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## WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

### Corn Belt Fills Feed Lots; British Push Nationalization; Hike Prices to Offset Costs

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With heavy snow drifts preventing feed wagons from reaching marooned cattle on Colorado ranges, airplanes dropped hay to animals. Picture shows feed being loaded in aircraft for mercy flight.

### CORN BELT: Fatten Cattle

With corn belt cattle feeders filling their feedlots at a record rate, consumers can look forward to plentiful supplies of prime beef by next spring and summer, the department of agriculture declared. Purchases of beefs from western grass lands for fattening in October were the highest for that month and topped the 1945 figure by 14 per cent.

Large feed supplies resulting from the banner 1946 harvests have spurred the heavy feeding operations, department specialists said. If present corn and livestock price differentials persist, feeders could double the value of their grain by fattening cattle.

The re-establishment of a free market also has contributed to an increase in feeding activities, it was said. With ceilings off, finished beef will command a price commensurate with its quality and assure feeders of a profitable return on costly feedlot operations.

### HIGH JUMP: Important Operation

Amid rumors that other nations were preparing expeditions to search for reported uranium deposits around the south pole, the U. S. announced that Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd would lead a navy contingent to Antarctica in December on a scientific study.

While Byrd's force will make exhaustive geological surveys in the polar wasteland to uncover any uranium, the famed explorer declared that his band also would undertake intensive studies of geo-



Admiral Byrd plans High Jump to Antarctica.

graphical, meteorological and electro-magnetic conditions. Weather developing in Antarctica affects all parts of the world.

Four thousand men, 12 ships and at least a score of aircraft will compose Byrd's operation High Jump, as the expedition will be known. No part of the task force will be kept in the region during the Antarctic winter but Byrd will establish a small base capable of supporting a small party for 18 months in the event of national need.

### BRITAIN: Labor Program

Great Britain's Labor government served notice that it will press ahead with its socialistic program as parliament assembled amid a colorful medieval setting in London.

Indicative of their cautious approach to socialization, the Laborites announced that nationalization of only the inland transport and

power industries was planned for the current session. By going slowly, the Laborites hope to transform essential segments of the economy without disruptive effects and at the same time arrive at a fair and sound financial agreement with private owners.

The Laborites also disclosed their intentions to regulate the delicate postwar British economy to prevent serious dislocations. Securities exchanges are to be controlled; the free cotton market will remain suspended, and the government will work for guaranteed prices and markets for principal farm products.

### DECONTROL: Prices Rising

Price rises all along the line accompanied decontrol of the nation's economy, with producers hiking items for full coverage of higher wages and material costs and promising lower prices when output reached volume proportions.

Biggest manufacturer in the industry, International Harvester boosted prices of farm implements and tractors 9 per cent to offset wage increases amounting to 60 per cent since 1941 and higher material costs. Declaring its intention of keeping prices at a minimum, the company stated that it based its increases on present costs and did not anticipate future higher operating expenses.

Zenith Radio corporation announced an increase of from 2 to 20 per cent on radios and radio-phonograph combinations.

Leading shoe manufacturers expected a 10 per cent rise in all standard lines as a result of the increase in the cost of hides from 15½ cents a pound to 30 cents.

Previously, General Motors and Crosley had boosted the price of passenger cars by \$100 and industry spokesmen predicted increases in some steel items, building materials, clothing, batteries and lumber.

Long held within rigid ceilings despite mounting janitorial and maintenance expenses, landlords petitioned for a 15 per cent boost in rentals. An estimated 16 million housing units have been under rental control in addition to hotels, rooming houses and tourist camps.

### WEST: Snow-Bound

Approximately 15 people died and cattle losses were counted in the hundreds as Colorado was hit by the worst snowstorm in 33 years. At the same time, deep snow piled up in southern California's mountain regions and rain and wind lashed the sea coast.

C-47 twin-engine army cargo planes, ski-equipped ships, weapon carriers, bulldozers and tractors were put into use in Colorado to reach snow-bound ranches and feed thousands of shivering and hungry cattle hemmed in by tall drifts. On one ranch alone, bales of hay were dropped from the air to 10,000 head of cattle standing stiff-legged in three feet of snow.

