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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS By Farnham F. Dudgeon

## Full Strength of German Army Hits New French Defense Line; First Nazi Bombs Fall on Paris

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In Madrid, Spanish students, no doubt prompted by Rome and Berlin, recently staged demonstrations urging return of Gibraltar, world's greatest fortress, from English control to Spain. Until shortly after the Munich crisis, when England learned what she might some day have to face, only this high rickety fence separated the mighty fortress from the Spanish mainland. Since that time engineers have labored unceasingly to protect this Achilles heel of the key to the Mediterranean. In a war with England Italy may strike one of her first blows at Gibraltar. Its surrender may be asked as an alternative to a German blitzkrieg on England, some war oracles claim.

### MORE WAR: Big Push

With the same deadly technique that has humbled Poland, Scandinavia, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Belgium, Adolf Hitler turned from his "triumph" in Flanders to launch a mighty drive through central France—aimed directly at that nation's capital, Paris.

As usual this technique included the thousands of well-equipped troops, supported by the now-famous and highly feared dive bombers, strongly armored tanks and the mightiest of heavy artillery.

Full strength of the drive struck at the heart of the French line which stretches across 200 miles of French soil along the Somme and Aisne rivers. This line of troops, under the command of Gen. Maxime Weygand, was hastily bolstered while the Nazis were busy with their attack on the British and French forces escaping from the Flanders battlefield via Dunkirk and the English channel.

But if the allied line of battle had been bolstered it was done with French soldiers and not British Tommies.

For from London came word that for the time being France would be forced to bear the brunt of the German attack as the English in escaping the Nazi trap in Flanders, following Belgium's capitulation, had been forced to leave behind huge stores of equipment. Until these could be replaced the British army could do little to help their allies on the continent.

**Wings Over Paris**  
Not only were the German bombers doing their work on the battlefield—they penetrated much further than the troops. For the long expected bombing attack on Paris was carried out.

Evidently the first air raid was not aimed at the city itself but at airports and other military objectives on its outskirts. Even French officials admitted that it did not look like the "bombing of an open city" and while they promised to repay Germany, bomb for bomb, their attacks would also be directed at strategic military points, they added.

In this first raid about 1,000 persons were killed, at least that many

**NAMES**  
in the news

President Roosevelt became a grandfather again as a boy was born to Mrs. Anne (Clark) Roosevelt, wife of John, his youngest son.  
Movie Executive Joseph Schenck was indicted in New York by a federal grand jury on 24 counts of income tax fraud. A \$400,000 tax evasion is involved, according to the government's charge.

### Running Mate?



Prime favorite in the current vice presidential nomination stakes for President Roosevelt's running mate (should he "choose to run") is Sen. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina. It is understood that the President made definite overtures to the senator to become his partner on the ticket during a conference on a recent Potomac cruise.

### STARS AND STRIPES:

#### Salute

If state laws so require, U. S. school children must salute the American flag, according to a decision handed down by the Supreme court. Reasoning: The flag symbolizes a national unity—which transcends all internal differences—religious or otherwise. In its ruling the court upheld action of a Pennsylvania school board which had expelled two children for refusing, on religious grounds, to salute the flag.

In the little coal mining town of Moweaqua, Ill., four men, said to be members of a religious sect known as "Jehovah's Witnesses," were rescued from a group of aroused citizens who threatened violence after one of the four allegedly defamed "Old Glory."

In Waxahachie, Texas, 90 members of a religious sect were jailed after attempting distribution of literature described as of "a pacifist nature." Officials were forced into action after a deluge of phone calls objecting to the literature which urged non-allegiance to "man-made" government.

### PAN-AMERICA:

#### Mr. Dies Goes South

Rep. Martin Dies, chairman of the house committee investigating un-American activities, announced that his probe will be extended to take in all of the 21 American republics. This news reflects congressional concern over reports reaching Washington that German fifth columnists are active in South America. Mr. Dies said that his investigators are already gathering information along the Mexican border.

Closest co-operation with other Western hemisphere nations is being sought, he added.

### Indelible

Voters of the Republic of Panama turned out in record numbers to elect Dr. Arnulfo Arias as their next president. This election had taken on particular significance because of reports that the government had nipped an abortive scheme to disrupt the election and turn the day into an occasion for a revolution.

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### Compulsory?

From some congressional sources came the prediction that if Germany wins the European war, such military training will become compulsory. Setting up a training system of this type has been widely discussed since the President's recent proposal to give him control of the National Guard and Organized Reserves was announced.

It is argued that under such a plan a defense system would prove less costly than attempting to build up a large army of permanent troops. Rep. Smith (Dem., Conn.) claims that half of the 1,500,000 youths who reach military age each year could be trained and would provide an adequate standing army during their terms of training. Under such a system these men would receive much less pay than regular soldiers.

### C. O. D.

How all this (and the rest of the defense program) was to be paid for is proving a tough problem for congress.

