to allow a "localization of function" in world economy and compact enough to form a stable political equilibrium.

He presented his plan to the New York conference of the International Labor organization, and, simultaneously, there issued from the conference a proposal for a bloc of nations, comprising Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Greece, for post-war rebuilding and for collective defense.

M. Van Zeeland, holding both earned and honorary degrees from Princeton university, is widely and favorably known in this country both as a political philosopher and banking economist. He was a soldier in the World war, and in the ensuing years was an experimenter and innovator in financial theory and practice in a desperate effort to sidetrack a doom which he thought might well end Western civilization.

Here in 1937, as an unofficial envoy of Europe, he tried to sell the United States a bigger cut in the bank for international settlements, with the quite plausible idea that a freer flux of money throughout the world would cure bellicose nationalism. Nothing came of this, but M. Van Zeeland keeps on hunching.

The son of a prosperous merchant of Soignes, he was educated at Louvain and Princeton, returned to Belgium to practice law and won eminence as an economist and banker—a director of the Bank of Belgium and professor of law at the University of Louvain.

BACK in the days of the militant suffrage campaign, this reporter asked several of the leaders whether they intended to maintain a political solidarity of women after getting the vote. They said they would do just that. The emphasis was on the effective pressure group, rather than on widely diffused social responsibility among women.

Considering that that is the history of pressure groups, of both genders—how to get power, rather than its social uses and implications—there is news interest in the simultaneous arrival of two distinguished women leaders of foreign countries each of whom has stressed social responsibility, along with the "liberation" and political education of women. They are Miss Caroline Haslett of Great Britain and Senora Ana Rosa S. de Martinez Gerrero of Argentina.

Miss Haslett is an engineer and adviser to the British ministry of labor, somewhat comparable in her career and achievements to our Lillian Moller Gilbreth of Montclair, N. J. She will study the participation of American women in the defense effort and will deliver some addresses on the technical and industrial mobilization of British women in the war.

She is president of the Women's Engineering society, director of the Electrical Association of Women, founder and editor of the Woman Engineer and the Electrical Handbook for Women. With many variants and on many occasions, she has said: "Women once asked for equality of opportunity. Now we ask for equality of responsibility."

The career of Senora De Martinez Gerrero has been a close parallel to that of Miss Haslett in its repeated stress on social responsibility. She came to Washington to attend the annual meeting of the Inter-American Commission of Women of which she is chairman. A spirited evangel of Western hemisphere solidarity against totalitarianism, she tells the meeting that the mission of women is to "rekindle the flame of a living faith in democracy." Senora De Martinez Gerrero is the wife of a wealthy cattleman and the mother of three children.

## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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### WASHINGTON, D. C.

#### NAZI INTRUDER

There is a German smuggler operating in the Caribbean off the coast of Mexico. This was the inside reason for the President's sudden transfer of the entire coast guard to the navy—the coast guard's ships and planes are needed to track down the Nazi intruder.

Sensational feature about the smuggler is that she is a former U. S. vessel—the 800-ton Diesel-engine yacht that once belonged to A. Atwater Kent, Philadelphia radio magnate.

The one-time pleasure ship now is being operated under the Panamanian flag out of Vera Cruz, Mexico, by Nazi agents in that city, and is being used to transport high test gasoline and mercury to small Caribbean islands where Japanese ships collect the smuggled strategic supplies.

The yacht recently unloaded 1,000 flasks of mercury at an island which for military reasons must be nameless.

The former luxury craft came into possession of the Nazis by a circuitous route which intelligence experts uncovered only a few weeks ago. The purchase was made by a shipping company whose main office is in Vera Cruz and has a branch office in New Orleans, where transfer of title took place. The price was \$18,000.

Fortunately for intelligence the payment was made in U. S. bills of \$1,000 denomination. From the serial numbers, the bills were traced back to a Vera Cruz bank. There it was learned the money had been withdrawn from the account of the leading Nazi business house in Mexico, and turned over to the shipping company that bought the yacht.

