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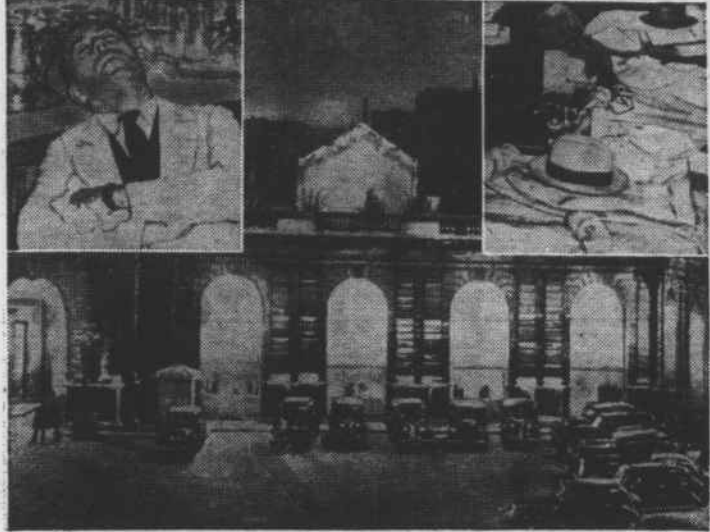
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

U. S. Moves to Free Economy; Paris Parley Ends in Dissent; Ask Reds to Settle Lend-Lease

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Luxembourg palace was all lit up on the eve of adjournment of Paris peace conference but the weariness attending the 11 weeks of bitter bickering was indicated by the slumber of the bartender on his stool (upper left) and the newspaper man at his desk (upper right).

DECONTROL: Speeded Up

Hundreds of non-essential items were scheduled to be removed from price control as OPA moved to comply with President Truman's plans for a speedy shift to a free economy. Whereas 52 per cent of the nation's economy was under regulation, the total was expected to be reduced to 40 per cent by the end of the year.

Items basic to production or living will continue to remain under control to keep the economy within balance. Included in this category are farm equipment, needed for output of food and fibers; building materials in widespread demand for housing; clothing; household appliances and furniture.

Removal of controls from livestock led to OPA decontrol of fats, oils and feeds. Because of the lifting of ceilings on lard, OPA said it would be difficult to keep corn oil, cottonseed oil, peanut oil and soybean oil under control. Free market prices for livestock might lead to excessive use of cheap mixed feeds, OPA declared.

See Hope for Soap

Prospects for improved shipments of livestock following decontrol promised to relieve the critical soap shortage although a continued scarcity of copra from the Far East threatened to limit maximum production.

Normally, soap consists of 50 to 70 per cent tallow or grease, obtained from cattle and hogs, and 20 to 30 per cent coconut oil, derived from copra.

Since experiencing a shortage of coconut oil, producers have been increasing the amount of tallow and grease for soap. Heavier marketings of cattle and hogs thus would enable them to step up their production.

Despite high production of coconut oil in the Philippines, crippled grinding mills have been unable to turn out large volumes of copra. While cottonseed mills in the U. S. could crush the coconut, it was said that OPA ceilings were inadequate to permit operations.

PARIS: Grim Ending

Secretary of State Byrnes made a final address to a "people's peace"; Molotov spoke of a "democratic peace," and Bevin prayed for a "lasting peace," but there seemed as yet to be no peace as the Paris conference ended in the ornate Luxembourg palace.

Ten empty seats belonging to the Yugoslav delegation strongly attested to the differences existing between the powerful western and eastern blocs. Complaining that decisions had not been reached on the basis of existing facts, but rather in the interests of the nations commanding a majority, Yugoslavia preferred to remain away from the closing session.

Yugoslavia's action pointed up Molotov's declaration that the newly established democratic Slav states would not be "dictated to" by the western powers. The Russian foreign minister had backed Yugoslav's strong protests against the creation of a neutral governor for the key port of Trieste and rejection of Tito's claims to Italian border territory.

INDIA: Strange Interlude

Strange Interlude

It takes a big man to admit a mistake, as Mohandas K. Gandhi did in New Delhi, but it also takes a smart politician to cut the ground from under his opposition, as the Hindu leader also sought to do.