For as it now stands the new preparedness drive is going to cost U. S. taxpayers some five billions of dollars. And as the cost of maintaining these new forces increases it is estimated that the annual bill for new defenses will be something like \$1,000,000,000.

Most discussed plan for providing a major portion of this sum is one which calls for a broadening of the income tax base to include all incomes of \$800 and up per year. At present the base exemption is \$1,000.

### Bruckart's Washington Digest

## National Preparedness Drive Encounters Political Bickering

Washington Correspondent Sees Defense Program Being Turned 'Into a Vehicle for Selfish Use'; Racketeering Labor Leaders Climb on Bandwagon.

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WASHINGTON.—It is exceedingly difficult to maintain a balanced viewpoint in the national capital these days. War hysteria is flowing at higher tide than in any other city of the land. Washington is the nerve center of the plans for a great and proper national defense scheme. That is bad. Yet, a calm perhaps would settle down and the serious job confronting the nation probably would be accomplished more effectively and efficiently if some other and more dangerous factors were not horning in on the situation.

It may not yet be so clear to the folks outside of Washington, but I must report that the urgently needed national defense program is being turned into a vehicle for selfish use. There is no longer room for doubt. The tragedy is that many otherwise sincere and honest individuals in places of responsibility are lending aid to this chicanery and boring-from-within.

The cold fact is that while patriotic and far-seeing folks are giving the best efforts available to the development and execution of the national defense program, fumes and stench are beginning to arise from



HERBERT HOOVER

He chose to disagree.

the midst of this very serious business. The condition is upon us and thus far there is no apparent effort on the part of anybody in authority to check it.

One hears and sees how the defense program is being speeded. One naturally offers commendation. But hardly is that applause given when through the cracks and the crevices comes the information that politics is preying upon the whole scheme. Some of it already smells to high heaven. The length to which some men will go to further their selfish political aims at the expense of all of us is beyond comprehension.

And in the midst of these serious endeavors, also, comes the shouts and the threats of some racketeering labor leaders. As usual, that type is simply getting on the bandwagon for the sake of publicity that they can get for their mouthings. It makes them appear important to benighted followers.

**Cost of 50,000 Planes Is Ten Billion Dollars**

Strangely, the request for additional money did not reach congress until newspapers throughout the country began calling attention to the total cost involved in the President's call for 50,000 new planes. Mr. Roosevelt subsequently had said that the planes ranged in cost from \$133,000 to \$350,000 each. Well, if one takes an average that must be below the minimum and figures the cost at \$200,000 per plane, 50,000 planes would cost \$10,000,000,000. Ten billion dollars is a lot of money in anybody's language.

So, a tax bill is proposed. A decision is made to issue "defense bonds" which would be paid off by the "defense" taxes that have been proposed, and the job will have been done in five years. It all sounds reasonable and logical, but the taxes proposed would amount to around \$850,000,000 a year and it is planned to issue three billions in defense bonds. Which leaves the question still unanswered as to how we are to pay for 50,000 planes that must cost around \$10,000,000,000. It is all so confusing to a country boy, like me.

It remains only to be said that there is no great reason to be confident about the success of our defense program. The program is needed in view of world conditions which cannot be ignored. For the most part, it is a good program. But I still am asking why there is a call for national unity when responsible authorities are breeding dissatisfaction or are permitting confidence to wane.

**Opponents of Democracy Are Boring From Within**  
Behind and beneath all of these things that are to be deplored is the creeping and gnawing of the termites who would be most happy to destroy our form of government. They are seizing upon the hysteria and the patriotism of the day to worm themselves into the spots where their concealed efforts will attract the least attention until the floor falls in. I have complained about these fellows many times before, and I shall continue to write about the dangers from them. They are in our government to the tune of several thousands. Again, little is being done about those, or the thousands that are at large.

Let us begin with some details of the politics of the situation as it has existed now for several weeks. We should begin at the top. President Roosevelt is not less guilty than many of his supporters in the matter of playing politics.

The President's speech to congress was a good speech, a speech that should have aroused a sleepy nation. It did. But there were some parts of it about which there could be, and was, disagreement. Of those who disagreed, the President immediately said, in effect, that they were playing politics. He want-

### Speaking of Sports

## Texas Clouter Reminiscent of Benny Leonard

By ROBERT McSHANE  
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

LEW JENKINS, the tough little hombre from Sweetwater, Texas, is the hardest-hitting champion lightweight division has known since the days when Benny Leonard was belting 'em over with remarkable regularity.

Not long ago Lew was an unknown. The cowboy clouter got his title chance when he scored decisive wins over Billy Marquard and Tippy Larkin. Marquard lasted several rounds, looking even better than his opponent. But Lew rallied long enough to draw the curtain over Marquard.

There wasn't much to the Larkin fight. Tippy was considered one of the best boxers and fastest men in the lightweight ranks. But Jenkins jabbed a few times with his left and then let loose with a right early in the first round. That brought the end.

