

WICKARD HANDLES FARM LABOR NEED

All Responsibility For Workers In Secretary's Hands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. — (AP) — All responsibility for supplying farm labor needs today was consolidated in the hands of Secretary of Agriculture Wickard.

A directive by Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, combined functions previously divided between the U. S. Employment Service and Wickard.

The WMC retained jurisdiction, however, of over-all policies and draft standards applying to agriculture.

The directive gives the Agriculture Department "operating responsibility" for recruiting and placing farm labor, determining the needs and areas of supply, transporting workers to labor shortage areas and determining which crops are war-essential. Its authority will not extend, however, to labor for canning, packing, processing, transporting and marketing farm products.

Wickard said he would center operating responsibility for the farm labor program in the agricultural branch of the department's food production administration. Maj. John O. Walker is in charge of this unit.

Wickard already has received responsibility for dealing with farm wages under a recent directive from James F. Byrnes, director of economic stabilization.

Famous Labor Leader Succumbs In England

LONDON, Jan. 24. — (AP) — John Burns, the first working man to hold a British cabinet post — which he resigned in 1914 in protest over Great Britain's intervention in the first World War — died today in a London hospital at the age of 84.

A candle-maker and later a stationery engineer, he represented the London working-class district of Battersea in Parliament from 1892 until his retirement from politics in 1918.

He entered the Liberal party cabinet of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in 1905 as president of the local government board and continued in the succeeding ministry of Herbert Asquith, in which he was president of the board of trade at the time of his resignation.

Burns was co-leader with Ben Tillett of the London dock strike of 1889, a notable event in British labor history. Some of his most important legislative work was in housing and town planning.

Bishop Of Bath and Wells Dies At Palatial Estate

LONDON, Jan. 24. — (AP) — The bishop of Bath and Wells, the Right Rev. Francis Underhill, died unexpectedly of a heart ailment just before dawn today at his moat-surrounded palace in Wells, Somerset. He was 64 years old.

upkeep of the palace was so costly that the bishop, whose income approximated \$20,000 a year, declared when he rented part of it to an evacuated school that "the moment the school goes I shall be bankrupt or will have to leave." Bishops have lived continuously in the palace since 1220.

Underhill was a former dean of Rochester and the author of several theological works. He became bishop of Bath and Wells in 1937. He was among the leaders of an unofficial mission of English clergy and churchmen who visited Spain in 1937 to investigate the effect of civil war on religion.

Five Piedmont Clubs Must Go, Says Rickey

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. — (AP) — Branch Rickey, when asked today about his plans for the Brooklyn Dodgers' Farm Club in the Piedmont League, replied "so far as I know now, I'm sticking at Durham."

Rickey discussed the Piedmont situation with George Weiss, head of the New York Yankees' minor league system, and said it was his understanding that there are five clubs in the Piedmont which are sure to go, although he did not name them.

Rickey said: "Based on my own judgement and the advice of Judge Bramham (W. G. Bramham, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, whose home is at Durham), so far as I know now I'm sticking at Durham. You can say just that."

SOLDIERS GET BALLS

LAKELAND, Fla., Jan. 24. — (AP) — A dozen baseballs were received today by the Lakeland Army Airport for use of soldiers — the gift of the Brooklyn baseball team. Earlier this week the airport received a dozen balls from the St. Louis Cardinals.

KEEP WORKING

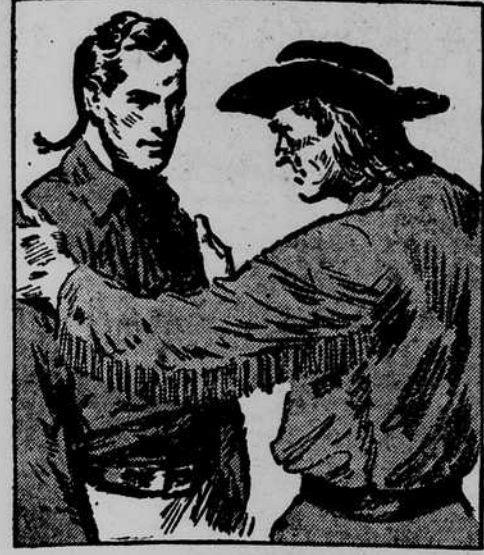
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Look to the Mountain

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"Whit showed no sign of recognition."



