

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

Americans Disappointed by Red's List of 3,198 Prisoners-of-War

LAUGHTER AND TEARS—Tears and laughter echoed in the home towns of America. The Communists handed over their list of American prisoners, containing 3,198 names.

For mothers and fathers, sweethearts and wives, of these 3,198 there was laughter and one of the happiest holiday seasons on record. But for other thousands there were tears and despair.

The nation as a whole, however, was shocked and disappointed by the list. What had happened to the remaining 11,559 American soldiers known missing in Korea?



A civilian employee of the Defense department's public information office hands reporters the first list of names of 3,198 American prisoners-of-war as reported by the Communists.

There was no answer to this question. But all too well the people of America remember the stories of atrocities made public recently in Korea.

And even as thousands were rejoicing at word that their fighting men are still alive, the Department of Defense and President Truman warned that the Communist prisoner-of-war reports are completely unverified.

The enemy has refused to permit Red Cross inspection of its camps. White House Secretary Joseph Short told newsmen: "The President has asked me to urge every news medium to stress as often as possible that the prisoner-of-war list is entirely unverified."

"This country has no way of verifying whether the list is accurate or inaccurate, true or false, complete or incomplete."

"For the sake of the families whose sons are missing in action, everyone should treat this list with skepticism."

But for the mothers of America there was one reaction: "Thank God for such wonderful news. It answers tens of thousands of prayers." Shortly after the names of Americans on the Communist list was made public, the UN handed the Reds a stiffly-worded note demanding that the enemy account for more than 1,000 prisoners not named.

The UN contends these prisoners had been named in earlier Communist propaganda broadcasts, but were not on the prisoner-of-war list. What has become of them, the UN wants to know?

EUROPE'S UNITY—There has been a growing feeling in the rural sections of America that the countries of western Europe are making little progress toward unity in spirit or force.

Acheson said recently that Europeans have made more progress in the last four years toward bringing about this unity than they did in the previous five centuries. As examples, he pointed out the six-nation Europe-army program and the Schuman plan for pooling coal and steel resources.

One of the main blocks in the formation of the Europe-army is the British unwillingness to contribute troops to such an organization. Before the plan can succeed as planned by General Eisenhower, the British will have to change their policy which dates from the time of Queen Elizabeth.

COST-OF-LIVING—As 1951 came to a close, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released figures on the cost-of-living for the American family. The bureau's index hit a new peak of 10.8 per cent above the level of June, 1950, when the Korean war broke out.

The bureau said the rising costs of miscellaneous goods and services, and higher prices for fresh fruits and vegetables, were largely responsible for the increase.

NEW BLACKMAIL—Hungary, with a record of holding American citizens to gain concessions from the United States, has embarked again upon the blackmail trail. This time she is holding four U. S. airmen whose plane was forced down by Soviet fighter planes after it strayed across the Hungarian border.

The Soviet puppet says she will bring to trial the four airmen who violated the Hungarian border "with the criminal intentions of dropping spies and diversions in the territory of the Hungarian Republic."

Last year Hungary jailed American businessman Robert A. Vogeler on charges of espionage and later released him after the U. S. agreed to a number of concessions.

It is now but a matter of time before the Hungarians ask for more concessions. And if the blackmail works as before, the airmen will be released after much propaganda and the concessions granted.

THE BIG TRAGEDY—Among other things, the year 1951 will be remembered for the big tragedy—the millionth traffic fatality. The nation's tragic parade of motor vehicle accident deaths began September 13, 1899. H. H. Bliss, victim No. 1, was killed by a horseless carriage in New York City.

Heavy snow and ice-crusts on highways and the fact that thousands of Americans made holiday trips, contributed to the traffic death rate late in the year.

U. S. BALKS—For the first time in the history of the United Nations, the United States balked at the levy it must pay to help maintain that organization. The U. S. cited its huge expenditures in the Korean war and the billions spent to uphold the charter principles which the United Nations was not in a position to implement.

