



Washington Merry-Go-Round

Washington, D. C. **PLANS FOR PACIFIC WAR** It has all been kept very hush-hush, but top army officials have made a vitally important decision on war production after Germany's defeat.

Original war production schedules called for a 40 per cent cutback after Germany caves in, permitting a vast reconversion program and the early production of automobiles, refrigerators, radios and other goods.

However, the army plus WPB-Bigwigs have now decided to keep the war machine rolling full tilt, not cutting back any but a few items until Japan is defeated.

Behind the vital decision is an important new plan to speed victory in the Pacific. Confidential war department surveys disclosed that it would take over a year to return European veterans, together with their equipment, much of it geared for winter rather than tropical fighting.

In addition, the army survey disclosed that a lot of European equipment will be obsolete for Pacific fighting; would have to be rebuilt, taking valuable time. Instead, the new plan calls for bringing the men back at once, issuing them new equipment specifically designed for Far Eastern combat.

This should speed final blows against Japan, and shorten the Far Eastern war by many months.

As a result, 1945 production schedules will probably be a billion dollars higher than those of 1944. The war department, which had a pile of telegrams two feet high canceling war contracts to be sent out the day Germany is licked, has now culled through them and may only cancel a few dozen orders.

MACARTHUR AND MARINES The boys in the Pacific long have known about the rivalry between General MacArthur and the U. S. navy. Many are the wisecracks about MacArthur and the U. S. marines, land army of the navy.

It happened on one of the Philippine islands a few days after it was taken and when MacArthur was inspecting a battery of marine artillery. Solemnly, he passed from gun to gun, making no comment.

Then suddenly as he came to one gun, he turned on the marine lieutenant in command and let loose the most terrific dressing-down that young officer ever had received. The air was smoky with expletives. The lieutenant at first stood bewildered. The gun was carefully polished. Everything was in place. Then he looked a little closer. Beside the gun an enlisted man had placed a sign. It read:

"With the help of God and a few marines, MacArthur retakes the Philippines."

The lieutenant thought at first that he would be busted. But several days passed and nothing happened. He is now back in the United States and the story can be told.

INSURANCE LOBBY The insurance lobby is headed for trouble regarding its bill to exempt insurance companies from the Sherman anti-trust act. If the lobbyists aren't careful they will get a White House veto.

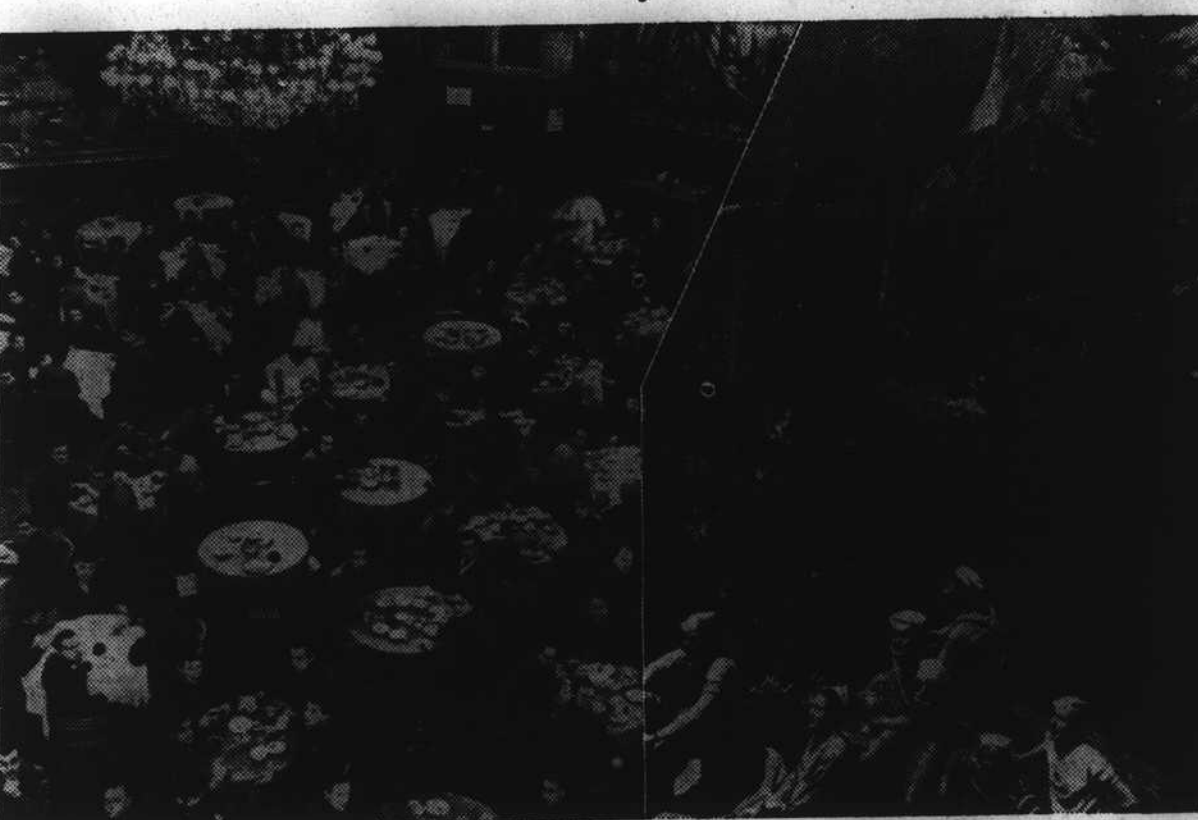
The bill passed the senate in a form which met with all-round approval. But in the house, the insurance lobby sharpened its ax and quietly tacked on some amendments which will not be acceptable either to the White House or, probably, to a majority of the senate.

