



Miss Florence Callow, 18, flings a pancake for interested ladies, to show them how she handled the flapjack while winning the traditional 505-year-old Pancake Day race in Olney, England.

PANCAKE DAY

Pre-Lenten Fete, With Ancient Tradition, Gains in Popularity

Pancake Day, which has gained in popularity in the United States in recent years, will be celebrated February 6. Last year, Pancake Day was celebrated in England, many countries in Europe, Africa, South America, Canada, as well as this country.

Notable among the celebrations in the United States was the first International Pancake Race between the women of Liberal, Kansas, and Olney, England. This race was the subject of newspaper and radio stories which flashed, many times, around the world. The women of Olney won, but on February 6 the Kansas women are determined to emerge victorious in the second running of this now yearly event.

Pancake Day always is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The holiday pancakes had their start as "shriving cakes." At the tolling of a bell, housewives in old England rushed to prepare their pancakes, according to a prescribed formula. They then flocked to their churches to be "shriven," or absolved of their sins. Hence, the last day before Lent became "Shrove Tuesday," then, as the religious significance dimmed, simply "Pancake Day."

As the religious emphasis on Pancake Day dwindled in England, the day took on the aspects of a merry-making holiday. The day before Lent also became a fun-filled celebration time in many other parts of the world. The word, "carnival," which means "farewell to meat," was applied to pre-lenten fetes in the Mediterranean area. "Mardi Gras" (literally, "Fat Tuesday") is an annual event in parts of Europe as well as in New Orleans and Rio de Janeiro, where the current celebrations are quite boisterous. On "Fat Tuesday" in old France it was customary to butcher a fat ox for the annual feast before the Lenten fast.

A Household Sport

In trying their Pancake Day delicacies English housewives were taking advantage of an opportunity to use up their accumulated meat fats forbidden during Lent. Their flapjacks were customarily turned by flipping them into the air and catching them in a skillet. "Throwing the pancake" became a recognized household sport. It was this sport which soon led to the development of the 505-year-old Pancake Day race in Olney, England.

Football was played on Pancake Day in many parts of Scotland. The married men played the bachelors, and the married women tackled the spinsters. Modern football, as compared to these old traditional football games, is strictly for sissies. The goal lines for this football game were often three miles apart—a distance which usually held the score down to a couple of goals per game. The game has been supplanted by other Pancake Day sports in England, and most of the English women now have traded the gridiron for the griddle.

Boys at Westminster school in London eagerly await Pancake Day each year. At 11:00 a.m., a verger of the abbey solemnly emerges from the college kitchen followed by a cook bearing a large pancake. In the school he throws it into the crowd of waiting boys, who fight for possession of the flapjack. The lad who emerges with the biggest chunk of the pancake gets a sum of money from the abbey.

The burning of "Holly" and "Ivy" was one of the major pastimes on Pancake Day as early as the fourteenth century. Boys from the ages of five to 18 constructed a lifelike effigy of holly, while girls of the same ages made a dummy of ivy. Both "Holly" and "Ivy" were hidden early on Pancake Day, and the goal of each group was to find



GOP Appointments Urged

PRESIDENT TRUMAN isn't likely to move on it, but some of his genuine well-wishers have been dropping discreet hints that the most important thing he can do to bring about national unity is appoint two top Republicans to his cabinet—including possibly Governor Dewey as secretary of state.

Most unfortunate difficulty about the current bickering over foreign policy is the reaction abroad. All over Europe there has been indecision and dismay. The recent foreign-policy controversies came on top of the Korean disaster, also on top of the President's music-critic letter, both of which increased lack of confidence among our allies.

Most people don't realize it, but the music-critic letter was published all the way from Africa to Norway. To the man in the street it may have been humorous, but to the prime ministers and foreign ministers of Europe, it aroused fear that the head of the United States government might lose his temper, not merely over a music critic but over a potential enemy, and plunge the world into war.

For these and other reasons, some of the top Democrats in Washington ardently hope for more unity, even if it means surrounding the President with a few Republicans.

