

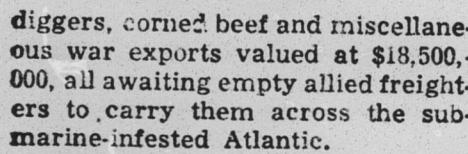
U. S. Reacts to European War As Shipments Crowd Wharves; Ickes Warns Against 'Raiding'

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DOMESTIC: U. S. & the War

Major fear of congressmen who opposed the neutrality act last October was that its practical effect was to favor Britain and France, who control the seas, meanwhile shutting off U. S. munitions supplies to Germany. Released by the state department at year's end were substantiating figures: In November, first month of neutrality's operation, France received export licenses covering \$95,579,000 in munitions exports; Britain, \$14,970,000; Germany, none.

Meanwhile New York port officials felt for the first time the press of war shipments. Bedded down in the foreign trade zone on Staten Island were bombers, trucks, trench



PLANE FOR BRITAIN
Trench diggers, too.

diggers, come beef and miscellaneous war exports valued at \$18,500,000, all awaiting empty allied freighters to carry them across the submarine-infested Atlantic.

Items: 60 fast Lockheed reconnaissance bombers, their bodies painted a dark brown and camouflaged with weird stripings; 1,500 Studebaker trucks and 1,000 White trucks, the vanguard of 6,000 to be sent to the war zone within the next two months (wired to many of them were crates carrying machine gun mountings, and spare parts); 13 trench diggers costing \$3,000 each and destined for the Western front, to be followed soon by 175 more.

At Washington, the annual report of Interior Secretary Harold Ickes focused attention on America's need for conserving her natural resources which he said were threatened by efforts to break down conservation programs in an attempt to reap quick war profits. What specific attempts he had in mind Secretary Ickes did not say, but it is well known that army and navy departments have ordered strict conservation of domestic sources of certain strategic materials.

ESPIONAGE: Dies to Murphy

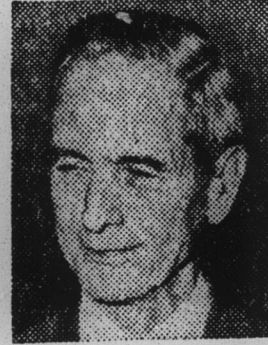
Much maligned during the two years his committee has investigated un-Americanism, Congressman Martin Dies of Texas has nevertheless managed to stir up trouble for Communist Earl Browder, Nazi Fritz Kuhn, Allen Harry Bridges, and many a lesser figure. For months the administration would not cooperate, but finally the justice department swooped down on Earl Browder, indicting him on false passport charges.

This month Attorney General Frank Murphy begins co-operating so completely that Martin Dies is shoved to the background. Opened in Washington was a special grand jury probe to study "direct evi-

FORECAST:

New Job:

Once U. S. ambassador to Italy, and an official of the state department since Woodrow Wilson's administration, Breckinridge Long is considered the best bet to succeed Joseph E. Davies as ambassador to Belgium. Davies has already taken over most of Long's present duties as head of the special department for repatriation of Americans living abroad.



LONG
To Brussels?

Goering Trouble:

The London Daily Herald reports on good authority that Adolf Hitler's No. 1 aid, Field Marshal Hermann Goering, has fallen in disfavor and is living at his shooting chalet at Schorfheide, planning a comeback campaign "on his own terms."

Neutrality

Observers expect wholesale attempts to transfer U. S.-owned passenger and freight ships to registry of European neutrals, following the maritime commission's approval of a deal whereby eight U. S. Lines ships are sold to a Norwegian company for operation between New

NEWS QUIZ

Know your news? Perfect score is 100; deduct 20 points for each question you miss. Score of 80 is excellent; 60, average; 40, poor; 20, don't tell anyone!

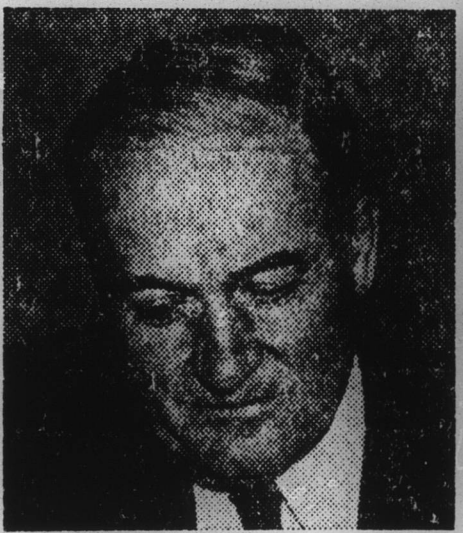


1. Arrow points to section of Turkey very much in the news recently. Why?
2. The former Ethel duPont and her husband were injured in a Virginia auto crash. What's her married name?
3. Ex-President Herbert Hoover heads a relief agency which has sent more than \$300,000 to aid the citizens of what country?
4. Choice: Pope Pius XII set a modern precedent by visiting: (a) the Western front; (b) his birthplace; (c) the Italian king.
5. Name the former U. S. ambassador to Belgium who has just been named "special assistant" in the state department at Washington.
(Answers at bottom of column.)