Even with these victories behind him Jenkins was considered the underdog when he signed up to meet Champion Lou Ambers. The thin man of Texas just wasn't scheduled to offer Ambers much competition. The experts had seen him fight. They knew he had a heart as big as himself, and a lethal punch, but they just couldn't visualize how he would stack up against Ambers.

Jenkins crossed them up. He walked out at the bell and rocked Ambers with a wicked right cross from which Lou never recovered. In the second round Jenkins floored him with a short right hook, and had him down twice before the fight was halted in the third round.

### No Adonis of the Ring

Jenkins isn't an artist's ideal champion. He'll never pose for the Spirit of Pugilism. He resembles an animated rake handle and is far from a picture of power. His lean, hungry look comes naturally.



LEW JENKINS

Many's the day he has gone hungry, and though recent success has put money in the bank for him, he won't forget those thin days of his past.

He has legs of pipe stem proportions, and his knees look like the weak spot of an inflated inner tube. His arms are long and thin, his face is hatched shaped. His hair is wiry and unruly, standing like the quills of an annoyed porcupine.

But he can fight—and his opponents will never forget it. His punches are as fast as a radio comedian's comeback, and they contain a crushing power. His force comes through perfect timing and leverage. His fighting style is reminiscent of the Dempsey of old. He parks courtesy outside the ring, ready to give and take as long as he can stand up. He hit Ambers once while Lou's head was bobbing outside the ropes, and he cuffed him twice after the bell had ended the second round.

### Champ—the Hard Way

Jenkins' story is the old, old Cinderella-like tale. Two years ago he was a cavalry recruit in the army, serving as blacksmith. In need of a bit of change while on furlough in Fort Worth, Texas, Lew offered to fight for coffee money. He won the bout and quit the army. His next victories weren't as simple. In fact, he was ready to quit a year ago when his wife persuaded him to go to New York for one more chance.

Starting in the small clubs, Lew won a couple of fights for a starter. That gave him heart and he continued his string of victories. Finally his name became known and he was brought to Madison Square Garden, where he accounted for Marquard, Larkin, and eventually Ambers, the champ.



Washington, D. C.

GENERAL JOHNSON

Says:

GESTURE WITH GOOD SELECTIONS

The Knudsen-Stettinius-etcetera board is not a council of national defense. It is an advisory commission to the statutory council which is composed of Secretaries Woodring, Edison, Ickes, Wallace, Hopkins, and Perkins.

Only these New Dealers have authority. They, added to the New Dealers on the commission—Leon Henderson, Sidney Hillman, Chester Davis, William McReynolds and perhaps Harriet Elliott—make a total of 10 or 11 New Dealers.

There are only three non-New Dealers, Knudsen, Stettinius and Budd, and only the New Dealers have any power. Yet the setup is being widely represented as "non-political"—several commentators insisting that Knudsen was "nominated" by Republicans.

I don't know about that but I do know that this column—which is not Republican—began before anybody plugging to have him brought in months ago, and has frequently urged it since.

I fear the thing is just a gesture which won't work and perhaps wasn't intended to work. It starts just where we started in 1916 before we knew how and began two years blundering before we learned how. It includes not one single veteran of that effort. It studiously avoids every lesson of the past and stupidly repeats every blunder.

Yet it must in fairness be said that the selections are excellent. If World war experience is any in-



Biggest Hat in the Ring

—Carmack in Christian Science Monitor.

dication and these men should be given any authority, the metal people may howl at having their industries headed by the head of U. S. Steel and the other automobile companies may not care to be rounded up by the head of General Motors.

The New Dealers who like to scream: "Wall Street! Du Pont! Morgan!" at every patriotic effort by a business man, will find material for all three cries of anguish. In view of the splendid personalities here none of these objections is valid.

Subject to these qualifications these selections are so good that it will be a pleasure to find at least something to support in the defense effort which has been so fumbling and inefficient to date. Sometimes men can be so good that they can make even a bad plan and organization work.

A war psychology is growing in which much can be done by the three industrialists by mere suggestions and agreements among business men. Stettinius, Knudsen and Budd can do that as well as any three Americans alive—if Thurman Arnold will let them do it. This is a point of real importance.

Since the Supreme court decision in the hot-oil case it is dangerous to do anything by agreements in industry at the suggestion of the government. We need a statute validating such agreements for national defense when made at the demand of the President.

Because of the rift in the ranks of labor, there was no other possible choice but Sidney Hillman. He is brilliant, patriotic, co-operative and has the confidence of labor and of every industry with which he has dealt.

I brought Leon Henderson into this government from obscurity to an important post. I believe that he is too biased and pinky partisan for his job in SEC and with the monopoly committee, but he will be, I think, ideal for this job.

Of course, Henry Wallace isn't going to let Chester Davis do anything in agriculture, any more than Mud-don Sec will permit Sidney Hillman any initiative in labor, but Mr. Davis is, by all odds, the very best selection that could have been made.