



Washington, D. C. BRITAIN'S BANKRUPT STATUS

One of the most important documents bearing on the postwar world soon will be issued by the British government in the form of a White Paper. It will be a survey of Britain's financial position and a frank admission that she is bankrupt.

The White Paper will tell in detail how British investments throughout the world have been liquidated to pay for the war and will come to the conclusion that, if the British Empire is to continue free trading, she must have outside help.

The alternative to free trade and free competition, the White Paper will say, is a system of barter, restricted trade and cartels, such as that practiced by Germany after the last war. International cartels, of course, have been blasted publicly by President Roosevelt and one British corporation, Imperial Chemical Industries, already has been prosecuted by the justice department on a charge of conspiring with the Du Ponts before the war to control the world production of certain chemicals.

According to inside word from the diplomatic corps, the publication of Britain's frank survey of her bankrupt financial position will coincide with the secret conferences now taking place here between Lord Keynes and U. S. officials regarding the renewal of lend-lease.

With the war in Europe nearing a close and with U. S. forces now getting a greater proportion of war supplies direct from the United States, British war needs for lend-lease are dwindling. However, the British have proposed in Lord Keynes' private conversations, a new type of postwar lend-lease whereby the British could resell goods to foreign countries in order to reestablish their export trade.

Keynes Proposal

Word leaking from the diplomatic corps is that Lord Keynes now proposes a total lend-lease allotment to Great Britain of \$2.5 billion for 1945, of which \$1.5 billion could be reexported in British trade. Most of this would be in the form of American raw materials which the British would process into finished goods and then sell. The British do not propose that finished American products be given them for reexport, but only that they get lend-leased raw materials to revive their crippled industries.

One proposal is to set up a new postwar lend-lease court composed of one Britisher and two Americans which would decide which goods could be used for British trading purposes.

The whole plan will be submitted to congress probably before Christmas.

ARMY'S PREFABRICATED BRIDGES

One of the great but little known stories of the Western front is the way in which army engineers got a group of bridge experts together nearly two years ahead of the European invasion and designed fabricated sections of bridges which would exactly replace specific bridges in France, Holland and Belgium.

Through the European underground, army engineers were able to get exact measurements of the bridges which they knew would be destroyed by the retreating Nazis. Each part was numbered, and special assembly crews, trained in England, rehearsed the job of putting them in place.

When the invasion came, these bridges traveled so close behind our advancing armies that they were frequently ahead of the field kitchens. And on arrival at a destroyed bridge its replacement was a matter of hours.

HILLMAN WOULD END PAC

Sidney Hillman didn't advertise it but, during the last days of the campaign, he took steps to disband his controversial Political Action committee. The final decision will not be up to him alone, for the whole thing will be threshed out at the CIO national convention in Chicago. But not waiting for the convention, Hillman sent notice to most of the 200 members of the PAC staff that they go off the payroll before then.

Originally PAC was set up as a permanent organization, and there are several schools of thought inside the CIO regarding its continuation. One group, including auto workers president R. J. Thomas, wants to keep PAC alive. Hillman, on the other hand, wants to shut up shop, concentrate on New York politics, and also get his health back.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

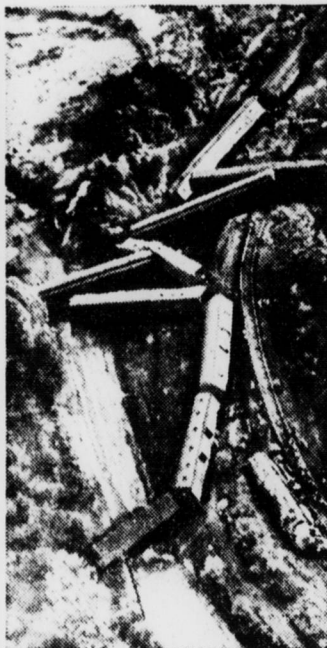
All during the war, FDR has been a close reader of Carl Sandburg's "Lincoln" and has continued his reading during the campaign. Someone who dropped into his private study one day found a copy of the book open to Lincoln's war days. During the 1864 campaign, McClellan's followers accused Lincoln of squandering public funds, mismanagement of the government, destroying civil liberties, meddling with the war, and standing out for "unconditional surrender."

