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## WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

### U. S. Acts to Move Consumer Goods to Market; British Press Drive to Boost Postwar Exports

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American troops go into action in troubled port of Trieste to break up clashes between Italian and Yugoslav factions demonstrating for control of city. Bitter fighting between both elements continued despite Big Four effort to preserve peace by internationalizing area for 18 years. One G.I. has been killed and another wounded while trying to maintain order.

## INVENTORIES:

### Hit Hoarding

Hitting at the withholding of merchandise from the market in anticipation of higher prices, Civilian Production Administration drew up stringent inventory controls on manufacturers of electrical appliances and other scarce goods.

At the same time, CPA disclosed that exports may be limited if shippers move out a flood of goods at high prices to badly depleted foreign markets. Restoration of OPA price control would make such a step unnecessary, it was said.

Under CPA regulations, inventories of finished goods would be restricted to 30 days. Included are refrigerators, furniture, washing machines, electric ranges, sewing machines, vacuum cleaners, cameras, asphalt and tarred roofing, insect screen cloth and galvanized ware.

Production material and parts also must be held to minimum needs to prevent heavy buying against possible future price increases.

## PRICE CONTROL:

### Union Pressure

While house and senate conferees were striving to work out a compromise OPA bill satisfactory to the President, both the AFL and CIO exerted strong pressure for reasonable pricing of consumer goods.



William Green

Addressing the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees in Detroit, Mich., AFL President William Green pledged his organization's support in the battle to save OPA and backed up the union's threat to seek higher wages in the event adequate legislation is not shaped.

Meanwhile, local leaders of the CIO-United Automobile Workers rallied their membership for a buyer's strike throughout the country ordered by UAW Chieftain Walter Reuther. As the drive was to get underway, Dun & Bradstreet figures showed that the weekly index of 31 food commodities had soared to \$5.20 only 1.2 per cent below the \$5.30 peak of 1919. Since expiration of OPA controls, prices had rocketed 19 per cent, it was said.

## MINE FOREMEN:

### Win Pact

Paving the way for recognition of unionization of foremen in coal mines, pending court approval, the federal government signed a contract with John L. Lewis' Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Workers covering 146 employees at four bituminous pits of Jones & Laughlin Steel company in Pennsylvania.

In reaching an agreement with Lewis as operator of the mines under seizure orders, the government stipulated that the contract could be voided in the event that a federal court of appeals issued an injunction against the action. Coal operators long have deferred recognition of a foremen's union, asserting that supervisory personnel were

## POLITICS:

### Beat Wheeler

Political observers studied the campaign in the Democratic senatorial primary in Montana for a clue to the cause of defeat of the veteran Burton K. Wheeler, with a variety of reasons appearing to contribute to his downfall.

Since the rugged veteran led the non-interventionist cause before Pearl Harbor, the Japanese attack on the U. S. and the swing of American sentiment toward effective world co-operation were seen to have acted strongly against him. But because of the closeness of his defeat, the CIO-PAC fight against him, the opposition of the powerful railroad brotherhoods and the diversion of the main strength of the Democratic organization to his opponent, Leif Erickson, could have weakened enough votes away from him to spell defeat.

Winding up 24 years of senatorial service, Wheeler said: "... The people of Montana have been very good to me. ... Those who voted in the Democratic primary have relieved me of a great responsibility and a lot of work. ... Probably I have lost many supporters because I did not go along blindly with a Democratic administration in the last few years, but I could not sacrifice my principles. ..."

## Return Talmadge

Georgia's gubernatorial election shared the national spotlight with Montana's senatorial race, with fiery, red-suspended Gene Talmadge making his bid for a fourth term on a platform of "white supremacy."

Despite the fact that his No. 1 opponent, James V. Carmichael, rolled up an impressive popular vote, Talmadge took an early lead in the decisive unit voting in which winners are determined by the number of counties they carry.

Against a background of a U. S. Supreme court decision opening Democratic primaries in the South to Negroes, and another court ruling forbidding segregation on interstate buses, Talmadge conducted a vigorous "white supremacy" campaign. With Georgia's state administration under retiring Gov. Ellis Arnall making no effort to curb the colored vote, more than 100,000 Negroes flocked to the polls, separate booths being set up in some election stations.

## Browder Book Salesman

Once head of the Communist party in the U. S. before his deposition because of his advocacy of working relations between the classes instead of rivalry, Earl Browder returned from a six-week visit to Rus-



Earl Browder

sia as official representative of Soviet publishers in this country.

Setting himself up in an office in New York, Browder told reporters he would seek to develop better understanding between the American and Russian people through the exchange of literature. In addition to handling Soviet publications, he will sell U. S. books to the Reds.

## POLAND:

### Protests Election

Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, who returned to Poland after the war to represent the moderates in the Soviet-sponsored provisional government, had his first open tiff with the new regime over the conduct of the recent elections.