"He gulped the thin, greasy liquid greedily."



"Whit was outside, clutching a tree for support."

JONAS MOORE PICKED up his rifle and told his wife and Melissa that he was going hunting—he'd be back tomorrow, most likely. Ida Moore didn't have to catch his eye. She knew where he was going. Whit was overdue now; it was up to Jonas to look for him.

Jonas was about a mile from Whit's place when he saw Whit coming toward him—no gun, no nothing, just walking slowly. Whit came almost up to him before Jonas spoke. "Hello, Whit."

That stopped him. But there was no sign in Whit's face that he'd ever seen Jonas.

"I finished 't chimbley. Where's Melissa?" Whit asked dully. He started to speak again, but Jonas forestalled him. "Come on," Jonas ordered. "I'll take you to Melissa."

He got Whit turned around, and he led him back to Whit's place. Jonas kindled a fire in the lean-to, and made some broth. Whit gulped the thin, greasy liquid greedily. Then he dropped off into a restless sleep.

Later on in the evening, Whit seemed to sleep evenly, so Jonas decided he would rest some himself. Jonas lay down by the fire. . . . "Where's Melissa?" he says 't me. "Where is Melissa?" He had to find her! "I finished 't

chimbley. Where is Melissa?" Lord, if he wanted her that bad, why didn't he come out 'n see her?—stead of stayin' round here 't finish 't chimbley. She hadn't said to him 't's chimbley or nothin'. Nor he hadn't promised her. He ain't the kind to say what he will do—'till after he's done it. He makes up his mind, 'n then he goes 'n does it, 'n then he says—at the most he says, 'Well, I done it, 'n I guess—'n then he don't even get drunk. I couldn't live that way!"

. . . and a half-minute later, "You know, he has got an awful nice chimbley." And Jones settled in sleep.

Jonas was up at daybreak, tending the fire. Whit sat up slowly and painfully, and announced: "I c'n travel."

"You could," Jonas answered without turning around, "if we had a stagecoach run from here out to my place. You ain't goin' 't walk, though—not today, I c'n tell you."

There was a silence. Jonas heard a noise, and looked around. Whit was supporting himself against a tree in front of the lean-to. "I'm setting out," he said.

Jonas stood up—and then turned to the fire. He kicked it apart. "All right," he said, "I'm comin' with you."

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High School Students Learning Real Democracy In Education

What sort of education in democracy are students of New Hanover High school getting in these days when democracy is at war?

They are not studying about democracy; they are participating in live, democratic thinking. They are not being taught; they are, with guidance, teaching themselves.

At least, those are the facts that were evident in one representative government class that was in session last week — a senior class group concerned with the study of present-day, neutral Spain.

The particular fourth period government class which was observed, filled into a room where maps were in abundance. They were up-to-date maps, and some of them were made so that the students could change territorial boundaries for nations and colonies as the war progresses. The blackboard space not covered by maps contained a list of the topics that the students expect to consider in detail in the days immediately ahead — the 78th Congress, the Beveridge plan, plans for the peace that will follow victory, and others. On the teacher's desk in front of the room were books of current national and international interest; one of them was the 1943 edition of a government textbook in which there are sufficient copies in the school library for it to be used by students as a steady reference. There was plenty of fresh air in the room, so that stuffiness would not develop as a barrier to good, healthy discussions.

Mrs. George LeGrand, the teacher, took her place in a student's chair at the back. Four girls, with a word from the instructor, pulled their chairs to the front of the room. One of them, the discussion leader, announced the topic for the day, "Spain."

There followed a comprehensive,

complete survey of the war-riddled nation that may, within the months to come, play a decisive part in the battle for Europe. The first youth described the present government in the country — Franco's dictatorship; she also, with the help of her classmates and Mrs. LeGrand, outlined the chaotic conditions and the inadequate rule that prompted civil strife. The second youth, standing before a map, traced the two possible routes Hitler may take in invading Spain by land, and pointed out difficulties in both paths. The third girl told of the physical and economic plight of Spain and pointed out methods necessary for ultimate rehabilitation of the land.