Their Days of Hunger Are Over



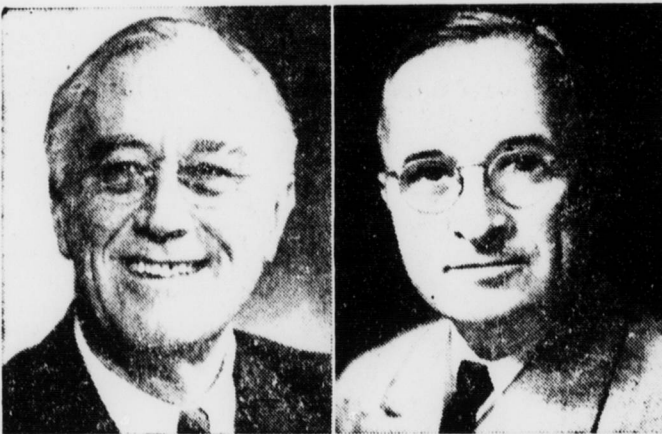
An old Italian farmer joyfully shows children one of the sacks of wheat that have been shipped to Italy by Allied government (right). The woman and baby, refugees from St. Nazaire, France, receive their share of food. Left, shows the unloading and checking of food in Italy, intended for the civilian population.

Train Wreck Toll



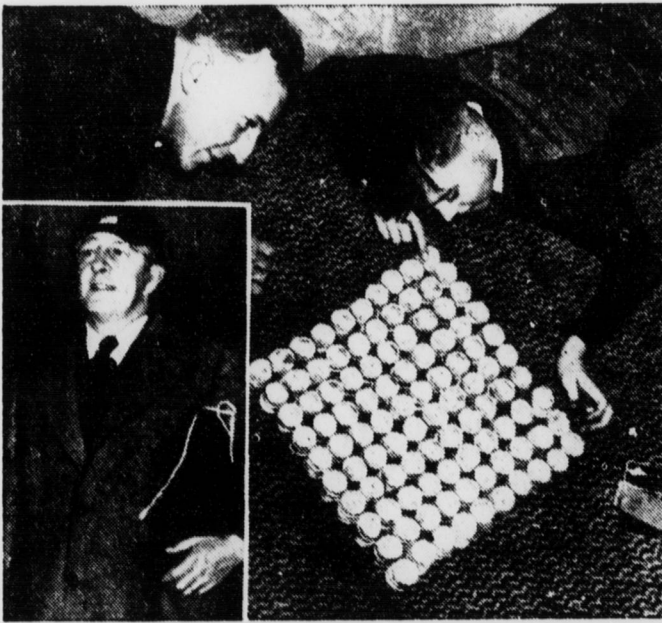
General view showing the wrecked Challenger streamlined train, which resulted in the death of 12 persons and in the injury of at least 100. Seven cars were derailed, three miles from Colfax, Calif.

In This Corner—the Winners



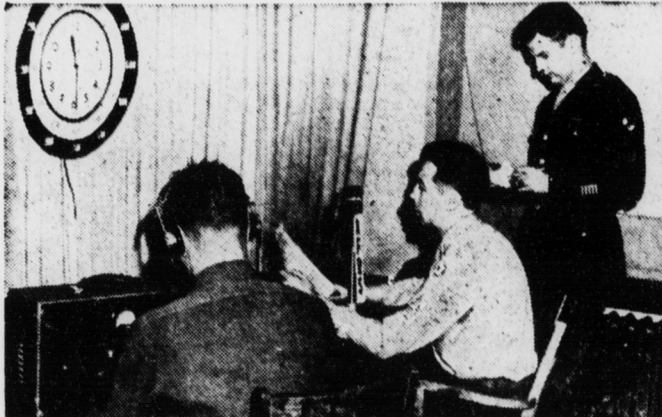
Another term in the White House has been assured for Franklin D. Roosevelt, who together with his running mate, Harry S. Truman, right, received a total of 432 electoral votes, 17 less than the Democrats secured in 1940. Truman, senator from Missouri, gained nationwide fame as head of the committee investigating war expenditures. Dewey and his running mate secured a total of 99 electoral votes, unless late soldier votes change the picture, which is not considered likely by most political observers.

Too Late for Treasure Hunt



Insert shows Rudolph Wickel of Verona, N. J., as he left for Holyoke, Mass., to dig up a bonanza of \$1,000, whose location was told him as a studio guest on a quiz program. Others heard the program, and Wickel arrived to find that Jose H. Roy and his 11-year-old brother-in-law, Henry Martell, already had the money, as shown above.

Posted on Election Returns



GIs of the American news services broadcast election returns to American soldiers all over the world from the New York headquarters of Yank magazine. The army news services shooting the result overseas with an estimated 25,000 words by cable and another 25,000 by radio to furnish the armed forces with early returns.

