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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS. Crises in China and Indies Threaten Peace in Far East; Foresee Substantial Wage Gains

Given noisy welcome by populace, marines arrive in Tientsin, China, to occupy port after Jap surrender. As crowds cheer, this leatherneck enjoys spin in bicycle rickshaw.

try-wide pattern.

# FOREIGN POLICY:

**Regional Security** 

Though Japan has laid down her arms, peace has not yet come to the Pacific, what with Chinese na-tionalists and communists at swords points and Indonesians seeking their independence from Dutch rule.

U. S. troops stood in the middle as Chinese nationalists squared off against the communists, with ma-rines guarding the vital coal mines and rail route around the shipping port of Chinwangtao in the troublesome northern zone.

Heretofore, the communists have considered this territory their espe-cial domain, and until Chiang Kaishek's troops set foot upon it after disembarking from U. S. vessels, no nationalist forces had ever chal-lenged Red control there. While the communists withdrew in the face of nationalist landings at Chinwangtao, they remained active to the west, cutting rail routes over which Chiang could deploy his armies.

With the U.S. supporting the na tionalists and the Russians having recently promised to keep hands off of Chinese politics, Chiang has en-joyed every advantage in his effort to extend his domination over the country. While his representatives have haggled with the Reds over terms in Chungking, Chiang has cleverly pressed his edge in the north.

Meanwhile, natives of the East In-dies, led by President Soekarno of

their recently es-tablished republic, looked to confer-ences with Allied authorities to clear their claims for independence. Strongly organized this year when the

Warn of Traffic Hazards As chairman of the National Safety council's committee on winter driving hazards, made up of 30 experts in fields of traffic and transportation, Prof. Ralph A. Moyer of Iowa State college warned that the soming snow and ice season may cause one of the worst "traffic accident winters" in history.

in history. With a study of recent years showing traffic accident death rates for 36 northern states 24 to 53 per cent higher in the winter than in the summer months, Moyer said, the combination of more and older cars, more gas, and more "restraint weary" ers may result in the worst season in history. Drivers in snow belt states must consider dangerous road conditions and should imme-diately check their brakes, tire chains, windshield wipers, de-frosters, and headlights.

Concerning future auto and truck models, Professor Moyer truck models, Professor moyer said manufacturers are giving more consideration to safety and practical fender styling for easi-er installation of anti-skid chains without impairing streamlining. New windshield and window de-signs, defrosters and headlights also improve winter visibility.

#### **GERMANY: Foresee Trouble**

Because of widespread unemploy-ment, food and fuel shortages and murder and looting by displaced persons, serious outbreaks may occompany's plants, setting an indus-While the President said industry cur in Germany over the winter, General Dwight D. Eisenhower regenerally was capable of extending wage increases because of overtime

ported. Eisenhower's statement followed elimination, greater productivity per worker, tax credits for lower earnings, and abolition of the excess disclosure of a survey that the Germans generally had praise for the occupation of the British, were irked by seeming American indifference to conditions and fostered a deep hatred for the Russians. The state ment also came on top of demands in some circles that the Allies lay down a clear-cut economic policy for Germany so that normal activity may be restored to relieve the wide-

spread chaos German youths and returned soldiers presently constitute the larg-est trouble-making element, Eisenhower said, with much of their ire directed against frauleins fraterniz-

ing with Allied troops and displaced persons. Such discontent could well lead to organized resistance against occupation forces, Eisenhower



#### Salt Water Taffy:

Flat-top crews are very proud of their ships. A mechanic's mate on a carrier was once asked by a civil-ian how fast his ship could go. . . . The m. m. intoned with a twinkle in his orb: "To tell the truth, I don't know. We've never really opened her up. All my carrier is required to do so far is to keep up with its planes."

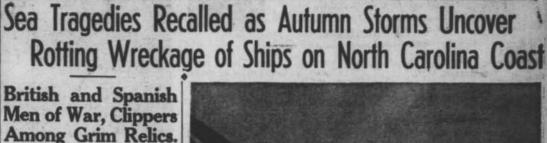
This has become a Navy classic: An ensign and lieutenant on a sub-chaser were feuding because they chaser were feuding because they were both Romeoing the same gal. Each took a turn at making the day's entries in the log book. One day the ensign was surprised to dis-cover the lieutenant had written: "August 14; ensign drunk." . . . He hesitated a moment and then wrote: "August 15; lieutenant sober."

An admiral, watching a young sailor labor eagerly but clumsily on the quarterdeck, asked: "How long "Two months," the boy replied. "How long have you been in?"... The admiral was taken slightly aback, but he good-naturedly an-swered: "Thirty years."... The sailor shook his head sympathetical-ly and said: "It's hell, ain't it?"