Gandhi's double-edged action occurred as his all-India congress party and the Moslems continued to fence for political advantage in the proposed New Indian government. It was reported that Gandhi had carelessly endorsed a Moslem statement claiming that their party was the sole representative of the Moslems in contradiction to his own oft-repeated assertions that his Congress party embraced all faiths.

With Moslem leaders in possession of Gandhi's endorsement and in position to publicize it as a lever for obtaining wider representation in the new government, the little Mahatma put on his sack-cloth and ashes in an attempt to head off his foes. Said he: "I feel impelled to tell you of an error committed by me. . . . It may be that I am old and my brain is getting weak. . . . I am telling you of this mistake in order that you may learn a lesson from it and never be hasty or careless in your actions. . . ."

AFL:

For Americanism

AFL delegates representing seven million members took a firm stand against Communism in their 65th convention in Chicago, proclaiming their devotion to a free, democratic government in opposition to "a godless dictatorship seeking to subvert liberties won from previous tyrannies."

At the same time the AFL urged the government to continue a firm course against Russia, declaring appeasement would not halt the Reds' efforts to extend their domination over other countries. The U. S. plan for atomic energy control was deemed the only sound proposal for assuring against the production or use of nuclear power for war.

Adoption of a resolution boosting per capita assessments on internationalists was expected to yield the AFL an additional \$400,000 annually to support its year-round program. Fees were raised from 1½ cents to 2 cents on the first 200,000 members of affiliated unions, with 1½ cents charged on all members over 200,000.

NUERNBERG:

Slick Escape

Nazis snickered as allied investigators pressed a thorough inquiry into the spectacular suicide of Hermann Goering, top German war criminal who escaped death by hanging in swallowing potassium cyanide shortly before the hour of his execution.

Always a favorite with the Germans because of his rollicking, open-handed mannerisms, Goering appeared to have salvaged some of his lost prestige by thwarting the

allied "noose at the last minute. Whereas suicide is considered an act of cowardice in the U. S., Germans regard it as a means of redeeming lost honor.

Allied authorities wondered if Goering's dramatic demise would tend to take some of the sting out of the war crimes trials in the German mind. Despite the execution of 10 other top Nazis, Goering's escape from the noose took on the effect of a subversion of allied justice.

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Columnist at Work!

You can positively get delivery on a Dodge or Plymouth, within four weeks, at about \$2,200. In Sweden! All show windows there display U. S. 1946 cars. . . Espionage (and counter-espionage) is terrific there, more so than during the war. . . Russia allegedly has 125 intelligence agents working out of the Stockholm embassy—almost twice the number the British have doing. We got none, huh? . . . Howard Hughes, the millionaire, says he wishes his biographers would get things right for once. One mag piece said he inherited 17 million from his pop. "I inherited \$300,000!" he exclaimed. . . . They tell you that the biggest spender in the world today is Robert Arida, a Syrian. He allegedly maintains an 11-room apt at the Embassy; "bought" Hitler's yacht from the Biddish Gov't for only 400 Gs. It has a crew of over 100. . . . He has three pleasure planes and spends \$250,000 monthly. What British Gov't gave it to him?

Sallies in Our Alley: Shermit Billingsley was still gabbing about the night club owner on the coast who was stuck up and robbed of \$400. . . "Glad it wasn't me," said the Stork Clubman. "Can you imagine what El Morocco's Perona and the others would say if I ever was found with only \$400 on me?"

Sights You Never See from a Sight-Seeing Bus: The elderly lady in the West 70s. She starts each dawdling with a suitcase loaded with cartons of milk and sets them out all over the neighborhood for pussycats. . . . Passersby waving to the mayor who always ta-tas back. No kiddin'—seen it wid me own eyes. . . . The little old chap who cages drinx in the 3rd Ave. joints with a piece of rope. Bets you a drink you can't tie him up tight enough to keep him bound. Always wins. . . . The picketing barbers. They all need haircuts. . . . The 5 ayem brawl (between oodles) at 50th and 8th. Such slugging!

"There's No Business Like Show Business": It happened recently on the coast. . . . Sid Slate and his wife had a tiff. . . . So she packed up and left for Los Angeles. . . . Sid phoned his best chum, Sid Gold, to meet her at the deppo and straighten things out. . . . Which pal Gold certainly did. . . . Mrs. Sid Slate will become Mrs. Sid Gold after she is Freenovated.