As rescue planes winged over the area, marooned ranchers were advised to make one cross visible from the air if they needed food, two if they required medical help. Supplies intended for overseas shipment were diverted from the Pueblo, Colo., ordnance depot to meet the emergency needs.

### U. N.:

#### Trustees' Terms

Proposals for United Nations trusteeships over strategic territories or dependent peoples ran into rough sailing at U. N. deliberations at Lake Success, N. Y., with holding powers reluctant to relinquish their control.

The take-it-or-leave-it basis of the proposals was pointed up by the Union of South Africa's determination to annex or retain control of Southwest Africa in defiance of Soviet Russia's demand that the territory be placed under the U. N. Citing article 77 of the U. N. charter, Union representatives said that trusteeships were to be instituted only through agreement with affected parties.

With no territories of her own to surrender to U. N. control despite extensive land grabs in Europe in World War II, Russia has hollered the loudest for an effective trusteeship system. Compromising differences between the services and state department, President Truman submitted a proposal for nominal U. N. supervision over strategic Pacific islands, with the U. S. maintaining absolute military control.

### PANAMA CANAL: Study Alteration

Working under a special congressional grant, top meteorologists and hydrodynamic, dredge and excavation engineers are busily engaged in studying the alteration of the existing Panama canal or construction of a new waterway to accommodate heavier modern traffic and decrease vulnerability to atomic warfare.

Erected at the turn of the century, the canal's narrow channel and locks are too small for the latest warships and merchant vessels. Water storage capacity of Gatun lake reservoir will be insufficient to handle prospective traffic from Suez canal in event that vital artery is closed by war.

To meet modern needs engineers are considering increasing size of reservoirs, lengthening locks from 1,000 to 1,500 feet and widening them from 110 to 200 feet. Against these plans, some technicians argue that it would be better to build a new canal with fewer curves and wider turns. However, it would be necessary to clear the bordering jungle, install sanitary facilities, and erect dock and administrative installations.

### House That Theft Built



William and Christina Leonard (inset) of Portland, Ore., solved their housing problem, but at other people's expense. Held by police, the pair were alleged to have confessed that they built a three-room house of stolen timber, cement and shingles, and furnished it with plumbing and electrical equipment, radios, typewriters and other articles valued at \$10,000. To assure her warmth, no doubt, Mrs. Leonard was said to have included a \$1,200 mink coat in the loot.

### COTTON: Ponder Curb

With the recent break in the cotton market fresh in their minds, department of agriculture officials moved to limit speculative trading in cotton futures on the New York, New Orleans and Chicago exchanges.

Agriculture Secretary Anderson announced that he would ask the Commodity Exchange commission to restrict daily speculation or holdings to 30,000 bales for all futures instead of the present limit of 30,000 bales for any one future.

The department acted as its crop reporting board predicted a 1946 crop of 8,487,000 bales, \$25,000 bales less than last year. Although the new crop is expected to fall below both domestic and foreign demands, it will be supplemented by substantial carryovers from previous years.

Meanwhile, with cotton futures down almost 10 cents from the October peak, prices remained firm following the crop forecast and reports that farmers were withholding deliveries for higher returns.



### New York Heartbeat:

Silhouettes About Town: Fannie Hurst, the newest dramatic critic, has listeners wondering. Was that a slip or a slap when she referred to the male star of a new comedy as "the leading lady"? . . . Rex Ingram, using a 44th street drug-store doorway (as shelter during the drenching rains) even if he did play De Lawd in "Green Pastures." . . . Gromyko has been buying N. Y. houses for the Russian delegates and Bob Hawk wonders if the windows will have iron curtains. . . . A swank men's shop in Miami Beach is being sued by a jewelry firm there, which claims it owns the name Swank. Isn't it a word in the dictionary?

Broadway Torch Song: (By Don Wahn): So in the dusk I light a cigaret. And read a scrapbook filled with slender rhymes. And what is there to reckon or regret? When one has been in love with other times? . . . This is the price that children always pay. Who cannot cope with times that twist and change. Who chant the golden songs of yesterday. . . . Before the world grew perilous and strange. . . . There are new inns with strangers at the door. There are new songs that I could never learn. Where are the silken garments that I wore? Where are the fires that had so long to burn? . . . Here in the lovely dusk I sit apart. . . . And soothe the ghosts that sob within my heart.

