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# WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS By Edward C. Wayne Nazi Advance Guard Enters Bulgaria; Japan's Arbitration Offer Rejected By Britain; Far Eastern Crisis Grows; Defense Board Speeds Up Arms Work

(EDITOR'S NOTE-When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are these of the news analyst and net necessarily of this newspaper.)

#### **BALKY BALKANS:** And an American

As Adolf Hitler's advance guard alipped into Bulgaris from Rumania there was none to stay them. Clad in civilian overcoats which they did not remove but from which protrud-ed sleek military boots, members of the German staff took over the prin-cipal hotel of Sofia and the main Bulgarian resort town 40 miles away.

Where before anti-Nazi signs had been scribbled on walls and Bulgar national songs were heard, now or-chestras turned to Viennese waltzes and raised their right arms, palm open. Bulgarian army generals came to the Sofia hotel with bundles came to the sona note: with bundles of maps under their arms. All day and all night they and the boot-clad men poured over them. There was only one show of hos-tility. But it was a beaut while it lasted, which was about an hour.

George H. Earle, American minis-ter to Bulgaria and former governor of Pennsylvania, was in a night club of Pennsylvania, was in a night club just around the corner from the em-bassy building. The place was filled with the mysterious boot-clad, civil-ian-overcoated foreigners. The gov-ernor didn't like the tune the orches-tra was playing and asked them to switch to "It's a Long Way to Tip-perary." perary.

One of the mysterious strangers took offense. Earle said later he was a major of the German general staff. Words were passed and final-ly Earle said the major threw a bottle at him, which he warded off by covering his head with his arm.

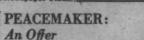
The former governor has never been known to pass up a chance like that. In the World war he commanded a submarine chaser.



GEORGE H. EARLE ers and Bulgars were enlisted.

After the war he took up aviation cracking up several machines but always getting into another and fly-ing off just as quickly as possible. He is an expert boxer and has not refused to make use of his fists be-

fore. Earle said he "injured the man's features." Reporters who were pres-ent said the battle lasted for an



Japan offered to be the peacemak-er of the world and arbitrate all dis-putes. The offer came in a state-ment from Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka. Churchill conferred with U. S. authorities and then called in the Japanese ambassador. His re-ply was one word: "No."

piy was one word: "No." Meanwhile the Japanese "peace-makers" in Indo-China were mop-ping up on their job. Having in-stigated a conflict between Thailand (Siam) and the French rulers of Indo-China, Japan stepped in and "enforced" an armistice, taking for itself the rich port of Saignon. While the terms of the armistice

While the terms of the armistice were being developed into a peace treaty, Japanese soldiers extended



#### YOSUKE MATSUOKA For him, a one-word reply.

Munich beer cellar where wazism was born, was a tactic admission that Hitler's air power, his original major weapon on which he risked war, had failed to produce decisive results. And between the lines of the meach cach be read the admis their influence in Indo-China until the French rulers became mere pup-pets. Stores were filled with Jap-anese products and residents who re-fused to buy them were beaten and jailed. the speech can be read the admis-sion that British sea power is grip-ping the Axis countries even tighter than it did last fall.

than it did last fall. So Hitler, during the winter months, has been building a new type of U-boat, known as "pig boats" to naval men. In Norway, Den-mark, Belgium, The Netherlands and in France all the vast ship building yards have been turning out Just west of the Indo-Chinese sphere of influence is the Philippines and just south are the Dutch East Indies, chief source of United States tin and rubber. The Japanese turned covetous eyes on that spot If that source of supply would be closed to United States shipping, America's entire defense effort would be threatened. pocket submarines during the winter months. How many the Germans have on hand is not known, but best estimates are 1,000, with hundreds more ready to be delivered before

Big Stick .

Washington said nothing, but car-ried a big stick. The U. S. fleet was known to be somewhere in the vicinity. Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the army, also had a big stick. Hundreds of army fight-ing planes left the West coast for our Pacific possessions—Hawaii and the Philippines. summer. No nation has nearly this many undersea craft. The United States has but a few hundred and England even less. Germany last fall was estimated to have almost 500 stand-ard size submarines. But sub-marines do not fight submarines. To sink them, fast cruisers and destroy-ers are necessary. Britain, even the Philippines. ers are necessary. Britain, even with the 50 destroyers obtained from the U. S., will have a difficult time

More important, the house voted funds to fortify the islands of Guam and Samoa, the U. S. Gibraltars in the Pacific. The same proposal was defeated in the house two years ago for fear of offending Japan. to cope with the situation, if even a fraction of that number U-boats begins to prey on the sealanes that bring her food and munitions.



