

# The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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### NO SOVIET-NAZI PEACE

Those who are on the inside regarding the report which Ambassador William C. Bullitt gave President Roosevelt regarding the Near East say there is only one slight ray of sunshine in it. Bullitt told his chief that there was absolutely no chance of Russia making peace with Germany.

Coming from Bullitt, who served as ambassador to Russia and who spent considerable time there in the early days of the revolution in 1917, this means a lot. Bullitt has been vigorously critical of the Soviet regime in recent years and probably would lean over backwards against any overly optimistic appraisal. However, after his special tour of the Near and Middle East on special assignment from the President, he reported that the Russians were so irate against the Nazis that there would be no surrender or compromise.

Bullitt is not so optimistic about the Russian army, which he thinks may fail badly when the Germans are able to get their airplanes in the air again, which they cannot do in sub-zero weather and with snow on the air fields. Politically, however, Bullitt is convinced that Russia will stand with the United Nations to the last ditch.

Against this, Bullitt goes further than anyone else around the President regarding Allied losses. Not only does he believe that Japan will take India, but he feels that Australia will be lost to the British Empire. If he is right, this will be the worst blow which the United Nations can suffer, especially inasmuch as American troops are now stationed in Australia and New Zealand.

Not all war observers agree with Bullitt on this latter point. They point out that Australia is chiefly a desert country, and it would take weeks and months for a conquering army to envelop these vast areas.

### PATRIOTIC INDIANS

As in the last war, thousands of American Indians again are demonstrating their patriotism.

The desk of John Collier, able chief of the Office of Indian Affairs, is stacked with letters from every tribe in the country, pledging aid and offering to make fresh sacrifices for the war effort. Here are a few examples:

Immediately after the declaration of war, the Crow Indians of Montana voted \$10,000 of tribal funds to President Roosevelt to "use as you see fit." They also voted to place in the President's hands the entire resources of their 2,000,000-acre reservation, including mineral, oil and coal deposits, plus all available manpower for combat service.

The Creeks of Oklahoma have set aside \$400,000 of tribal funds for the purchase of defense bonds. Other tribes voting large sums for the same purpose include the Jicarilla Apaches and Pueblos of New Mexico, the Eucsee and Seminole Indians of Oklahoma, and the Navajos.

Not to be outdone, the Colvilles of Washington state, the Cheyennes and Arapahos of the Plains and the Nez Perce Indians have announced they will not press for settlement of tribal claims against the government while the war lasts.

Following the Jap attack there was a big rush among Indian youth at every reservation to enlist, especially at the Sioux reservation in South Dakota. Only three of the 46 North Carolina Cherokees in the army were drafted. The rest volunteered.

The patriotic response of Indians may surprise the average American, but not Collier. He says: "The Indians know more than any of us what freedom means. They knew it in other years when they fought against overwhelming odds to save their lands from the white man."

### WE WILL WIN

Due to initial Axis advantage of having great organized military machines, the war will be long, difficult and costly. But if the Allied peoples will stick it out they can't lose. All the major basic economic advantages are on our side. Here are a few:

The Axis powers plus their occupied territories have 29 per cent of the world's coal, 18 per cent of the iron ore, 3 per cent of the oil, 21 per cent of the wheat, 23 per cent of the sugar. Total population under their flags, 474,000,000; of which 168,000,000 are conquered peoples secretly trying to throw off their terroristic yokes.

On the Allied side of the ledger is 67 per cent of the world's coal, 63 per cent of the iron, 78 per cent of the oil, 64 per cent of the wheat, and 51 per cent of the sugar.

### ECONOMIC WAR FRONT

Don't start getting jittery about reports of a soap shortage. There is absolutely nothing to them. You will always be able to get plenty of soap—of some kind. Shutting off of imported oils, chiefly from the embattled Pacific, probably will affect the quality of soap, but not the quantity. Ample domestic, Brazilian and Central American oils will provide satisfactory substitutes.

However, if you're a lamb chop fan, you can figure on paying more for them.

### OOPS!

Believe it or not, on the radio the other night a commentator had spent most of his time discussing the rubber crisis, and had ended with the words "Rubber is one of our greatest needs," when the announcer went into his eulogy of a cigar.

