

Who's News This Week

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NEW YORK.—Five times now Viscount Waldorf Astor has been elected mayor of English Plymouth; and since no one claims to have been **Plymouth's Mayor** dedicated **Has 2 Terms Up On Our Top Man** our President Roosevelt in office.

Astor would have been a ranking member of the Park Avenue set here if his father hadn't grown hippy over flaws in our economic system and popped off to London. Ennoblement followed, the more easily, perhaps, because of American millions taken along.

Besides being Plymouth's semi-permanent mayor, the viscount is the quieter half of the conjugal partnership completed by the one-time glamour girl and always remarkable Nancy Langhorne of Virginia. They have five children and maybe it was the feeding of the five that started Astor's present interest in nutrition.

Most people who plump for food reform are lean, and so is the viscount, a rangy, self-conscious fellow 64 years old but looking younger. Oxford is his university. There he played polo, ran in steeplechase races and grew expert with the saber. His wealth is still great, thanks to the fur-bearing Jacob, founder of all Astor fortunes.

A BRITISH admiral has been saying that only three good things ever came out of Germany . . . music, sausages and Marlene Dietrich. He

A Keg Is the Last Thing Dietrich's Outline Resembles will, doubtless, grant that others, including the Scandinavians, produced good music. And Homer sang of sausages centuries before any Germafs thought of even so simple a skin game. But on Dietrich he is as right as rain.

Although she has lived here for 13 years, she is Berlin born, and as uniquely German as a keg of Pilsener. But not Nazi. When she was naturalized four years ago Goebbels read her right out of the Reich.

A little trip into the thesaurus might have uncovered several better words than that "keg." Burgess Meredith never would have said of a keg, as he did of Miss Dietrich, that he wished all women looked like her.

Just when Miss Dietrich was born in Berlin is not at hand. However, she was married in 1924 to Franz Seiber, and she has an 18-year-old daughter, a recent bride. So her age must be about . . . Yep! Just about! If not exactly.

Miss Dietrich used to be a stormy petrel. Once she and Garbo had their knives out. Once she was in Mae West's hair. And she made more than one director back up. But she has been swinging less often from the floor since she made her come-back on those famous under-pinnings, singing "See What the Boys in the Back Room Will Give." Lately, helping sell Victory bonds, she has been singing, "See What the Boys in the Back Room Will Give."

IN GREEN lofty Bogota, President Alfonso Lopez Y Pumarejo has reorganized his cabinet. By shrewd compromise, he probably hopes

to prevent repetition of United States Has **Staunch Friend in Colombia's Chief** Axis-inspired disturbances. All Liberal factions now are included in the set-up.

Like liberals everywhere, the Liberals of Colombia differ greatly in degree. President Lopez is farther to the left than many. He has pressed . . . sometimes against opposition in his own party . . . reforms in social legislation, taxation, education; in fact he initiated many of them during his previous incumbency.

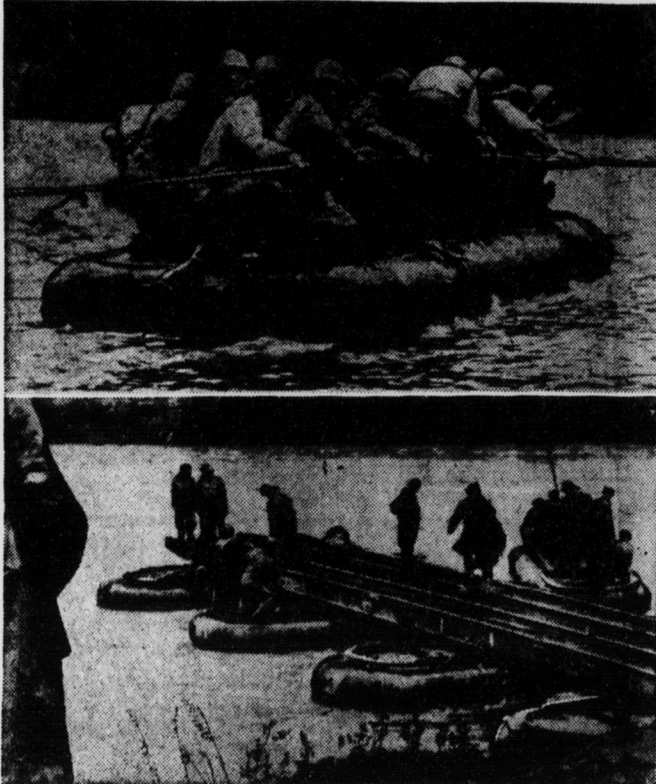
For he has been president before . . . '34 to '38. Not trusting to any second, or third term tradition the Colombian constitution forbids successive elections. So in '38 Dr Eduardo Santos came in, but in 1942, in his 56th year, Lopez came back.