Wives of Winners



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, upper; and Mrs. Harry S. Truman, wife of the newly elected vice president of the United States. Unlike the first lady of the land, Mrs. Truman takes little part in politics or in public life activities. Mrs. F. D. R. says she is ready for new term.

Stars on Her Flag



Another gold star has been added to the service flag of Mrs. Alben Borgstrom, Tremont, Utah, mother of Marine Pvt. Boyd Borgstrom, who was discharged by marine command, when first three brothers were killed in action.

Real Purdue Power



Boris Dimancheff, Purdue half-back, is leading the Big Ten scoring. Against the Iowa eleven he raced to four touchdowns and expects to add more.



Bigtown Characters:

The barber who asks patrons if they want their locks clipped with or without conversation. . . Salesmen in hoity-toity shops always elegantly attired. Without spats they would feel naked. . . The creamy-voiced barker at a penny arcade—a well-known Shakespearean thespian a decade ago, until he discovered that shilling provided a steadier income. . . Sepians at electric shoeshine parlors conversing in jive lingo which baffles people who can understand only English.

Pretty bobby-soxers lugging lunch boxes to the Paramount—so they can survive sitting through a half-dozen shows worshipping King Sinatra. . . Jitterbug, almond-eyed youngsters in Chinatown—completely Americanized. . . An old artist copying masterpieces in the Museum of Art. His hands are shaky, so he steadies his brush by gripping it with both hands. The handicap, however, doesn't seem to affect his excellent canvases. . . Crowds fascinated by pigeons nibbling at bread-crumbs. Proving again that almost anything can attract a mob in the Big Burg. . . Germans in Yorkville saloons sipping their beer. These spots used to be Bund hang-outs. Now big signs urge customers not to discuss the war or politics.

The dramatic contrast in tawdry, sidestreet joints: Entertainers consist of a mixture of has-beens and youngsters with a bright future. . . Celeb fanatics ogling first-nighters entering the theatre—getting more of a thrill by staring at biggies than first-nighters get from the shows.

The silly brawl between two friends at a midtown bar—because each insisted on paying the check. . . The 77-year-old gent who has the same breakfast every morning at a Madison and 50th street eatery: Doughnuts covered with mustard. Ugh. He claims that combination has added years to his life. . . Side-walk Napoleons who used to discuss military tactics remaining in tune with the times. Now they also debate postwar problems. . . Swishes who congregate for some unknown reason in foreign language movie temples. . . The lovely Schraffts' hostesses. Most of them look as if they had to pass a screen test before they were hired.

Newspaperman Stuff:

Ogden Nash was once taken to task for using the word "coyful" in one of his verses. . . "Have you ever heard of anything being full of coy?" asked a critic. "No," nash'd Nash. "But neither did I ever hear of anyone being full of bash."

The word "controversy" serves as censors' abracadabra. . . They mutter that something is controversial and—presto—they presume the truth will vanish. . . Blue-pencillers have used that alibi to hinder freedom of speech and press for a long time. . . All of which leads into an Alec Woolcott yarn that illustrates our viewpoint on the subject. . . When Alec was broadcasting his sponsor pounced on him with the squeak that he must refrain from using controversial material. . . Woolcott promptly demanded that the sponsor explain what he meant by "controversial material."

The sponsor's reply was a dilly: He deplored Alec's caustic references to Hitler and Mussolini—for fear it would antagonize people in the country who supported them!

From FPA's new book, "Nods and Becks": Of course, there are many who say that a daily columnist, which means a person who has six or seven full columns a week in a paper, doesn't really work, but that he would like other laborers to work six days a week for the period of the so-called — properly so-called — emergency. . . We knew not what course others may take, but we never have been able to do it under a seven-day week, and some nights. Often we dream of Jeanie with the unfilled column. We dream that we have three minutes in which to write a column, have it set, read proof and make it up. It would be pleasant to work five eight-hour days a week. To quit, in the middle of a syllable, if need be, when the whistle blew! And then some days, as if mere writing weren't enough trouble, there is a lot of clipping and pasting to do. It sounds easy, but it takes longer to find the shears and the paste for first-class stuff than it does to write third—alright, we won't argue—fourth-class stuff.

The Society Set, which claims to be sophisticated, but is the easiest pushover for all types of phonies. Societyites have gushed over fake dukes, counts and other spurious nobles for years. No matter how many are exposed there are always other phonies to take their place. . . The dowager who lost her fortune a few years ago. However, she still lives in luxury because she became a bookie! Her clients are Park Avenueites. . . Music lovers who take symphony scores to Carnegie Hall and read the music while played.

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