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## Hard Fight Shapes Up

EVERY administration act from this time until November will be considered and executed with an eye to political effect—even more so than has been customary with this politically shrewd administration and would be expected in a campaign year from any administration.

There are ample evidences that the party in power is well aware that the opposition has entered the field with an able candidate prepared for a great campaign and encouraged by a spontaneous sweep of public support from all corners of the nation.

The Willkie-McNary ticket is not being taken lightly by those whose political livelihood depends on keeping the democratic party in control. There is much talk among ordinary people that Willkie may sweep the nation just as he did the republican convention. That possibility, it is quite certain, has not been overlooked by the generals and strategists of the New Deal, and the evidences of what they intend to do about it are already beginning to show up. As Paul Mallon says, every Washington development henceforth will be topheavy with politics.

We have two powerful forces, fired up and on a more equal footing than at any time in the last decade, ready to do rough and tumble battle for the great American vote in November. Final shape of the fight will be determined when the democrats meet a week from Monday. But whether it is Willkie versus Roosevelt, or Willkie versus Roosevelt's choice for his successor, it's going to be a hard-fought, punch for punch campaign.

What we hope for is a clear definition of fundamental issues. Let the winner take control with the knowledge that the majority of the American people have spoken clearly and forcefully on vital policies.

## Why Not on the Lake?

YEARS ago, they tell us, it was the custom to stage Klamath's Fourth of July fireworks display at the lower end of Upper Klamath lake. The fireworks were set off from barges anchored well out in the water, and for the watchers the display was mirrored in the shiny surface of the lake.

In discussions in recent years of the best places to stage the pyrotechnics program, little or no mention has been made of the possibilities of reverting to the old location on the lake. Still, it seems to us, it has many advantages.

The mirror idea is one. Another is the virtual elimination of all danger of fire. Still another is the availability at the lower end of the lake of all manner of excellent watching places. The Shell company display of Thursday night (one of the finest this scribe has ever witnessed) would have been most effective if set off from the lake.

There may be good arguments against this suggestion. But it seems to be well worth considering for next year's celebration.

## Fascist Plot Eyed in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, July 5 (UP)—Italian fascists, purportedly linked with the Italian legation here, were accused today by the newspaper El Popular of plotting to create nationwide disorder during next Sunday's presidential elections.

The organ of the Mexican workers confederation—CTM—made its charges in a four-page extra which flatly asserted the legation was intervening in Mexican politics, contrary both to law and diplomatic privileges.

The newspaper was understood to have turned over its documentary "proof" to the government. The department of interior was said to have already begun an investigation.

Poor old Henry the 8th's wives—no Wieland's Beer.

**VOX**  
 NOW PLAYING!  
 A Master Criminal  
 STALKS THE DECKS...  
 until captured by Chan's  
 assistant!  
**Charlie Chan's Murder Cruise**  
 SIDNEY TOLER  
 Madeline Weaver—Lionel Atwill  
 Robert Lowery  
 Ben Yapp  
 And  
**"PALS OF THE SILVER SAGE"**

**TOMORROW**  
**ROY ROGERS**  
**...MAN-HUNTER**  
 Fighting the toughest  
 battle of his daring  
 career... a battle that  
 must end in death for  
 him or his best  
 friend.  
**ROY ROGERS**  
**"THE ARIZONA KID"**  
 with  
 GLENDA HAYES  
 SALLY MARCH  
 STUART HAMBLEN  
**RAINBOW**

## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, July 5—

Watch for the administration to slide down gracefully from the grand-scale project for purchasing all Latin-American raw materials. Agriculture Secretary Henry Wallace is pulling that way. Frankly, but not publicly, he is afraid of what the American farmers may say in the campaign if this government buys competitive surpluses.

The Wallace group of economists have worked out a substitute arrangement whereby we would purchase only the surpluses of tropical nations producing non-competitive materials like coffee, tin, and rubber. This would rule out the southern half of South America in which wheat and meats are the main products.

### HIGH PRICE

Other governmental economists outside the agriculture department are by no means all sympathetic with this contraction of the original plan. Apparently it would mean surrender of Argentina, particularly, to economic domination by the nazis. Their meat and wheat are what Hitler wants and he can furnish manufactured products in return. This seems to some of the diplomatic economists in the state department a high price to pay for domestic agricultural acquiescence in a campaign year.

