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BRITISH AWARE OF CONGRESS Although the average Britisher will be amazed if FDR is not elected to a fourth term, recent weeks have seen the British press and public far more aware of the possibility of Republican victory.

When Governor Dewey began his recent speaking tour, he rated about

one paragraph per speech in most London papers, with an editorial tending to deprecate the GOP stand-ard-bearer. Enthusiastic Republican Representative Karl Mundt of South Dakota remarked that when he arrived in London, early in September, he needed a magnifying glass to find any reference to Dewey—al-ways referred to by the British as "Governor Tom Dewey." However, the challenger's space in

the London press gradually in-creased during September, culminat-ing in double-column headlines on

the front pages the night after his Oklahoma City speech.
Chatting one day with a member of the British House of Commons, Congressman Mundt was asked about Dewey's chances. He replied that he thought they were excellent and that Dewey might very well go into the White House next year. The member of parliament, off guard, answered: "What a pity."

Mundt mentioned the incident dater to Churchill's minister of information, Brendan Bracken, who apologized:

"I thought we had them better trained than that."

PARLIAMENT NOTICES CONGRESS

An important result of the U. S. political uncertainty is the determination on the part of the British government to work with this country on the legislative as well as the executive level. The British are becoming more and more aware of the importance of the American congress, admit they should never have overlooked it after they saw the trouncing Wilson got after the last armistice.
While observing the British Parli-

ament, Mundt heard a speech by Lord Braithwaite, author of a re-cent bill inviting American congressmen to England as official guests, call for much closer rela-tions between parliament and con-

"Our international friendship," said Lord Braithwaite, "cannot be permitted to depend on the slender reed of affection between two indiseparated by a mighty

GOOD NEIGHBORS PROVIDE COFFEE

The backstage story in regard to the near threat of coffee rationing is that the Good Neighbor policy paid dividends last month. Brazil-ian friendship enabled us to avert either coffee rationing or a coffee rise in price. The American housewife will be in \$18,000,000 between now and Christmas because of the Good Neighbor policy. U. S. retail coffee prices here have

been frozen since December, 1941, but the cost of producing coffee in Brazil, Colombia, Salvador and Venezuela has not. Growers there have been clamoring for higher

The governments of these four countries have been under constant pressure from powerful coffee interests to get better prices in the United States. In general, the grow-ers of Venezuela, Colombia and Salvador have had partial support from their governments, but the Brazilian overnment has refused to press for higher prices.

As a result, growers have been tapering off in their acceptance of orders from the U. S. A. Gambling on an early end of the war, they decided to build up stocks for immediate sale to England, Sweden, France and Spain. (Coffee will keep in the bean for as dong as five to ten years.)

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This refusal of growers to accept new orders led the War Food Administration to recommend ration-ing to OPA Administrator Chester Bowles last summer. Bowles op-posed rationing then, though agree-ing with WFA Boss Marvin Jones that we should not raise the price of coffee.

1,000,000 BAGS A MONTH

When brilliant Brazilian minister of finance, Souza Closta, was in Washington last July, he guaranteed us a minimum of 1,000,000 bags of Brazilian coffee for each of the four months from September through December. Costa promised extra large shipments from Brazil, risking the extreme anger of Brazilian growers in the interest of U. S. friendship.

Meanwhile, the administration und itself unable to buy coffee for delivery even next year. The Brazilian guarantee is only for the remainder of this year, and the American people drink more than 1,000,-000 bags a month, it has been point-

It was at this point that Marvin Jones and Chester Bowles went to assistant Pres. Jimmy Byrnes with their problem. Byrnes advised mmediate rationing. He knew that he threat of renewed rationing sould cause plenty of worry among the coffee growers.

Truce Clears Battleground of Civilians



When Dunkirk became the center of operations, Allies and Germans agreed to a truce in order that civilians could leave the city. Views showing them leaving are typical of other cities along the route of the advancing Yanks. Allied headquarters say that the Dunkirk truce plan may not be followed in all other cities. Individual commanders will decide in the future

Holland in Ruins as War Rages Toward Berlin



Typical of most Holland cities, Nejmegen, hit by German and Allied bombardment and shelling, shows the effect of the war upon that country. American soldlers aid in cleaning up the city as well as take care of snipers left behind by the retreating Naxis. Cooperation of organized Holland underground has made it possible for Allied troops to advance rapidly. Nothing remains standing in wake of Nazi retreat.

