



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—Henry J. Kaiser, breaking all shipbuilding records at his West coast shipyards, used to be a photographer in Canoharie, N. Y. It was inevitable, of course, that a general of ships would be here when three ships were being launched.

Having said that, Kaiser's record of shipbuilding is a record for 674 ships ordered by the War Relocation Authority under the Liberty Ship program in February 1, 1942.

At a demon road, Kaiser, a builder who is building as a side-line of \$8. Taking on contracts for the long term fortification of Pearl Harbor and Guam, he bought old freighters to carry bulk cement. He towed them to the Todd shipyards for repairs and there combined his organization and working forces with the Todd shipbuilding interests. The combine swelled quickly into seven big West coast plants, with an array of tributary companies, rising to a tremendous momentum at this moment and still in the uptake.

He devised, among other new techniques, the Kaiser process, by which ships are built in a concrete chamber, allowing men to work both above and below. Completing the ship, they flood the drydock and the ship is floated out.

Two years ago when 6,000 tons of magnesium were being produced each year under patents held by a German cartel, Mr. Kaiser heard of an Austrian scientist, Dr. F. J. Hansgirg, who had a novel process, and he also learned of large deposits of low grade ore in Nevada. He brought the scientist and the ore together, built a big plant near San Jose, Calif., and in a short time was producing magnesium at the rate of 20,000 tons a year.

"He is a whirlwind of energy on the job, frequently on the airways between his vast plants at Richmond, Calif., Los Angeles and Portland, Ore."

FAITH BALDWIN was busy a while back bringing up two sets of twins, running the school they attended, turning out novels like lunch-counter short-orders and keeping up a head-run of magazine serials. She is now reading the press with her 50th novel, "Breath of Life," a real winner. In one novel for each year of her life, and appearing as an ambidextrous writer, she is doing a lot of straightline production for Archibald MacLeish's wartime word mill.

In the first World war, women gave pie and doughnuts to departing soldiers, danced with them at benefit balls, and helped brighten up the YMCA. Miss Baldwin has been dubious about such wartime activities for busy women and has indicated that things are different, and should be, in this war. In view of the current urgency and interest in women's war effort, we told Miss Baldwin she could have space here for her views on this subject. She writes:

"Everyone wants to help in the war effort. Everyone is trying and sometimes chaos and confusion reign, often, I think, because people try to do things for which they are not fitted. Some of us won't ever qualify as first-aiders and air raid wardens."

"It seems to me that it is a good idea to find out what you can do best and then do it. I believe that the function of a writer in wartime is to do those things of us who cannot do anything else."

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On the very first day of the Northern California Works Projects administration drive to collect agricultural scrap, William C. Bruner, left, an orchardist at Arbuckle, Calif., turned 230,000 pounds of discarded tires over to the WPA collectors. Bruner turned the huge pile of rubber into the custody of A. J. Doyle, chief of the WPA farm salvage staff.

Auto and Aviation Pioneers Meet



Glenn D. Martin, pioneer plane manufacturer, meets Henry Ford, auto pioneer, who is now a bomber manufacturer, at the famous Ford Willow Run bomber plant. Shown, left to right, are Henry Ford, Albert Kahn, the architect who designed both Willow Run and Martin factories, Mr. Martin, and Charles Sorensen, vice president in charge of production.

First of Wooden Troop-Plane Fleet



In order to solve the metal shortage in plane production, plane and furniture men have built a plane made 90 percent of wood. Fleets of these huge wooden troop-planes, capable of carrying men and munitions at 200 miles per hour, are nearing reality. Below you see these experts making the plywood sides. On top is the completed plane.

Fairly Safe—Even if House Is Bombed



Admiral Honored



Admiral Thomas C. Hart receives from President Roosevelt the gold star in lieu of a second Distinguished Service medal, for his "exceptionally meritorious service as commander-in-chief of the American Asiatic fleet." The citation paid high tribute to Hart's conduct of operations in the Southwest Pacific during the early phases of the war. L. to R., the President, Admiral Ernest King and Admiral Thomas C. Hart.

Modern Madonna



A war-weary child, made homeless by Nazi air raid on Norwich, England, finds peace in arms of a woman warden. The raid was in reprisal for RAF raids on German industrial cities.

AEF Baseball



Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, commander of the AEF in Ireland, is about to throw out the first ball to open the baseball season. Many natives see the games.