Lend-Lease Mexican Aviators Ready for Front



Photo above shows a group of Mexican aviators, who have been trained with lend-lease funds and are getting ready to move to the front to do their part against the Axis. This will be the first aerial squadron from Mexico to enter combat as well as the first Mexican air unit to finish training in the United States under lend-lease. They are shown in the air as well as on the ground, where they studied mechanical operation.

War Vets Provided Variety of Recreation Centers



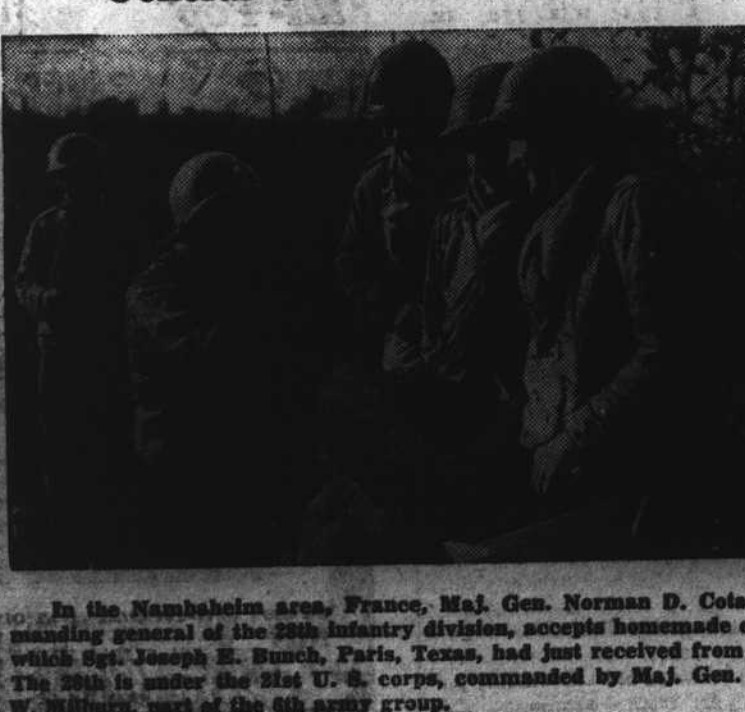
Shown above, the dining room of the Paris Grand Hotel, which has been turned over to the furloughed fighting men enjoying time out in Paris. Many convalescent sailors are being sent to Yosemite National park, California. The Ahwahnee Hotel, a tourist resort operated by the interior department, has been taken over by the navy and used as a convalescent hospital.

Marines Use Land Based Rockets



Members of a marine rocket platoon tote their equipment over rough Bougainville terrain to the front lines. During this campaign, the first in which land based rockets were used, both rockets and portable launchers were transported in much the same manner that machine guns are moved into position during landings. A feature of these rockets is that they do not require a solid base from which to be fired.