Spain is important, the students agreed, because Franco has made the statement that he will lend his support to the Allies in case Hitler invades; that he will turn to the Axis if the Allies invade. Obligated to the Germans because Germany helped him materially to win the internal revolution, he is unwilling to make a foe of Hitler. Yet he knows the Allies will be in a better position to help mend his broken country, to give food to the starving. Until one force or the other makes a move toward the Spanish capital, the benevolent dictator (and the students decided that Franco was acquitting himself rather commendably) is going about the business of patching up the government and giving lands back to the original land-owners.

Spain is also important, it was brought out, because English-owned Gibraltar, guard to the Mediterranean sea and protector of Allied shipping, is at the tip of Spain. An enemy nation at Gibraltar's back would be a danger, they said.

Thus, among themselves the students considered every major point about the status of present-day

Spain. They did it by asking questions, by making deductions, by anticipating military strategies (particularly did the boys in ROTC uniforms take a delight in this). When they came upon points unanswered in the current periodicals they had studied, they consulted Mrs. LeGrand, whose source of information on the subject was never-failing. The young leader responsible for guiding the discussions permitted little straying from the topic. The students themselves, especially the boys, were intolerant and impatient when irrelevant comments were offered. "o what?" some fellows would ask when one of his classmates made a statement of trifling value.

The class discussion did not taper off in interest. When the bell sounded — the luncheon bell it was, too — some of the pupils seemed actually reluctant to pick up their books and current events magazines. — "The American Observer" and "Scholastic," their only regular government texts.

Just before leaving, one uniformed boy tossed out the question: "Mrs. LeGrand, do the Spanish still observe siesta-time?"

"I suppose they do," she replied, smiling.

"Well, if they do," came the observation, "that's almost as bad as our 40 hour work week, isn't it?"

Through informal, seemingly unstudied ways, government classes at New Hanover High are training future soldiers mentally for their jobs, and they are getting future citizens prepared to vote in and to protect a vital democracy, one that will reflect no trace of nationalism but will be the backbone of a wholesome international policy.

Odd Fellows Lodge was organized in Maryland in 1819.

MINERS PREPARE FOR REAL LABOR

100 Per Cent Production In Anthracite Fields Expected

HABLETON, Pa., Jan. 24. — (AP) — With a sixth working day in the anthracite field completed Saturday for the first time under the recently negotiated operator-union agreement, collieries throughout the area were prepared today for 100 per cent production with the start of a new work week.

While the committee of 12, policy-making body of the industry, discussed application of new pay rates for the sixth day here Saturday, all but three mines were reported in production. The three, Dorrance, and Prospect-Henry of Lehigh Valley Coal company, and Exeter, of the Payne Coal company, had not returned to work since voting to end their participation in the anthracite strike which crippled production for 22 days.

However, miners at all three pits, along with those employed at every other working field of the walkout, were on record as willing to work tomorrow. Resumption of full production was anticipated at all mines.

100,000 Poles Arrive At Persian Port For Service Against Axis

LONDON, Jan. 24. — (AP) — More than 100,000 Poles have arrived at a Persian port from Soviet Russia to bolster the Polish army in the Near East under General Wladyslaw Anders, the India office announced today.

The force was sent from Russia under an agreement between the Soviet government and the Polish government in exile at London, reached in November, 1941, to release Polish war prisoners for service with other Polish forces against the Axis.

A reception camp covering three square miles has been built to house the Polish force, which is supplied with British food and clothing and Russian arms.

The latest contingent to arrive completes the movement of these troops to the Near East, it was said.

House Air Committee Recommended By Solon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. — (AP) — Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, House Republican leader, came out today for establishment of a standing House aviation committee to promote American dominance of the world's airways after the war and expressed belief that most Republicans on the military and naval committees would support the proposal.

But strong opposition, stemming principally from the Democratic chairmen and members of the Military, Naval and Interstate Commerce committees, mapped a campaign to block the committee members of the latter committee contended that aviation matters belonged to their jurisdiction and military and naval committees likewise feared usurpation of their powers.

Eight separate resolutions to set up an aviation committee await a hearing before the Rules committee Monday.

Supplies ordered through Lend-Lease or direct purchase, aggregating almost 2 1/2 million tons, have been shipped from the U. S. to the Soviet Union, some of them traveling ocean distances of 10,000 to 13,000 miles, but because of submarine attacks not all cargoes have been delivered.

American exports of sugar, wheat, flour, and cereals, although only one percent of total U. S. supply have been particularly important to Russia, which has lost most of its sugarbeet and most of its richest wheat-producing areas to the Nazi invaders.