Erich Remarque, the book-writer, gave Ingrid Bergman his only bottle of that fiery Calvados that he speaks about in his "Arch of Triumph" best-clicker. . . . Howard Koch and his bride came to town to work on the screenplay of "Earth and High Heaven." Had to dwell in six different hotels in seven days. On the seventh his wife forgot which hotel, whereupon they decided to return to H'wood. . . . Natalie Schaefer, the actress, lost a big money fashion-announcer job in Detroit. Because the man who was going to hire her wouldn't wait more'n 2½ hours for Natalie to finish a phone conversation. Imagine! The beast!

Fannie Hurst may give Norma Shearer her first screen story, "She Walks in Beauty," for Norma's return to the films. She'd play a woman her own age. A Hollywood novelty!

Don Ameche wonders if anybody ever called the President Harried Truman. . . . Eddie Jaffe is convinced there's something very fishy about the meat shortage. . . . Bill Schiller rates a patty-cake for the campaign he's waging as candidate for state senate. He's fighting for education and housing of vets. . . . At the Glass Hat two Repubs were indulging in their pet pastime—panning Truman. "The whole nation," said the first, "is laughing up their sleeves at him. . . . "You kiddin'?" asked the other. "Who's got sleeves?"

Lew Parker found out why the series games at St. Louis didn't break attendance records. Most of the Missourians are in Washington!

The boss of a New York union announced that its long strike was over, and he ordered everyone back to work at a midtown hotel. But one lad continued to picket after all the others resumed working. "Hey!" asked the labor boss. "Why don't you go back to work?" "I dunno," shrugged the picket. "I've had me on strike so long I forget what I used to do!"

Coveted Star Farmer Award Given to Four Rural Youths

Top Honor Goes To Pennsylvania High School Boy

By W. J. DRYDEN
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Outstanding young farmer of the United States is 20-year-old William G. Carlin of Coatesville, Chester county, Pa. He has won the title of Star Farmer of America—most coveted honor that can be won by an American farm boy.

Of what stuff are champion farmers made? In the case of William Carlin the answer would be summed up in a statement of his zeal, his enthusiasm, and his attention to detail in developing a run-down farm into a high producing enterprise.

The award was made at the recent National Victory convention of Future Farmers of America held at Kansas City. Carlin was chosen from among the 200,000 boys studying vocational agriculture in high schools of the country, who make up the membership of the F.F.A.

Farming in partnership with his brother on 190 acres of land, Carlin has made an outstanding record in bringing run-down farm land back into production. His accomplishments in soil rehabilitation are cited as examples for farmers throughout the country.

In 1940 the Carlin brothers took over a farm owned by their father and previously operated by tenants. Through the years the land had been literally "farmed out," with severe gully erosion present and with the soil in poor condition.

Purchase New Farm. Through their classes in vocational agriculture in high school, these boys learned what had to be done to bring such land back into good production. Land that had produced only 25 bushels of corn to the acre in 1939 brought a yield of 55 bushels in 1942. By 1944 they had accumulated enough profits to buy 90 acres of land with a house and farm buildings. Today the farm is a going business, with assets of nearly \$15,000. Its resources include 145 head of beef cattle, 15,000 chickens, 50 market hogs, 50 acres of corn, 65 acres of hay and 25 acres of oats and barley.

Billy Carlin has been active in the affairs of his community. He is a member of the farm bureau, farmer's exchange, co-operative exchange and grange. In 1944-45 he was president of Pennsylvania Association of Future Farmers of America.

Kentucky Boy Wins. Central region winner of the Star Farmer of America award, Paul H. Smart, 20, of Versailles, Woodford county, Ky., was chosen from among 55,000 Future Farmers in 13 central states.

His first farming venture began six years ago, when he was 14 years old, with four lambs and a small crop of tobacco.

State's Unique One-man Probes Realize Results

LANSING, MICH.—Michigan's unique one-man grand jury system is developing into a sizable government activity, with seven inquiries now in progress in six counties and more than \$600,000 in state and local funds earmarked to pay the bills.

Targets of the jurors range from gambling, bribery and liquor control to labor and local courts. An estimated 2,800 witnesses have testified before the inquisitors. As an aftermath of the investigations, nearly 200 citizens have been indicted, the list including legislators, state and local police officials, labor leaders, bankers, industrialists and gamblers.