The United States is fortunate to have him. A thorough-going democrat, he is also our thorough-going friend. He came here in his youth, after classical studies at Oxford, to investigate business administration.

He did not enter politics until after his marriage in 1912 to Dona Maria Michelsen; he has had a fling at banking and at newspapering. He comes from a wealthy banking family.

After serving in the Colombian house of representatives, he devoted himself to electing Dr. Enrique Herrera, the first Liberal president of Colombia in 1930. Later Lopez served Herrera, as minister to London and delegate to the League of Nations. He has visited this country often since studying here, notably in August of 1942.

Americans Advancing Across the Volturno



Despite strong German defensive action, Allied forces pushed across the Volturno river in their steady northward march over Italy. Top: American infantry troops tow themselves across the strategic river on a rubber pontoon. Bottom: A group of American soldiers pitch a steel pontoon bridge across the Volturno while a sentinel guards against snipers.

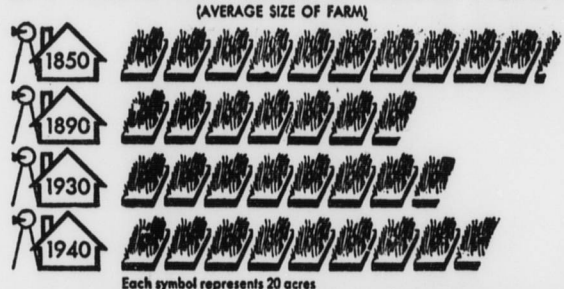
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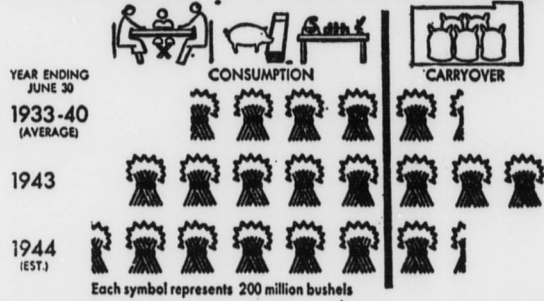
A dying Indian family is pictured on the streets of Calcutta where 250 persons perished daily in the worst famine to strike India for decades. This scene was typical of the condition in India as appeals were made for Allied assistance in the form of "mercy ships" bearing food. The famine was reported to have killed 25,000 in Bengal within four months.

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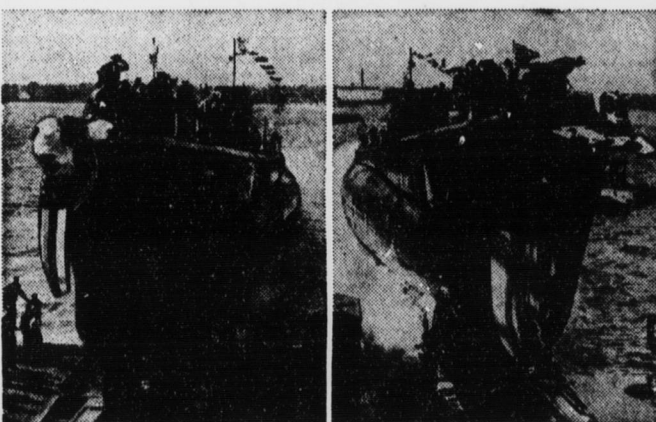
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Allied Conferees



Top: United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull as he arrived in Moscow to confer with Russia's foreign commissar, Vyacheslav Molotov, bottom, and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, on matters pertaining to the war.

Chicago Has a Subway



Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago cuts a ribbon in the central station of his city's new five-mile subway. A few minutes later trains were roaring through the \$40,000,000 tubes which are being operated by the elevated lines.

Italian Pin Up Boy



An Italian war prisoner hangs out his laundry "somewhere in America." Prisoners get clothing, good food and are paid for work. Officers are paid according to rank. In American camps prisoners get \$3 a month whether they work or not.