Subsequent investigation revealed that all the stockholders of this company were Germans; also that the two top officers were Spaniards, one a naturalized Mexican and the other a naturalized American citizen.

Now, every movement of the yacht is watched, but there is nothing the United States can do about the ship unless she enters American waters. So far the vessel has been very careful to stay within Mexican territorial waters.

#### LEND-LEASE MILK EXPERT

The most novel type of lend-lease operation thus far was the lend-lease of a man named Adolph. Adolph Eichhorn went over to help the British against Adolf Hitler.

The British are suffering from insufficient production of milk, because of diseased cattle, and Eichhorn is the man who knows all the cow cures. He is director of the animal disease station under the department of agriculture.

Three principal diseases afflict British cattle: tuberculosis, which makes the cattle lean; Bang's disease, which results in the loss of the calf; and mastitis.

Eichhorn was obliged to tell the British that tuberculosis, which afflicts 35 per cent of British cattle, cannot be cured during the course of the war, unless the war lasts for another generation. It took the United States 22 years to get the disease under control.

Bang's disease is more readily cured. By vaccination, a calf will not be afflicted with the disease.

Meantime, the British are importing great quantities of dry and powdered milk from the United States. Fresh milk is worth a king's ransom.

#### RETURNED FAVOR

When Rep. John McCormack of Massachusetts was elected Democratic floor leader of the house, one of his strongest and most unexpected supporters was Georgia's fiery New Deal-hating Gene Cox. Though the two men were poles apart on economic views, Cox nevertheless backed McCormack and did yeoman work for him.

Recently McCormack returned the favor. Before leaving on a trip to Massachusetts, McCormack named Cox floor leader during his absence. "There's one condition, however, Gene," he grinned. "You'll have to refrain from those hot one-minute speeches on the floor. I don't want my stand-in taking swings at the administration. It would look bad."

McCormack wished the Georgian luck and left the chamber. Hardly had he departed when Cox jumped up and asked permission to address the house for one minute. New Dealers held their breath, expecting him to uncork one of his scorching blasts.

But they relaxed with a sigh of relief when Cox launched into a terrific tirade against John L. Lewis.

#### CAPITAL CHAFF

Capt. Jules James, commandant of the U. S. naval base at Bermuda, is a nephew of Secretary of War Stimson.

White House has received a barrage of letters and telegrams urging Maury Maverick as ambassador to Mexico.

Madame Maxim Litvinov was born Ivy Low, daughter of British historian Sidney Low, and niece of Sir A. Maurice Low, who was Washington correspondent of London's Morning Post.

## Scene of Violence in Coal Strike



Pickets at the Red Lion mine, one of the "rebellious" spots in western Pennsylvania's captive coal strike are routed by state motor police after the pickets had earlier stoned cars and blocked a public highway for two hours. Above photo shows a picket arguing vainly with a trooper. This particular incident was closed without personal injury.

## Crash of Streamliner in Texas



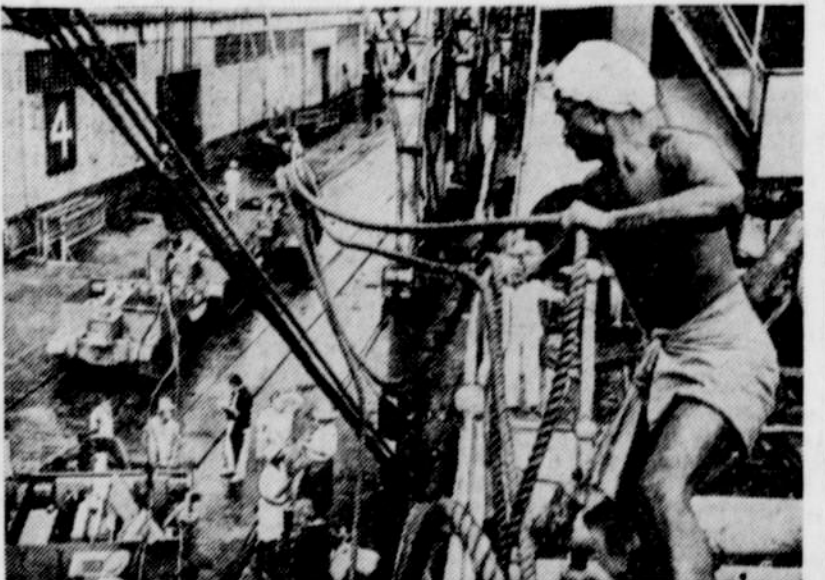
This photo shows the wrecked locomotive, tender and car of the streamlined railroad train that struck a truck near Dallas, Texas. Note the rail twisted and uprooted 30 feet in the air by the impact. Two were killed as a result of the accident.

