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## WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

### Cut Civilian Meat Supplies; MacArthur Affirms Purge Policy; House Conservatives Curb OPA

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Presently held by Italy but sought by Yugoslavia, strategic Adriatic port of Trieste has been troublesome bone of contention in the peace-making. During visit of United Nations commission to area, Yugoslavs staged rally demanding port and civil guards are shown dispersing straggling demonstrators with fire hose.

#### MEAT:

##### Cut Supply

Following close upon the restoration of slaughtering quotas to provide for a more equitable distribution of meat, the department of agriculture announced that civilian supplies would be lower in April, May and June than in the previous months though well above the same period last year.

In renewing slaughtering quotas, the department sought to check the heavy diversion of livestock from major packing centers by smaller operators. The big packers' inability to match smaller buyers' bids and remain within OPA ceiling prices pointed up charges that much of the meat being processed was diverted to black markets.

With 15 per cent of the April, May and June meat supply allocated to the army and foreign relief, civilian stocks will be at a rate of 132 pounds per person as against 147 for the first three months of the year. Despite the reduction, the supply still will be 16 pounds over that for the same period in 1945.

#### FAR EAST:

##### Mac Answers Russ

In answering Russian inquiries on the effectiveness of his purge of anti-democratic elements in post-war Japan, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stood by his past actions and reaffirmed intentions of continuing to carefully weed out undesirable elements from commanding positions.

Holding fast to previous measures, MacArthur disputed the four-power Allied council's authority to review his past administrative actions in the defeated country. He also met insinuations that he might have dealt lightly with Japanese figures in some instances by asserting that the council possessed sufficient data to study his measures and did not require copies of all directives issued.

Answering Russia's request for a new election if the recent balloting resulted in the selection of undesirable representatives, MacArthur said he could not take any action which might reflect upon any party or favor another. Undesirable elements would be removed from parliament through continuing investigations, he indicated.

#### CONGRESS:

##### Curb OPA

Demanding equal profits for all and the free play of economic forces to spur production and reduce the threat of inflation with more goods, the southern Democrats and conservative Republicans again banded in the house to curb OPA control and extend the agency's life for nine months instead of one year.

Even before house action, the bill was appreciably modified by the banking committee. Attacking OPA practice of compelling retailers to absorb part of higher manufacturing costs, the committee decided to allow them a full markup, and it also abolished the OPA regulation requiring clothing makers to balance output of cheaper and more expensive lines.

When the bill reached the floor,

however, the conservative coalition went to work in earnest.

By a 209 to 189 vote, OPA's life was reduced to nine months from a year.

By 259 to 137, OPA was ordered to allow every manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer full operating costs plus a reasonable profit in fixing price ceilings.

By 241 to 182, meat subsidies were abolished by July 1.

By 245 to 150, all food subsidies were to be gradually eliminated by December 31, with compensatory price increases allowed.

By 228 to 166, price ceilings were ordered removed on all goods reaching the June 30, 1941, level of production.

Having strongly diluted the coalition's anti-strike bill, senate action on OPA was awaited in the face of urgent administration demands for preserving maximum powers of the agency to head off inflation. Senate disagreement with the house measure would require a conference between the two bodies to iron out differences.

#### CHINA:

##### At It Again

Back in China after reporting to President Truman on his efforts to end civil strife in that long-suffering country, Gen. George C. Marshall found the nationalist and communist forces at each other's throats again despite the recent conclusion of a truce.

The new clashes centered in Manchuria where the nationalists sought to seize control of key sites in the wake of Russian withdrawals. While Chiang Kai-shek's forces took over smaller strongholds, an estimated 40,000 Reds using captured Jap equipment smashed 6,000 nationalists defending the Manchurian capital of Changchun.

Marshall's appearance on the scene coincided with the resumption of discussions between the disputants for reconciling the nationalists' desires for protecting the central government's strategic economic interests in the territory with the communists' demands for political power.

#### UN:

##### Rip Franco

Alone in championing Russia's position in the Iranian issue, Poland drew stronger support in its demand that the security council condemn Spain as a threat to world peace and recommend that the 51 member countries of the United Nations break diplomatic relations with Madrid.

