

### Unspent War Funds To Be Allocated

WASHINGTON—The House Appropriations Committee has recommended the recapture of \$712,230,059 in unspent wartime funds and an allotment of \$1,102,549,017 for the Agriculture Department.

The latter fund is for the department's activities for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Separate bills for these purposes were sent to the House floor for debate as soon as pending Housing legislation is out of the way.

The Army and Navy, largest war-time spenders, drew the biggest cutbacks in the cancellation measure. It would boost to approximately \$62,000,000 the funds recaptured since war spending tapered off.

Large part of the Agriculture Department fund consists of new borrowing authority — from the RFC—for rural rehabilitation loans and rural electrification loans, and \$300,000,000 for payments to farmers under conservation programs.

The total was \$50,715,623 below budget estimates and \$74,253,851 over current year appropriations.

### LAFF-A-DAY



"Quick, General, you know anybody important?"

### B. H. Chambers Is Now Stationed in California

B. H. Chambers, aviation machinist's mate, second class, of Route 2, is serving with Naval Air Transport Service at Alameda, Calif.

His squadron, at its war-time peak, flew 2,464,223 miles a week, flying 36,000,000 ton miles and 77,550 air passengers a month over routes from Paris to Tokyo and Rio de Janeiro to Attu.

### WITH THE COLUMNISTS

#### HOUSING—Thomas L. Stokes

Young and energetic Wilson W. Wyatt, new National Housing Administrator, has suggested that surplus war plants, chiefly aircraft, be utilized to make prefabricated houses, a part of the comprehensive program submitted to Congress the other day by President Truman.

As a quick follow-up the War Assets Corp., successor to the Supplies Property Administration, has prepared a sample list of 13 aircraft plants in various parts of the country which might be used. There are many others that may be available. For it is estimated that only about a third of the 305 aircraft plants can be kept in operation manufacturing planes and parts.

#### FOOD CRISIS—Marquis Childs

The reaction to the news of a grain shortage and a new threat of mass starvation in Europe and Asia has been received by some in the Government with an air of shocked surprise.

There is no reason for surprise. The facts have been fairly obvious for several months. Now we are face to face with the painful reality that, in Great Britain, rations are being cut to levels even below the grim wartime diet, while we continue to go ungranted here in the full tide of plenty.

Food allocated to be set aside for Europe has simply not been forthcoming. The top officials in UNRRA have known this. But they have apparently been too timid to speak out.

#### PUPPET RULERS—Walter Lippmann

From our point of view, the elements of the Middle Eastern problem are, I think, these: The region is of the highest and most critical strategic importance; it is fabulously rich in oil; it is presided over by a cluster of weak states inhabited by peoples who are miserably poor and largely illiterate.

The native states are so backward that, whatever the legal fiction, their rulers are now puppets, usually unruly puppets who play off one empire against another for their own advantage and aggrandizement.

There can be no hope of peace in the Middle East, nothing but conflict and intrigue which will undermine the peace of the whole world, unless the Big Three decide to look for a comprehensive settlement which deals with all the elements of the problem at once.

#### FULL PUBLICITY—Sumner Welles

The United Nations Organization affords world public opinion its first effective chance to demonstrate its capacity to promote the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

Full publicity is being given to the sessions of the Security Council, as well as to those of the General Assembly.

In the past, when controversies have arisen between governments, all knowledge of the discussion of the ways and means for their settlement has generally been withheld from the public. The people have had little opportunity to make their wishes known while negotiations were in progress. And yet, it has always been the masses of the people in every country, when negotiations failed, who have had to do the sacrificing and the dying if war ensued.

#### ATTACK ON UNO—Frank R. Kent

It is difficult to understand the frame of mind of the well-known men and women more or less conspicuous in the fields of literature, journalism and radio entertainment who have lent the weight of their names to the effort of the so-called Writers' Board (formerly, it is explained, Writers' War Board) to destroy the United Nations Organization and substitute a "true world government" with a world president and a world parliament elected by the voters and with authority over all.

Details of the plan vary according to the imagination of the individual, but the assumption seems to be that the voters will choose for the world parliament only the noblest and wisest men in all the world, free from the faults and frailties of the delegates to the UNO.

#### ATOM BILL—Ernest K. Lindley

From the viewpoint of national security, there are weaknesses in Senator McMahon's bill for the domestic control of atomic energy. The bill seems to take almost for granted the creation of effective international safeguards against the use of atomic energy for military purposes. But these safeguards do not yet exist.

#### CHANGE FOR GOP—David Lawrence

President Truman may or may not choose to run in 1948—the left-wingers are already trying to persuade him not to be a candidate—but November, 1946, is much nearer and the whole House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate will be up for election. If the Republicans have any sense left they will not waste time making campaign speeches or soliciting campaign funds. All they need to do is call attention to what is happening in Congress and then wait for the votes to be counted.

