

# Washington Digest

## Practical Planners Plot Nation's Economic Future

### Map Expansion of Foreign Trade as Help in Meeting Goal of 60,000,000 Jobs in Postwar Period.

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"Sixty million jobs!" That phrase has been batted about hopefully, contemptuously, with the raised eyebrow of cynical doubt, with the set jaw of desperate determination.

People may believe it is an ideal dream or feel that it is quite practicable but the majority of experts will tell you unless it is achieved we face the old cycle: inflation, depression, war and pestilence.

But the phrase "60 million jobs" has acquired a new meaning in the last few weeks. Why? Because of a plan that has been presented to achieve this goal. The men who have worked it out, and the things that have brought them together and welded their ideas into an effective implement, have caused some of the hard-headed experts, who are accustomed to weigh such ideas on the scales of experience and either toss them into the scrap heap or hold them up as worthy of use, to call this plan good.

The "plan" is contained in a little red-bound booklet issued as Pamphlets Nos. 37-38 of the National Planning association and called "America's New Opportunities in World Trade." And let me hasten to say right here that this organization is not to be confused with another New Deal group of a similar name which congress in its wisdom, or otherwise, has weighed in the balance and found wanting.

The National Planning association about which I am writing is a non-governmental, non-partisan association of businessmen and scholars, labor leaders, farmers, bankers and manufacturers,—all, insofar as this task is concerned, at once selfless workers in the vineyard of the public good, and husbandmen who realize their neighbor's prosperity is likewise their own.

There are three reasons why the plan for creating jobs, worked out by this organization, has made an impression on Washington and elsewhere:

First, it has been examined and praised by certain media of public thought which can hardly be described as champions of the impractical, the utopian or the unAmerican—the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune, and Business Week, to mention only three.

Second, because of the men who authored or sponsored it—all leaders in their respective fields of American enterprise.

Third, because of the way the organization which brought these men together came into being.

Now let me give you the gist of the plan.

**Must Boost Imports, Foreign Investments**

A 10 billion dollar trade budget calling for increased imports and increased foreign investments. That sounds pretty unorthodox to start with. There would be tariff reductions to increase the imports on the theory that only thus will foreign countries be able to get the money to buy our goods.

There would be steps taken to make foreign capital investments secure in order to build them up.

There would be an international bank for reconstruction and development; there would be long-time foreign trade agreements coordinated with long-time investment programs.

Now, in order to understand why such an unorthodox program finds such ready acceptance in a hard-bitten world fed up with utopian planning, let me take you back to the genesis of the organization from which this plan emerged.

We find ourselves in the comfortable but somewhat gloomy quarters of the old City club in New York where met a group of men, most of them engineers, some economists, others interested as members of that club, who had become tired of the type of "research" which was largely a collection of ancient history and which looked backward instead of forward.

These men saw the weakness in the kind of "report" frequently asked for and submitted to great corporations and other institutions by high-paid and well-informed experts, but written entirely by men



## Midwinter Collections Arouse Yearning for a New Fur Coat

By **CHERIE NICHOLAS**



The spotted types. As to the supremacy of lovely white ermine in the evening mode, there is no question.

THIS fall and winter season stands forth on the fashion calendar as marking the dawn of a new era of superbly styled, luxurious looking fur coats that set a new high in point of elegance and artful design. After seeing the eye-thrilling midwinter displays, so resplendent and so "different" in style technique, any idea of making a last year's coat "do this winter" becomes in the mind of the woman who aspires to keep pace with fashion quite an unworkable theory. Perhaps "what to do with that Christmas check" might find an answer here.

The woman buying the fur coat of her dreams now, will reap rich reward, for the midwinter showings are presenting fur artistry at its peak. They stage a veritable revelation of models that interpret all the latest fashion gestures in way of wide versatility in the furs themselves, plus a new elegance in styling that outmoded anything that has been seen in recent years. Fur coats in current displays tell you the story of new shorter lengths, and of voluptuous large sleeves, most of them with dramatic wide cuffs, and of a new generous silhouette that achieves a flare and a pert back swing. These details sum up to that feeling of new elegance which pervades the entire fashion realm this winter.

It adds intrigue too, that such an amazing variety of furs are "in style" these days. It is as fashion-right to wear a super Persian lamb coat as it is to wear an American or Russian broadtail. As for mink, it has come into its own in a big way. The sensation is wild mink, a very soft and youthful looking fur that is being made up into stunning coats, capes and handsome cape-styles. Seal, black or brown, is given high fashion rank, also nutria, beaver, caracul gray or brown, and many sports furs, particularly

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

### Short Housecoat Is Pretty and Practical

Somehow we have grown into the habit of thinking of housecoats in terms of floor length. The new collections feature very charming housecoats that stop just at or below the knee. It's surprising how practical and good-looking they are. You can get them in padded and quilted styles in plain colors or in beautiful floral patterns.

### Embroidered Wool Wraps Are New-This-Season

A distinctly new-this-season evening winter wrap is a wool 25-inch topper. It is neatly tailored with novelty-shaped pockets embellished with sequins, gold embroidery and jewel-like stones. Hip-depth capes of handsome wool have rich embroidery at each shoulder top.

### Vogue Turns to Capes

Fashion is very cape-conscious nowadays. The new suits are caped and the latest dresses have cape flares in the back. The long fur cape is a fashion-first and the short fur cape takes the place of the shorter fur jacket in many instances.