CONGRESS: News Quiz

Two months ago only a few Americans realized that Cordell Hull's reciprocal trade act comes up for congressional renewal this year. Today that issue ranks No. 1 on the agenda, threatening to inject itself into 1940's presidential campaign. The question: Should America subscribe to Hull low-tariff policies or G. O. P. high tariffs?

At least three opponents of the Hull idea (two of them Democrats) spoke their minds as congress unlocked its oratorical floodgates. New York's G. O. P. Rep. Daniel Reed charged Joseph Davies had been brought back from his Brussels ambassadorial post to serve as "super-lobbyist" for Cordell Hull. South Dakota's Sen. W. J. Bulow keynoted opinion in his chamber by indicating it wasn't so much the act itself he opposed; what counted was that the



NEBRASKA'S BURKE
A realistic view.

senate should ratify each treaty. Most realistic attitude was that of Nebraska's Sen. Edward R. Burke: He favored the "long-range view" that taking down tariff walls would eventually benefit all countries, but declared agriculture in some states is so depressed it would "require at least a few years to get it back on its feet."

What most senators want is a chance for some old-fashioned log-rolling, hence observers thought the trade act would be renewed only if congressional ratification is included.

Other issues:
Pensions. Unexpectedly injected was a campaign (sponsored by "poorer" states) to make the U. S. take a bigger share of pension costs. Under law the U. S. matches states dollar for dollar up to \$20 per month.

Agriculture. Henry Wallace polished off his "certificate plan" to syphon \$300,000,000 annually from consumers to finance the farm program. Farmers would get income certificates valued at the differential between market price and "parity price," these to be purchased by processors.

Taxes. Henry Morgenthau not only opposed the certificate plan as a consumer tax in disguise, but pointed out the consumer already pays 61 per cent of the taxes. A bigger issue: Whether to raise taxes or hike the national debt limit, which reaches its ceiling next year.

Defense. While the President planned an enlarged defense program, two Republicans (Ohio's Sen. Robert A. Taft and Idaho's William Borah) warned against it.

PEOPLE: No Communist

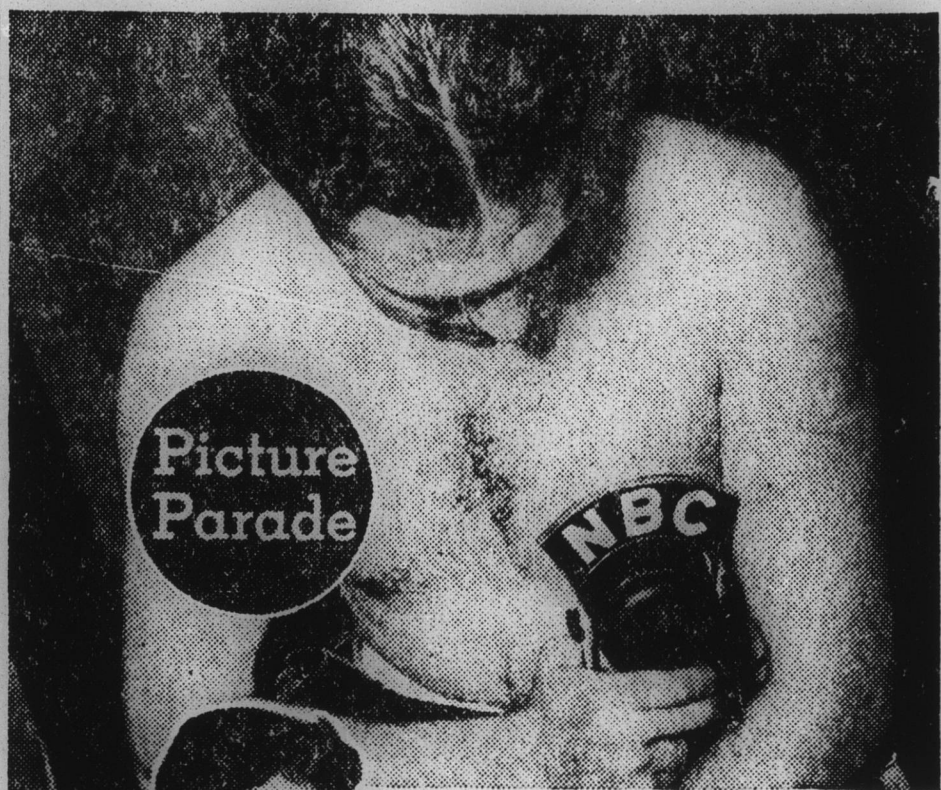
At Washington, Harvard law school's Dean James M. Landis reported he had found Harry Bridges, west coast C. I. O. leader, is not a Communist, thus closing the deportation hearing at which Dean Landis officiated.

