

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

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DUMBARTON POSTWAR FORMULA WINS SUPPORT

WASHINGTON. — Sparse and softly agreeable comment in congress on the postwar world formula of Dumbarton Oaks does not mean the project is being taken lightly. It is being subjected to severe study here as elsewhere. Yet there is every present prospect that the unfinished proposal will be approved not only by a majority but a safe two-thirds of the senate on the following grounds:

The formula is based on the League of Nations theory of running the world. Some technical changes do not alter the basic theme that a world council will investigate aggressors and impose sanctions (economic and social as well as military) to deter the pugnacious. The language has the same ring as the league covenant which directed its council to "take action deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations," and in article X says:

"The members of the league undertake to respect and preserve against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league. . . . The assembly may from time to time advise . . . the consideration of international conditions whose continuance might endanger the peace of the world."

This proposal is the league plus the Kellogg-Briand pact renouncing war, the world court of justice and the disarmament conference—with really only one critical difference. This time the United States is to undertake leadership of the all-rolled-into-one world program along with Russia and Britain particularly.

This leadership is to replace Anglo-French leadership of the old league in which Russia was a trivial influence. The cast changes but the ideal of the play is not altered materially and the script only pointed up.

U. S. Influence Needed. This theory of peace has become popular because of a prevailing notion that the reason the league failed was because the United States did not join its influence.

Canvassing the opinions of congressional parties and factions, I judge an overwhelming official bipartisan sentiment exists behind this endeavor. There will not be much serious arguing about it unless a completed text infringes upon national rights or raises a question of our interests. It is not my purpose to take a position on the matter, only to report how it proposes to work. The incomplete agreement is like the charter of a club, a world club pledged to peace. This club is to be controlled largely by an executive committee, called "The Security Council."

The composition of the committee does not suggest that any one, either the U. S. or Russia, will wield greater influence. Five permanent members are to be the big five United Nations, but in the voting six more rotating members from smaller nations will furnish the numerical majority on whichever side they go.

The all-important details of the voting have not been agreed upon (whether unanimity is necessary for action) but as the agreement now stands, the complexion of the council will depend on the hue of the smaller nations chosen for the one, two and three-year terms.

This council cannot itself wage war, but can call upon the United Nations to wage practically anything from social isolation of a nation to invasion. (Cost of these wars or actions are apparently to be borne by the nations furnishing the armies or taking the steps.)

The council is to be always ready for action, although no provisions for housing it are mentioned. I would think it would be established in Washington for this reason:

The league was largely a European device. This is to be a world device. To choose some small neutral place such as Switzerland, or to use the old league buildings there, would subject it to the old unsatisfactory surroundings in which it was unsuccessful. Washington is the natural background for its new tone and intent.

Nothing in the text, however, designates Washington as the headquarters for the new League of Nations after this war.

There is to be a military staff committee, made up of the chiefs of staff of the United Nations, permanently advising the security council as to how to meet aggressors. In effect, this international military staff would conduct the future wars, or blockades or military actions against non-cooperative powers.

Disarmament, diplomatic, economic and other committees unquestionably would be required to maintain sufficient permanent offices to advise the security council about what actions should be recommended to the nations.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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WASHINGTON, D. C. NAZI MASS EXECUTIONS

Underground observers coming out of Germany have reported that the Nazis already have begun the systematic elimination of the vast army of slave labor imported from Russia, France, Czechoslovakia and various occupied countries.

Details of the story are so ghastly that they hardly can be believed. Yet the accuracy of the observers has stood up in the past; also the wholesale slaughter methods of the Germans at Lublin is already a matter of official record.

It is estimated that the imported slave labor inside Germany totals about 10,000,000. Either because Hitler fears their sabotage and rebellion, or else because they are a drain on Germany's food resources, machinery has been devised to kill them off. The number killed so far is estimated at around 1,500,000, though this is a very rough estimate. Absolutely definite, however, is the fact that mass execution depots, such as that at Lublin, already are set up in various parts of Germany. These have been witnessed.