The fancy quill pens on the desk of each U. S. Supreme court justice are "Made in England." . . . Perhaps Mrs. Truman really wanted to see a Demmy congress elected. She made a contribution of ten bucks to the Dem. Nat'l Comm. . . . If the ban on parking here spreads, it'll be a misdemeanor to take your car out of the garage! . . . The Bill Robinsons expect a little Bo-jangles. He's way past 60. . . . Bricker, who hopes to be the 33rd president, has his offices on the 33rd floor in Columbus. . . . It isn't a handful of sleeping pills that always kills pill-takers. It's taking one at a time that keeps you from waking up one day. It takes up too much space to explain that one. Just don't take any if you care about living.

New York hotelmen expect walk-outs again after New Year's, unless they get taller pay and a 40-hour week. . . . A youthful movie star is marrying a fellow she thinks is rich. He thinks she is loaded with coin, too. What a shock both will get when the rent is due. . . . Many wealthy Cubans (and Yanks there) have fled to New York and Miami because of the many kidnaps. The ransomers collected oodles, already. . . . Furs may come down in price again. One big drop recently—another expected. . . . Worm has turned dep't: Now wholesalers are phoning cafes, restaurants and hotels asking what they need!

The National Press Club (board of governors) issued a memo reading: "Halt banging of glasses with spoons, belting walls with pool cues and other childish actions." . . . A Long Island town (where the Bund ran things) has changed all Nazi street names back to American. Too late. . . . Richard Alton, a doorman at the Winter Garden, is listed in the Chicago Social Register!

The Press Box: Harry Hopkins' widow, Louise, may become Mrs. Winston Frost. He's the Middleberg, Va., barrister. . . . Bing Crosby now discovers his transcription victory has its drawbacks too. Petrillo's new transcription scale will shave Der Bingle's profits in half. . . . There has been an epidemic of window-breaking in side street parked cars (at night), the work of vandals. . . . Ginger Rogers' press agent has a terrific job—to keep newsmen "away" from her. . . . The rehearsal of a renowned radio program was interrupted when a former vocalist dashed in and told the star of the show: "If I ever catch you near my wife again, I'll split your skull!" . . . Alan Gale hopes he chokes if it didn't ackchelly happen. A reporter, he alleges, went up to an exec at an agency and said: "Do you think the advertising business is as overrated as 'The Hucksters' paints it?" "I dunno," shrugged the ad exec. "I can't read."

## Aristocrats of Stock World To Be Shown at International

### Famed Exhibition To Draw Entries From All States

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Only a few hours before the shattering blow of Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, the curtain had been rung down on the greatest International Live Stock exposition ever held in Chicago's International amphitheater.

Now, five years later, the curtain will rise on the 43rd edition of the famed International, universally heralded as the "world's greatest" livestock exposition, in the same amphitheatre setting, on November 30. The exposition, ranked as one of the leading exponents for livestock improvement, was disbanded during war years.

Revival of the International after the wartime lapse will be marked by color and fanfare at opening day ceremonies in the amphitheatre, which is the largest structure in the world devoted to livestock exhibitions. The show will continue until December 7.

#### Improved Show Seen.

All indications are that the 1946 International will far excel the one held in 1941 in all respects. Missing, however, will be B. H. Heide, for years general manager of the show. William E. Ogilvie, former assistant manager, who has been identified with the International more than 20 years, will serve as manager for 1946.

With exhibitors registered from every state, the entry list may surpass the previous high of 13,149 animals representing all leading breeds and breeders of North America. In addition the junior department, including the 4-H club, will be represented by 2,000 young breeders.

The National Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club congress is an important feature of the International. Many of the grand champion awards are carried away by the youngsters in competition with their elders. In addition, junior contests are held for the various breeds, as well as for meat animals, garden, girl's record, clothing, food preparation, canning, better methods of electrical use, home beautification, achievement, leadership, poultry, dairy foods, field crops and frozen foods. Four-H boys also will take part in the sheep shearing contest.

#### Big Money to Winners.

Chicago packers have available nearly six million dollars, which will be used to purchase prize animals exhibited at the International. More than \$100,000 in prizes for fattest steers, hogs and sheep also will be given the winners.