'TOO STRENUOUS'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. — (AP) — That war plant job which the United States Employment Service told yesterday of having found for a 102-year-old man proved too strenuous, the service reported today, and he is looking for another one.

In fact, he's insisting on one, it is said, adding that the government was trying to oblige. The patriotic centenarian, identified as John Shine, a tool-maker, is having his application handled through the Milwaukee office of the service.

In telling of the job that turned out to be too rough, the Employment Service said he was working in a Midwest war plant "turning out weapons which his great-grandchildren are using in the Army."

Coach Leaves Hospital After Rest From Illness

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., Jan. 24. — Coach Andy Bershak of Carolina, who has been ill for the past month, has returned from the hospital. The Tar Heel mentor is looking good again, but the Athletic Department has granted him a leave of absence, and he is leaving for his home in Pennsylvania Saturday to take a complete rest and regain his strength before resuming his duties here. Bershak was an All-American end at Carolina several years ago.

Prisoners To Be Queried On Death Of Californian

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24. — (AP) — District Attorney John F. Dockweiler will have every prisoner who was in Los Angeles central jail the night of December 19 questioned about the death of Stanley H. Beebe, 44, accountant.

A coroner's jury decided Beebe's death was homicidal, caused by rupture of the gall bladder from an external blow.

Mrs. Maxine Beebe, the widow, produced a death-bed statement in which Beebe said he was beaten by police at central station. He died 10 days after his arrest for investigation of intoxication.

Giants Mail Contract To Every Team Member

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. — (AP) — The New York Giants announced today that they had mailed contracts to all their players this week with an accompanying letter asking them to begin light training at once.

The note to the players, signed by President Horace Stoneham, said, "we would appreciate your beginning light training at once so as to be in condition to go at top speed as soon as camp opens. You are to plan to report in New York Sunday, March 13, and go to Lakewood, N. J., the following day to be ready to start practice on March 15."

INTEREST RATE ON FARMS TOLD

First Mortgage Payments In State Figure About 5.64 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. — (AP) — The Department of Commerce reported today that the average interest rate on first mortgages on owner-occupied one-family nonfarm properties in North Carolina was 5.64 per cent in 1940.

The report was based on an analysis of statistics issued by Director J. C. Capt of the Bureau of Census. Of the 147,613 reporting owner-occupied nonfarm dwelling units, 55,589 or 37.7 per cent, were mortgaged.

A total mortgage indebtedness of \$78,351,200 was reported on the first and junior mortgages. The average indebtedness per property was \$1,677. A debt of less than \$1,000 was reported for 43.8 per cent of the properties, while 10 per cent reported an indebtedness of \$4,000 or more.

The leading mortgage holders in the state were the building and loan associations.

Butter And Cheese Next On Rationed Items List

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. — (AP) — Butter and cheese probably will be rationed next spring, it was indicated today at the Office of Price Administration.

An informed official disclosed that cheese, although a dairy product, may be rationed along with meat because of its adaptability as a meat substitute.

Butter for civilians is so scarce now that it cannot be rationed at present, explained the official, who could not be quoted by name. But when production increases in the spring to the point where retailers can honor ration coupons for it, the rationing can be undertaken. Meanwhile housewives will have to get it as best they can.

Slayer Of Three Gets Death Sentence In N. C.

RAEFORD, Jan. 24. — (AP) — A superior court jury convicted W. A. Harris of first degree murder late last night in the "revenge" slaying of Eugene Bill, his mother and sister.

Judge Leo Carr of Burlington sentenced the farmer to die in the gas chamber April 23.

The state alleged that Harris fatally shot the trio at their filling station two miles east of Raeford to avenge the death of his son, Johnny Harris, at Bill's filling station a few days before.

Judge Carr charged the jury last night after the afternoon had been consumed with the arguments of counsel.

The triple slaying occurred last August 27.

