

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Expanding Soviet Domination Presents Threat to Germany; Afghanistan Drive Predicted

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RUSSIAN ACTIVITY IN THE BALTIC Why, if not to stymie German ambitions?

RUSSIA: Kiss of Death?

A writer of confused comment came sharp on the heels of Russo-German partition of Poland...



VILHELMS MUNTERS

Baltic. Heavy was the activity here. The Russian bear's big red paw reached into Estonia...

Two Balkan question marks were left. First, Finland wondered whether she would be called to Moscow...

Balkans. Having intended to stay in Moscow only three days, the Turkish delegation headed by Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoglu...

THE WAR: No Peace

Consigned to the inside pages of U. S. newspapers were reports of actual knife-to-knife combat in Europe's war.

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the house of commons the war must go on until Hitlerism is crushed.

No one expected anything new in the reichstag speech. Word got around that Hitler would end the war on terms including: (1) removal of international trade restrictions...

There was no capitulation over Poland. In substance: Poland's future will be determined by Germany and Soviet Russia alone.

PAN AMERICA: Insulation?

This month, for the first time in its century-old existence, the Monroe doctrine grows water wings.

Immediate reaction of wizened seamen and diplomats was to brand the "safety belt" impractical. First, (See Map).



'NO TRESPASSING' ZONE Insulation is expensive stuff.

each American nation may decide for itself whether to refuse belligerent submarines. (Argentina will, thus inviting violation.)

Meanwhile, the U. S. planned to make hay in South America. For more than a month business men have waxed enthusiastic over new trade possibilities below the equator.

CONGRESS: Oratory

Minus the strength of his convictions is the man who can be swayed by oratory. This purpose, however, stood as a ghost beside every man who shouted in the U. S. senate chamber...

One by one the flower of the senate's far-famed oratory club rose and pleaded that the one sure way of getting the U. S. into war is to (1) repeal the arms embargo...

Sample repeal talk (by Connally): "Unless the act is changed the United States will be brought to the brink of war, perhaps plunged into its dark and cruel depths."

Sample anti-repeal talk (by Vandenberg): "I do not say that repeal precipitates us into the war... in the long view, I do not believe we can become an arsenal for one belligerent without becoming a target for another."

After a week of this sort of thing some trends, amazingly, were apparent. Majority Leader Alben Barkley claimed repealists had picked up "one or two votes."

More important, however, the once vague issue was sifting down and its rough spots were becoming apparent. Among them: Should 90 days' credit be allowed? Shouldn't



TEXAS CONNALLY "... into its dark and cruel depths."

credit restrictions be applied against residents of belligerent nations as well as the nations themselves? How were "belligerent waters" to be defined; would they include ports of Canada, Australia, Hongkong and other Franco-British possessions?

WHITE HOUSE: Statecraft

In Paris, U. S. Ambassador to Poland Anthony Drezel Biddle paid his first official call on the new president of Poland-on-wheels, Wladyslaw Rakwickiewicz.

By the same token, the U. S. said nothing about Poland's \$179,000,000 war debt, which Germany and Russia wouldn't pay anyway.

Trend

How the wind is blowing... RADIO—Banned, all broadcasts by spokesmen of controversial issues except in the public forum manner...

Bruckart's Washington Digest

Repeal Bill Would Extend Credit To Belligerents Buying in U. S.

Danger of Getting Into Same Mess Over War Debts That Followed World War; Added Authority Given President in Bill Carries Potential Danger.

By WILLIAM BRUCKART WNU Service, National Press Bldg., Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON.—As the full dress debate of the so-called neutrality bill continues in the senate, numerous phases and angles and incidents have cropped up and demanded attention.

The bill that was reported by the senate committee on foreign relations, I believe, must be accepted as a sincere effort. Sixteen of the twenty-three members of the committee believed it, or believed it should have a chance to be discussed fully and freely.

Publication of the text of the bill, however, shows some provisions that have gone far to load the guns of those who want to keep an arms embargo in force.

Monroe Doctrine Must Be Given Consideration Now, it might be said that these phases of the problem are matters that concern only "business interests," and big business interests, at that.

Many Object to Giving President Extreme Power

Another section of the bill that was not well advertised in advance is a section giving President Roosevelt additional authority during threats of war.

Pan-American Conference Does a Worth-While Job

While all of these things have been going on in Washington, the sessions of the conference at Panama City ought not be overlooked.

Speaking of Sports

Brown Bomber Well on Way to Second Million

By ROBERT McSHANE

HEAVYWEIGHT Champion Joe Louis, the lad who has been forced through lack of opponents to fight has-beens and second-raters since winning the crown from Jimmy Braddock in 1937, is well on his way to the financial heights attained by Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney.

The Brown Bomber, a Golden Gloves champion, turned professional in 1934. Since that time he has earned a grand total of \$1,689,722 by knocking out 37 opponents, gaining decisions over 6, and being knocked out by one.

Jack Dempsey still has a comfortable lead in all-time ring earnings, however. The Manassa Mauler



LIGHTNING JOE LOUIS

earned the amazing total of \$2,712,079 in nine fights, thus completely dimming Louis' record. In addition, Dempsey earned some \$2,000,000 more during his ring career.

Dempsey's Record

Table with columns: Year, Opponent, Total. Lists fights from 1919 to 1927.

Total \$2,712,079

It must be remembered that Dempsey's era was the halcyon days of boxing. On September 22, 1927, the Tunney-Dempsey bout in Chicago drew an attendance of 104,943 people.

Tunney Retires

Gene Tunney earned \$1,715,000 in the ring. His fortune was made in the short space of three years, dating from his first victory over Dempsey in 1926 until he retired in 1928.

Sport Shorts

Bucky Harris had a one-day military career. He joined the army on November 10, 1918. The World War ended the next day.

Bob Feller has averaged almost seven strikeouts per game this season. Charles Brogan, promising left halfback candidate at the University of Detroit, is a native of Ireland.

Joe DiMaggio will be the highest salaried in 1940. Paddy Driscoll of Marquette is probably the best golfer among college football coaches.

Max Baer, who probably shouldn't, is wearily climbing the comeback trail. Tarzan Taylor, Marquette's line coach, has a standing order with a florist to deliver cut flowers to his desk twice a week.

Gridiron Topnotchers

This continues a series of articles featuring outstanding football players from schools throughout the nation. Watch their records during the coming season.

When football coaches dream their mental peregrinations center around players like Lou Brock, Purdue university senior halfback, who runs, kicks, passes, runs back punts, is a fine blocker and in fact does everything but shovel snow off the playing field.

Lou came to Purdue from Stafford, Kan., and at the very outset of his sophomore year made it clear that his football career was extremely bright by breaking into the starting Boltermaker lineup as running mate to the famous Cecil Isbell.

Brock's sensational runs, runbacks and punts last season had Purdue fans talking to themselves. Opposing coaches grant that his great play was one of the chief factors in Purdue's past great season.

He is noted principally for his running and kicking, along with his blocking, but is also a dangerous passer.

The offensive setup of several games last year was completely changed when Brock pulled Purdue out of deep holes with a great punt return and then a return punt to coffin corner on the succeeding series.

As for running, Brock averaged more than six yards each attempt against such lines as Minnesota, Fordham, Ohio State, Iowa, Wisconsin, Detroit and Butler. Against Ohio State he gained 85 yards in 12 attempts.



Lou Brock