The Michigan system of one-man grand juries dates back to the Detroit police court procedure of the 1880s. The statute providing for the system, which was not written until 1917, enables a justice of the peace, police judge or judge of a court of record to act as a grand juror whenever, upon filing of a complaint by a citizen or official, he has cause to suspect that a crime has been committed within his jurisdiction.

Provision is made for subpoenaing witnesses, who may be punished for contempt of court. Legality of the one-man probe has been upheld several times by the Michigan Supreme court, most recently in 1945.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMERS . . . Winners of Star Farmer of America awards, highest honors accorded to Future Farmers of America members, were announced at the Kansas City convention. Upper photo: William G. Carlin of Pennsylvania, who won the title; lower photo, from left to right, are the sectional winners: Brody Lee Koon of Texas, Paul H. Smart of Kentucky and Dennis O. Heitman of Nevada.

From this small beginning, the enterprise has expanded until it now includes 20 head of beef cattle, 70 head of sheep and extensive crop acreages in tobacco, corn, soybeans and lespedeza.

Smart has served as a director of Kentucky Farm Bureau federation and Purebred Livestock Breeders association.

First Nevada Winner. Dennis O. Heitman, 20, of Gardnerville, Douglas county, is the first Nevada boy to win the Pacific region award of the Star Farmer, being selected from among 25,000 Future Farmers in 11 western states. He has complete responsibility for the management of a 1,500-acre cattle ranch owned by his mother.

Heitman began his first farming program with four heifers and a quarter acre of corn when he entered high school in 1940. From this small beginning his program has been expanded from annual profits on the projects. Today his assets include 30 head of beef cattle, 60 swine, 40 sheep and some 20 acres of growing crops.

Texan Gets Award. Outstanding young farmer of the year in the South is Brody Lee Koon, 19, of Brashear, Hopkins county, Tex.

The young Texan was selected from among 95,000 Future Farmers in the southern region. Koon already is established in farming as one of the outstanding dairymen of northeast Texas. A farming program that began with one Jersey and has expanded into a herd of 55 registered Jerseys, along with a general crop program on 255 acres which he bought last year from prof-

Holiday Turkeys Will Be Plentiful

CHICAGO.—Despite heavy drains on the nation's poultry supplies during the critical meat shortage, Americans will sit down to turkey and cranberries for their Thanksgiving and Christmas meals as usual this year.

Reports compiled from all turkey areas indicate that more than 41 million turkeys will be marketed, the second largest crop on record and only nine per cent under last year's all-time high.

Although a larger percentage of turkeys will be marketed early because of the meat shortage, there will be plenty of birds left for the holidays, according to Cliff B. Carpenter of the poultry institute.

More Women Listed As Heads of Families

WASHINGTON.—Another aftermath of war years was disclosed in a census bureau report that increasing numbers of women have moved into positions of "heads of families"—that is, the major bread-winner for the family.

In 1940 only 15 per cent of American families looked to a woman as the family head, the report reveals, while by V-E Day, the percentage had climbed to nearly 23. This means, the bureau says, that three million more families have a woman as the main support.

Experts Culling Mass of Secret Data on Germany

WASHINGTON.—World's biggest editing job is under way in Germany as experts of the Office of Technical Service screen an estimated 3½ billion pages of once-secret technical and scientific data on German factories, industrial and scientific processes. From this mass of data, experts probably will select about 3½ million pages to be returned to this country for study by industry, schools, government agencies and other interested organizations. Less than one million pages have been returned to this country.

Approximately 100 OTS editors, supervisors and microfilm operators, 600 Germans and an undisclosed number of military personnel are engaged in the task. The data now being culled is in addition to first-hand reports which 650 technical experts have made on German secret data.

OTS, which is the outgrowth of five former war and postwar government agencies, publishes a weekly "Bibliography of Scientific and Industrial Reports."

Work is now in progress on the second volume of reports, the first containing 26,000 abstracts of industrial and scientific data, both foreign and American. The latter also were secret during the war.

Best sellers on the agency's current list are reports on German soap, electronics, leather, adhesives, paints, varnishes, lacquers and synthetic waxes.