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WASHINGTON. - Few American ambassadors have been chosen be-cause of their philosophy. John Wi-nant, just taking over his new du-ties as envoy to the Court of St. James, was.

GLENDALE, CALIF .-- A tri-

angle consisting of a man, his

wife, and the U.S. army, landed

Mrs. Esther M. Moore (above) in jail when (in violation of army rules) she refused to cease

making frequent efforts to visit her husband, Sergt. G. G. Moore.

A veteran army man, Moore is completing his flying course at an army air school in Glendale

and Mrs. Moore was arrested on

a charge of disturbing the peace after a series of attempts to get by the sentries on duty.

Hitler made another speech.

was more eloquent in what it did not say than in what was said. Der

not say than in what was said. Der Fuchrer pictured an impressive spring campaign against England's life lines in the Atlantic. None got up and left the meeting, although some, hearkening back to the same speech in January, may have thought to do so with the expres-sion, "Here's where we came in." In reality, the speech made in the Munich beer cellar where Naziism was born, was a tactic admission

**PIG BOATS:** In the Atlantic

Externally he is not the type to wear knee breeches and genufiect to royalty.

royalty. He is tall, Lincolnesque appear-ing. He is no orator. He has had no previous diplomatic experience. He is anything but the glass of fash-ion, although he comes from a wealthy New York family. He was once Republican governor of New Hampshire. President Roosevelt called him in to head the first social security board. Later he was direc-tor of the international labor office at Geneva. at Geneva.

selves better for world citizenship. "Co-operating with private organi-rations, such as Girl Scouts, Camp-fire Girls, and other recreation groups, great numbers of women can be interested and trained in per-forming their home defense service through volunteer leadership of girls." Many persons in Washington will tell you they cannot see why this man was chosen for our most impor-tant foreign diplomatic post. Within limits it is anybody's guess. This is mine

mine: Mr. Roosevelt believes that Amer-ica is to play the dominating role in the peace that is to come. He believes that the democracies must have as definite a program to offer the bewildered and bleeding peoples of the earth as the totalitarians. Hit-ler has named his. It is national so-cialism. Roosevelt has his—the New Deal. cialism. New Deal.

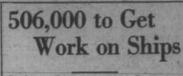
#### 'If' Great Britain Wins.

Increase in Finland Recently we reported the experi-mental work being done by the de-partment of agriculture laboratory in Peoria, III., in the manufacture of alcohol from corn residue. In Finland, where necessity has be-come the mother of invention, re-ports coming to Washington show that they are already running auto-mobiles without gasoline. The Finns have wood-gas carburetors in their cars. Finland in normal times im-ports all of its petroleum. In these times it can get little or none. According to information reaching If Great Britain wins the war, her If Great Britain wins the war, her chosen representatives will dictate the terms which will shape the new world. If they are to be persuaded to do the job on the American plan they must understand what that plan is. Therefore, since the man whose function it is to interpret the United States to Great Britain in the pre-peace days is our ambassador, he must truly represent his President. Of course all ambassadors are sup-posed to be the personal representa-tives of their head of state but un-der these circumstances the Presider these circumstances the Presi-dent's envoy extraordinary must be a man who Mr. Roosevelt believes, believes as he believes.

streets of Helsinki. By early No-vember, 1,900 wood-gas carburetors were in use in Finland, as well as 4,250 charcoal-gas carburetors, an-That is the reason the President sent Harry Hopkins over in the fate-ful interlude between a Kennedy and a Winant. other substitute for gasoline.

John Winant will talk to the king John Winant will talk to the king or the prime minister or whomever is head of the peace-making govern-ment, in the language of President Roosevelt. That is not precisely the language which Joseph Kennedy spoke so understandingly to the Eng-lishman he knew best and respected highly, the late Neville Chamberlain, the language of the conservative lib-eral, the man of property. Winant's language is the language of what he would probably describe "social val-ues"-for he is the New Deal in-carnate. And this affects the farmer, too. All tractors in agricultural use are being fitted with the wood-gas car-buretors. Nearly all busses are al-ready running on wood-gas, and pas-sengers are gratified with the ab-sence of the noxious gas fumes usu-ally associated with gasoline-driven busses—one of the advantages of wood gas.

carnate.