Reason for the cold-blooded system of mass executions is explained as follows by underground observers who have come out of Germany: Originally, storm troopers were given a list of 15 to 20 persons and told to shoot them with their revolvers in the night. Sometimes this included whole families with children. So not even the S. S. men could take it. They suffered nervous collapses, had to be sent to sanatoriums.

As a result, the mass execution system was worked out at Lublin, and now at other places. It takes only a few men to handle the lethal chambers, and enough personnel can be found to perform the gruesome work without becoming insane.

LOST BATTALIONS

Of all soldiers in the U. S. army, the most distressed over the war department's demobilization plan are the men over 35 years of age. They get no extra retirement points because of age. In fact, some of them, because of bad health and inability to get overseas, may be among the last to leave the army following V day.

Stranded in camps throughout the U. S. A., they have become the "Army's Lost Battalions." Many were snapped up by selective service in the early days of the war despite deafness, blindness in one eye and shortage of fingers—all at a time when the army was in a rush to get almost anyone. Now many of these men are doing semimilitary tasks.

At Fort Meyer, Va., one group is daily assigned to grave digging at the National Cemetery. Others count socks and shirts for the quartermaster corps, are now becoming psychological problems for the army. Some found that infirmities when they entered have become aggravated since, but will never be recognized as having received disabilities in service.

The war department points out that "theoretically" men over 35 had an opportunity to leave the army more than a year ago, if they had job opportunities in war industries. But the war department also admits that it had to stop somewhere, and that since the WAC recruiting program failed, it is now necessary to retain the 35-year-olds to make up for the scarcity of WACs.

ARKANSAS FARMER IN LONDON

What most impressed alert young Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas during his London trip was the farm miracle the British have performed during the war. Hays was Arkansas head of the Farm Security administration before coming to congress, so traveled widely in rural England, was amazed by the economy of land use.

"Here's an island about one-third as large as the state of Texas," Hays said, "but with 50,000,000 people. And it is growing two-thirds of all its food."

"The British won't keep on growing so much food after the war," Hays says, "but what they're doing with their land right now is miraculous. And they like it, even though most of them never worked in the fields before. I didn't talk to a single one who wasn't tickled that we had sent them less food and plenty of fertilizer and farm machinery. They're really proud of what they were able to do and glad they haven't had to eat nothing but hand-outs from this country."

CARTEL MYSTERY STORY

Last month, FDR wrote a letter to Secretary of State Hull, told him: "Keep your eyes on this whole subject of international cartels. . . ."

Now Wendell Berge, assistant attorney general in charge of trust-busting, has written quite a detective story of his own. It is a book entitled: "Cartels Challenge to a Free World." If you want to understand some of the major traps into which the coming peace may find itself ensnared, it's worth reading.

Three Ladies Who Are 'Standing' for Congress



Glamour is being added to the race for seats in congress by (left) Mrs. Emily Taft Douglas, daughter of Lorado Taft, sculptor, and wife of Marine Maj. Paul Douglas; (center) Clare Boothe Luce, playwright, and wife of Henry Luce, New York publisher; and (right) Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas, actress and wife of Marine Capt. Melvyn Douglas, movie star.

Misery, Thy Middle Name Is Mud—or Water



(Left). Ten inches of rain in Assum does not stop the office work of Sergt. Virgil C. Adkins, Indianapolis, Ind., and Pvt. Angelo A. Cupullo, Pittsburgh, Pa., who stand in flooded tent. (Right). The jeep shown here, mired in the mud of Germany, is getting help from (left to right), Corp. Oscar G. Cook, Detroit, Mich.; Pvt. Fred Malmquist, Elizabeth, N. J.; and Sergt. Chester A. Lolck, Lawrenceburg, Ind. The driver is Sergt. Bernard Newman, Los Angeles, Calif.