The assembly, however, approved a 1952 budget of \$48,096,780, of which the U. S. will pay 36.9 per cent. Although less than last year's levy, the U. S. objected that no state should pay more than one third of the budget.

The British are to pay 10.56 per cent of the fiscal year 1952 and the Soviet Union, the Ukraine, and White Russia 11.49 per cent.



Meeting for the first time since World War II, two old friends, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (left) and Prime Minister Winston Churchill (right) met in Paris recently for a series of conferences on the European army plan.

MEAT FORECAST

Smaller Spring Pig Crop in Prospect

Hopes for a larger supply of meats in butcher shops next year and lower prices received a jolt with the government's forecast of a 9 per cent reduction in next spring's pig crop. It may mean noticeably higher meat prices, the Department of Agriculture believed.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round BY...DREW PEARSON

The Clean-Up

WHITE HOUSE advisers report that while the President was at Key West he did not seem too anxious to move boldly toward a corruption clean-up.

Some of the young men around him felt pretty strongly about the housecleaning and did their best to influence the President. So did Sen. Clinton Anderson of New Mexico, a former cabinet member, while new Democratic Chairman Frank McKinney also threw his weight behind a purge.

It was Senator Anderson who first phoned the President at Key West more than three weeks ago urging drastic action.

At first, Chief Justice Fred Vinson, though anxious for a clean-up, seemed to think things could be patched up without firing Howard McGrath as attorney general. Senator Anderson, however, disagreed. He told the chief justice that the President would lean on him heavily for advice and that he should recommend drastic measures.

Without a drastic purge, the senator from New Mexico argued, the administration would lose all control over congress. Vinson seemed to agree.

Broken Mink Market

The other day a high official of the munitions board wanted to buy a small fur piece as a 25th wedding anniversary present for his wife.

Momentarily forgetting the current congressional investigations, he entered Washington's swank Erlebacher's and asked to see some fur neckpieces.

"Here is a nice Russian sable at \$600 per skin," said the clerk. "That's too high for me. What else do you have?" said the official.

Then the clerk produced a stone marten fur piece at \$335 a skin. The official again shook his head, claiming it was too steep a price, and added:

"Well, don't you make these fur pieces in mink?" The clerk practically had a stroke. Recovering his breath, he finally stammered:

"Mink! Who would buy mink in Washington? The market has been broken—broken in little pieces. There have been no mink sales in Washington for two months."

Abandoning Ship

More and more top government officials are deserting the Truman administration. Latest to plan their exit are Stuart Symington, Reconstruction Finance administrator, and Manly Fleischmann, head of Defense Mobilization.

Both are among Truman's top trouble-shooters, but both are afraid of getting smeared by close association with an administration that gets bogged down deeper daily.

In addition, Symington, when he started cleaning up the RFC and firing certain "friends" got a deluge of unpleasant ribbing from certain White House "guardsmen."

"Who do you think you are—little Lord Fauntleroy?" asked one White House secretary who had a finger in the RFC.

Coddling American Women

A group of congressmen investigating U. S. supply bases in Europe recently got a lecture on how we coddle our womenfolk.

"We in the United States are going all-out to defend the free world against communism," said GOP Congressman Charles Brownson of Indiana. "But there seems to be a lag on this side of the Atlantic. Maybe if you fellows tried incentive pay for defense workers you'd get better production."

"It wouldn't work over here," disagreed the Londoner. "You Americans believe in extra drive and overtime, but a lot of your incentive on the job is to get more money to buy beauty treatments for your wives or labor-saving gadgets to lighten their toil. Over here, we work a little less and work our wives a little harder."

Congressman Brownson suggested that the Britisher would get a different view of the working habits of American mothers if he visited an average household, particularly around spring cleaning time.

Merry-Go-Round

Mink coats and 12-pound hams should be scarce around Mike Di Salle's stabilization offices at Christmas time—if his staff follows the dictum that they are to accept no Christmas presents which they can't eat or drink inside 24 hours.