Jap Split-Toe Shoes



This split-toe type of shoe, pictured on a dead Jap soldier in the Solomons, is worn by those who, as civilians, were accustomed to open sandals fastened by a strap between the toes.



Notes of an Innocent Bystander:

The Magic Lanterns: Mary Martin, already topping the newest stage hit, "Venus," presides over a daffy dilly on the screen called "True to Life" . . . "Phantom of the Opera" gives you more opera than phantom this time, with Nelson Eddy, Susanna Foster and Jane Farrar pouring it on vocally. Claude Rains is the head skulker, but his chills run second to the trills . . . "Behind the Rising Sun" is grim stuff about the war against the Japs. Its barbarities were authenticated by Correspondent James Young, who lived among the beheaders for years. Margo and Don Douglas are the pair who stir up the Japs' furies.

The Dials: The AFL urged NBC to muzzle Kaltenborn because of his severe jabs at labor unions. The network, however, permits him to continue expressing his opinions freely, even if they irk you or me . . . The best answer to any oral attack, as the AFL probably will agree, is not suppression, but facts. When civil liberties go down the drain so will labor's . . . We thawt only columnists took bows for scoops. But every hour, via its radio offerings, the N. Y. Times announced its beat in reporting that Italy would declare war on Germany . . . Fred Waring likes to hurl numbers around on his show—how many performers, etc. He announced 176 piano keys for a selection. How many piccolo holes? . . . Jack Benny's new corps of writers caught his style admirably on Jack's first out and added a little more lunacy . . . The other night a band came on the air unaccompanied by that claquey hand-clapping and synthetic cheering. Or could I have just dreamed that?

Memos of a Midnighter: MGM has junked "They Were Expendable," a best seller! . . . Jockey Nick Wall and his wife have reconciled after a long sep . . . Insiders think that if Durocher is dropped as Dodgers' pilot—his successor may be the gent who once said: "Is Brooklyn still in the National League?"—Bill Terry . . . "Lassie," the dog star (of the film by that name at the Music Hall), is a him—real name is Pal. The owner sold him for \$10 . . . After seeing the preview in H'wood he came out muttering: "I've thrown away a fortune!" . . . Garbo has given in to Ernest Pascal's pleading to go to London and star in Shaw's "St. Joan."

From the Irish Echo: "Premier De Valera of Eire succeeded, after considerable time and effort, in making Hitler pay for the restoration of a synagogue in Dublin which had been destroyed by Nazi airmen when they bombed the city a couple of years ago. Mr. De Valera acted in fulfillment of a promise to the Jews of Eire that their lives and property would be protected by the government against the acts of any enemy of the country."

Quotation Marksmanship: A Murray: She's the only one I know who always seems to thumba into a room . . . Mere: Beauty is the first present nature gives to woman and the first it takes away . . . Denham: Ambition is like love—impatient both of delays and rivals . . . Moore: Playful blushes that seem but luminous escapes of thought . . . E. Cuneo: Hitler's One-World—Unanimosity . . . H. Klurfeld: Duce gave Italy roads, but the Allies are giving it hot and cold running Nazis . . . E. Gilligan: The village went to sleep—window by window . . . H. Brown: She balanced her dignity on the tip of her nose . . . Confucius: If you lose your temper, you've lost the argument . . . Anon's definition of intoxicated: To feel sophisticated and not be able to pronounce it.

Private White House polls show Wallace has twice the support for the vice presidency as the combined vote of all his opponents, including J. Byrnes, P. McNutt, Mr. Justice Douglas and J. Winant . . . A Capitol correspondent is in a jam with colleagues for supposedly making remarks to their wives . . . The Stork Club has gone high-toned. Last night its guests included America's famous poet, Joseph Auslander, and Assistant Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle Jr., and his wife . . . In the film, "Spitfire," the late Leslie Howard (who perished in a plane) says: "What's the use of inventing planes? They only kill people!" . . . L.H.R. of the Times records this nifty: "Washington is a place where everyone is welcome but no one is missed."

His chums enjoy relating this about lovable Barney Baruch, whose counsel is often sought by statesmen . . . Baruch is hard of hearing and wears a device which is connected with some dry batteries concealed in a coat pocket. These batteries are hard to get nowadays—so when Baruch is buttonholed by a bore or some time-waster, he reaches into his pocket and disconnects the batteries by merely pushing the "OFF" button . . . The bore keeps raving away, but Baruch doesn't hear a thing.

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