Russia, Australia, France and Mexico proved sympathetic to Polish Delegate Lange's charges that 100,000 Germans and Vichy militiamen were in Spain and German scientists were developing new weapons of war within the country.

Franco had answered earlier Polish suggestions that German scientists were working on atomic energy in Spain by inviting the UN to send an investigating committee to the country.

While expressing no love for Franco, the U. S., backed by Britain, China, Holland and Brazil, cautioned against hasty action in the case of Spain, reiterating its policy of giving every encouragement to the Spanish people to organize a new government peacefully without stirring another bloody civil war.

#### WHEAT EXPORT:

##### Argentine Aid

In seeking to make the maximum amount of wheat available for export to help feed a hungry world, the Argentine government announced a substantial subsidy to growers and also limited the volume of purchases by millers to the last year's level.

Payment of a subsidy of over 30 cents a bushel in American terms had a double aim: first, of drawing wheat off of farms where it has been hoarded in anticipation of higher prices, and second, of stimulating an increase in acreage for the next crop.

Restriction of millers' use of wheat to the last year's levels followed failure of the government's program for voluntary reduction of individual consumption from 2.2 pounds to 2 pounds. Extravagant in their use of wheat, Argentines ordinarily demand fresh bread for every meal, discarding unfinished loaves.

#### Good Neighbors Make Up

Argentina's substantial shipments of wheat overseas during April drew hearty praise of Secretary of Agriculture Anderson as the U. S. prepared to resume friendly relations with the South American nation following official charges that the Peron regime was harboring nazis.

Commending the Argentine government for its full co-operation with the allies' combined food board, Anderson revealed that Argentina had exported 190,000 tons of wheat during the first half of April and had taken steps to ship an additional 200,000 tons during the remainder of the month.

As the U. S. expressed a willingness to enter into a hemispheric defense pact including Argentina provided the latter carried out commitments to obliterate axis influences, president-elect Peron acknowledged the American demands and pledged his support of the democratic cause.

#### New U. S. Striking Force

A powerful, new American air force is taking shape in Europe, built around the super B-29s and P-50 jet planes. Organized from virtually scratch after the dissolution of the wartime units after V-E Day, the new force has steadily been built up to a personnel of 50,000 highly trained men, with an ultimate goal of 70,000. The B-29s constitute the backbone of the bombing force and will operate from French and German fields while the P-50 jets are the core of a speedy fighter command based at Bremen.

#### EUROPE:

##### Sample Diet

Indicating the tight food situation overseas, the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration listed sample diets of Italy, Greece, Czechoslovakia and Poland, with bread the foundation in all countries.

In Italy, bread, tea or coffee make up the breakfast; thin vegetable soup and bread the lunch, and spaghetti, bread, nuts and fruit the dinner. In Greece, bread, tea or coffee constitute the breakfast; macaroni with sauce of oil, garlic and a little meat the lunch, and dry beans or peas in soup, bread, cheese and wine the dinner.

In Czechoslovakia, breakfast consists of bread, ersatz coffee or tea with sugar; lunch of potato soup, cabbage cooked with potatoes and cheese, and dinner of thin cabbage soup with small bits of meat or fish, bread, ersatz coffee and a sweet. In Poland, breakfast is made up of bread, tea or coffee; lunch of small piece of meat or fish with potatoes, bread, ersatz tea or coffee without sugar, and dinner of cabbage borscht or barley soup, bread and cheese.

#### POLITICS:

##### CIO Drive

Congressional "reactionaries" were marked for defeat by the CIO political action committee in the 1946 elections as the powerful union organization drew up its battle plans and prepared to spend six million dollars on the national campaign.

While the PAC's high command headed by Sidney Hillman and Philip Murray will co-ordinate national activities, local CIO organizations will select their candidates. Besides hustling out the vote of union members and sympathizers, local groups will distribute pamphlets and other literature outlining the CIO's liberal legislative program and indicating how congressional incumbents voted on it.

Hitting "poll tax Democrats and reactionary Republicans," the PAC struck at opponents of extension of OPA; the 65 cent an hour minimum wage; housing subsidies; federal health insurance; the fair employment practices act, and the abolition of the poll tax.