There are many tales about haughty ensigns getting their come-uppance. One of the best concerns the new one who behaved as if he were a combination of John Paul Jones and Lord Nelson. His captain Jones and Lord Nelson. His captain decided to take him down a few pegs. . . During a heavy storm he ordered the ensign to go on deck and figure out the ship's position by dead reckoning, a task which is practically impossible. Finally the ensign returned and presented the results of his computation. The cap-tain studied the report for a mo-ment and then bellowed: "Take off your hat, sir! I see by your findings that we are in the middle of West-minster Abbey!"

Chalk up another defeat for cen-sors: A Navy wife was irked by blue-pencilers, who continually cut up let-ters from her sailor-hubby. But she had her revenge. She sent her hus-band a letter in the form of a jigsaw puzzle. The censor worked for hours piecing it together. The mis-sive read: "Don't work too hard!"

Have you heard the one about the famed absent-minded admiral? He was piloting a seaplane when the commander of the ship noticed he commander of the ship noticed he was gliding toward an aerodrome. "Excuse me," the commander said diplomatically, "but it would be bet-ter to come down on the sea. This is a seaplane." . . . The admiral thanked him for the reminder, turned and landed safely on the wa-ter. He then stated: "Commander, I thank you, I shall not forget the tact with which you drew my at-tention to the blunder I was about to make."... The admiral then opened the door—and stepped into the ocean.



## By BILL SHARP

Once more Caribbean storms have lifted the curtain on hundreds of tragedies which were played out on the lonely beaches of the Outer Banks of North Carolina in the past three centuries—but as usual, it is a fleeting show. Sand swept away by tides of the September hurricane already is drifting back with mild southwest winds, and before long most of the exposed wrecks will be hidden again. hidden again. Silent tribute to the craftsmanship

of the old-time shipwrights and the sturdiness of their materials is the preservation of the timbers and planking of these orphans of the storm against generations of grind-ing sand and pounding wave. When iron men went down to the sea in ships with hearts of oak, it was the ships that failed in the face of

the elements. Some of the derelicts now on view all the way from Nag's Head to Ocracoke Inlet are familiar, and re-

call many an anecdote. But some are beyond the ken of the oldest coastguardsmen or their records.

The Carroll Deering.

One of the most interesting is the ghost ship, Carroll Deering, out of Bath, Maine. She was found on Dia-mond Shoals in 1921, undamaged, with sails set, with uneaten food on the table and on the stove, but with only a cat to greet the coast guard crew which boarded her.

The Deering passed Diamond lightship the day before, but that was the last seen of any of her crew, and the cat kept her own counsel. Later she drifted onto Ocracoke Island, sanded up and was lost to sight and almost to memory until the hur-

ricane scoured out her hull. , The George W Wells, first six-masted schooner ever built, and then the largest wood vessel afloat, is also exposed. She came ashore in a 1913 gale at Ocracoke.

Up at Nag's Head were uncovered again the tired ribs of the quaint warship believed by many to be a Crumpster of Elizabethan days. She was first revealed by a storm in 1939 and her primitive construction and fittings aroused much speculation.

There is some justification for the romantic identification, for ship-wrecks antedated colonization of these shores. The chroniclers of Sir Walter Raleigh's Roanoke Island colony (1587) found the aborigines using crude iron tools which were believed fashioned from spikes taken from a shipwreck. There is rec-ord of a Spanish shipwreck at Hat-teras in 1558 and some of its crew were rescued by the Indians. Also on exhibition again is the remnant of the Ariosto, British tramp, a victim of an 1899 storm.



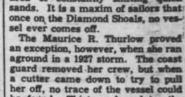
The burned out hull of an old schooner, the Kohler of Baltimore, stands bleakly on a sand bar near Hatteras, N. C. It was uncovered by the fury of a burricane. Drifting sands are piling over it again, and it will a disappear from sight.

he started for home. While chang-ing trains in New York he was run sands. It is a maxim of sailors that own by a taxicab and killed.

down by a taxicab and killed. Worst Navy Wreck. Off the beach at Nag's Head is vis-ible in a calm sea the bell, tank, and boiler of the USS Huron, a war-ship wrecked November 24, 1877, with a loss of 108 lives-the worst disaster in U. S. naval history up to that time. The crew members buried on the beach and relatives came, for many years after to search in the shifting sands for them. Cap'n Jeff Hayman of Roanoke Island is believed to be the only person still alive who saw the ghastly affair-and ghastly it was, for subsequent investigation disclosed that some of those aboard were drunk that fateful night when sobriety might have saved both ship and crew. Cap'n Jeff today has the silver sugar bowl from the Huron captain's table. Such maritime violence has pro-