#### AXIS LIVES ON—Barnet Nover

Peron is now shrieking to high heaven that he is being unjustly victimized. The Blue Book, he would have the Argentine people believe, is a plot cooked up by Spruille Braden, former United States Ambassador to Argentina and now Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Latin American affairs, to intervene in Argentina's domestic situation.

Braden, says Peron, is trying to set up a puppet government at Buenos Aires. Hence the coming election is a choice between "Braden and Peron."

#### DUTCH OFFER—Wm. Philip Simms

The Dutch offer of self-rule to Indonesia is part of a much broader plan to create a Netherlands commonwealth in four parts, autonomous in internal affairs but united, as are the British commonwealth, under a crown.

The promise that "in our time" the 60,000,000 people of Indonesia would have the right of self-determination was not extracted from a reluctant colonial power at the muzzle of rebel guns. Queen Wilhelmina gave the promise voluntarily nearly four years ago.

#### REBUILDING EUROPE—Eleanor Roosevelt

Armies of occupation cannot take the place of a country's own civilian leaders. However, throughout Europe, many of the former leaders, both men and women, are now gone. That is why I think it will take some time before we see a real tackling of reconstruction problems by peoples who look out on ruined fields and crumbling towns.

### AAA Announces Dairy Payments Good Until July

The Dairy Production Payment Program will be continued through June 31, and rates for the April-June period will be the same as those for the corresponding period for last year, R. C. Francis, chairman, Haywood County AAA committee, announced today.

Under the program, Mr. Francis said, the milk rate that will be paid to North Carolina farmers for April is 90 cents per hundredweight for whole milk produced and sold and 17 cents per pound for butterfat. For the May-June period, the rates will be 55 cents per hundredweight for milk and 10 cents for butterfat.

The AAA chairman pointed out that the payments will be subject to termination or revision in the event of any general increase in price ceilings for milk and its products.

According to the Stabilization Director's announcement of January 29, the general level of returns for milk producers will be maintained during 1946 at the 1945 level, either by subsidy payment of increase in price ceilings should the subsidy be eliminated.

The Dairy Production Payment program was designed to make payments to farmers on the milk and butterfat they produce and sell to offset increased dairy production costs and to encourage a continued high rate of milk production.

The program has been in operation since October, 1943, and over \$6,000,000 has been paid to Tar Heel dairy farmers through local AAA county committees. Of this amount \$113,929.58 has been paid to Haywood County farmers.

#### Recreational Travel Bill

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### NOAH NUMSKULL



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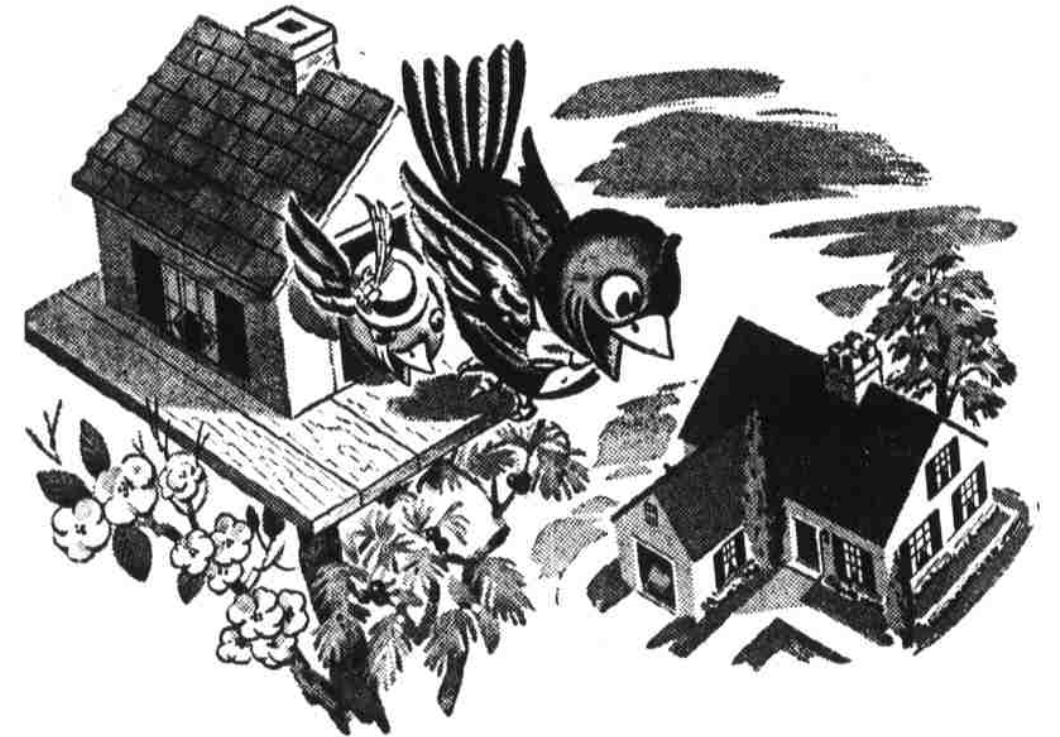
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