

## Unemployment Down Over Half Million

Washington, Apr. 4.—(U.P.)—Unemployment, which reached an eight-year high in February, declined by more than a half million persons in March, the census bureau estimated today. The March figures were: Employment—Up 598,000 to 57,551,000. Unemployment—Down 561,000 to 4,123,000. The gain in the civilian labor force—which covers all persons working or looking for work—was unusually small for this time of year. There were only 18,000 new entrants to the labor force, which probably helped to push down the unemployment figure.

The number of jobs on farms rose seasonally by 452,000 to 6,675,000. Non-agricultural employment rose 147,000 to 50,877,000.

Hollywood, Apr. 4.—(U.P.)—Former Broadway actress Florence Nash, 61, sister of actress Mary Nash, died yesterday at her Hollywood home of a heart ailment.

Burbank, Cal., Apr. 4.—(U.P.)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Briton N. Busch, 75, father of Writer-Film Producer Niven Busch and Editor Noel F. Busch.

## Phoenix Churches Plan To Conduct Sunrise Services

Phoenix, Apr. 4.—Further details of the annual Easter sunrise service of Phoenix churches were announced Sunday morning. The sunrise service is to be held at 6 a.m. on Taylor hill, where it has been held for the past several years. If the weather forbids an outdoor meeting, the service will be held in the Nazarene church.

The Rev. E. H. McGee of the Christian church will be the speaker.

Three Churches Participating  
All three churches of the community are participating in plans for this early service and for the breakfast which will follow in the Presbyterian church. All who attend the breakfast are asked to make a contribution of food, or money for the purchase of rolls, and it is requested that all these donations be made known by Wednesday, April 5, by either returning information slips, or by calling Mrs. E. J. Clark, 3-1417, or Mrs. L. O. Caster, 3-1117, of the Presbyterian church. Committees of the Christian and Nazarene churches may also be contacted.

All donations are to be at the church by noon Saturday.

Anyone in the community desiring to attend the services is cordially invited to do so. Representing the Christian church on the breakfast planning committee are Mrs. Norman Glascock and Mrs. Harold Lass, and those of the Nazarene church are Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Sullivan. Other members of the three churches will assist in preparing and serving the breakfast.

## Pacific Sea Forces Will Be Strengthened

Washington, Apr. 4.—(U.P.)—American sea forces in the far Pacific will be strengthened next month, the navy said today.

Sixteen vessels, headed by the aircraft carrier Valley Forge and the heavy cruiser Rochester, will leave the west coast May 1 to relieve the nine ships now comprising the western Pacific 7th fleet at Guam.

At the same time, the Japan-based far eastern fleet, including a cruiser and four destroyers, will be relieved by an equal number of warships.

The western Pacific replacements will include, in addition to the Valley Forge and the Rochester, six destroyers, two destroyer escorts, three submarines, a seaplane tender, an oiler and a transport.

En route to their new station, they will conduct extensive training exercises in the eastern half of the Pacific, climaxed by a simulated carrier strike on the Hawaiian Islands May 8 and 9. The relieving forces are due to take over about May 21.



EX-SKIPPER OF 'MO' PLEADS GUILTY—Capt. W. D. Brown (left foreground), former skipper of the battleship Missouri, pleads guilty at a Navy courtmartial in Norfolk, Va., to charges he was responsible for grounding of the ship in Hampton Roads Jan. 17. He could be given punishment ranging from a letter of warning to a prison term. Behind Brown is his counsel, Capt. C. C. Wood. Members of the court are, left to right: Capt. Leon J. Maness, Rear Adm. Albert K. Morehouse, Rear Adm. Maurice E. Curtis and Rear Adm. Stuart S. Murray.

## No Evidence Seen Of Russia Operation

Washington, Apr. 4.—(U.P.)—Adm. Forrest P. Sherman said today after an inspection trip of Mediterranean installations that he saw "no evidence that Russia is preparing for large scale amphibious operations."

The chief of naval operations said he learned nothing new about Russian naval ambitions on his trip. Previously, he said Russia is concentrating on a submarine building program and now has about 270 undersea boats of all types and sizes.

He told a news conference today that Russia also has a large flotilla of smaller craft, used primarily for coastal operations.

He said he was not satisfied with the progress of United States anti-submarine defenses.

He qualified that statement by saying: "Whenever a chief of naval operations is satisfied with what he has it is time to get a new one."

"We're doing reasonably well with what we have, but we have not to make a lot more progress," he told reporters.

This will depend not only on new inventions, he said, but on skill, training, quality and quantity of personnel.

A Nichols' Worth of—  
Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS  
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Front Royal, Va., Apr. 4.—(U.P.)—The beauty of acting as a judge for anything is that you make so many last-minute decisions.

I've judged fat hogs, fat ladies and apple pies. But the latest assignment was the Virginia state finals of a cake-baking contest.

It was all part of the Bing Crosby celebration here over the week-end.

The old groaner was on hand to present the prize cake-baker with a \$50 savings bond donated by a well-known cake-flour manufacturing company. The company latched onto the idea because Bing sings a song called "Sunshine Cake" in his new Paramount picture, Riding High.

Judging a cake contest is a little more difficult than judging fat hams or fat ladies. All you have to do to judge a ham or a lady is to look at them.

Each cake has to be tasted. There were six lovely cakes in the finals here. As any cake baker will tell you, once you slice a cake it starts to dry out. So you taste the first one, the second one and from there on out—sponge or devil food—they all taste the same.

But, by golly, I picked the winner. The best of a fine lot was a foamy yellow sponge job with thick white icing. It was baked by Mrs. Ann Coulter, whose husband is pastor of the Congregational Christian church at Gore, Va.

She was happy; also nervous and excited because Bing put a friendly arm on her shoulder and called her "mother."

The probable enemies I made were Mrs. Alleyne Perry, Mrs. Harry S. Woody and Mrs. Alvin W. Horne—all of Fort Royal, who finished in that order. Their cakes were good, too.

Bing also took a slab from each and confirmed that all of them were swell. He shouldn't have done it, but Bing then

## KITTENS WELCOMED

Miami, Fla. (U.P.)—A Miami woman who wanted to dispose of a litter of newborn kittens solved the problem in a time-honored fashion. She made a stealthy round of her neighbors' doorsteps early in the morning and left on each a basket containing a sleeping kitten and a note which read, "Please be kind to my child, (signed) a broken-hearted mother." Not a neighbor complained.

Be sure your match is out before you toss it into wooded areas.

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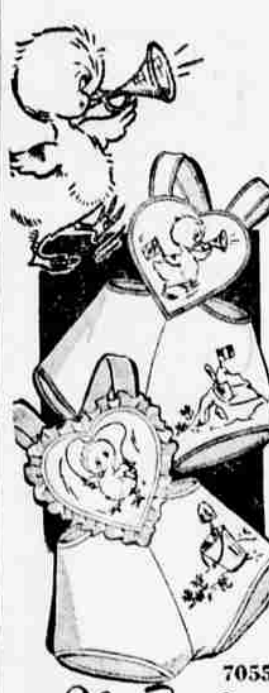
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