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BRITISH AWARE OF CONGRESS

Although the average Britisher will be amazed if FDR is not elected to a fourth term, recent weeks have seen the British press and public far more aware of the possibility of Republican victory.

When Governor Dewey began his recent speaking tour, he rated about one paragraph per speech in most London papers, with an editorial tending to depreciate the GOP standard-bearer. Enthusiastic Republican Representative Karl Mundt of South Dakota remarked that when he arrived in London, early in September, he needed a magnifying glass to find any reference to Dewey—always referred to by the British as "Governor Tom Dewey."

However, the challenger's space in the London press gradually increased during September, culminating in double-column headlines on the front pages the night after his Oklahoma City speech.

Chatting one day with a member of the British House of Commons, Congressman Mundt was asked about Dewey's chances. He replied that he thought they were excellent and that Dewey might very well go into the White House next year. The member of parliament, off guard, answered: "What a pity."

Mundt mentioned the incident later to Churchill's minister of information, Brendan Braeken, who apologized.

"I thought we had them better trained than that."

PARLIAMENT NOTICES CONGRESS

An important result of the U. S. political uncertainty is the determination on the part of the British government to work with this country on the legislative as well as the executive level. The British are becoming more and more aware of the importance of the American congress, admit they should never have overlooked it after they saw the trouncing Wilson got after the last armistice.

While observing the British Parliament, Mundt heard a speech by Lord Braithwaite, author of a recent bill inviting American congressmen to England as official guests, call for much closer relations between parliament and congress.

"Our international friendship," said Lord Braithwaite, "cannot be permitted to depend on the slender reed of affection between two individuals separated by a mighty ocean."

GOOD NEIGHBORS PROVIDE COFFEE

The backstage story in regard to the near threat of coffee rationing is that the Good Neighbor policy paid dividends last month. Brazilian friendship enabled us to avert either coffee rationing or a coffee rise in price. The American housewife will be in \$18,000,000 between now and Christmas because of the Good Neighbor policy.

U. S. retail coffee prices here have been frozen since December, 1941, but the cost of producing coffee in Brazil, Colombia, Salvador and Venezuela has not. Growers there have been clamoring for higher prices.

The governments of these four countries have been under constant pressure from powerful coffee interests to get better prices in the United States. In general, the growers of Venezuela, Colombia and Salvador have had partial support from their governments, but the Brazilian government has refused to press for higher prices.

As a result, growers have been tapering off in their acceptance of orders from the U. S. A. Gambling on an early end of the war, they decided to build up stocks for immediate sale to England, Sweden, France and Spain. (Coffee will keep in the bean for as long as five to ten years.)

This refusal of growers to accept new orders led the War Food Administration to recommend rationing to OPA Administrator Chester Bowles last summer. Bowles opposed rationing then, though agreeing with WFA Boss Marvin Jones that we should not raise the price of coffee.

1,000,000 BAGS A MONTH

When brilliant Brazilian minister of finance, Souza Closta, was in Washington last July, he guaranteed us a minimum of 1,000,000 bags of Brazilian coffee for each of the four months from September through December. Costa promised extra large shipments from Brazil, risking the extreme anger of Brazilian growers in the interest of U. S. friendship.

Meanwhile, the administration found itself unable to buy coffee for delivery even next year. The Brazilian guarantee is only for the remainder of this year, and the American people drink more than 1,000,000 bags a month, it has been pointed out.

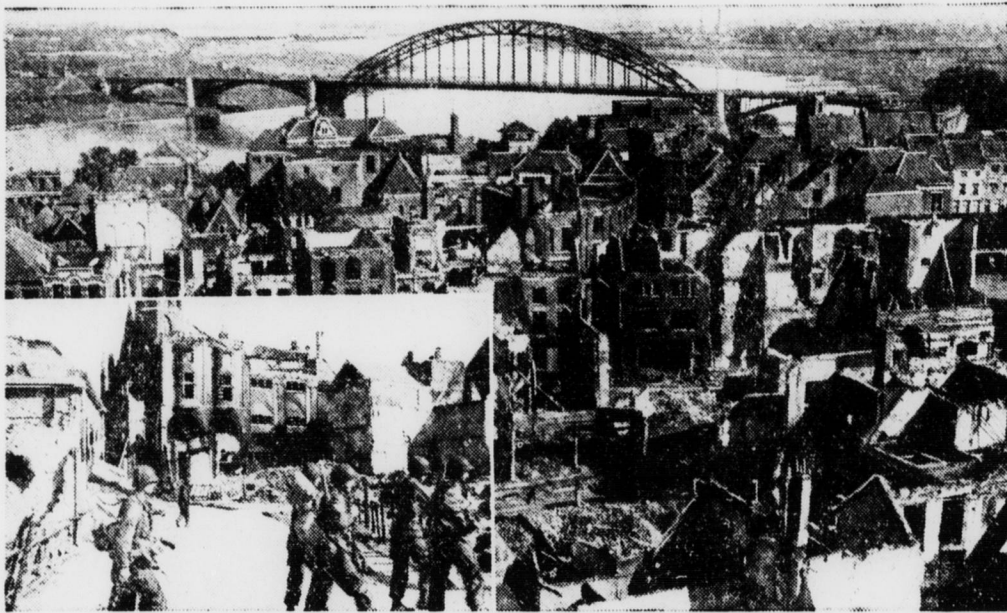
It was at this point that Marvin Jones and Chester Bowles went to assistant Pres. Jimmy Byrnes with their problem. Byrnes advised immediate rationing. He knew that the threat of renewed rationing would cause plenty of worry among the coffee growers.