Recognizing the importance of interesting young men in the study and improvement of breeds, special



ON PARADE . . . Highlight of the 43rd International Live Stock exposition will be the cattle parade, at which all the prize-winning animals will be shown.

won the grand championship a total of nine times to date.

Bidding on all classes is expected to hit a new high. There even are hopes that the winner of the grand champion will receive more than the \$40,000 given the winner at the Kansas City show.

Entries in the sheep department will pass the 900 head record, with exhibits from at least 20 states. Short-downs are usually numerically the largest, closely followed by Shropshires and Hampshires.

#### Stress Wool Show.

To encourage production of better wool, to stimulate interest in proper preparation of wool for market and to ascertain commercial grading of fleeces of the various breeds, special emphasis is being placed on the wool show.

This year's barrow show is expected to surpass all previous exhibitions in interest and size. This is attributed to postwar production conditions and increased interest among boys and girls. Bulk of the entries will come from the Corn Belt region. By counting the Carlot entries as individuals, nearly 2,500 hogs will be entered in the International. Many of the entries will be shown by leading colleges of the nation, as in the case of cattle and sheep entries.

There may be fewer horses on the farms than 10 years ago but entries at the International will indicate no shortage. Draft horses from many states and Canada will compete for the valuable list of awards. Draft gelding show will be particularly strong. Breeders are reporting a greatly revived interest in horse breeding, which has encouraged the breeders to display their wares.

Most popular feature of the International, to the general public, is

may see quality steaks—vegetables, grains, canned products as well as sewing and a dress or fashion review will be a feature.

The International Grain and Hay show, for 24 years a popular feature of the show, again will boast the largest farm crop competition in the world, with entries from nearly every state in the union and from Canada. The collegiate crop judging contest also is a feature of this show. Last year's winners were from Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Corn kings, wheat kings and hay queens will be competing against corn princes, wheat princes and hay princes. The junior division is always on hand to give strong competition to their elders. Junior entries are also winning factors in the carlot contests of cattle, hogs and sheep. The entries will be larger than usual.



CLASSIC OF SHOW . . . The nightly horse show brings out a packed house.

### Bumper Cranberry Crop Is Harvested

WASHINGTON. — Turkey eaters, honing their appetites this holiday season, will not want for tangy cranberry sauce, for another bumper crop of the tart berry that adds tradition as well as zest to holiday feasts has been harvested in the Cape Cod district.

True to form, the Cape Cod sector again will supply about two-thirds of the nation's cranberry supply. Occasionally, as in 1944, the Cape Cod crop falls short of expectations and the berry is scarce in the nation's grocery stores.

Thousands of harvesters, working with slotted scoops and nimble fingers through the fall months, have combed the nation's bogs to gather more than 800,000 barrels. The crop is second only to the 1937 output of 877,300 barrels. In 1942 as well as in 1937, Massachusetts marshes produced a few thousand barrels more than their estimated total of 550,000 barrels for the present crop.

More than \$50,000,000 is invested in the scientific business of growing and processing cranberries. The industry puts to use about 50 square miles of land that previously lay waste, unsuited to any other type of agriculture. The new crop, worth about \$9,000,000, will reach stores in the form of sauce, juice and dehydrated fruit, as well as in raw fruit form.



SOARING PRICES . . . The stakes (and steaks) are high at sale of the International grand champion steer, another feature of the show. Previous record price at the International was \$3.35 per pound, which undoubtedly will be exceeded by a wide margin this year.

livestock judging contests, both collegiate and non-collegiate, in which winning teams from all sections of North America will compete, have been arranged.

More than half the total entry will consist of cattle, with some 8,000 heads entered. In this division, Herefords, Aberdeen Angus and Short-horns will be largest classes entered. Many of the national breed associations will hold their annual meetings in connection with the International. Boys and girls will be among the big winners. They have

the evening horse show. Outstanding youths, harness classes, three-gaited classes, hackneys, roadsters and saddle classes will be shown. Sighthounds, harness horses, hunters and jumpers will put on a show that has seen few equals.

#### Arrange Displays.

With 4-H clubs, commercial organizations and U. S. department of agriculture co-operating, educational displays and features will be of high quality. In addition to the meat show—where the consumer again