# Labor Department Surveys Prospects in Marine Building Field.

Doubtful: Whenever a ship from the Dutch East Indies comes into port, Charles ("Cannibal") Miller, who was born down in that part of the world, goes over to Brooklyn to visit officers and men. A ship that recently arrived had, as crew mem-berer, a number of Javanese who never before had been in this part of the world. Clad for the tropics, New York's winter climate was not at all to their liking. At dimar, the steward, who shivered constant-by despite the fact that the dining room was well beated, was so cour-tes theward, who shivered constant-by despite the fact that the dining room was well beated, was so cour-tes secutinized the bill carefully, then ran to the purser and demand-ed that he be given guiders for it. The purser assured the young man world. The steward, however, was world. The steward, however, was yood when it is so col?" WASHINGTON. — The labor de-partment estimates that about 506,-000 new jobs would be created by June, 1942, as the result of govern-ment contracts already made for shipbuilding—a figure which does not include a multitude of addition-al workers needed for the proposed emergency ship construction pro-gram or private projects. The department, reporting to the that 126,000 workers were employed in construction of government ves-

in construction of government ves-sels in November, 1940, and that 253,400 more would be required by June, 1942. It added that about the Aptitude testing, first and and sate-ty first: community organization, map reading, map making, drafting, community health, sanitation and hygiene: are just a few of the other fields in which more trained work-ers are needed. same number of additional workers would be needed to produce raw and processed material for the shipers are needed. "On a volunteer basis present and ex-teachers of language could devel-op nation-wide opportunities for classes in Spanish." Mrs. Kerr said. "Western hemisphere relationships give such training universal appeal, and many individuals will respond to such an opportunity to equip them-selves better for world citizenship. "Concentrations with private organ!" yards.

Aptitude testing, first aid and safe-

War-Gas Driven Cars

According to information reaching the legation here in your capital city the Finnish ministry of supplies and transport has issued orders to the ef-fect that automobiles all over Fin-land, including privately owned cars, how and the former the fitted

ery day now sees an increase of the wood-gas driven cars on the

And this affects the farmer, too.

New service stations have had to

Increase in Finland

#### British Orders Excepted.

Street Scene: A stiffy starched nursemaid reading a movie maga-zine on a Central Park West bench while the infant in her charge sleeps in its buggy ... Seated next to her, a ragged, emaciated man whose inter-est seems centered on the traffic stream that stops with the red light and dashes ahead with the green. ... A policeman sauntering part with a smile, which the nurse does not see ... An out-of-town couple

British Orders Excepted. The estimate included only work-ers needed for construction of new ships financed from federal funds, and did not cover those working in repair service, or engaged in pro-ducing ships for private enterprise, or for the British government. Nor does the estimate include the number needed to build the 200 "emergency" merchant ships of 7,500 tons each which President Roosevelt has recommended and which congress now is considering. The department said that, since last June, work had been started on \$4,079,000,000 worth of ships and that work still was in progress on an additional \$670,000,000 worth of vessels started prior to that time. These funds cover construction of 643 naval and maritime commission vessels.

The maritime commission, in an innual report to congress, said its annual report to congress, said its ship construction program was well ahead of schedule and that the car-rying power of the nation's mer-chant marine was superior to 1938 despite a decrease in the number of vessels due to scrapping of some old tonnage, and sales to foreign na-tions

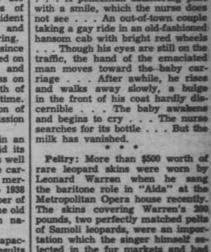
tions. The increase in carrying capac-ity, the commission said, results from the fact that the new ships generally have a minimum speed of 15½ knots as compared with an average of 10 knots for older ves-sels and thus can make more trips. Another factor is increased cubic capacity of the new ships.

Advance in Program.

and, including privately owned cars, busses and trucks, must be fitted with the wood-gas carburetors as soon as possible. The only excep-tions are ambulances and the cars and trucks of the fire brigades. Ev-As originally drafted, the con-struction program called for con-tracting for 50 vessels a year for a 10-year period. An accelerated rate of construction, prompted by the European war situation, will result the the mendion of constructs for 200 European war situation, will result in the awarding of contracts for 200 craft by July 1, 1941, the commis-sion said. This represents a six-month advance over the program as originally contemplated. (Again this figure does not include the 200 emergency ship

program.) As of October 1, 1940, the commis-sion has awarded contracts for 177 vessels grossing 1,407,281 tons. For-ty-seven of these have been deliv-

About 100 of the ships have been contracted for by private operators, who have made commitments for the charter of 35 others. "The acquisition of this new ton-