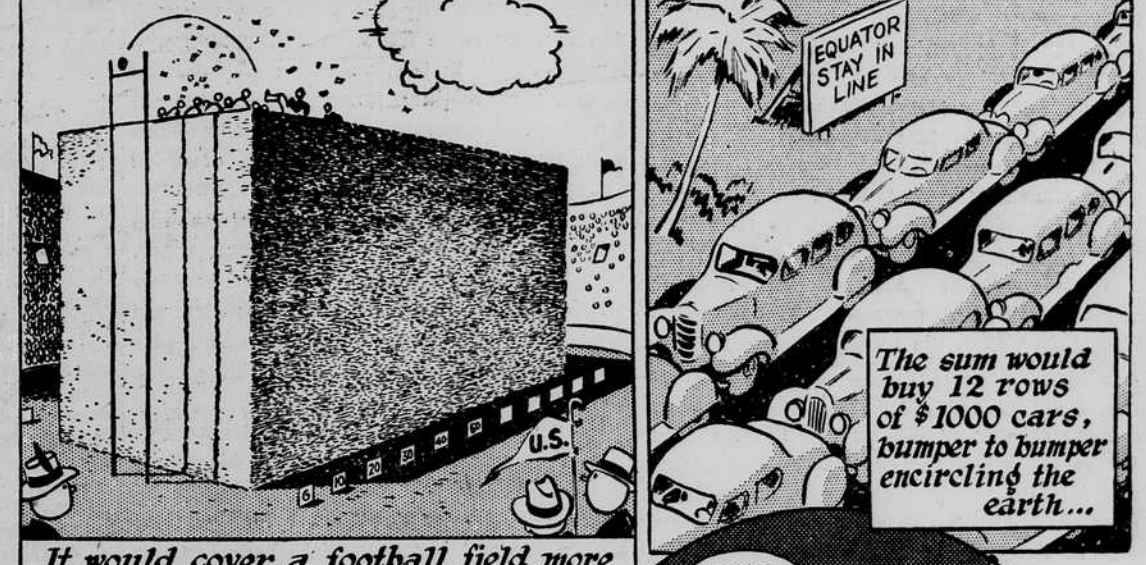


BOMBS FOR BERLIN



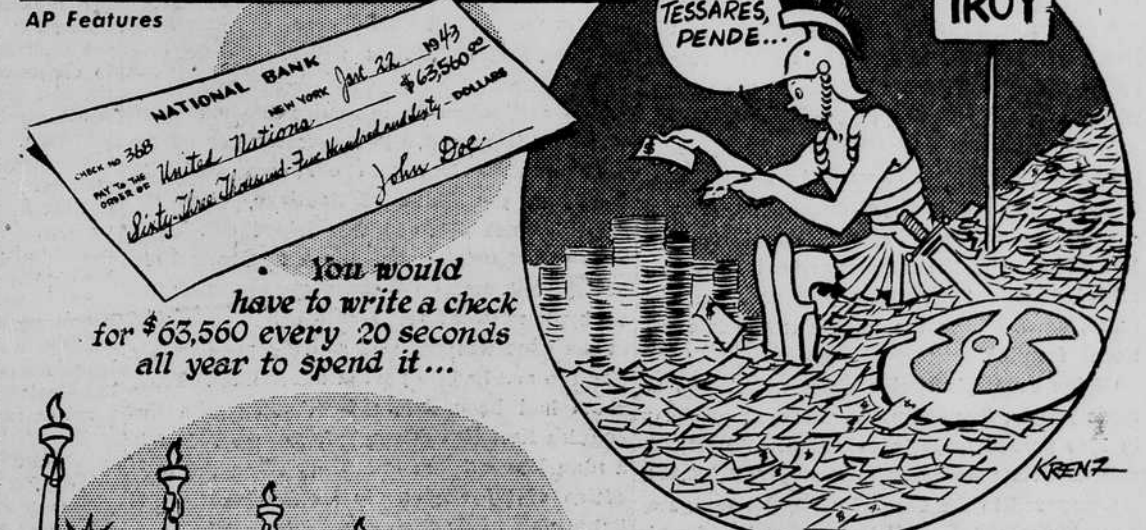
It's blockbusting time in Berlin as the Royal Air Force renews its bombing campaign against the German capital with many times the force of raids of 14 months ago. The pictures show an RAF crew handling bombs of the blockbuster variety into a long-range, four-motored Stirling bomber, and a bombardier's eye-view of the heart of Berlin.

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ONE hundred billion dollars is the sum budgeted by the President for war purposes during the fiscal year 1944. These sketches translate that almost-imprehensible figure into everyday terms and give an idea of its true immensity.