Because of the stringent censorship of the Polish press, Mikolajczyk aired his grievances to foreign correspondents. Exhibiting a thousand partially burned and destroyed ballots, which he said had been salvaged from sewers, he charged that numerous such ballots marked against the government-backed proposal for a single legislature had been counted out. Reports from local committees in 12 cities, including Warsaw, showed 85.54 per cent of the people against the proposition, which the government declared carried.

While the election commissioner denied the charges, he admitted that in some places ballots were removed from polling places to other stations for counting, and some provinces had barred members from Mikolajczyk's moderate Peasant party from voting commissions.



## Stage Door:

George Arliss made \$640,000 in the U. S. That was his net estate, at any rate. Compare him with Wm. S. Hart. ... Arliss didn't bequeath a peso to any American charity—not even to the Episcopal Actors' Guild, of which he once was president. Phooey. ... Fred Hillebrand at 52 enters a local school of music. Five years ago, not knowing a note, he composed a Negro Spiritual which was a smash hit. So he decided to write an opera. That explains why he is going to a music school in a class with kids. ... The reason author Michael Strange (pen name of an ex-Mrs. John Barrymore) isn't listed in the Social Register as Barrymore is this: Stage names are not listed. Barrymore's real name is Blythe.

Two Little Girls in Blue: The lovely, blonde, middle-aged lady dispensing sodas at Nicholas' in Grand Central terminal was once one of Ziegfeld's most celebrated beauties. Her name is Doris Carlson. ... Another beauty in the same Ziegfeld show gal department recently purchased 114 E. 49th street (near GC Terminal) for \$200,000. Her name: Polly Lux.

The Washington waggles: Washington still has 8,000 dollar-a-year-men. ... Income tax chief Nunan is not happy over the pay raise for all his men. Because he has to fire half of them. The senators who agreed to the pay tilt demanded that that many be discharged to make up the new expense! ... New York realtors are planning to whip the N. Y. State rent control by using NRA as a precedent. ... According to Daniel Delano Jr., the Delano family has given 11 presidents to the nation. He'll tell all about it in a tome. ... Repub leader J. Martin, home minority chief, will get his political opposition from Mrs. Martha Sharp, wife of a minister. ... Sec'y of State Byrnes, they say, told Molotov to quit vetoing "the peace of the world." Did he mean the tranquility of China or the quiet and calm of Palestine?

John S. Davis has prepared a new ciggie which will be marketed by one of the leading cigaret firms. This cigaret, they say, dilates the blood vessels and will raise the skin temperature one degree, whereas popular brands are said to lower it by several. ... The iodides in this new cig counteract effect of nicotine and it is reported to have been tested successfully on over 400 medical students. ... It also is supposed to have lowered their high blood pressure. ... Its name (six letters) starts with "D."

Broadway Side-Show: This is one of those Broadway sagas that make you love the people in show business. ... One of the chorus girls in the revue, "Call Me Mister," is Kate Friedlich. ... She is also understudy to the star ballerina, Maria Karnilova. ... Last week Kate's invalid father was wheel-chaired into the National theater to witness the hit. ... Karnilova (learning of the visit) realized this would be one of the old man's rare opportunities to see his daughter dance. ... She insisted that Kate go on in her place. ... All of which made an old man and a young girl very happy.

Most terrific anti-trust action in history of the U. S. is slated for Sept. It will involve at least seven of the best-known brokerage houses, an insurance firm and some banks. ... Wendell Berge's (D. of J.) trust-busters will charge that U. S. production is deliberately bottlenecked by the monopolies involved. ... One of the digest mags for August has the exclusive story on it by B. Atlas. ... Wall Streeters are poised for the big explosion that will shake the nation's financial setup.

Manhattan Murals: The Little Vienna dishwasher who is a composer and music arranger on the side. He also publishes a monthly mag for amateur songsmiths. His name is Paul Christian; he's 57. Helps newcomers. ... The menu at the Stage delicatessen which amuses the "Ellas" of the neighborhood with this sandwich: "Ham and Swish." ... The shapely blonde strolling through the park in a three-whistle play-suit. ... Cab Calaway will be next to column a la LaGuardia (paid newspaper ads). For the Zanzibar, in jive lingo.

## Returned Veterans Aid Outlook For Elderly U. S. Farm Couples

### Alabama Brothers Show Success in Postwar Venture

Return of veterans from the armed forces is aiding the financial outlook for many an elderly U. S. farm couple.

Take the Bowdens in Coffee county, Ala., for example. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowden are 69 and 63 years old, respectively, and, because of their age, were not able to make the most out of the farm they were operating when their sons were in service.

Upon their return from the armed forces, Lynn and Oren Bowden shouldered the job of making a living for the family and increasing dividends from the farm. Their first objective was to buy the farm, thus raising themselves and their "old folks" out of the tenant farmer class.

Since many elderly farmers and their wives also are looking to their sons to take over the home farm, the story of the Bowdens is related to show what can be accomplished.

Actually the story has its beginning in 1936 when, as the elder Bowden frankly admits, "we were down and out and had to struggle to make ends meet." Unable to get credit from regular lenders for purchase of feed, seed, fertilizer, equipment and other farm needs, the Bowdens resorted to a government agency, now the Farm Security Administration, to secure the necessary funds. Along with the funds came instruction in sound farming practices, which enabled the Bowden family to improve the efficiency of their operations.