They recall how President Roosevelt increased unity before Pearl Harbor by bringing two leading Republicans—Henry L. Stimson and Frank Knox—into his cabinet as secretary of war and secretary of the navy. And while there is not too much personal enthusiasm about Governor Dewey in Democratic circles, he is recognized as a man of real ability and deep sincerity as far as his country is concerned.

Furthermore, it is believed that Secretary of State Acheson would be glad to bow out in favor of Dewey in the interest of national unity. Acheson and Dewey have been conferring privately for the last six months, and several times Dewey has come to Acheson's support. Finally Acheson had privately hoped to leave the state department, though he does not want to do so under fire.

Naval Comeback

It was just about a year ago the most harassed and criticized man in Washington was Secretary of the Navy Francis Matthews.

At that time, the admirals were up in arms over unification and one admiral had to be relieved. Captain Crommelin was campaigning for a super airplane carrier. A secret propaganda agency in the navy was shooting out malice against the air forces. And Matthews was branded as a freshwater executive from Omaha whose knowledge of shipping was confined to mud scows on the Missouri river.

However, the political pendulum has a habit of swinging into Washington, and today Matthews is riding the crest of the wave.

Secret of his comeback was keeping quiet, being a good sport and working closely with the efficient new executive whom he picked to be chief of naval operations—Adm. Forrest Sherman.

Today the navy has scored some real triumphs in the Korean War, especially the evacuation of Hungnam where not a single life was lost. And the much-debated super airplane carrier which the navy so much wanted is to be built after all.

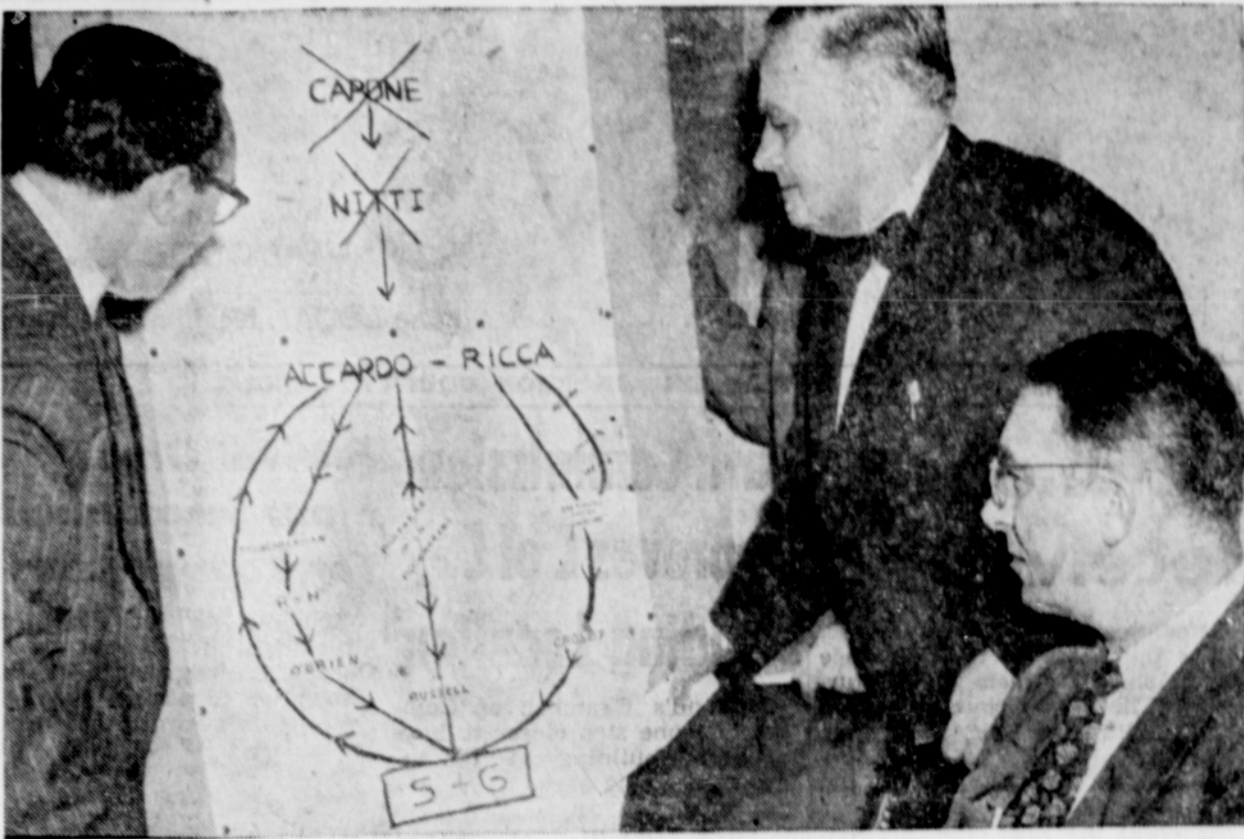
Note — Admiral Sherman, who was Matthews' personal choice to be chief of naval operations, has been so fair with the army and air force that, if General Bradley should be promoted to become white house chief of staff, Sherman would probably succeed him as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