Pelity: More than \$500 worth of rare leopard skins were worn by Leonard Warren when he sang the baritone role in "Aida" at the Metropolitan Opera house recently. The skins covering Warren's 200 pounds, two perfectly matched pelity of Samoli leopards, were an impor-tation which the singer himself as-lected in the fur markets and had made into a costume. Warren knows for taking up singing as a carear, he spent many winters in the north ness, Music of course took him ness, from the wilds and the over-coats of animals, but now he is find-ing use for his fur knowledge in rand opera.

grand opers. Fact: As a result of a week-end visit to New York night spots, Helen Hamilton, proprietor of the Trolha club in Washington, sends along this observation: "No one at our table smoked, yet at each place we visited the cigarette girl pushed her wares at us at least five times. There were no children in our party but the girl with the toys persistently tried to sell her gadgets to the men who were with us. I wore two large orchids on my shoulder and my friend wore gardenias. That, how-ever, did not prevent flower girls from coming to our table repeatedly and pushing their posies, not at us but at our escorts. We are firmly convinced that the No. I hick town is New York city."

ent said the bettle lasted for an hour with bottles, chairs and tables being used in the melee. The mys-terious foreigner was aided by re-inforcements which consisted of cer-tain other boot-clad and overcoated gentlemen. Earle enlisted the wait-cer at the restaurant where he was ers at the restaurant, where he wa known and various and sundry Bul-gars who were present. Police had a hard time with both sides for the next hour.

#### AIR CRASH: Number Four

Last August the commercial air lines of the country had established a no-accident record of 17 months, but with the midnight crash of an Atlants, Ga., the number of acci-dents in the intervening six months was raised to four.

When searchers, near dawn, reached the scene of the crash they found seven persons killed, nine others injured. Among those found dead was a member of con-gress. Ren William D. Burger of found dead was a member of con-gress, Rep. William D. Byron of Maryland, and among the severely injured was the famed World war flying ace, Eddie Rickenbacker, president of the company on whose plane he was riding. Also killed were the pilot, the co-pilot and steward of the plane's crew.

Next day a report from Balboa, Canal Zone, told of the crash of a U. S. army bomber into Panama bay. An immediate search, first re-ports said, failed to disclose any trace of a crew of seven. **MEN AT WORK:** Full Speed

While congress spent precious weeks in prolonged debate on the lease-lend bill to send war materials to Great Britain, the defense con mission got in some mighty speedy licks. The arming of the nation's forces has entered the third P of the plan, priorities. The other two are procurement and production.

Stettinius' Job

Priorities is the job now. It will do no good to produce 40 airplane engines and no airplane tail assem-blies. The defense commission must regulate production so that every item down to the last eraser on a lead pencil arrives just at the mo ment it can be used.

The task is under the direction of E. R. Stettinius Jr. Aluminum and machine tool industries were first to feel the effects of his order. By authority of the navy speedup law passed last June, Stettinius direct-ed that both industries put aside all other labor and devote their entire

lin, in Moscow, a national confer-ence of the Communist party was in progress. Members charged that production in several key industries was delayed due to buck-passing and overwhelming red tape. The Cen-tral Committee hinted shake-ups. The dismissals followed quickly. Among those losing their official heads was Maxim Litvinoff, former former and Pauling energies to filling defense contracts After defense contracts are under way, commercial production will be rationed. But until such time as the government has sufficient alumi num, for instance for planes and tanks, there will be little or none for

Explanation

tanks, usere will be indue to indue to streamlined trains, kitchen utensils or even tooth paste tubes. Meanwhile procurement and pro-duction must be stepped up to meet new demands. bring the state

Mussolini also made a speech. Whereas Hitler seemed scoriful of wavering within the German lines, I Duce seemed less sure. He blamed discontent on Jews and Ma-sons and dwelt on the indissoluble ties that bind Italy to Germany, which is a nice way of putting it now that German censors are in charge of communications leading from of communications leading from Italy to the outside world. He had a new explanation for the disasters in Africa. Marshal Grazi-ani earlier blamed failure on lack of mechanical equipment in the Fascist forces. Mussolini said, how-ever, that the British succeeded be-

cause they achieved numerical su-periority. Since all British recause they achieved hunder and ar periority. Since all British re-inforcements to Egypt pass within 50 miles of Italian naval and air bases, Il Duce seemed here also to be making an admission of the in-effectiveness of his battle forces.

MISCELLANY: € In the main hall of the Krem-lin, in Moscow, a national confer-

foreign commissar, and Paulina Shemyonovna Zhemchuzhina, wife of Premier and Foreign Minister Molotoff.