Paratroopers Dash Through



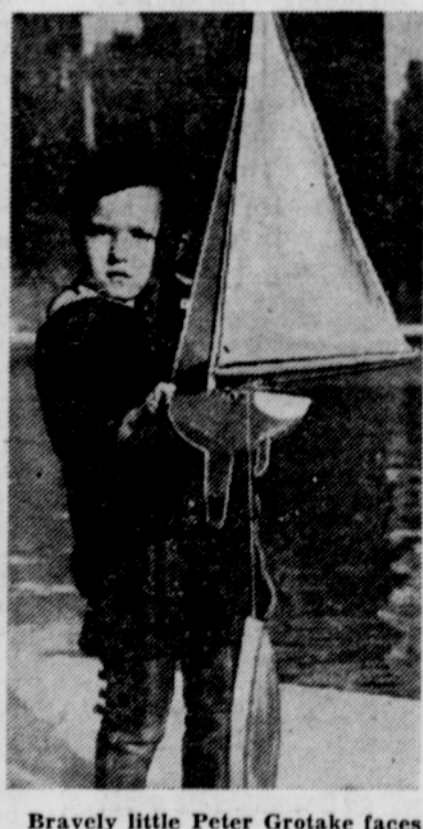
American paratroopers, landing in field near Arnhem, dash forward amid the bursting of German 88s. This picture shows that not all landings were made out of range of the Nazis high-power guns. Long-range lens camera was used in order to secure this photograph.

Chinese Cadets Parade in India



A Chinese battalion passes the reviewing stand during the graduation ceremony at Ramgarh Training center, India, where American-equipped Chinese soldiers learn U. S. combat methods from American instructors before they are sent to one of the Chinese-Japanese fronts. The men are mixed with native troops and are able to direct them in modern warfare. Note the goose step style of marching.

Intrepid Sailorman



Bravely little Peter Grotake faces the camera holding his pride, a sleek sailing boat which he races on Central Park's boat pond, New York city. Peter hopes to be a real sailor when he grows up.

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

The Questions

1. What "ocean port" is 1,000 miles from the sea?
2. A document written wholly in the handwriting of the purported author is called what?
3. Personal income taxation in the United States began with the levy of a faculty tax by what state in 1643?
4. Why do sailors have 13 buttons across the top of the trousers?
5. What is meant when we say a person died intestate?
6. How many of the following documents were signed in Independence hall, Philadelphia: The Declaration of Independence, The Articles of Confederation, The Constitution of the United States?

The Answers

1. Montreal.
2. A holograph.
3. Massachusetts.
4. They stand for the 13 original states.
5. Leaving no valid will.
6. All three.

RELIEVE COLDS' MISERIES...



At bedtime rub throat, chest and back with Vicks VapoRub to ease coughing, loosen up the phlegm, help relieve congestion in upper bronchial tubes, invite restful sleep. Relief comes as VapoRub PENETRATES to upper bronchial tubes with its special medicinal vapors, STIMULATES chest and back surfaces like a warming poultice. Often by morning most of the misery of the cold is gone! Remember—ONLY VAPORUB Gives You this special double action. It's time-tested, home-proved. . . the best-known home remedy for relieving miseries of children's colds.



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SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



Check your tire pressure before inflating and save tire mileage and troublesome flats urges the Office of Defense Transportation. A passenger car tire that is 3 pounds below the lowest of its running mates can be suspected of having an undisclosed puncture. Five pounds' variance is allowed in truck tires.

Ordinarily statistics are dull, but here are some that are significant when you consider that a 6.00 x 16 passenger car tire weighs about 22 pounds! There are 60,000 pounds of rubber in a battleship; 55,195 pounds in an aircraft carrier without plane complements; 4,358 pounds in a destroyer; 65,000 pounds in a submarine.

Jerry Shaw

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Great Year-Round Tonic

King Michael of Romania sits at the wheel of a U. S. army jeep, while Col. Marshall R. Gray, San Antonio, Texas, explains some of the mechanical features of the car.