Moonlight Over the Hudson:

Silhouettes in the Night: Walter Pidgeon and Frank Sinatra (who have about 40 million young fans between them) spellbound by a middle-aged woman's conversation in the Waldorf. . . . Gene Raymond, back from the wars, getting sighs from the Embassy's hatcheck banditti. . . . Connie Haines wearing a gold-and-ruby dog collar—and her pooch wearing her poils! . . . Mrs. Ray Bolger bawling out the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland for arriving at her groom's hit ("Three to Make Ready") at 9:30. . . . Ex-Ambassador J. P. Kennedy on E. 50th street telling a columnist that the stories of his "cornering the market in Scotch" are exaggerated. . . . Louise Albritton's "Palm Springs tan"—in the Stork. . . . Belle Livingston, attractively gray, reminiscing about her prohibition heyday at a 47th Street bar. . . . Lovely Loretta Young at the Wedgewood Room. . . . Sec'y Byrnes (at a party in the Hampshire House) toasting Gromyko: "Those whom war hath brought together—let no peace put asunder!"

Sallies in Our Alley: Fred Allen was lunching at Lindy's with his announcer K. Delmar, alias Sen. Claghorn. . . . The waiter brought the check. . . . "Give it to him," said Fred, "he does the commercials." . . . At the Carnival a H'wood producer was being panned. . . . "But," defended a friend, "he has a heart of gold." . . . "Yeh," persisted the knocker, "yellow and hard."

The Moom Pitcher: "Dragon-wyck" lights the fuse for a stunning display of emotional pyrotechnics. . . . "The Falcon's Alibi" is another clue-by-clue saga of a sleuth-happy gumshoe handcuffed by a mediocre tale. . . . "The Wife of Monte Christo" offers cloak-and-dagger stuff set in an era when a man's best friend was his sword. . . . "She-Wolf of London" concerns a gal on a spook spree, who scares up a passable quota of tangles. . . . "Last Ride" spins a few clichés in their graves. . . . "Junior Prom" is replete with frantic five cacophony that sounds like a jukebox calling to its mate.

E. Hillman, the mag editor, relays this chuckle: A girl energetically elbowed her way into the subway. Maneuvering a seat, she hurriedly pulled a comb from her purse and ran it through her hair. She applied powder, lipstick and adjusted her earrings. She straightened her stockings seams and drew on a pair of gloves. She consulted her watch. Then she shut her eyes and went to sleep!

Quotation Marksmanship: Andrew Carnegie: The man who dies rich dies disgraced. . . . H. Felton: As friendly as a fairy tale. . . . A. Corio: It is easier to toss a heavy brick than a light compliment. . . . R. Connell: There is no greater bore than perfection. . . . O. Henry: She looked at him with the unique luminosity in her eyes that comes to a girl with her first suitor—and a kitten with its first mouse. . . . N. Donovan: She had a dreamlike figure. . . . Anon: The art of being a parent consists of sleeping when the baby isn't looking. . . . H. Jameson: The difference between you and the other people is that their money looks bigger and their troubles smaller. . . . Ben Franklin: Where there's marriage without love there will be love without marriage.

Midtown Vignette: During the tense days of last week when Mr. Gromyko walked out of the U. N. Security Council—a crowd gathered around the entrance to the Plaza Hotel where some of the delegates are teeping. . . . Two well-dressed women got caught in the crowd. . . . "Wonder what's the matter," said the first. "Some movie star, I suppose." . . . "I don't think so," said the other, as she saw a long, black official limousine pull up. "I think it must be those Social Security fellows from the Bronx!"

Main Street Smalltalk: Kay Scott weds John Nerney on the 27th. . . . Garry Davis and Mary McDonnell of "3 to Make Ready" are Doin' the Old Soft Shoe. . . . Lana Turner paid 75 Gs for her coat make; sold it for 150 thou. . . . Princess Helene Yeuravitch is brooding in her borscht over a certain wedding announcement. Seems he asked her, too. . . . A top network exec will toboggan via a beag shakeup. . . . Damon Runyon's wire to an aging crony: "Happy Birthday. May there be just as many more of them as you can stand."