### GETTING A NEW TIRE

Q.—What can I do for you?  
A.—I want three new tires.  
Q.—(sharply)—You want what?  
A.—Two new tires.  
Q.—(severely)—How many?  
A.—(meekly)—One!

Q.—What's your full name?  
A.—Luke Z. Woggle.  
Q.—How old?  
A.—About two years.  
Q.—You're older than that!  
A.—Oh, I thought you meant the age of my old tires.

Q.—What kind of car is it?  
A.—Pretty good except for the rubber.  
Q.—I mean what make?  
A.—It's a flivver.

Q.—Are you a doctor, nurse, military officer or veterinarian?  
A.—No, but in this emergency anything can happen to me.  
Q.—Do you use your car exclusively for delivering ice, coal, wood or oil?  
A.—No, it only LOOKS that way!

Q.—Is it used to transport farm products?  
A.—No; those apples have been on the floor for three months.

Q.—Do you use it in garbage collection?  
A.—No; the kids mess it up that way.

Q.—How many people in your family?  
A.—Six.  
Q.—What is your wife's maiden name?  
A.—Jennie.

Q.—Where are you employed?  
A.—Say, am I here to get a new tire or some new life insurance!

Q.—We've got to be careful to conserve rubber. It's important to be sure you are the sort of person who would get the most out of a tire. Got to know your background.

A.—I'm a special case. My wife's relatives live with me and they all demand transportation in my car.  
Q.—It's not a bus!  
A.—That's what you think!

Q.—From all the facts, I do not think we can classify you for a certificate above the rate of D-12.  
A.—What's the top class?  
Q.—A-3.

A.—Never mind a new tire. I'll settle for a tire patch and a used inner tube!

### —Buy Defense Bonds—

#### IT SEEMS SO

I've very often heard it said  
That doughty generals die in bed;  
That, far from the repugnant strife,  
They, fluffed in feathers, part with life.

But, looking over Hitler's list,  
And at the ones the Russians miss'd  
I've come to the conclusion said  
That Nazi generals die "in bad."

### The Indoor Hat-Wearers' League

We are glad to hear that Bill Knudsen works with his hat on. "It helps me think," he says. We are a charter member of the League of Indoor Hat Wearers, and have stood for much criticism through the years. We wore our bonnet as a boy editor of the New Haven Register. We wore it constantly on the copy desk of the old Globe. We have never taken it off at work since. To remove it for a minute means a complete stoppage of thought and confidence. It is good to know that a man like Mr. Knudsen belongs to our club.

### Mickey Rooney is now a married man and it makes millions of Americans suddenly feel old. It is difficult to imagine that Mickey, the Number One Kid of the Movie World, now has to bring home groceries, help hang pictures and do his part in selecting new wall paper.

We hear that Mickey may now play the judge in the Judge Hardy series, with Louis Stone playing the kid part.

Ima Dodo got one of those sugar ration stamps the other day. But she says she put it in her coffee and it wouldn't even dissolve.

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#### ADD WONDERMEN. No. 8756.

An able man  
Is Jephtha Beans:  
He knows just what  
The budget means!

The Office Pessimist says the thing to begin worrying over now is the Emergency following the Emergency.