## As Neutrality Act Was Revised



Revision of the neutrality act in the house was one of the hardest fought battles to come before that body in years. These photos, taken on the day the bill was repealed, show (top), left to right, Speaker Sam Rayburn and Majority Leader John McCormack, examining letter from President Roosevelt declaring that a vote by the house against repeal would "cause rejoicing in the Axis countries." Below: left to right, Rep. James P. Richards (S. C.) floor leader for the Democratic opposition, congratulates Rep. Sol Bloom (N. Y.), leader of fight for passage.

## Strengthening Burma's Defenses



A Burmese longshoreman, clad only in breechcloth, aids in unloading Bren gun carriers from a British freighter at Rangoon. Burma is very much in the spotlight as the gateway through which passes British and American supplies to keep the Chinese fighting. One of Japan's threats was that she would cut the Burma road.

## British Chief



Gen. Sir Alan Brooke (above), has been named chief of the British imperial staff. An expert on mechanical warfare, he earned fame as head of Britain's "anti-invasion" home forces, which he brought to a high level of efficiency.

## Time Out



Attending C.I.O. convention in Detroit, Phillip Murray, C.I.O. president, (right) found time to tour Ford Motor company plant and lunch with Harry Bennett, Ford official.

## Enrolls in Red Cross



Miss Adelaide Whitehouse, of Washington, D. C., enrolls the President in the American Red Cross as its annual membership drive begins. Miss Whitehouse wears the new volunteer uniform. She is assistant director of volunteer services of the national organization. Photo shows the President receiving his membership button.

## Chilean Resigns



President Pedro Aguirre Cerda, popular front head of the Chilean government for three years, who resigned in favor of Geronimo Mendez, head of the radical party.

# AROUND THE HOUSE

Often a coat of paint is saved by first washing the walls before repainting them. This removes the soil and stains and assures a better job and takes less paint.

When pressing men's suits always press over a damp cloth.

It takes less sugar for stewed apples if sugar is added after cooking.

Crocheted bedspreads can be washed, but they should be carefully spread out on a clean sheet to dry and not hung on a line.

Keep in mind that rubber darkens silverware, so never let anything with rubber on it remain in the silver drawers. Use cord or ribbon to hold silver together in its case—never fasten with rubber bands.

Leftover mashed potatoes can be fashioned into small cakes and used for holding creamed foods, shaped into flat cakes and browned, or then can be used for covering meat, fish or vegetable "pies."

If food burns in a pan, shake a generous amount of soda into it, fill with cold water and let stand on back of stove until pan can be easily cleaned.

A teaspoon of baking powder in the water, in which meat and vegetables are cooked will help make them tender.

What to give the men in Uncle Sam's services for Christmas is already solved for you by surveys made in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Cigarettes and smoking tobacco head the list of gifts the men want most. This naturally places Camel Cigarettes and Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco in the forefront, since actual sales records from the service men's stores, afloat and ashore, show the favorite cigarette is Camel, and the big favorite among smoking tobaccos is Prince Albert, the National Joy Smoke. Dealers are already featuring "Send him a carton of Camels" or a "Pound tin of Prince Albert" for Christmas.—Adv.

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