## TIME TO 'PLAY BALL'

### Great Ball Season Seen

#### Returned Vets Add Color to Nat'l Game

By AL JEDLICKA

WNW Features. "Play ball!" And the crack of the bat again thrills Americans the nation over as the 1946 season gets under way.

While softball, football, basketball and golf have challenged baseball for youth's attentions in recent years, the game still ranks as the No. 1 sports spectacle, an enjoyable outdoor relaxation for the fans. Last year, approximately 15 million persons paid to watch major and minor league ball, and with most of the big stars returning from the war this season attendance should be equally great or greater.

Nineteen hundred and forty-six may be a memorable year for another reason, too, for it marks the introduction of baseball on a big-time professional basis in Mexico. Following an old American custom, President Avila Camacho tossed out the first ball at the Mexican league's first game in which the Vera Cruz Blues walloped the Mexico City Reds 12 to 5 before an overflow crowd of 33,000 in Mexico City.

In the U. S., chief interest again will center on the major league races, though the return of topnotch performers from the services and continued postwar prosperity should herald a banner minor league season.

It'll be like old times again in the American league with the New York Yankees sluggers back in there, denting the fences. But because of an average pitching staff, Joe McCarthy's aggregation will be



EASY WAY . . . Jimmy Dykes with Rudy Laski, Joe Smaza and Doyle Lade of the Chicago White Sox.

strongly pressed for pennant honors by the champion Detroit Tigers, Boston Red Sox and Washington Senators.

Yanks Have Sluggers. Indicative of the dynamite in the Yankee bats, DiMaggio hit .305 in his last season out, Keller .301, Stirrweis .309, and Dickey .351. Though falling below the .300 mark, the other regulars have that explosive Yankee touch in the pinch.

While the New Yorkers are long on power and short on pitching, the Detroit Tigers have strength in both departments and may well repeat their 1945 league triumph. A .311 slugger in 78 games last year after his discharge from the army, Hank Greenberg will be at first this season, with hard-hitting Pinky Higgins back at third and Barney McCosky, Dick Wakefield and Pat Mullin in a youthful, brilliant outfield.

But the Tigers' real strength lies on the mound, with lanky Hal Newhouser, who won 25 games in 1945 while dropping only 9, heading the staff. In addition, Manager Steve O'Neill has Dixie Trout, an 18-game winner last year; Virgil Trucks, Stuff Overmire, Al Benton and Ruff Gentry.

Because of all-around balance, many of the major league scribes like the Boston Red Sox chances in 1946.

#### Williams Sparks Red Sox

Back from the wars after three years in naval aviation, spindly Ted Williams, who hit .356 for Joe Cronin's outfit in 1942, promises to put plenty of punch back into the scarlet hose along with Rudy York, obtained from the Tigers in an over-winter trade; Johnny Pesky, who



CARDINALS . . . Manager Eddie Dyer (center) talks it over with Johnny Beasley and Enos Slaughter.

hit .331 before joining the navy in 1943, and Bobby Doerr, who rung up a .325 average prior to his induction in the army in 1944.

In pitchers Tex Hughson and Big Boo Ferris, Manager Cronin appears to have two sure-fire 15 to 20 game winners, while Mickey Harris, Jim Bagby and Jim Wilson are expected to develop into grade A moundmen.

Nosed out of the American league pennant by a single game in 1945, the Washington Senators will be back knocking at the door again this year if their knuckle-balling pitching staff stands up under the six-month strain, and the boys can stir up enough punch to help out hard-hitting Jeff Heath, Stan Spence, Buddy Lewis and Cecil Travis.

Head of the Senators knuckleballers is 36-year-old Emil ("Dutch") Leonard, vet of 13 long seasons of play who chalked up 17 victories in 1945 against 7 losses and possessed an earned run average of 2.13 per game. The other so-called "flatter-baller" is Roger Wolf, who turned in 20 wins last year, Marino Pieretti, with 14, and Johnny Niggeling, much stronger than in 1945, following the removal of ulcers.

#### Others Have a Chance.

While Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago and Philadelphia have been counted out of the American League pennant race, they may, with lots of luck, crowd into the first division. Because of a strong pitching staff headed by the sensational Bobby Feller, fresh from the navy, Cleveland stands the best chance of breaking into the select four, while 63-year-old Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics appear headed for the cellar despite the presence of Russ Christopher and Dick ("No Hit") Fowler on the pitching staff.

