# Washington Digest

## Distance Dims Reality Of Europe's Need of Aid

Well-Being of U. S. in Contrast to Bleak Ruins Of Old World: Trials of Nazis Point Up Evils of Militarism.

By BAUKHAGE

have coal and larders have food in them, and cigarettes are thrown away half-smoked, I find it hard to realize that what I saw in wracked and aching Europe is other than an ugly nightmare.

For that reason I am less stunned

by the American attitude which bor-ders on indifference as to what happens across the Atlantic. Less stunned, yes. Not less alarmed. when you walk among the ruins it never occurs to you that Americans who are the most generous, the most sentimental and kindly people in the world, who will empty their pockets for famine-stricken, flood-drenched, fire-swept folk from Murmansk to Cape Horn, are not willing and anxious to help rebuild what others have torn down. Last what others have torn down. Last winter people died of exposure in-side their own homes in the city of Paris. This winter will be worse for vast sections of many European countries. Trees have been cut down and burned for fuel, clothing has been worn out, bedding has been refashioned into crude garments, the flapping sheets of canvas which patched bombholes in the roof have been shredded by the wind and

But all that is far away. Far away from me and I find that when I lean back and look up from my keyboard at the tip of the Washington monument, hazy as it is in the distance, it appears a real, living and adjacent thing, compared to the scenes of which I was a part such a short time ago. The things I saw with my eyes, the voices I heard, the emotions I felt seem so unreal now that they form only a strange shadow-show in the recesses of my mind.

How, then, can you and I, going about our business, reading a few lines in newspapers and periodicals, listening to a husky voice on the radio, seeing the quick flash of events in the newsreels of these distant folk, realize that we are still, as we were in the days of Cain and Abel, our brothers' keeper?

#### Seek to Curb Aggressive War

Since I returned, the question asked most often of me concerning the Nuernberg trials is the very same one the Germans asked me before the trials began: "Why don't they shoot those rats and get it over with?" (To the Germans the prisoners are the men who led them to bondage and defeat.)

And so I have to repeat, wearily, with the realization that most people have missed the whole point of the trials, that the miserable prisoners in the dock, despite the fact that their names were once blazoned across the world as the archinfamous of history, are unimportant. That it is far more important to convict in open court, through due process of law with all the voluminous evidence, the ideas for minous evidence, the ideas for which a Goering, or a Keitel or a Von Papen, or a Schacht, stood, than to convict the men themselves.

That is the purpose of the trials which are dragging their slow,

democratic length across the pages of current history: to convict the prisoners as conspirators in the planning and the carrying out of ag-



with it? Because we wished to show to the world that democratic nations can put behind them the law of the jungle, an eye for an eye and of the jungle, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Because we wish to demonstrate that we, the conquerors, do not intend to invoke the law of the conqueror — "victor, volentes per populos, dat dura"—that we believe in the dignity of man and are willing to give that spark of manhood a chance to be judged by his peers, that we do not believe that two wrongs make a right or that that right is implemented by might alone. mented by might alone.

#### Must Reform German Mind

The battle of the democracies is not a fight of body against body, it is a fight of mind against mind. The democratic concept which is based on the teachings of the Christian religion must triumph unless the world be divided forever into the world be divided forever into a race of fighters and a race of slaves. The long task ahead of us in Germany is the re-forming of the German mind. That will take the patience of the teacher, not the skill of the fighter. If we are unwilling to spend the money and the time and make the sacrifices necessary to re-mould the German mensary to re-mould the German men-tality, that mentality will be used by others who know only too well how to channel it back into the ways of the warrior.

It is no trick to kill Naziism, that itself is unpalatable to those who have borne its yoke. The Germans are sick of it for it brought them only defeat. But Naziism was only a local afflication of the German people. Their chronic ailment is militarism. It will take a long and patient schooling to remove that poison from their blood and to

poison from their blood and to transmute its power, its sacrifice, its stubborn energy into the constructive forces without which Europe cannot survive nor live at peace with its neighbors.