Coastguardsmen Cast Ballots



Coasignardsmen at a replacement pool in the South Pacific exercise their right to vote along with millions of American servicemen all over the world. These men are awaiting new assignments to coast guard fighting ships in the Pacific and will win back the Philippines and carry fighting troops in Japan. Early reports indicate considerable interest on the part of oversea veterans, with considerable soldier, saller and marine individual campaigners at work.

No Place Like Our Old Home



Even when it is in ruins like this one at Scarperia, near the Gothic line in Italy, there is no place like home. Using a shell hole in the wall for a door, the couple return and lay plans on building a new home without fear of further oppression from the Nazi yelk as was their lot in the past.

Aachen Given Terms



Lieut. William Boehme, New York City, with another officer and a private carried the surrender terms to the besieged Nazi garrison at Aachen, Germany. Boehme was chosen because of his German-American parentage and knowledge

Snite Goes South



Frederick Snite, the "boiler kid." shown in his iron lung, with his daughter, Terese Marie, a year and three months old, as he left his Chicago home for the winter in Florida.



PRIVATE PURKEY WORRIES
ABOUT RECONVERSION

Dear Ed: Well, I am pretty tide up in the Eurprean war, but I get a couple of minutes now and then to think about my reconvertion plans. Reconverting me from the job of a foreign demonstrator for the arsenal of democracy back to a local filling station attendant is not going to be

Two years in a global fracas like this make a man a new model. He gets to be a hard boiled, quick tempered guy with a hide like a ella-phunt, a disposition like a gorilla and a very itchy finger on a gun. Take me. I got all geared up for destruction and it is not going to be no cinch making me over for peace-ful persuits.

Sometimes I wonder how long it will take to reconvert me so I will not want to end all arguments with a bazooka. Before the war I was a fine sample of a peaceful American. In my gas a peacetul American. In my gas station job I was polite, I never got quarrelsome with nobody and was even teached to turn the other cheek. But in the war I got made over into a rough and tumble Dick Tracy fight-ing on a 24-hour basis and never remembering nothing about good manners.

As soon as the ump blows the whistle on this war me and the boys has got to get ourselves all retooled, regeared and refinished so we get fighting out of our systems and go all day without shooting nobody. We got to be able to come on strangers all of a sudden and not fire at 'em first. We got to get used to ordering breakfast, and sleeping late morn-

I serpose when I get back to the gas station job I will not pay no attention to orders at first unless they is yelled at me in a rough voice and I guess the boss better wear stripes on his coat for a time. Also I will not be able to look at a hill, a mountain or a beach no place without feeling I got to take it. Every time I see a bridge I will want to blow it up from habit.

Just being back at the pumping station with no iron hat on and with-out a ton of equiperment on my back will seem funny in the first stages of my reconvertion and I gess maybe the boss should make it easy by letting me strap a couple of tires and 40 pounds of auto supplies on me for a while.

Reconverting myself to soft beds, light shoes and no k. p. duty is a big job, and I will need the help of Mr. Byrnes and Barney Baruch all right. But the big reconvertion task will be to get my stommick back on a basis where it can stand eggs that ain't never been took out of no cans.

Well I sure got a prublem but I am giving it plenty of thought and I hope for the best.

Yours az always,

RECONVERSION WORRIES A Volunteer Shop Worker:

Oh, reconversion frightens me, I fear the sudden step That reconverts me to a girl Who ends the day with pep; That finds no wrenches in my hands And not a clock to punch-And makes me throw away those slacks

And take my time at lunch! To have my nails look right again, To wear once more a skirt. To lack a pay check every week-Ah, that, I fear, will hurt!

A Housewife:

How will I reconvert myself From harassed, fretful days And worries over ration points And all those OPAs? From living everything by points, Not knowing where I'm at To entering the butcher shop And saying "Gimme THAT!"!!!