John Sherman Cooper, ex-senator from Kentucky, now a delegate to the United Nations, will run for the senate again—this time against Sen. Tom Underwood, Democrat.

Farm Topics

Chicago Feeder Sale Nets Over \$1 Million

257 Carloads Feeder Calves Are Exhibited

A record 257 carloads of feeder calves sold for well over a million dollars at the 7th annual Chicago Feeder Cattle Show and Sale, held at the Chicago Stock Yards.

Largest feeder cattle event in the nation, the expanding show and sale entry list exceeded last year's record by over a hundred carloads. It also pointed up the expanding beef industry and the interest in improved breeding.

The grand champion carload of feeder calves in the show were exhibited by veteran cattleman Fred



Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeBarard pose with their blocky Hereford calves that were judged grand champion carload of the Chicago Feeder Cattle Show and Sale.

C. DeBarard of Kremmling, Col. A Wanatab, Indiana, cattle feeder, bought DeBarard's blocky prize-winning Herefords for \$75 per cwt. The grand champion calves averaged 428 pounds.

The auction brought an average of \$42.11 per cwt. for 257 loads of cattle, \$4.69 per cwt. higher than last year's average. The average weight was 485 pounds. Sales totaled \$1,050,633.

Steer calves, numbering 132 loads, averaged \$46.48 per cwt. while 50 carloads of heifer calves averaged \$44.15 per cwt.

Americans May Eat More Meat in Next 12 Months

The average American may eat even more meat and poultry in 1952 than in 1951, if advance production figures are any indication.

According to a forecast of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, meat production this year may be large enough to provide an average of 144 pounds per person as compared with 141 pounds in 1951.

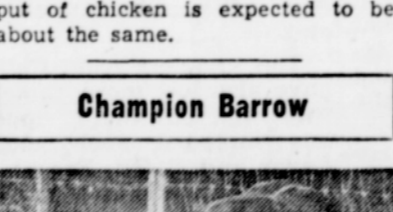
Most of the meat increase will be in beef and veal. Much of the step-up in beef will be in medium and lower grades, although some of it probably will be in the better grades of grain-fed cattle.

The amount of lamb and mutton eaten by the average American is expected to go up slightly. Last year consumption of lamb and mutton was the lowest on record—only slightly over 3 pounds per person.

A little more pork may be on the market in the first seven or eight months of 1952 than in 1951, but production for the last part of the year may be somewhat smaller.

Americans will also probably eat more chicken and turkey. Production of turkeys for 1952 may exceed the record-high 1951 level, but output of chicken is expected to be about the same.

Champion Barrow



Rolland Anderson, 17, of LeLand, Ill., 4-H club member, is shown with his 250 pound barrow Poland China hog which was adjudged junior champion at the 52nd Annual Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

Experts Forecast Greater Cattle Slaughter in 1952

In the outlook for meat animals, 1952 may be a pivotal year when new or modified trends in meat production take place, experts report. The present low slaughter rate and large farm inventories are setting the stage for a substantial increase in slaughter in future years.

The big question is how soon and what its price effect will be? In all probability cattle slaughter will increase in 1952 for the first time in five years.

SPORTSCOPE By Joe MAHONEY

DR. CARY MIDDLECOFF THE MEMPHIS DENTIST WHO HAS FORSAKEN THE DRILL FOR THE PRO GOLF CIRCUIT, WAS THE FIRST AMATEUR TO WIN THE NORTH-SOUTH OPEN, THAT WAS 1945 AND SINCE TURNING PRO MANY TITLES HAVE COME HIS WAY INCLUDING ONE NATIONAL OPEN. HE IS A CONSISTENT LEADER OF THE PUTT-FOR-PAY BOYS AND IT WILL PROBABLY BE MANY A MOON BEFORE THE GOOD DOCTOR GOES BACK TO DRILLS AND DENTURES.

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SPORTLIGHT

Shoeless Joe Always Good Copy

By GRANTLAND RICE

NEW YORK—No other game has turned out as many odd or different characters as baseball has furnished.