Morse Says No

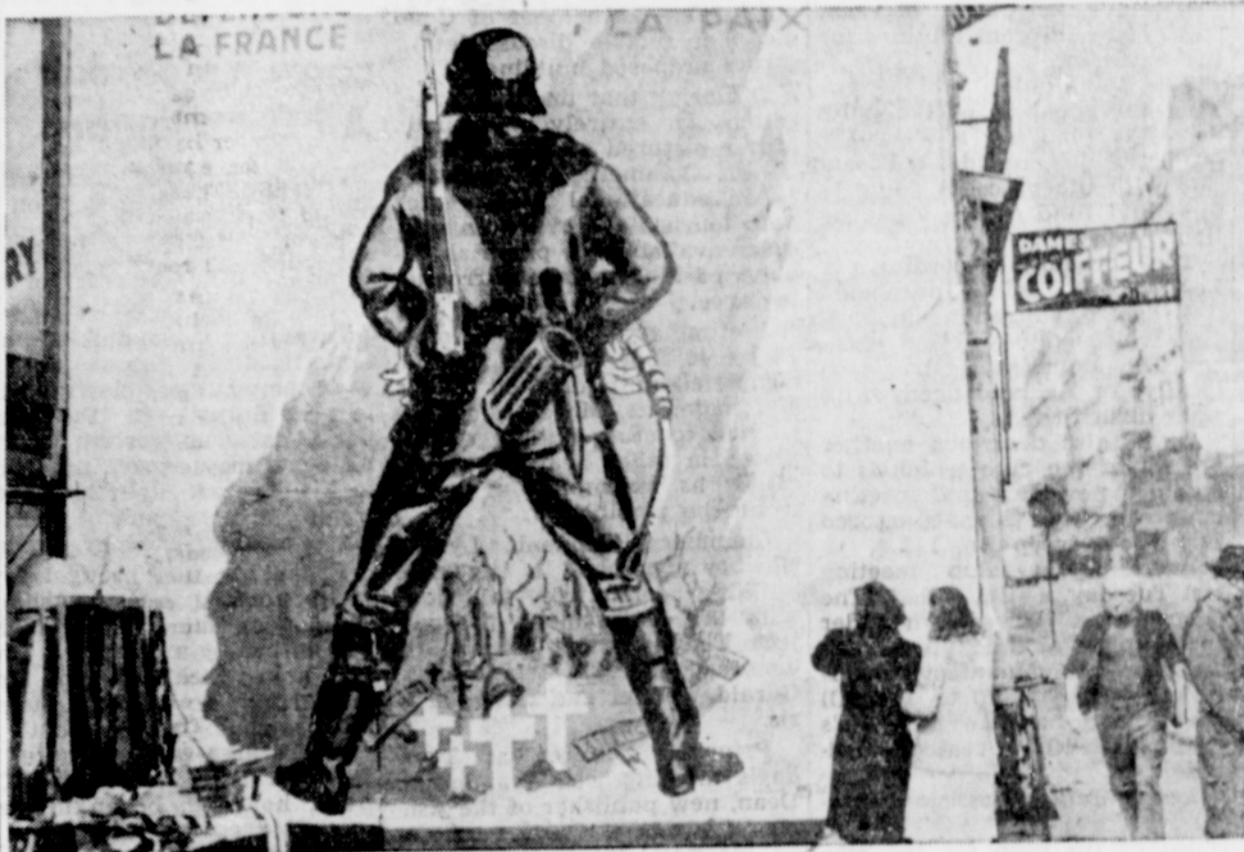
During every recent election, Wayne Morse, the Independent, pro-labor senator from Oregon, has waltzed out into the political arena to make speeches for his conservative anti-labor GOP Colleagues. No matter how much Morse disagreed with those colleagues, he rallied to their support at election time—even making a speech against his close friend, Democratic Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, in favor of the Chicago Tribune's candidate, Curley Brooks.