Truce Clears Battleground of Civilians



When Dunkirk became the center of operations, Allies and Germans agreed to a truce in order that civilians could leave the city. Views showing them leaving are typical of other cities along the route of the advancing Yanks. Allied headquarters say that the Dunkirk truce plan may not be followed in all other cities. Individual commanders will decide in the future.

Holland in Ruins as War Rages Toward Berlin



Typical of most Holland cities, Nejmegen, hit by German and Allied bombardment and shelling, shows the effect of the war upon that country. American soldiers aid in cleaning up the city as well as take care of snipers left behind by the retreating Nazis. Cooperation of organized Holland underground has made it possible for Allied troops to advance rapidly. Nothing remains standing in wake of Nazi retreat.

Coastguardsmen Cast Ballots



Coastguardsmen at a replacement pool in the South Pacific exercise their right to vote along with millions of American servicemen all over the world. These men are awaiting new assignments to coast guard fighting ships in the Pacific and will win back the Philippines and carry fighting troops in Japan. Early reports indicate considerable interest on the part of oversea veterans, with considerable soldier, sailor and marine individual campaigners at work.

No Place Like Our Old Home



Even when it is in ruins like this one at Scarperia, near the Gothic line in Italy, there is no place like home. Using a shell hole in the wall for a door, the corale return and lay plans on building a new home without fear of further oppression from the Nazi yolk as was their lot in the past.

Aachen Given Terms



Lieut. William Boehme, New York City, with another officer and a private carried the surrender terms to the besieged Nazi garrison at Aachen, Germany. Boehme was chosen because of his German-American parentage and knowledge of German.

Snite Goes South



Frederick Snite, the "boiler kid," shown in his iron lung, with his daughter, Terese Marie, a year and three months old, as he left his Chicago home for the winter in Florida.



Lint From a Blue Serge Suit

New Yorkers and others planning to visit Miami Beach this winter "will be sleeping in churches and schools," according to the president of the Greater Miami Hotel Ass'n.

The Fibber McGee film, "Heavenly Days," briefly outlawed along with "Wilson" by some U. S. Senators (for showing to troops overseas), will be released any day. . . . The new stamp commemorating the defense of Corregidor was crayed by Logan U. Reavis of Associated Press. . . . The Look publishers have been raiding all other mags for their new picture project—to compete directly with Life.

Gerald L. K. Smith, testifying before a congressional committee, said choosing between Dewey and Roosevelt is like choosing between a thug and a robber. If Smith isn't careful, Herr Goebbels will sue him for plagiarism. . . . Editor and Publisher's survey revealed that only 20 per cent of the papers are for FDR and that 10 states haven't a single Roosevelt gazette.

When a Nazi war prisoner died on an American ship returning here it was decided to bury him at sea an hour after the black-out—when the garbage was dumped too.

Several of the accounts in the papers about the "Under Cover" author being ejected from Gerald L. K. Smith's press conference by the frightened Smith, exposed by the author, appeared to overlook the big point in the story. Instead of belittling author John Roy Carlson for being kicked out, why didn't they emphasize his heroism in going unescorted right into the enemy's booby trap?

Love Letter: "Dear W. W.," writes correspondent Ray Josephs, who covered South America and put it in a new click called "Argentine Diary." "Buenos Aires has a new newspaper—an underground paper, in which its big feature is a col'm titled: 'El Winchel de la Argentina.' The name was suggested when they learned you uncovered many a raw deal in the U. S. A.

"Practically all the dailies there have been gagged and strait-jacketed by the gov't, so that underground papers have sprung up everywhere. 'Winchel' gives out with the inside stuff in back of every move made by the Fascist chiefs at the Casa Rosada (Argentina's pink White House). He prints documents suppressed by officialdom, tells the facts deleted by censors and exposes the co-la-la secrets of Juan Peron, Mussolini imitator, and No. 1 man in Argentina. The big shots are going loco trying to learn where this new 'Winchel' gets his stuff. Caught reading him means the concentration camp at Patagonia. This is your monument in Argentina."

Our best unreliable source from Berlin just airmailed the following flash. It seems that Adolf and Goering had a tiff, again.

Adolf spotted a new medal on Hermann's uniform and said: "How many times, Hermann, I told you dot you must not ware more metles dan me? Vy you varing von extra mettle, hah?"

"Oh, mein Fuehrer," whined Goering, "diss is not a new mettle — diss iss my America First button!"

Add tough breaks: Dean Hudson, band leader, lost out on a sponsored auto program. Because his name was the same as another car . . . Dinah Shore is the victim of a wild rumor which has made her miserable, despite the acclaim of overseas troops she entertains. She is happy with her marriage . . . Former AP correspondent Mark Barron who was stricken in Ethiopia and couldn't recover over there—is fully mended since he was inducted. He is now a commando!

There will be no fanfare about it, but the British military is about to hold its first court-martial in the U. S. . . . A British officer is the defendant. The case will be heard in New York and, for security reasons, in camera. . . . But the verdict, when approved by the British War Office, will be made public in London.

Varga gets \$1,000 each for his covers from King Features. . . . The next Sec'y of State for Cuba will be William Belt, whose family is from Beltsville, Md., near Washington. He recently fought a duel in Havana. His opponent was a newspaper publisher. Belt missed. The publisher refused to fire.

Judging from the way some gazettes pass over the crimes of the Axis, the only way for Russia to get treated well in the press over here is to declare war on us.

Oh-you-Kid Dep't: There was some comment on Cong. Clare Luce, with one of the lads hymning her for at least getting a little chic into congress.

"Sure," conceded an acyid gal, "Clare wears the most stylish shoes a candidate's feet ever trembled in."

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