Oh, speed the reconversion days! To war my wife did go; And I've been keeping up the house (or very nearly so);
Of drug-store food I'm pretty sick,
My stomach's on the bum; The kitchen sink is full of plates, I'm feeling extra glum; So send the Missus home to me, Without her life's a blur; From everything in this damned war

I'll reconvert to HER.

YOO HOO, MR. HULL! Summer Welles, former assistant secretary of state, is the latest United States ex-official to accept a job as a radio commentator. He will be sponsored by a watch com-pany. The author of "Time for Dis-cussion" has made a decision for "time."

Those GI Joes may put a chain on the watch on the Rhine.



STATE SOCIALISM

FOR UNITED STATES? CANADA IS VERY DEFINITELY HEADED for state socialism, which is but a slightly modified form of communism. As a means of capturing the farm vote the Canadian com-munism will not, for the present, include a socialization of the small, one family, farms. It will include government ownership and operation of all transportation and other utili-ties, all industrial manufacturing and a strict regulation of merchan dising.

Sometime between now and next March 25, Mackenzie King, the Cana-dian prime minister, must call for an election of members of the Canadian parliament. That new parliament will select a prime minister and fix the policies of the govern-ment. There seems hardly a chance of preventing the socialists from se-curing a majority in that new parliament. They are led by M. J. Cald-well, a theoretical school teacher and labor agitator, who has captured the imagination of the workers and small farmers of the Dominion, and he has carried the recent elections in contests for seats in provincial parliaments.

Are we headed in the same direction as is Canada? It looks as though we may be. We have not, as yet, given a definite name to the "ism" for which we are seemingly head-ing. Some call it "New Dealism," though the President has asked us to forget that name.

That we have a start on the road to some form of state socialism is evident from a few facts: The fed-eral government today owns more than one fifth of the industrial capacity of the nation, with an investment of considerably more than 20 billions of dollars; the government owns nearly one fourth of all the arable land in the nation; the government owns an interest in, and has a voice in the management of, a large number of banks; the gov-ernment is operating well over 60 business corporations, financed with government money and competing with private business; through OPA, WPB and WLB the government con-trols industry, merchandising and la-

bor.
Under such conditions it is but a step from what is left of the American free enterprise system to that form of communism Canada calls state socialism.

POLITICIANS MUST WORK

TO BE SUCCESSFUL
MORE POLITICIANS, both men and women, are willing to aid the cause of their party by talk than by work. They will make speeches but they will not ring doorbells, though ringing doorbells produces more votes than speeches when election day comes around.

Jim Farley was rated as a successful politician, but his success was due more to work than to talk. I was sitting in his private office one day, during the '36 campaign, when the receptionist announced a caller. Jim instructed her to have the visitor wait for two or three minute, and suggested that I remain. He called for the card on that man. It was one of half a million, but so filed it took only a moment to locate it. The last entry on that card noted the recent birth of a son. After glancing at the card Jim told the receptionist to send the visitor in, and met him with extended hand at the door.

"The man I wanted most said Jim to his visitor, tell me about that boy."

No number of speeches could have changed that man's vote. He was for any one Jim Farley proposed as a candidate. The half a million of those personal cards meant work in compiling and keeping them up to date, but it was work that paid dividends in votes.

AMERICA ITSELF

ON ELECTION DAY WHEN WE VOTE do we perform that duty of citizenship as members of a labor union, a farm organiza-tion, a corporation director or stock-holder, a Methodist or Baptist or Catholic or Lutheran? Do we vote as a Jew or gentile, a German, or Italian, or Russian, or English or French? Do we vote as anything other than as an American? Unless our Americanism comes first, unof a labor union, a farm organiza our Americanism comes first, un-less we are willing to vote for the best interests, as each of us see those interests, of a majority of all of us, we can say farewell to our Republic. That America is the first interest of its citizens is the foundation on which the Republic is built Minority rule has no place in a Republic.

SHOULD THE RECONVERSION and demobilization plans not work out as it is hoped they may, should there be a delay in converting to peace-time production, resulting in unemployment and bread lines, there unemployment and bread lines, there is one element in our population that will not be found in the lines of the hungry. That is the farmers. They will have food for themselves and their families; they will have shelter, and the wood lot will provide heat. That is what the farm way of life insures, and it is a valuable insurance.

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