

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

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A REPORT ON GERMANY

Hard-boiled Leon Henderson did some tough talking to President Roosevelt when he arrived back from his economic survey of occupied Germany.

Henderson was sent by the White House to consult with General Eisenhower regarding the economic setup in Germany after the Armistice. But, while the former OPA administrator has kept very mum about it, he was quite critical in his verbal report to the President regarding negligence on the part of the army, the state department and the Anglo-American-Russian commission in London regarding plans for running Germany.

Henderson told FDR that neither the U. S. military nor the state department had done anything except the sloppiest sort of planning about running the difficult German civilian economy after the armistice. U. S. Ambassador John Winant in London, Henderson indicated, had been sitting on his haunches as a member of the tripartite commission supposed to look into this, but doing nothing.

Henderson reported that the plan for cutting Germany up into three different sections under the British, American and Russian armies simply would not work economically. He pointed out that the German railroads were set up to work as a unit, not in three different sections. Likewise with German industries. Henderson proposed, therefore, that German civilian economy be run by a civilian commission representing the Allies which would have charge of the entire country. He also proposed that the military take orders from the civilian high commission.

What the President will do about the Henderson report remains to be seen. When he suggested that Henderson go back to Germany, the hard-boiled ex-OPA administrator refused. He said it was impossible to work under the present setup. Instead he will go to China to make a study of price controls for Chiang Kai-shek.

(Note — What some White House advisers fear is that the same chaos and inflation which killed democratic government in Germany after the last war once again will become so ruinous that the German people will fall back on another Hitler or Kaiser.)

G. I. JOE AT PEACE TABLE

More and more state legislatures and members of congress are urging that a G. I. Joe sit at the peace table; also that he begin by sitting in at the important San Francisco United Nations conference. Some further propose that Sumner Welles, former undersecretary of state and the man who originally planned for the peace machinery, attend the San Francisco conference, perhaps as adviser to the soldier delegate or as an unbiased observer with no ax to grind either for or against any one political party.

The Maryland and Rhode Island legislatures are the latest to push the idea of a G. I. Joe at the peace table, resolutions being introduced by Charles M. See of Cumberland, Md., and Joseph Mills of Warwick, R. I. The Texas and South Carolina legislatures have already passed resolutions, while Senator Johnston of South Carolina and Representative Jackson of Washington have introduced resolutions in the U. S. congress urging that the G. I. Joe attend the San Francisco conference as a starter to the final peace session. They propose that he be no higher than the rank of sergeant.

Note — The Iowa poll, conducted by the Des Moines Sunday Register, found that an overwhelming majority of Iowans, 83 per cent, favored having a member of the armed forces at the peace table.

DEMOCRATIC JOE STILWELL

Gen. Joe Stilwell has always rated high with his men. Now that he's stationed in Washington as chief of the army ground forces, he still has the reputation of looking out for them.

The other day, Washington realtor Col. Gus Ring, who is used to getting phone calls from all sorts of important apartment hunters, was surprised to find General Stilwell walk in his office and ask for an apartment. Stilwell didn't want the apartment for himself, but had traveled all the way across Washington to try to get an apartment for the widow of one of Stilwell's junior officers who had been killed in action.

Note — He got the apartment.

CAPITOL CHAFF

Henry Wallace and Loan Administrator Fred Vinson are getting together to discuss plans for coordinating the 60,000,000-job program.

As Wallace looked around the room in Jesse Jones' old loan office, he said: "I just want to see where the bodies are buried."

Credit Republican Senator Austin of Vermont with doing one of the best jobs at the recent Mexico City conference. Though not a trained diplomat, Austin was a tower of sound advice to the U. S. delegation.

Children at Home Aboard Coast Guard Transports



Troop transports now consider the nursery as a "must." Thousands of refugees, repatriates and babies of U. S. servicemen are being brought to the United States aboard the U. S. coast-guard-manned troop transports, moving east from the Orient and west from Europe. Most of the children are bewildered but soon receive reassurance from Red Cross workers and members of the ships' crew.

Navajo 'Dust Bowl' Brings Disaster to Indians



Economic disaster for 55,000 Indians is rapidly taking form in the rugged mesas of the Navajo country in Arizona and New Mexico. A million or more sheep are the direct cause of the potential blight. The real problem of the Indian Office is the overpopulation of Indians upon comparatively unproductive, deteriorated lands.

Man-Eating Tigers in Burma



Cpl. G. A. McCary, Centralia, Ill., combat military police, and Carol Hagerman, Kansas City, Mo., Red Cross worker, shown with the 250-pound man-eating tiger killed by the couple in Burma. Servicemen and women on the Burma front have organized several successful tiger hunts in this war theater during the last year.

No Fish Shortage at Wauconda



This is the sight, and the smell, that greeted residents around Slocum Lake, Wauconda, Ill., when the ice went out. More than 100 tons of dead fish were washed ashore when the ice melted. Unfit for food, their only use will be as fertilizer, a shortage of which exists in many sections of the nation. Despite their condition they can be used.

Beethoven Standing



After the symphony of war had thundered through his home town of Bonn, Germany, most of the city was left in ruins, but the statue honoring Ludwig Van Beethoven, one of the great composers, still stands in the town square.

Child Oscar Award



Margaret O'Brien is shown with the "Oscarette," presented her by Bob Hope, for the best child movie actress of 1944. This is the first year she has been included in movie hall of fame.

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Plant grass in a flower pot for your cat, and set the pot where the cat can help himself, as grass is essential to his health.

To protect the ends of a large linoleum rug that has to be stored for a time, place galvanized pails on the ends. Tie the pails together to keep them on.

A teaspoonful of ammonia added to the jar of water in which steel wool is kept will prevent rust from forming.

Let the gelatin congeal a bit before adding the fruit. This will keep the fruit from going to the bottom of the mold.

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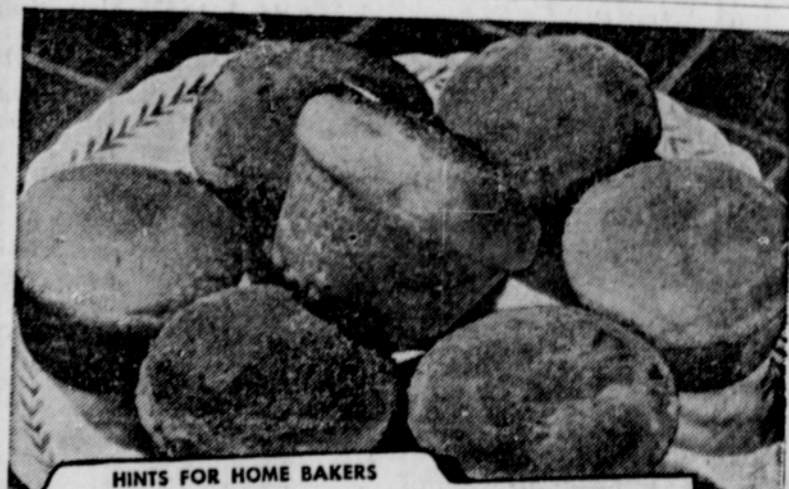
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