Now, however, Morse says "no more." "They need not think they can get me to campaign all around the country for reactionary candidates," he told friends, "and then discipline me in the Republican conference by not putting me on the policy committee. I've supported my last reactionary Republican and they can lump it."

When the new policy committee was announced at a closed-door caucus, North Dakota's Sen. Bill Langer snorted: "I protest this kind of a committee with no progressives on it."



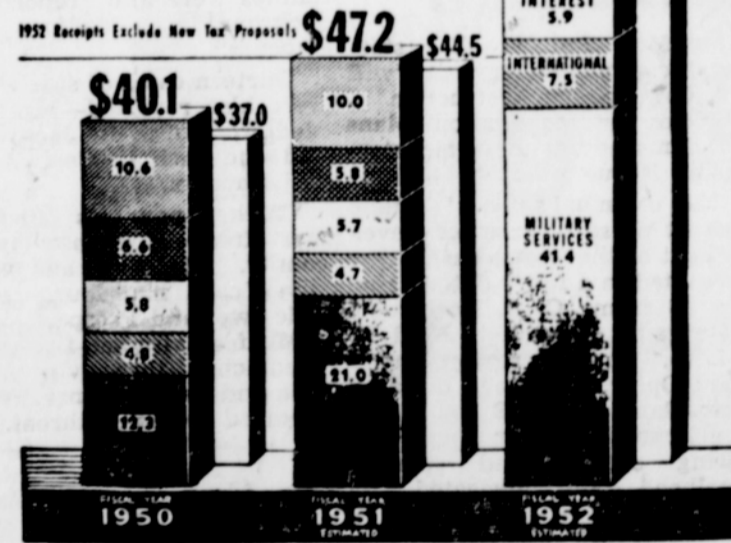
LINK WITH CAPONE CRIME EMPIRE? . . . Members of the senate crime investigating committee are studying a chart in Washington purporting to show a link between Chicago mobster Tony Accardo and the remnants of the racketeering empire left by the late Al Capone. Left to right are Julius Cahn, assistant to Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, Senator Wiley, and Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, chairman of the committee. The chart was introduced when Accardo appeared before the committee. He refused to answer questions and the committee voted to request the senate to cite him for contempt.



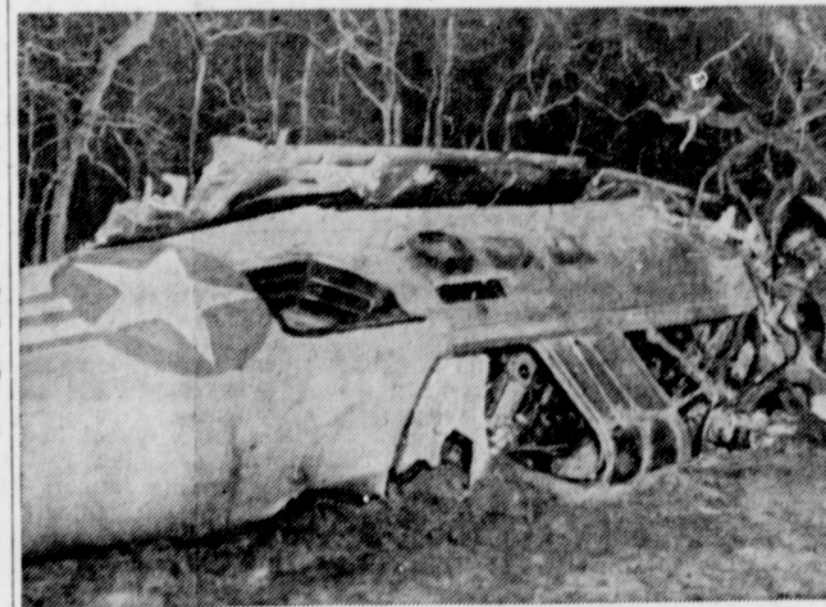
FRENCH REDS RE-ACT TO EISENHOWER . . . Simultaneously with the arrival of General Eisenhower in Paris, the French Communists went into action, defacing buildings with their posters of propaganda. This one reads, "Down with German rearmament. Let us unite against the traitors who accepted. Let us defend France." The poster shows a German soldier straddling French graves in the shadow of smoking ruins of French cities. General Eisenhower held talks with French leaders on the organization of a western European defense force in a conference with President Vincent Auriol at Elysee Palace.