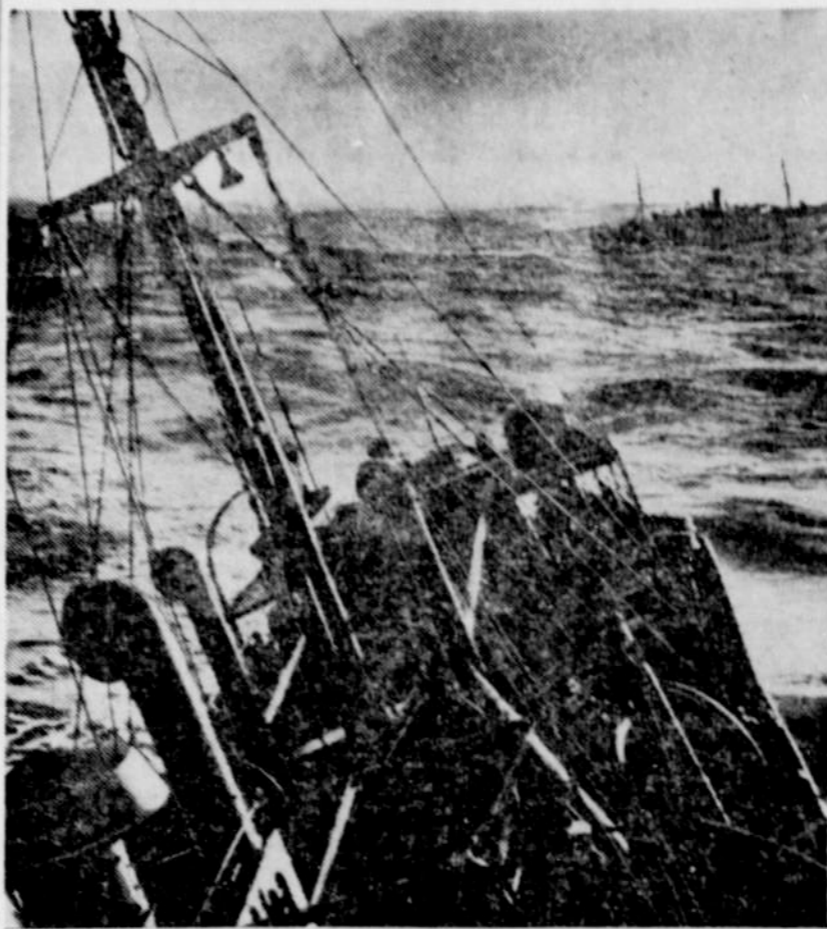
"Roosevelt wants to create the impression that the United States was attacked by Japan, which is not true."—Berlin newspaper item.

### Just imagination, eh?

This country will spend a billion dollars a week for war. It is just pin money, the idea being to pin the Axis to the mat.

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## Heavy Going for American Convoy



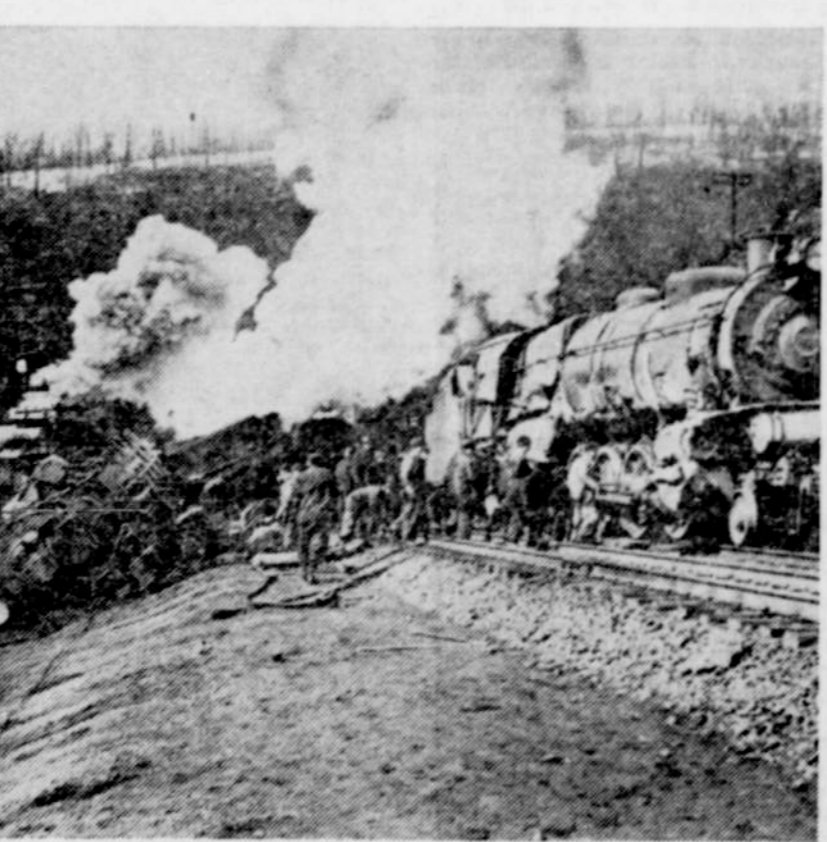
This official photograph, released by the navy department, shows vessels of an Iceland-bound convoy making heavy weather during a North Atlantic gale. Though rolling seas like this make the going tough, they also cut submarine activity to a minimum. A bad gale wrecked a U. S. destroyer and a supply ship on the Newfoundland coast.