General Gets His Cookie Treat



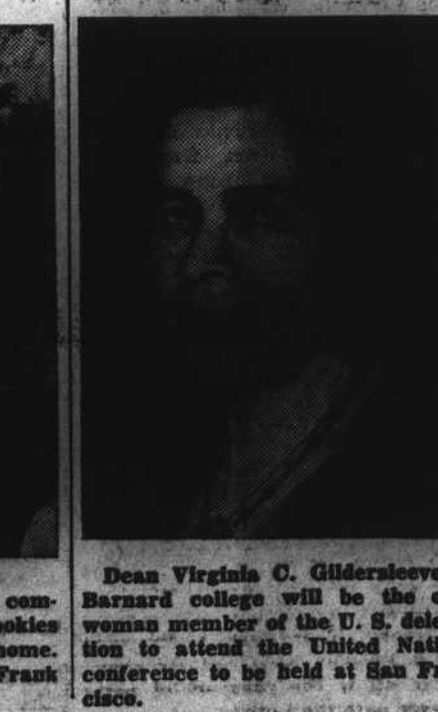
In the Nambenheim area, France, Maj. Gen. Norman D. Cole, commanding general of the 28th Infantry division, accepts homemade cookies which Sgt. Joseph E. Bunch, Paris, Texas, had just received from home. The 28th is under the 21st U. S. corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, part of the 6th army group.

Seven League Boots



Seabee "Seven-League Boots," as shown in aerial view of the attenuated poston causeway, spun out by the navy's Seabees to aid in bringing additional supplies ashore during the invasion of the Philippine islands. Seabees also built airfields.

Will Attend Meet



Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve of Barnard college will be the only woman member of the U. S. delegation to attend the United Nations conference to be held at San Francisco.



Notes of a Newspaper Man

This, they tell you, happened at the Big 3 conference. . . One evening after dinner Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin started speculating on what nationality they'd prefer to be if they couldn't be their own. . . Churchill said: "If I couldn't be British I'd want to be American." . . . Roosevelt said: "If I wasn't American, I'd be British." . . . Stalin said: "If I wasn't Russian I'd be ashamed of myself!"

During the recent run of the Theater Guild's "Embezzled Heaven," the star, Ethel Barrymore, was rushed to the hospital with pneumonia. She was placed in an oxygen tent. . . President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill were among the many who sent posies and telegrams, and for a few weeks everyone despaired of her pulling through. . . Finally, the worst was over and the star was permitted to sit up in bed and answer the phone. . . The first caller was the Guild's Theresa Helburn.

"Hello," she cheerily said, "how's your cold?"

The other night a Hungarian playwright was told an actor had arrived from Hungary. . . "Do you know him?" he was asked. "Know him?" was the retort. "He's my best friend. I hate him!"

Our recent paragraphs about misplaced commas brought the one about the London Daily Mail, which has a reputation for making fewest errors. . . All sorts of editorial supervision was employed—bonuses were offered the staff to maintain the highest standards, etc. But the Mail was still less than perfect.

Finally, the editor summoned the staff and announced: "Hereafter, the first copy will be printed on special stock and sent to the King of England."

Editorial blunders dropped 90 per cent.

A Texan in London was trying to impress some Britishers with the size of his home state. "Do you know," he said, "that in Texas you can hop on a railroad car at 8 in the morning and still be in Texas after riding 24 hours?"

"We," replied a Britisher, "have trains like that in England, too."

It happened at the premiere of "One Man Show." . . The curtain was up and a woman was making a big to-do as she got into her seat, huffing and puffing. . . Seated near her was George Luddy, the Indianapolis author. . . He polished her off neatly by audibly remarking: "Don't worry about her. She's so used to the second balcony—that sitting in the orchestra tonight has given her the shakes."

The exciting stories from Manila included the one about an American radio reporter who was freed after three years as a Jap prisoner. He was forced off the air one day as the Japs entered the city. The other morning, said the papers, he resumed broadcasting this way: "As I was saying when I was so rudely interrupted—"

De Valera of Eire was arrested while speaking at a street meeting several years ago. When he was freed years later, his first statement was: "As I was saying when I was so rudely interrupted—"

Margalo Gilmore, the actress, was anxious to become a nurse's aide but found she didn't have enough stamina for the work—being frightened by the sight of blood, etc. So she compromised by becoming a Grey Lady (one who reads to the convalescent servicemen, etc.) . . . Margalo was telling Carolyn Burke about her duties. . . "Just what is a Grey Lady?" asked Carolyn. . . "A Grey Lady in my case," said Margalo, "is a yellow nurse's aide."