Another group wants to compensate for this possible loss by sharply expanding facilities for American investment in all Latin America, including the competitive production countries.

The matters will be immediately threshed out in a meeting of the inter-American economic committee.

### SHIPPING

This government is likewise going into the inter-American shipping conference (here after the Havana conference) with a neighborly smile on its face and its hand in its pocket. This conference is supposed to cut high shipping rates to South America, but the only reductions that can be easily accomplished must be minor because they can come only from economies in operation. Real reductions will require large increases in government subsidies to shipping lines. This government will probably have to come to that in the conference, but you can readily appreciate its lack of enthusiasm.

Main instigator of the conference is Venezuela. She had some diplomatic help from Cuba and Chile.

### THREAT HELPS

This government's loan to Chile was hastened when it developed during the negotiations that Chile planned to follow Mexico's action and confiscate some foreign properties in order to make both ends meet if she did not get the loan. Mere mention of such a threat was enough to encourage the American negotiators to resolve whatever doubts they could in favor of the loan.

In this instance again as in all the recent earnest negotiations to effect economic unity in this hemisphere, this government's agents have encountered the possibility that the United States, instead of "the good

**NOW PLAYING!**  
**YOUR FAVORITE STARS OF "THE AWFUL TRUTH" ...in each others arms (and hair) AGAIN!**  
**IRENE DUNNE + CARY GRANT**  
**My Favorite Wife**  
 with  
 Randolph SCOTT  
 Gail PATRICK  
**ALSO**  
**March of Time**  
 FEATURING  
**"U. S. NAVY, 1940"**  
**PINE TREE**

## SIDE GLANCES



"I'll bid six who do you suppose I saw walking down the street this afternoon spades."

neighbor," might become "the good thing."

The tendency has caused the negotiations to be conducted with arduous care, but high hopes are held on all sides that the final decisions will be strong, fair and effective.

### WILLKIE SCORES

There is no question but what Wendell Willkie's clean politics program spurred the house leaders into more favorable consideration and probably ultimate passage of the Hatch bill. Speaker Bankhead, who rules the house has been against the bill. Floor Leader Rayburn's interest in it had been unenthusiastic until this week. Many fair-minded democratic politicians in the house thought the mere banning of state employees receiving salaries from the federal government, might prove to be an unjustifiable restraint on political campaign contributions.

Willkie's decision to go much further than the old Hatch law

or the new bill put them in a tight position, and they had to act.

### NEW METHODS

Old republican finance raisers say the Willkie restriction against corporate contributions, his \$5000 limitation, and a ban on cash gifts of more than \$10 will seriously impair their ability to raise money.

Wholly new methods of raising small contributions without overhead expense must be devised if the campaign is not to suffer.

### LONESOME

As far as can be learned here the only prospects for the possible third party group suggested by John Lewis and Senator Wheeler are Wheeler and Lewis. Newsmen, instructed by their offices to get comment, could find no CIO or democratic isolationist congressmen or senators who professed willingness to join such a party, although there may be a few.

## British Stand Ready To Repel Hitler Invasion

By WALLACE CARROLL  
 United Press Correspondent  
 SOMEWHERE ON THE BRITISH FRONT, July 5 (UP)—

Along the far-flung coasts of Britain sun-bronzed troops who faced the Germans in Belgium stood ready to repel Adolf Hitler's threatened assault on the British isles.

On the heights above their dugouts, pillboxes and barricades, thousands of artillerymen trained their guns to shower with high explosives any attackers from the sea while mechanized units waited to counterattack any force which might penetrate the forward defenses.

I made a rapid tour today of a sector of the "front" held by a division which boasts the Ger-

mans never dented its line in Belgium or northern France.

### Itching to Get Nazis

Guards and Scottish battalions which form part of the division are, in the words of their officers, "itching to get the Germans on the beaches the way they got us at Dunkerque."

This sector of the front is less than 30 minutes by bomber from German air bases in France. Its rolling fields and hills, which are now blood-red with poppies, lie astride one of the routes mapped out by German strategists for a great encirclement movement to cut London off from the rest of England.

I reached divisional headquarters after passing through rambling old world villages whose Saxon churches and mon-

uments witnessed the last successful invasion of the British Isles 900 years ago.

The general in command had just banned all civilians from the beaches for duration of the war.