## Burma Governor Calms Frightened Native



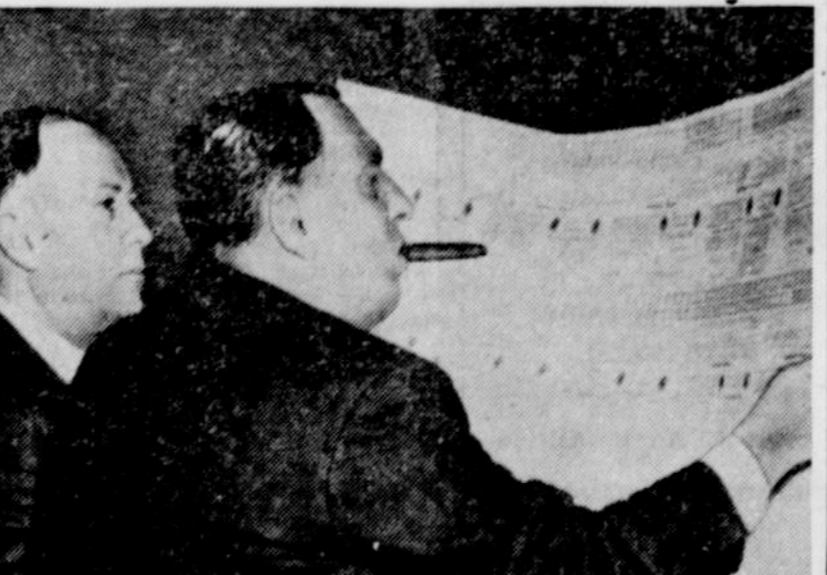
Not knowing which way to turn in the face of onrushing Japs, this Burmese native once evacuated the city of Rangoon with his family, only to return. Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, left, listens to his tale of terror at the Rangoon railway station. Rangoon, capital of Burma, is the feeding end of the famous Burma road to China.

## Triple Wreck Near Horseshoe Curve



Shown here are two of three Pennsylvania Railroad company locomotives which were derailed in a spectacular wreck near the famous horseshoe curve at Altoona, Penn. Two coupled engines which were traveling down the mountain sideswiped an engine pulling a freight train in the same direction. All three engines were derailed, and the locomotive which was pulling the freight rolled down the embankment. It is shown lying on its side at the left.

## First Ration Cards Come Off Press



John J. Deviny, acting public printer, and Leon Henderson, price administrator (right), examine the first sheet of ration cards leaving the presses at the government printing office in Washington. The printing of war ration books No. 1 is the biggest government printing job in history. The books, if stacked, would form a tower 15 miles high.

## Strange Sight



A sight very few people ever expected to see around Los Angeles is this—a danger sign near an unexploded shell or bomb, which was fired during an early morning air raid alarm and blackout. The army later discovered an unexploded anti-aircraft shell buried in the yard of a private home. Keeping away traffic and the curious are Motorcycle Officer B. H. McClean and Lieut. E. D. Dillard, U. S. army.

## Tank 'Stickup'



This unusual photo shows actual capture of an Axis tank by British forces in the Libyan desert. Note German member of tank crew clambering out while he is "covered."

## Jap Roundup



Many Japanese have been taken into custody in FBI and police roundups in San Francisco during recent weeks. This photo shows an official of the Japanese association, Shojiro Hori, being led to a car by Police Officer Bert Nelson.

## Bad Luck for Axis



The submarine Albacore slides down the ways at yards of Electric Boat company, Groton, Conn. It was sponsored by the wife of Capt. E. F. Cutts, commander of sub base in New London, Conn.

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### May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action

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