#### President Has Plan For 'Social Defense'

For 'Social Defense' At a recent White House press conference the President took a lot of time to answer an open letter from an ex-marine, World war vet-eran. The writer said that when the last war was over he had an-nounced that he'd cheer the boys to the next one and then enjoy a big steak and onions. But when he tried it after seeing some draftees march by, the steak didn't taste. He want-ed to know what folks, too old to join the army could do for national defense. The President said he would announce a plan soon. That defense. The President said he would announce a plan soon. That plan is based on a report submitted by a committee, the chairman of which is Mrs. Florence Kerr, assist-ant WPA commissioner here.

Later I asked Mrs. Kerr about it.

This was her reply: "There are social defense jobs to be done in every home town in America. From border to border and coast to coast communities need more services in health, welfare, ed-more in recreation. Everywhere ucation, recreation. Everywhere there are things to be done to make America a better place in which to live."

be set up, for the servicing now is not merely a question of supplying the fuel but also of cleaning the car-buretors and emptying the ashes, which must be done under cover. which must be done under cover. Last August, when wood-gas car-buretors were introduced into Fin-land, the state appointed a commit-tee to find means to finance their purchase. This committee's recom-mendation, to set up a guarantee company in which the state would take part, was carried out by the establishment in October of a joint stock company, Wood-Gas Generator Credits, Inc., which extends credits, up to a maximum of 70 per cent of the cost, toward the purchase of the new carburetors.

wood gas.

the cost, toward the purchase of the new carburetors. The ministry of supply and trans-port also appointed a technical com-mittee to work on improvements and modifications of the carburetors. The state granted \$100,000 to start this work.

Although the development of wood gas in Finland thus far has been a temporary expediency it may have a future as a fuel in the motor world. a future as a fuel in the motor world. In that case, Finland, according to the Finnish experts, with her wealth of forests, would be in the first rank of motor-fuel producing countries. At all events, she would be inde-pendent as far as her own auto traf-fic is concerned.

However, if and when the Finns Fields of training, says Mrs. Kerr, in which millions of men, women and youth will be engaged for de-fense on the home front will in-clude: Food training programs, dealing with all subjects related to food, food conservation, food han-dling, gardening, canning, mass

facilitated to a large extent by the increased earnings of the last year and a half and the sale of old vessels at the high price currently pre-vailing for tonnage in the world market," the commission said.

### Nothing but Trouble

For Her on This Day ONEIDA, WIS .- Listen to this la-

ment by Mrs. Carl Dwyer: Returning from a trip she found her home burglarized. She started for the constable's office, but the for the constable's office, but the axle on her automobile snapped. She went to a brother-in-iaw's farm and took a horse from the barn. As she prepared to have the horse pull the car off the road, the horse fell dead. She went home. Returning later,

she found someone had stolen the car battery and rear-view mirror.

## Lost Voice Recovered

By an Odd Experience

By an Odd Experience SHELBY, OHIO.—For the first time in more than a year, Francis Leemaster, 30, can talk. An automobile accident cost Lee-master his voice. While shaving re-cently he placed his finger over the opening to the tracheal tube, which forces air through the mouth, dis-covered a peculiar sound, and be-ran talking.

gan talking. Dr. Marion Reed believes the voice recovery will be permanent.

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Short Story: While Harvey Hard-ing, singer, was having his shoes shined by his favorite colored boot-black the other afternoon, he passed the time by pouring over the latest stock market quotations. "Something wrong?" asked the lad after studying Harding's immo-bile face.

ad after studying Harding's imme-bile face. "Well no, Sam," returned Hard-ing. "Not too bad. Did you even lose any money in Wall Street?" The bootblack thought a moment, scratched his head and remarked, "To tell you the truth, Mr. Hard-ing, I can't recolleck ever bein' down there." there."

End Piece: James Snyder, com-mercial photographer, likes to take pictures when on vacation. On a job he uses about \$5,000 worth of equipment. On his own, he carries a five-dollar camera. (Bell Syndicate-WNU Service.)

#### Widow Defeats 47 Men

In Race for Coroner ATLANTA, GA. — A 35-year-old mother of two children is the new coroner of Fulton county (Atlanta). Mrs. Paul Donehoo was elected, defeating 47 men opponents. She succeeds her husband, noted blind coroner, who died last month after serving in the office 32 years. The ioh pays 33.000 annually and

The job pays \$3,000 annually and a fee of \$5 for each special case investigated.