The list of distinct personalities is a long one. I mean such players as Dizzy Dean, Germany Schaefer, Rube Waddell, Ossie Schreck, Larry McLean, Babe Herman and many others.

One of these was Shoeless Joe Jackson, who died recently. Shoeless Joe ("Oh, the brave song his black bat sung") as on the quieter side.

But the Carolina Crashsmith was always a good story. There was the time Joe, lifetime average .356, reported to some small team in East Tennessee. Some time ago, Hyder Barr related the following yarn—about Jackson's first game there.

"The ball park was terrible," Barr said. "It was full of rocks, broken glass and old cans. Finally after the fourth inning Jackson came back to the bench and said he was through. He was playing barefoot."

"What's the matter?" the manager asked. "Rocks and glass hurting your feet?"

"Naw," Shoeless Joe said. "But they're fuzzin' up the ball so much I can't throw it."

Cobb, Ruth and Speaker each told me on radio interviews that Jackson was by all odds the greatest natural hitter that ever lived. Joe batted left-handed.

"I decided to copy Jackson," Ruth told me one day, "because he looked more like a good hitter than anyone else. I couldn't copy Ty Cobb's hand action because Ty was looking more for baseballs than for power."

"Jackson stood with his feet fairly wide apart, his right foot shoved forward and the left foot back of the right. This gave him a good turn to start with. I changed this a little. I kept my feet closer together. I could get more leverage that way. But I was also more easily caught off balance by a left-hander. I had more trouble with left-handers than Joe ever had. He never had much trouble with anybody."

Shoeless Joe was never a big spender, but no man was more underpaid. He used to sew a ten or a twenty dollar bill in the lining of his coat, to be sure he had some cash when needed. The years where he hit over .400 brought him small increases.

I doubt that Jackson ever got over \$4,500 a year, and most of

the time he played for less. This isn't as much as a big league rookie gets today. It wasn't too hot for a .410 hitter.

Charlie Dryden, one of the great baseball writers of all time, certainly the most humorous one, found Jackson an endless source of copy.

"Joe didn't read too smoothly," Dryden said one day. "So when he got a letter from his wife Joe used to chuckle as he pretended to read. Then he'd slip me the letter and say, 'Want to read something funny?' I'd read it back—but frequently it wasn't anything to laugh at, like asking for dough."

Ty Cobb one day told me a tragic story about Jackson. They had been good friends in the major leagues. Long after Ty was through with baseball he dropped by Greenville where Jackson lived.

Cobb talked a few minutes about various unimportant things. Finally he said:

"Don't you know me, Joe? I'm Ty Cobb."

"Yes, I know you, Ty," Jackson said. "But I didn't think anyone I used to know would want to recognize me again."

Joe Jackson took a small amount of gambling money, largely because he knew he had been far underpaid. I don't believe he ever threw a game in that series—and I saw them all. To me he was a great hitter and a good guy.

THE TRAINING STATE

Citrus fruit and sunshine, bowl games and flowers, are not Florida's only contribution to the human race.

I have discovered again in roaming its highways that Florida is also known about its record as a conditioner of men—especially ballplayers.

Who trained at St. Petersburg last spring? Well, the Giants, the Dodgers and Cardinals, for example, and they ran one, two, three in the National League pennant race last season.

What team got its basic training in Florida for several years and had enough left to survive the rest? The Yankees.

"You don't suppose," a Florida resident said, "that the Yankees could have survived Arizona to come along and win another pennant if they hadn't been in Florida for ten or fifteen years before?"

All we know is that the Giants had trained all around the map without winning any pennants. They never seemed to be physically fit. But last year, after training in Florida, they survived an 11-game losing streak and a deficit of 13 games in middle August, and yet won the pennant.

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Gus That's All The stork had visited the home of Rastus Brown for the eighth time, leaving quadruplets. A few days later Rastus met an old friend on the street.

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