duced a lot of maritime heroism. From Oregon Inlet to Ocracoke In-let are some 27 holders of Congres-sional Medals of Honor, possibly the largest group of heroes per capita in these United States. Six of them came as a sequel to the events of August 16, 1918, when the SS Mirlo, a British tanker, was torpedoed, and Capt. John Allen Midgett and five members of the Chicamicomoco coast guard station braved a sea of blazing oil to rescue 42 members of the crew. Strangely enough, the SS City of Atlanta in 1942 was destroyed in the same way and about the same spot, but the Chicamicomoco boys were unable to get through the fire. On the same day and within an

hour, helpless watchers on the Banks saw a German submarine



her off, no trace of the vessel could be found. Thirteen days later the schooner was sighted by the Dutch tanker, Sleidrect, in the North Atlantic. A general order was released to run down the modern Flying Dutchman, but though she was re-ported from time to time, the sea wanderer was never overtaken and no one knows what became of her. In the shoals lies another famous ship—the pioneering Federal iron-clad, Monitor. Following her en-gagement with the Confederate Mergagement with the Confederate Mer-rimac in Hampton Roads, March 9, 1862, the damaged Monitor was sent south in tow of the sidewheeler Rhode Island. A gale sprang up, and the little "cheesebox" sank on the shoals with a loss of 16; 49 oth-ers were rescued by the Rhode Is-land land.

Hatteras is a control point in set-Hatteras is a control point in set-ting courses for coastwise and West Indian shipping, because the short-est route lies near the Cape. North-bound shipping finds a favorable 'current by staying in the Gulf Stream, which brushes the tip of the Shoals, while southbound traffic goes between the Stream and the coast, where there is a southerly current sweeping down from the current sweeping down from the arctic. Thus, ships pass as close to the Cape as they can, and sudden storms there are a hazard

Alexander Hamilton recommend-ed a lighthouse at Hatteras in 1794, and it was completed in 1798, but was too low to provide an adequate signal. In 1870 a new light, 190 feet high, was built (highest brick light in the world) and served until 1936 when the encroaching sea led the government to erect still another



come for 1946 followed reports that the government would soon outline production goals for next year, ask-

profits levy, he promised that price boosts would be granted after a trial period if the added costs resulted in operating losses. Meantime, price rises would be onsidered in cases where indus-

tries raised wages to a full 28 per cent to cover added living costs since January, 1941; boosted pay to iron out differences in plants in the same industries or localities, or paid more to attract workers to essential enterprises to speed up reconversion

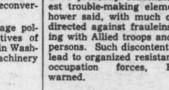
With the government's wage policy established, representatives of management and labor met in Washington, D. C., to establish machinery for settling differences.

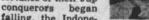
# AGRICULTURE:

**1946** Prospects Though the government intends no leveling off of over-all production next year and demand for food should remain high, real farm income may drop as much as 15 per cent during 1946 in reflecting in-

creases in some prices of farmers buy, the department of agriculture predicted. Despite a 15 per cent drop in real

income—that is, what income will actually buy in goods, etc.—it will still remain double the prewar average, the department reported. However, any kind of a decrease would be the first since 1935. Predictions of a drop in real in-





falling, the Indonestans presently rep-President resent a formidable trouble - m a k i n g Soekarno force hoping to browbeat the Dutch into terms.

The Mr. Big of the independence movement, Soekarno was kept busy whose outbreaks threatened his con-trol of the situation and promised to weaken his hands in dealing with the Dutch.

### WAGE POLICY:

### Labor Sees Gain

Though President Truman left the way for reconversion wage settle-ments up to the collective bargain-ing of employers and unions, labor looked to the administration pro-gram to pave the way for substan-tial pay increases within the stabilization structure.

By appealing for maintenance of high wartime "take-home" pay, and declaring business well able to ab-sorb the added costs, or eligible for moderate price increases, Mr. Truman was seen to apply pressure on management at a time when attention is being focused on the all-im-portient wage negotiations in the au-tomobile, oil and steel industries.

through the mouth while his mate took poison, the British said. Per the fuehrer's last orders, Propa-ganda Minister Goebbels and Dep-uty Leader Bormann then saturated the hedies with exercise and human In enunciating his reconversion wage policy to a radio audience es-timated at 32,000,000, the President did so only after administraton con-sultations with both big business sultations with both big business and labor leaders. As a result of one of these conferences with Hen-ry Ford II, government officials ex-pressed confidence a satisfactory settlement could be arranged in the been further broken up and then buried.

ing for maintenance of present livestock and hog marketings and wheat and corn acreage; increased plant-ings of cotton and sugar beets, and sharp cuts for eggs and chickens and oil bearing crops. Milk and potatoes would be scheduled for smaller reductions.

## FUEHRER'S END: Died Wth Eva

Answering repeated rumors of Hitler's escape from Berlin, British in-telligence declared that an ex-

haustive investigation had indicated that the fuehrer had shot himself in the bunker of the reichchancellery on April 30 and his consort. Eva Braun, had followed him in death by taking poison.