News Quiz Answers

1. An earthquake, followed by a blizzard, killed at least 20,000 there.
2. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr.
3. Finland.
4. (C) is correct. It was the first visit of a pope to a temporal prince in more than 70 years.
5. Joseph E. Davies.

DON'T BELIEVE IT! Radio Sound Men Fool Public With Strange Noise Gadgets

RADIO'S demand for sound effects that make a storm or police raid sound real to millions of listeners has created a new profession of sound effects men who, on a moment's notice, can fill any request—no matter how crazy—from a producer. Harry Sax, with the National Broadcasting company at Hollywood, illustrates in these pictures how the great deception is accomplished:

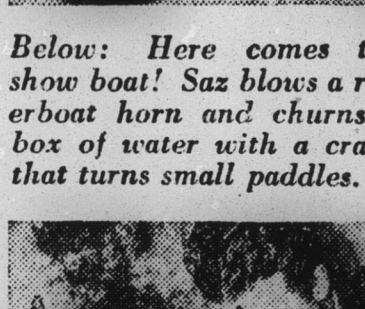


Picture Parade

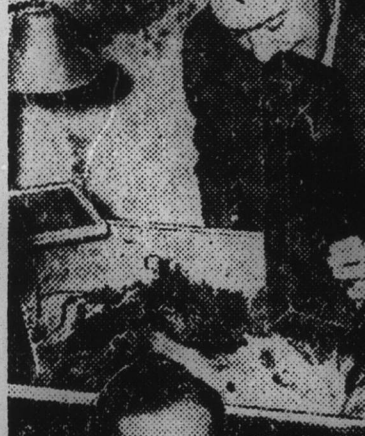
When asked to reproduce the sound of a beating heart, Sax spent hours experimenting, then decided to try the real thing. Above: He strips to the waist and applies the microphone to his own heart, getting the desired result. Left: An army advances and the marching feet are reproduced with this gadget.



Rain pattering on a tin roof for the radio audience. Harry Sax is shown creating this effect by dropping grape seeds from a sprinkler can onto paper.



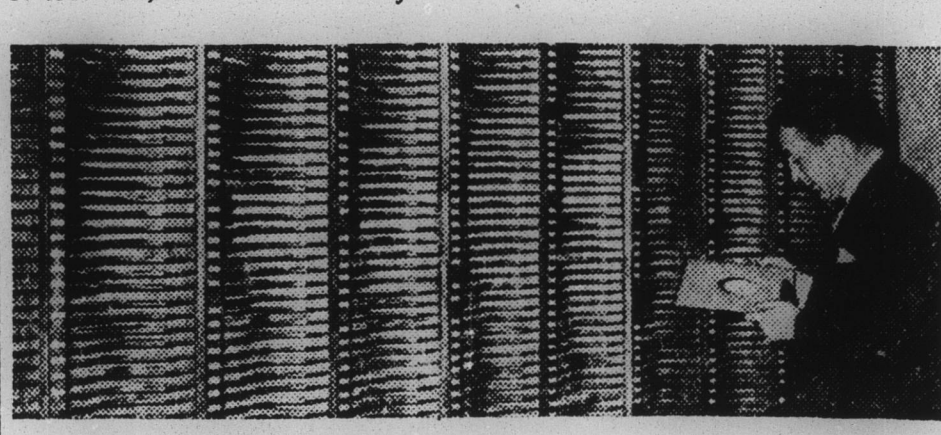
Below: Here comes the show boat! Sax blows a riverboat horn and churns a box of water with a crank that turns small paddles.



Above: A thunderstorm over the prairies. Sax uses a huge drum made of a single piece of steer hide.



Christmas chimes didn't sound like the real thing over the radio, so Sax tried hitting a discarded brake drum with a small hammer. It worked, and that's what you hear over the radio each Yuletide.



Fifteen thousand records of different sounds in this library!