Lands at 200 MPH



Newspaper Man Stuff:
WHEN A REPORTER CRUSADES against dirty elements in a community or country there is very little glory connected with it, but he puts himself in great personal danger. . . Donald R. Mellett of the Canton (Ohio) Daily News was killed by gangsters because he exposed their activities. . . In 1922, George Dale of the Muncie Post-Democrat fought the K. K. K. One night a few of them attacked him and almost beat him to death. He shot one of his attackers with a gun he wrested from his hand. Kluxers in high places railroaded him to jail. And it wasn't until 1926 that the State Supreme Court ruled in Dale's favor. . . For many years the Butte (Montana) Daily Bulletin slugged courageously against the no-goods, regardless of how powerful they were. Because of that, they had to keep loaded rifles in the city room—and every reporter had a gun lying beside his typewriter. . . This reporter has also never stopped firing his typewriter guns against the slimey members of our community and country, in spite of all kinds of threats. Yet some people wonder why we tote a .38.

Notes of an Innocent Bystander:

The Wireless: See how the Axis whippers when you get tough. Churchill slapped a couple of chips off Adolf's shoulder, and Berlin cried its eyes out. "You ask for gas," taunted Winston, "and gas you'll get." The Berlin press whined next day, "Please, mister, you got us wrong." . . . The overseas exchange between Oliver Littleton and Donald Nelson, with Quentin Reynolds chairmanship, was no encouragement to Nazy eavesdroppers. They talked great big production figures, that won't make it an easy summer for the Fritzies. . . Another exciting bulletin was the item from Burma—how the Chinese tricked the chesty Japs into over-running second base. And putting the ball on them with a thump that just about laid the skull open. . . Byron Price is a sensible censor. Too tight a clamp down on radio news, he said, would make the public suspicious of the war effort. . . The March of Time flubbed on the Malta episode. Bad timing more than anything—since the show went on the air before it really got going in Malta.

The Story Tellers: Gen. de Gaulle was in the doghouse with the brass hats before the war started. Elliot Paul, in his book, "The Last Time I Saw Paris," mentions that de Gaulle pooh-poohed the Maginot Line, the darling of the army clique. He foresaw that Hitler would skip around the end. . . Scott Feldman surprises you in "The Woman with a Tip that the best way to get a stage job is to troupe for a little theater. There's always a Shubert or two lurking there, he says, to hire you for a hit. Imagine Lee Shubert going TOWARD an actor! . . . Filmmaker Joan Davis, according to Lupton Wilkinson in This Week, "lives in a purple house with yellow knobs at the corners, sleeps in a Du Barry bed with mauve and lilac streamers. The glass in her boudoir mirror is tinted peachbloom." What's she looking for? Nightmares in technicolor?

Nazi propagandists keep repeating that they love peace. Every time Hitler or another Nazi makes a speech, they insist that they are peaceful. And the tragic part of this is that this propaganda bullet aimed at America was manufactured by an American press agent! . . . When the Nazis first came to power they never stopped boasting to the outside world about their warlike attitude. . . But when this press agent was in Germany, he told the Nazis to base their propaganda on disarmament and peace. . . You've probably guessed his name—Ivy Lee. . . And so it was this tip by a press agent that made many Americans and people in other democracies believe Nazis really wanted peace. Strange as it seems, we might not have had a war if democracies weren't lulled to sleep by Nazi peace talk.

The Scept Pages: The Herald-Tribune editorially declared war on Laval & Co., and advised the State Dept't that Vichy has ratted on the USA from the start. It okayed Jap bases for attacks on China, the paper reminded, and cautioned Hull that Laval's word wasn't any better than a police court package thief's. . . If Vichy wants to be chummy, how come those uniformed brats demonstrated in front of the U. S. embassy Monday?

Barry Faris of INS once pointed out why reporters should never pig-nhole their stories. . . He said: "Stories are like vegetables. Use them quickly or they spoil."

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT
RAZOR BLADES
KENT BLADES

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A fruit jar, tightly capped, can be used effectively for mixing fruit or milk shakes.

Pineapple and peach juices mixed in ginger ale make a delicious punch. Add the ginger ale at the last moment and serve in glasses or a pitcher half-filled with crushed ice. The ice is needed to dilute as well as to chill the beverage.

To protect posts against termites, soak them (the posts, of course) in fuel oil before putting into the ground.

To help preserve the color of beets and red cabbage when cooking, use a tablespoon of vinegar to each quart of water.

When cotton sheets begin to wear out in the center, rather than sew the outside hems together, make two pillow slips of the two good ends.

Light-colored leather seats on chairs should be washed frequently. Make a lather of warm water and mild soap, apply this on a sponge to the leather. Wipe with a clean cloth. Repeat until the lather comes off clean, then wipe dry and polish with another soft cloth. See that the chairs are perfectly dry before they are used.

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