There was the time the late Alex Woolcott was the victim of a typesetter's error. . . The critic once referred to a famous recital as "a popular disease."

It came out: "Popular disease."



The Once Over by H.I. Phillips

"PLEASE PASS THE BUFFALO!" Buffalo meat is being put on the market in a fairly big way this winter. No points are required. The meat is declared sweeter and just as tender as beef.

Maybe so, but we find it hard to work up an appetite for a buffalo, hungry as we are. This may be because the nearest thing to a buffalo we have ever had around the house was a buffalo robe which came down from Grandpa Gideon. It never looked as if it would taste good.

Then, too, we have a sentimental feeling about buffaloes. They look so nice in these Currier & Ives hunting prints! We never could work ourselves up to eating things out of Currier & Ives prints for fear the chef would get mixed up and cook us up a curry of sleigh or a filet of Central Park bobstoppers.

But Grandpa Gideon was different. He was a 100 per cent buffalo-steak man.

He preferred it over bear meat, but when hungry he would take a bear. He never cared for restaurant bear. Grandpa Gideon was of pioneer stock. He liked to go into the woods and get his own "b'ar meat."

He would put on his leather stockings, his horsehide pants, take a snorter and go right after the critter. He was a sportsman and always threw the small ones back. Grandpappy used to grease his arms and face so a bear's punches would slide off. His only weapons were a corn-cob pipe and a bottle.

He would go into a cave, light his pipe and keep taking a slug out of the bottle. He called this "smoking the b'ar out." He had a code of ethics and would never kill a b'ar in its own home. Once the animal had all the smoke it could stand and had started out of the cave, Grandpa would withdraw 10 yards, take his fighting stance and wait.

But buffalo was his real dish. There was more zest to getting one. He would ride out into the plains and shoot 'em with the bow and arrow, scorning the feather or metal lure. If the buffalo were running small he would hunt them from a bicycle. When he was 80 years old he attacked a herd by pogo stick and got three.

Grandpa had a great recipe for buffalo meat. It ran: Use half a buffalo. Mince well. Fat into a barrel and add 10 pounds of butter, the whites of 4 dozen eggs, 6 gallons of sour milk and a few slabs of salt pork. Beat with a paddle. Sprinkle with pepper, salt, cinnamon, rock candy and sea sand. Cover with a quart of brandy. Add 1 pound of raisins and a crate of Bermuda onions, sliced. Flavor with snuff and a jigger of harness oil. Cook overnight. Leave the house around daybreak and find some place where they serve a good bacon and egg order.

Baseball Eulogy ("The President said baseball could continue with certain 'ifs'."—News item.) An "if" question baseball is, With problems rather stiff; Now only players can take part When honestly "4-1."

Essential Men Elmer Twitchell thinks ballplayers should find it simple to be classified in the new list of critical industries. He thinks the heavy hitters plainly come under the head of "providers of belting" for instance, and also "shellackers."

Twirlers will find under the "Petroleum Industry" a clause that "producers of pitches" must be deferred. And why can't catchers and twirlers both come under the exemption granted to "those making batteries."

Umpires are clearly deferred, he says, as "gatherers of gums and barks" as well as "men engaged in pest control."

Barfaced Bribery "WANTED—Housekeeper; apartment, Locust Valley; one child; live in or out; salary includes package of cigarettes daily. Glen Cove 271-R."—Port Washington News.

The line forms on the right! Sign for a flesh reduction establishment: Come in for a Battle of the Bulgies.

Conventions are going to be curbed. Business is going from badge to worse.

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

AGENTS WANTED

LADY WANTED in every community, both rural and city, to sell line of household necessities to her neighbors. Our line includes such scarce items as cheese and laundry soap. Liberal commission. General Products Company (U-8), Albany, Georgia.

CITRUS FRUIT

Tree Ripened CITRUS FRUIT A basket of delicious tree ripened citrus fruit, containing both oranges and grapefruit from the famous Maxcy Florida Groves, direct to you, express prepaid, for \$4.50. Mail orders solicited. Fruit picked daily and shipped to you by fast express. Descriptive booklet and price list of various size packages sent free. Reference: Tropical State Bank, Sebring, Florida. Write to GUYMOND MAXCY'S GROVES, Sebring, Florida.

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