Current Wit and Humor



CONSOLATION

The vicar asked one of his parishioners to help him in his visiting work. "Oh, yes," said she, "I should be delighted."
"Well," said the vicar, "call and see poor old Macdonald; he's just lost his wife. Try to cheer him up a bit."
So the good woman called and found the old man sitting in his armchair with half a bottle of whisky on the table and a glass beside it. "Is that the only consolation you've got?" she asked, pointing to the whisky.
"No, ma'am—I've got three more bottles on the shelf."

Subtle Method

A man named Smith had drowned in the river, and a policeman was sent to his home to break the news to his wife. "Don't scare her to death," his superior officer warned. The officer wended his way to the door. When Mrs. Smith answered the summons, the visitor asked: "Is this where Widow Smith lives?"
"I am Mrs. Smith," said the lady, "but I am not a widow."
"What will you be?" the caller inquired.

KNEW BUT ONE OF THEM



Bobbie—I've got to tell teacher today who were the great women rulers of the world. Do you know any, daddy?
Dad—I've lived in the reign of but one, my son—she's coming now to get you ready for school.

Gone for Good

Recently an old southern Negro who claimed to be "having symptoms," went to see a doctor. The doctor plied him with questions. Among other rather personal questions, he asked: "And how are your kidneys, Uncle George?"
To which George replied: "Well, Doc, dey is all grown up now and some ob 'em is married."

Short on Luck

Andy—How's Lady Luck been treatin' yo' all lately?
Sambo—Not a'tall well, Andy. Ize done wore out three foots from graveyard rabbits, an' Ize' almost come to der conclusion dat Ize'll hab ter go ter work.

Pawnshop Boogy

Boogy—As soon as cold weather comes I have to stop playing billiards.
Woogy—Why?
Boogy—Every time three balls get together they remind me of my overcoat.

Wrong Village

Tourist—What a quaint little village! Truly one-half the world is ignorant of how the other half lives.
Native—Not in this village Mister; not in this village.

Even in Death

Bjones—My dear, I have left instructions in my will that I am to be cremated.
Mrs. Bjones—Just like you to go and leave ashes all over the place.

ASKED A GOOD DEAL



Mrs. Gabb—and she has a perfectly lovely apartment, my dear. They must ask a good deal for it, I'm sure.
Mrs. Stabb—They do—they're asking for the rent all the time.

Needed a Harness

Boss—Why do you want to leave the works, Pat? Are your wages too small?
Pat—The wages are all right, sir, but I'm afraid I'm doin' a horse out of a job.

Velocity Defined

Science Teacher—What is velocity?
Janey—It's what a person puts a hot plate down with.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Suede shoes can be given new life by polishing with plenty of ordinary shoe polish and hard rubbing. They will be better for wearing in bad weather.

Almost all fruit stains may be removed by soaking them in boiling water. In case any member of the family upsets a cup of chocolate or tea, use cold water to remove the spot. In the case of coffee, pour boiling water from a height; brushing the stain with borax beforehand helps.

Removing Mud Spots.—Always allow mud spots to dry and then they can be quickly brushed or rubbed off without leaving any stain.

An excellent light crust for meat pies can be made with half flour and half freshly cooked and mashed potatoes. Less fat is required than when all flour is used.

Seven drops of lemon juice added to a pint of cream before whipping it will cause it to beat up in less than half the time it would without the juice.

Economy Note.—Small pieces of toilet soap that accumulate in the bathroom should not be thrown away. Add water enough to cover them and put on stove until dissolved. This makes an excellent soft soap.

Even Curtains.—If curtains will not hang evenly, slip a rod through the lower hems and let it remain a few days.

For Greater Care in Kitchen.—The chief causes of home accidents are falls, burns, scalds and explosions; one-third of home fatalities happen in the kitchen.

Homemade Paste.—Combine one quart water, one cup sugar, one cup flour and one tablespoon powdered alum. Cook until clear, then add 30 drops oil of cloves and cool. Result: paste enough to keep the little folks busy with their scrapbooks and whatnots for many happy hours.



QUICK QUOTES

THE AMERICAN SPIRIT
"IF EVERY citizen will cease to look to Washington in his moment of stress and strain, and individually assume the responsibility of self-improvement, of self-advancement, of self-preservation, I believe the turning point then may be reached, and from that instant we begin again to be a happy, a contented, a prosperous people with eyes raised high to greet a new day. This is the American way, this is the American creed, this is the American spirit."—U. S. Representative Albert E. Austin.

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A man of understanding holdeth his peace.—Scriptural Proverb.

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