Though broken in health, Hitler remained alert in mind to the end, the British found, and even held hopes for a successful defense of Berlin after his decision to remain in the capital on April 22 and abandon plans for a last-ditch stand in the Bavarian mountain redoubt. When the Russians continued to hammer forward, however, hope faded and Hitler and his mistress were married on April 29, climaxing

a long, secret relationship.

Bidding his personal followers in

the reichchancellery goodbye the next day, Hitler then shot himself

the bodies with gasoline and burned

As a result of latest medical wonder, 7-month-old Sandra Evans of Los An-geles, Calif., may soon be cured of formerly fatal cystic pancreal disease, doctors say. Whereas timy Sandra was not expected to live beyond half-year, physicians predicted complete recov-ery after treatment under plexisfass, requiring inhalation of vaporised peni-cillin diluted in saline solution. JAP NAVY:

**Remnants** Doomed

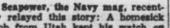
Once proud possessor of the im-perial fleet, Japan will be reduced to zero as a sea power following Al-lied plans for the destruction of Nippon's remaining capital ships and the division of the smaller craft and

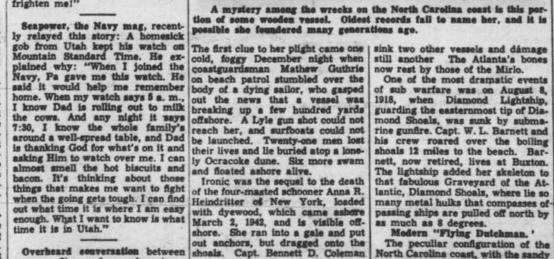
the division of the smaller craft and auxiliaries. Because differences in design pre-vent their efficient use by the U. S., Britain, Russia and China, one bat-tleship, four cruisers, four aircraft carriers and S1 submarines will be sent to the bottom, with the battle-ship expected to serve as a target for an atomic bombing test. Indica-tive of the differences of bigger Jan tive of the differences of bigger Jap warships, space between decks is 6 inches shorter than in other na-vies, thus cramping their use by tall-

er people. Some 38 destroyers built according to usable specifications will be divided among the Big Four along with coastal and auxiliary vessels. with coastal and auxiliary vessels. In constructing their destroyers, it was learned, the wily Nipponese so-licited plans from shipbuilders, cop-ied them and then returned them as unsatisfactory, escaping pay-ment for their use.

A group of sallors were shooting the breeze about their pet subject-gals. One was asked if he liked intellectual girls. He responded quickly: "I like a girl with a good head on my shoulder."

They would have you believe this happened in the South Pacific during one of the war's biggest battles. Guns were firing in all directions and bombs were falling when one gunner suddenly got the hiccups. He turned to a buddy and shouted: "Hey, I've set the hiccups. Do something to got the hiccups. Do something to frighten me!"





Overheard conversation between a navy fier and a submariner: "What did you see up there?" asked the sub-man. ... "No angels," re-plied the filer. "What did you see?" "No mermaids." "No mermaids."



A mystery among the wrecks on the North Carolina coast is this per-tion of some wooden vessel. Oldest records fail to name her, and it is possible she foundered many generations ago.

lantic, Diamond Shoals, where lie so many metal hulks that compasses of-passing ships are pulled off north by as much as 8 degrees. Modern "Flying Dutchman."

government to erect still another light further inland at Buxton. Diamond Lightship also was an-chored at the tip of the Shoals, and a navy radio direction station was set up at the Cape Inasmuch as the new steelgirder lighthouse is not visible to even object here don't the new steelgirder lighthouse is not visible to ocean ships by day, the cape now has four navigation aids for the mariner—the old spiral-striped brick tower as a day warn-ing; Diamond Lightship, the new Buxton Light; and the modern radio finding station.

#### No 'Shipwreckers.'

While it is probably true that for many years shipwrecks were the "principal importation" of the Banks, there appears no evidence to Banks, there appears no evidence to support the charge that long ago the Bankers practiced shipwrecking and looting. However, some homes are partly fashioned from the timber of old ships, and many a house con-tains articles salvaged from doorned ships or bought at the 'vendue." In this connection is recalled the most popular legend of the village of Straits, in Carteret county concern-ing a preacher for whom Starr Methodist church there is named. During the severe winter of 1813-so the story goes—the citizens of Straits were starving after a crop-killing drouth the previous summer. Straits were starving after a crop-killing drouth the previous summer. Frozen sounds prevented fishing, and the Napoleonic wars and a British blockade made commerce impossible. Parson Starr thus re-sorted to prayer: 'If it is predes-timed there be a wreck on the At-lantic coast," he pleaded, "please let it be Thy will that it happen here!" In a few days a flour-laden ship wrecked on Core Banks, and famine was prevented.