Profiting again from their extensive farm club system, the St. Louis Cardinals are the ruling favorites to take National league honors away from the Chicago Cubs. The Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants and Boston Braves also are highly touted, while the Pittsburgh Pirates may well develop into the dark-horses of the race.

Few new major league managers have stepped into the gold-mine Eddie Dyer has in his first year as the St. Louis Cardinals' manager. He succeeds Billy Southworth, who has taken up the reins of the Boston Braves.

In his regular outfield, the lucky Mr. Dyer intends to start Stan Musial, who hit .347 before entering the navy in 1944; Terry Moore, the fielding genius who hit .288 prior to his induction into service in 1942, and Enos Slaughter, who batted .318 before joining the air force the same year.

Star performers in the infield include the great Marty Marion, wide-ranging shortstop, and Whitey Kurowski, slugging third baseman, who hit .323 and batted in 103 runs last year.

#### Mighty Mound Staff.

Among Dyer's ranking pitchers are Red Barrett, who won 23 games his last time out; Johnny Beasley, 21; Max Lanier, 17, and Harry Brecheen, 15.

While Charley Grimm has none of this kind of talent in Chicago, he does have a hustling ball club to work behind a winning mound staff headed by big Hank Borowy, who helped pitch the Cubs into a pennant after being secured from the Yankees last year; Claude Passeau, who won 17 games in 1945 despite an ailing right arm; Hank Wyse, who turned in 23 victories in spite of a sore back, and El Bithorn, who chalked up 18 wins in 1943 before entering the navy.

The National League's champion batsman in 1945 with a .355 mark, Phil Cavarretta, will be back at first to pace the Cubs' attack, with help forthcoming from the veteran Stanley Hack at third, who hit .323 in his 12th season as a Bruin last year; little "Peanuts" Lowrey, Andy Pafko and — Grimm hopes — Big Bill Nicholson, who flopped to .243 last year.

Led by the irrepressible Leo ("The Lip") Durocher, who won fame as one of the toughest of the thirties, the Brooklyn Dodgers are figured to be right up in the thick of the National league race.

"The Lip" enters the pennant run with a fair country outfield in Pete Reiser, who hit .310 before joining the army in 1942; Goody Rosen, who batted .325 last year; the veteran Dixie Walker, and rookie Gene Hermanski. In the infield, Billy Herman and Pee-wee Reese make a winning combination around second. While none too strong, the pitching staff is built around fire-balling Kirby Higbe, Hugh Casey, Ed Head and Vic Lombardi.

#### Giants Still Powerful.

The New York Giants, while not the hated and feared aggregation of the John McGraw or Bill Terry days, nonetheless is expected to cut a figure in this year's race. No defensive geniuses, the Giants do possess power, with Manager Mel Ott, who hit .308 last year, in right; Johnny Mize, .305, at first; Mickey Wittek, .314, at third, and Walker Cooper, .317, behind the plate.

Ability of brainy Billy Southworth to spur the Boston Braves to give



SMILING . . . New York Giants Bob Blatner, second base, and Bill Rigney, shortstop, have the old spirit.

all they have largely accounts for the high esteem in which the team has been held this year.

The Braves do have the nucleus for a winner with big Mort Cooper, who won 65 games for Southworth in three years for the Cards, on the hill, and slugging Tommy Holmes, Max West and Johnny Hopp in the outfield.

Pittsburgh's Pirates, rated none too highly in the early dooping, could easily develop into the dark-horse of the 1946 season. In shortstop Bill Cox and outfielder Ralph Kiner, Manager Frisch has come up with two prize prospects to go along with established performers like Bob Elliott in the outfield and Elbie Fletcher and Babe Dahlgren in the infield. With Lefties Ostermiller, Wilkie and Roe and right-handers Sewell, Gables, Heintzelman and Klinger, the Pirates should get good pitching.

Quoted at 30 to 1 longshots in early betting to win the National league gonfalon, the Cincinnati Reds and Philadelphia Phillies do not figure in the running.