As I look back on the efforts which were made by the United States military government to exploit the trials as a means of developing an understanding of democracy in Germany, I feel that they have missed a remarkable opportunity. As far as I know at this writing, the speech of Justice Jackson, which explained the purpose of the trials and convicted Nazidom out of its own mouth, is yet to reach the Germans in full text. It is exceedingly difficult for the Information Control division (former OWI) ceedingly difficult for the Informa-tion Control division (former OWI) to take any positive steps over and beyond the established institutions which they created before the lid was clamped down (the few estab-lished American published magalished American published magazines, the one newspaper, the news service and the radio). However, the speech will eventually be translated and appear as a brochure which will be sold at a low price and will be greedily absorbed like every other piece of reading matter in the book-hungry Reich.

Nor was the trial properly covplanning and the carrying out of aggressive warfare; to establish in the law we recognize that such warfare is illegal.

Many lawyers quibble over the technicalities of the process but I think when this case is studied in the perspective of history, it will be clear that the creation of the precedent which it seeks to establish is worth all the time and money and effort which has been expended upon it. The law makes precedents as well as follows them. This precedent, if established, will serve as the foundation stone in a structure of collective security, a structure we cannot build as long as we are blind to the evil of a nation's deeds, which we accept as a crime when meight at first—were assigned to German newspaper men. They were never all filled while I was there. The explanation was that transportation was difficult for Germans. Newsmen were furnished with permits to travel but they weren't furnished with jeeps, or space in a bouncing truck, or seats on the overcrowded trains. They were left to fight it out for themselves. And believe me, there is no room for a "kraut" on a vehicle if anyone else wants the space and if he does get a seat, what will he eat? There is no food available for the itinerant ex-enemy. The authorities should which we accept as a crime when they are done by the individual.

I reported in my first article from Nuernberg that there was doubt that certain of the prisoners could be convicted, that the military leaders might escape on the slender excuse that they merely obeyed or-

## BARBS . . . by Baukhage

Careful checking by American au-horities have revealed that most inti-Nazis come from homes where he father is either dead, an invalid or dominated by his wife.

bome accidents have been sing for more than a decade, when we think of crossing cet, makes us believe there place like bome.

The Twentieth Century fund says that in 1942 half our farmers received only 12 per cent of all farm money income.

The Dean of Canterbury, England, after visiting America, said we were 100 years behind Europe—and from what I have seen of Europe recently I hope we'll stay that far behind.



LADY ASTOR COMES HOME . . . Pictured against a backdrop of a British flag at the pier, following their arrival in New York City, are Lord and Lady Astor. The viscountess, American-born former member of parliament, is en route to Virginia to visit relatives. When asked her plans, Lady Astor stated that she "might run for congress." Matter of lack of American citizenship stands in her way at present, however.



NATIONAL WESTERN GRAND CHAMPION HEREFORD . . . To be crowned kingpin of the hereford family is no small honor. This stately and obviously self-satisfied hereford bull was crowned grand champion of his breed in the National Western Stock show in Denver. He's called Larry Domino 37th and is shown in the top picture with his proud owner. Alan Feeney, left, of the Milky Way Hereford ranch, Phoenix, Ariz., and herdsman Pete Graves.



FLORIDA BIRDS WELCOME "MRS. WINNIE" . . . Vacationing in Miami with her distinguished husband, Mrs. Winston Churchill, wife of Britain's wartime prime minister, enjoys a session with the glamorous denizens of Sherr's parrot jungle. She is surrounded by macaws and cockatoos, which are not in the least timid or awed by the gracious lady. Her husband is spending most of his time with his hobby, oil painting.



FUTURE FARMERS AT WHITE HOUSE . . . President Truman shown as he received members of the board of trustees of the "Future Farmers of America." Left to right: Virgil Getto, Fallon, Neb.; Eugene Starkey, Orlan, Calif.; President Truman; J, Glyndon, Polo, Ifl.; Joseph E. Espey, Maryville, Nio., and Marion Baumgardner, Wellington, Texas. The ormization has an active membership of 200,000, all training to become



LEADS FRANCE . . . Felix Gouin, 61, Socialist leader of the constitu-ent assembly, who has been elect-ed as interim president of France. He replaces Gen. Charles de Gaulle, having received 497 votes out of a possible 555.



PAULEY TO NAVY . . . Edwin W. Pauley, California oil man, has been named by President Truman to be undersecretary of the navy. Washington reports that he will be named head of the merged army-navy when and if authorized.