## Soaring Wings

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JANICE pulled her sweater closer about her as she hurried across the dunes, the thermos jug cuddled under her arm. It had been a blistering hot day, but with night-fall the wind shifted east, and even now a spray rode in with the waves. It was tedious work spotting from the watchtower on the rocky ledge, and Barry would appreciate the coffee.

She smiled softly in the darkness, warm at the thought of Barry and how much he meant to her. She couldn't imagine what life would be like without him to tease her affectionately. They had grown up together in this tiny New England village, sharing experiences, perfectly content with their narrow little square of earth, but then war came, and its shadow blotted out the sun on the crags, the peaceful fishing dories, and the graceful flight of sea gulls across the harbor. Everything suddenly assumed a stern and vital purpose, and a man became ambitious, restless.

"Golly, Jan, I'd give anything to enlist right now," Barry's serious mood touched the girl, and she shuddered slightly. She was thankful Mrs. Conroy depended solely on him. He worked with a new determination, a zeal that hinted he was under pressure.

The feeling swept through the village like wildfire and uniforms mushroomed overnight. Even Fred Willis with his warped, distorted mind and his crooked back seethed



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with rage to think he could not fight. Jan worried about Fred. He had always been unreasonably jealous of Barry, so much so that it was becoming an obsession.

"He's just a slacker, Barry Conroy is," Jan overheard Fred's venomous attack. "Afraid, if I had his strong body, nothing would keep me out of this scrap."

"Why, Fred, how unkind; and untrue, too!" He faced her defiantly, and she didn't like the look in his eyes.

She sympathized with Barry's disappointment when he told her of his failure to make the grade with the Air Corps, but she couldn't still the happy thought: He'll stay a while longer. I won't lose him yet.

Janice thought now what a god-send the boom had been to the village. She remembered her first trip with Barry. With the slack tide they had ridden the ground swells off the coast in the little dory and detached the rock-moored moss with long rakes. Back on shore, their haul had to be spread out to dry. Every evening and when rain threatened, it was packed in large covered buckets for protection, as fresh water could ruin the whole lot.

"Somebody discovered that a powder made from the dried moss could be used in chocolate milk, ice cream soda and other soft drinks to keep the mixtures from separating. Golly, Jan, don't argue about it. Just be grateful that this summer's harvest will pay for painting the house."

Janice feared his reaction to an outer world, a wonderful, exciting new environment. Barry, she knew, would adapt himself easily. He deserved his chance, even if he did forget a snub-nosed little girl in denim slacks and sneakers. She sighed, thinking how delighted Barry had been earlier in the evening.

"Jan, it's almost enough!" he gloated exultantly. "A few more collections like this, and I'll practically have my wings." Her heart contracted. She hurried now, for it began to sprinkle. She stopped short as she saw Fred skulking by the packed tubs. Fred, wanting to keep Barry out of uniform even as she did. Fred, who had silently removed all the covers and stolen away in the darkness.

It was a futile effort at revenge, she knew, and yet it would keep Barry close and safe beside her for a few more weeks. She began to feel a conspiratorial kinship with Fred. It was sheer accident she had stumbled on the scene at all. Barry wasn't expecting her.

When Janice reached the watchtower, Barry held her close. "Good girl!" he whispered. "I saw the whole thing." Janice stared at the binoculars on the table. She was glad she had covered the tubs that would send her eagle soaring. In giving Barry his chance she had made a place for herself beside him forever.

## SEWING CIRCLE PATTERNS

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Household Hints

It is easier to wash a large amount of slightly soiled clothes than a few very dirty ones.

When washing walls, start at the bottom, instead of at the top; then if you spill any of the cleaning fluid on the wall it will not spot, as otherwise.

Use a large oiled silk bowl cover for an emergency shower cap.

When shaking a small throw rug, hold by the sides. If held by the ends, the weight of the rug pulls the threads apart.

Coffee grounds make a good sweeping compound for use in the basement.

Glue a bright piece of linoleum over the old worn top of a card table.

Clean your brick hearth by first scrubbing with a stiff brush and hot soapy water. Rinse clean and wipe dry. Let stand a day and then coat with boiled linseed oil.

If heavy furniture must be moved and there is no second person to help, this is a satisfactory way to do it. There is little lifting, and there will be no scratches on the floor. Lift furniture onto an old rag rug or sack. Then pull it over to where you want it to be.

A steam bath will usually bring velvet back to its original texture.

When boiling cauliflower, place in a kettle with head downward. Scum rising to the top of kettle will not then settle on flowers and discolor them.

## To Relieve Bad Cough, Mix This Recipe, at Home

Big Saving. No Cooking. So Easy.

You'll be surprised how quickly and easily you can relieve coughs due to colds, when you try this splendid recipe. It gives you about four times as much cough medicine for your money, and you'll find it truly wonderful.

Make a syrup by stirring 2 cups of granulated sugar and one cup of water a few moments, until dissolved. No cooking needed—it's no trouble at all. (Or you can use corn syrup or liquid honey, instead of sugar syrup.) Then put 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (obtained from any drugstore) into a pint bottle. Add your syrup and you have a full pint of medicine that will amaze you by its quick action. It never spoils, and tastes fine.

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## BRIEFS... by Baukhage

"Merry Christmas," said the boy. "Well, I might," said the wistful lady, "if he asked me."

Don't know who Bobby is, but at least he deserves a sock.

It is a dangerous thing when cigarettes, biting your nails, oversleeping or being inaugurated gets to be a habit.

What about the rugged individualists who can't roll their own?

It is easier to let the cat out of the bag before you want to than to let it out of the back door when it wants to.

Turning in a victory bond is like killing the goose for one gold-plated egg.