### No Ladies

"I can't erect defense works with ladies lying about in bathing suits," he said crisply.

Asked if he expected any trouble from paracutists, he replied:

"We got used to dealing with them in Flanders and can handle them here. If the paracutist is in soldier's uniform he will be captured. If he is in civilian clothes he very simply will be disposed of."

The defenses I saw on this tour consisted of concealed trenches, dugouts and concrete pillboxes on the beaches—situated so as to sweep landing parties with the cross-fire of machine guns, Bren guns and rifles.

### Barricades

I saw concrete road-blocks and all kinds of improvised barricades flanked by pillboxes. They are designed to slow mechanized and motorized forces which get beyond the beaches in an attempt to follow the roads into the interior.

There were platoons of Bren-gun carriers, light, fast armored vehicles with caterpillar treads equipped with the famous Bren-guns and anti-tank guns and mortars. Their task is to mop up paracutists and forces which penetrate the forward defenses.

I saw field artillery which is able to bombard enemy transports several miles out at sea and sweep the coastal region.

### MORAL VICTORY

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Sherman Hackenberg of Kansas City shot his gasoline-powered model plane into the air at a recent contest here and watched it sail away so far he couldn't find it. After seeing other youngsters carry away the prizes, he made a futile search for his plane, then returned home.

His plane, badly damaged, was found five days later in a field 12 miles from the contest site, after making a longer flight than those which copped the prizes.

According to a survey, 10,000,000 of the motor vehicles of the United States daily pull into the 400,000 retail gasoline stations and purchase 60,000,000 gallons of motor fuel every 24 hours, on the average.

## Alaskan Air Bases Described By Associated Press Expert

(Editor's Note: The U. S. army and navy are building five air bases in Alaska, and two or three others are projected. Will these be adequate to protect the territory? The territorial governor says more than 100 first class airports are needed. These and other interesting facts are related in the following story by Devon Francis, aviation editor of the Associated Press who is on a tour of leading warplane manufacturing plants and other points to tell the latest developments in the United States' air rearmament program.)

By DEVON FRANCIS  
 Associated Press Aviation Editor

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, July 5 (AP)—On 500 acres of a flat, sun-seared piece of interior Alaska the army has completed preliminary work for the runways of an airport which will serve both as an aid defense base and as a tactical training center at the "top of the world."

Five air bases are under construction in Alaska by the army and the navy.

At a cost of perhaps \$25,000,000 the services propose to set up at least the embryo of an air defense system.

Since last fall the survey and actual spade work at Sitka, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Unalak (Dutch harbor) and Kodiak has progressed more rapidly than military men care to admit. Unalak will be a submarine, as well as an air, base.

At Sitka the plane hangars already are up. The first contingent of infantrymen was landed last week at Anchorage for the protection of the army air base. At Fairbanks a winter-long experiment on the "staying qualities" of concrete for runways in temperatures of 50 and 60 degrees below zero is complete.

Into the territory of Alaska all summer there have drifted unobtrusively army and navy engineers, tactical experts and fliers.

Army plans for the air defense of Alaska actually are more comprehensive than have been made public. But even so, it is a question whether the bases and armament which will be poured into this point of the Pacific "defense triangle"—Hawaii, the Aleutians and Panama—will be cloth cut to fit the job.

Territorial Governor Ernest Gruening says Alaska needs more than 100 first-class airports for defense. It has no airport of that caliber yet.

## SPORT FLASH!

# BAER-GALENTO FIGHT

ROUND BY ROUND PICTURES

SATURDAY—SUNDAY—MONDAY

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ENDS TODAY • "BROTHER ORCHID" Edw. G. Robinson

## \* Starts TOMORROW THE HOTTEST TOPICS IN THE TROPICS!

\* TIE DOWN THE TORRID ZONE!  
 \* HIDE THE EQUATOR

HERE COMES THE MOST TERRIFIC TRIO THAT EVER HIT THE HEAT BELT!

**James CAGNEY-SHERIDAN-OBRIEN**  
**Ann Pat**  
**THE BIGGEST TRIPLE-THREAT COMBINATION OF THE YEAR...**  
 teamed for the first time... in  
**TORRID ZONE**  
 WITH  
**ANDY DEVINE**  
**HELEN VINSON**  
**Jerome COWAN**  
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