A period of progress followed, but the advent of war disrupted all the family's plans. Both Lynn and Oren were called into service, resulting in an acute lack of help on the farm. Lynn, 44, veteran of both world wars, entered the army in 1940 when the Alabama National Guard was called into service. Oren, 31, also was a member of the National Guard and entered service early the following year. A temporary re-



SEEK EXPERT GUIDANCE—The Bowden brothers and their parents have proved that they are good farmers, but they frankly admit they don't know it all. Here James S. Pridden, Coffee county, Ala., FSA supervisor, shows Lynn and Oren Bowden how to treat seed peanuts to prevent damp rot after they are in the ground.

spite was gained when Oren was placed on inactive duty to help run the farm, but he later was called back into service.

Upon their discharge early in 1943, both brothers returned to the family farm. Intent on purchasing the 360-acre farm, previously rented by the family, the brothers arranged the necessary financing with Farm Security Administration, which permits 40 years at 3 per cent interest for repayment of farm purchase loans. A major factor in the family's success was the diversified farming plan which the agency helped the family to map out.

Faced with a \$4,800 debt, contracted in purchasing the farm, the Bowdens embarked on an ambitious farm program designed to wipe out the debt in shortest possible time. Within a year they had paid off more than half the debt. Today, only three years later, the final payment has been made to the govern-

ment agency and the Bowdens are full owners of their land.

With 160 acres of the farm under cultivation, the Bowdens produce peanuts as the main cash crop. Carrying out their plan of diversified farming, they also have cotton, hogs and 12 head of beef cattle, principally of the Black Angus type. To develop their herd, they recently purchased a purebred Angus bull.

In 1944, the Bowdens marketed 20 tons of peanuts, \$600 worth of hogs, and \$60 worth of cattle. They had 15 other hogs left over for marketing by the end of that year as well as 12 stock hogs and 2 milk cows. Sale of chickens and eggs also added to farm returns.

Marketings the following year included 20 tons of peanuts, 4 bales of cotton and about \$588 worth of hogs. After these sales, they had 24 Duroc shoats, 4 brood sows and 30 pigs on hand as well as their beef cattle.

The "old folks" are helping the veterans progress in their farming venture. The elder Bowden raises garden produce, selling \$112 worth of cabbage from a few rows in his garden last year. Intent on increasing the returns, he has planted six 80-foot rows of cabbage this year. Mrs. Bowden also is active in work around the house and garden.

Size of the family also has been increased. After the last farm payment was made, Oren was married and brought his wife to the family farm home.

Today the Bowdens are considered successful Alabama farmers. Each member of the family does his proper share of work and all reap the benefits of good living on a well-operated farm. Furthermore, the elder Mr. and Mrs. Bowden can take more time to enjoy the peace and security of farm life now that their boys, like so many others, are home again from the war.



PIGS BOOST INCOME ... Oren Bowden is shown here with brood sows and some of the young porkers which will be ready for market in the fall. Returns from cattle and pigs increase earnings on the Bowden farm, which is operated on a well-rounded diversified farming plan.

## Loans to Veterans for Farm Purchases And Operating Costs Reach High Peak

Setting a new high in Farm Security Administration loans to veterans, 5,400 ex-servicemen were financed in purchase of farm operating equipment or family farms within a two-month period, according to figures released by department of agriculture.

The loans, made during March and April, constitute nearly a third of the total number the agency has approved for veterans during the last two years, FSA Administrator Dillard B. Lasseter announces.

Declaring that the agency expects the record lending to continue, Lasseter reports that more than 20,000 veteran applications now are being processed in county offices.

More than 18,000 veterans already have received FSA assistance. Approximately 1,000 of them obtained farm purchase loans under terms of the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act from an earmarked fund set up by congress. The rest have loans to buy machinery and livestock or for other operating needs.

Soaring real estate prices and lack of productive farms for sale have handicapped veterans in their quest for farms, Lasseter says.

## Guidance Plan Aids Farmers Getting Loans

Individual guidance in good farm and home management practices is provided by Farm Security Administration with all loans, the department of agriculture emphasizes.

Each loan, the department reports, is based on a sound plan for farm and home management that is worked out by the borrower and his family. The plan shows items the farmer intends to raise, his estimated operating expenses and income he may expect to make.

A FSA supervisor, schooled in efficient farm methods, helps each family make and carry out the plan. He will supply information on how to select and care for livestock, plan crop rotations and put other good farm methods into practice. In most rural counties a home supervisor, trained in home economics, also is available to assist the family.

Main objects of the guidance plan, according to FSA, are to help the farmer "get the most income from his work, obtain a good living for his family and repay his loan."



CARES FOR CABBAGE ... Most of the gardening on the Bowden farm is done by J. W. Bowden, 69, father of the Bowden brothers. Here he is working among his cabbages, which netted \$140 in 1945.