NAVY'S COACH . . . Capt. Thomas J. Hamilton, who has just been appointed head football coach of the U.S. naval academy. This will be his second coaching tour at Annapolis, having coached in 1934, 1935 and



RESERVE BOARD James K. Vardaman Jr., naval aide to President Truman, nominated for a 14-year term on the Federal Reserve board of governors. Varda-man, a former St. Louis banker, is the son of the late U. S. senator of Mississippl.



PRESENT AND FUTURE: . . "Abother glass of milk and I'll be there,
pop," says three-year-old junior as
he compares muscles with his dad,
light-heavyweight champion Gus
Lesnevich. Gus was just discharged
from service. He has announced
that he will soon book fights.



MUNITIONS TO JAPAN WASHINGTON.—The Pearl Har-

washington.—Ine rear har-bor investigating committee has now spent nearly three months dig-ging into military - naval - political reasons why we were caught asleep on December 7, 1941. While this is important, all the facts show that Japan would have attacked anyway; if not at Pearl Harbor, at some other place, and if not on December 7, at some other time.

Meanwhile, we have seized various documents from the Japs, showing that this war was carefully built up over a period of years and that certain American remissions. ican munitions makers were ei-ther unsuspecting or deliberate Jap co-partners.

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If we are to prevent war in the future—and that presumably is one motive of the Pearl Harbor committee—the manner in which American business aided the Japs to prepare for Pearl Harbor is important. We must build up machinery so this doesn't happen again.

MUNITIONS LOBBIES

One thing the Pearl Harbor committee might well investigate is the way lobbies developed in Washington to put pressure on the government of the control of t ment to sell war goods to Japan. These lobbies, representing oil, gasoline, scrap iron, airplanes, machine tools, made a lot of headway with the army and navy, sometimes with the state department.

One man they never affected was Harold Ickes. As secretary of the interior he controls the export of helium gas, and at exactly the same month the above report was written, the Germans were trying to buy he-lium from the U.S. A. for their

The army, the navy and Secretary of State Hull gave their okay. But Ickes said no—unless American inspectors were stationed in Germany to see how the helium was used. Finally the question came up in cabinet meeting. Secretary Hull gave a long speech telling why it was perfectly safe to sell helium to Germany without inspection. As the vote went round the table, every cabinet member voted against cabinet member voted against Ickes.
But Ickes still said no. Under the

law, the secretary of the interior has absolute control over the export of helium. No one can overrule him. So finally FDR turned to Ickes "Well, Harold, you're the boss.

VETERANS' PROBLEMS

Lt. Col. R. P. Bronson, chief of the contact and service branch of the Veterans' administration,

the Veterans' administration, blinked when he was handed a telegram from a distressed veteran the other day. It read:
"Assistance needed stop brother murdered here December 26 stop reply by wire."
Colonel Bronson instructed an aide to phone the veteran's home city and see that he was given immediate help. Then he continued to mediate help. Then he continued to leaf through the daily file of pleas

"It's all in a day's work," he said.
"But I'll admit that one had me stumped for a while."

Wide and varied are the SOS ap-peals the Veterans' administration receives from men wearing the dis-charge insignia. They range from vets wanting to get traffic tickets "fixed" to those who want to adopt

"hxed" to those who want to adopt children, purchase new automobiles or get liquor licenses.

"We're the 'Little Mother' agency of the government," said the colonci, a two-fisted overseas veteran with a sense of humor and four battle stars on his campaign ribbons. "We do our best, but of course we can't please everybody. It would make it a lot easier on ents realized that their off-thetrack problems hinder the han-dling of thousands of legitimate requests from men seeking ben-efits under the G.I. Bill of Rights and so on. When they ask us to find them wives, that sort of stumps us."

The love interest is uppermost in unusual V.A. mail. However, a Maryland vet recently wanted help in getting his water main connect-

A West Virginian posed the fol-

lowing \$64 question:
"Do you know of or can you find out about some government agency which can assist me in finding a wife? I am a veteran of two years and nine months service—age 39— and so far, for some unknown reason, I am unsuccessful in finding a bride. Hope to receive a favorable

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Members of congress were not pleased by General Eisenhower's quick departure from the Library of Congress auditorium after he addressed them on demobilization. Admiral Nimitz had aides on hand to answer questions after he spoke, but Eisenhower ducked out right after reading his speech, leaving no one from the army to answer questions. . . Al Mareno, secretary to Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce of Connecticut, has a new daughter. Her name—Clare.

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