The FEDERAL BUDGET

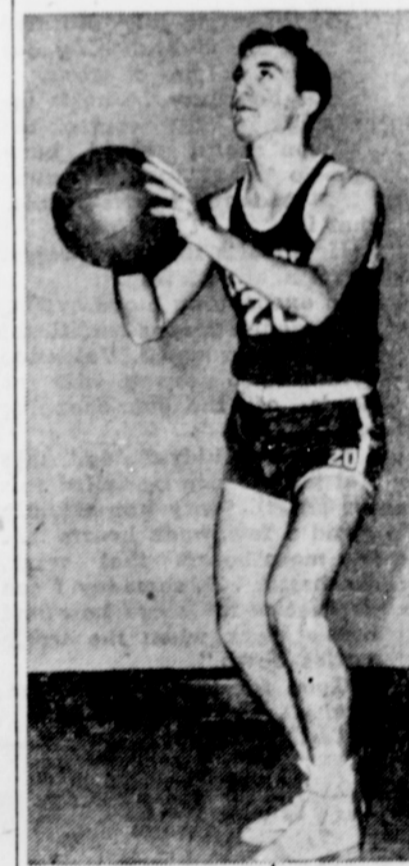
Billions of Dollars



NEW BUDGET AND OLD . . . President Truman in his budget message forecast expenditures of \$71,594,000,000 for coming fiscal year, or \$468 for every man, woman and child in the country. Of the total, more than \$41 billion will go for military services, or three and one-half times the amount spent in the last fiscal year. The higher outlays reflect the cost of the rearmament program. The diagram above shows how the budget for 1952 compares with those of previous years.



CADET SOLOS TO DEATH . . . "Washed out" of his pilot training at Randolph Field, Tex., French aviation cadet Jean le Mitouard, Tanager, son of a French surgeon, took his flunking so hard that he took off in a plane from the field and sought death in the skies. He went into a death dive 120 miles from the field after other pilots tried to "talk him down." Before going into his death dive, he apologized to the United States government for wrecking the plane (shown above).



OWL WITHOUT A VOWEL . . . New whiz, Bill Mikvy, Temple basketball player, is scorching the nets with an average of nearly 30 points per game. Known as the "Owl without a vowel in his name," he hit 354 in 12 games.



NOW A CITIZEN . . . Pola Negri, silent screen siren, becomes an American citizen at Los Angeles. Born in Poland in 1899, she danced in imperial Russian ballet before starring in Hollywood. She retired from movie acting in 1933.

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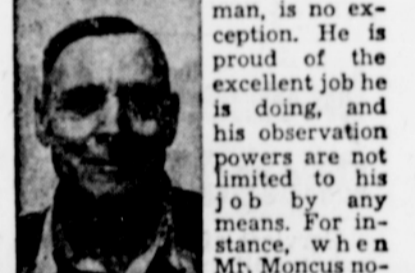
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Pancake Day Dates Back 1,000 Years

With a tradition that traces back at least 1,000 years, it appears likely that Pancake Day may grow in popularity in this country. It could eventually become a national holiday. Pancake Day is a traditional pre-Lenten celebration in many parts of the world today. The international race this year will receive a great deal of notice in English newspapers since the British government feels that in times like these, the race is an outstanding example of international goodwill and amity.