

# Looking at WASHINGTON

## U. S. Acquires Embassy Using French Francs

The United States has acquired a famous mansion in Paris for use as an embassy and buildings for consulates in a number of French cities through the sale of surplus army property.

When the United States disposed of surplus material to the French government, it was paid in francs at increasingly advantageous exchange rates. Consequently, the United States possessed enough French currency to acquire the buildings that it badly needed.

The long-term credit extended to France was cashed, in part, for real estate which, it is believed will save the government from expending additional dollars for the purpose of constructing adequate structures in France.

## Experts Watch Farm Prices As Index To All Prices

Business men, speculators and economists are watching the market for farm products where they note the prices of agricultural products have dropped below the bottom they hit last February.

The experts suggest that farm prices are a barometer of all prices, being the first to rise and the first to fall. They naturally wonder whether the decrease noted will be reflected in other commodity prices.

While it is theoretically impossible everyone can recognize that an equal drop in all prices, of say 20 per cent, would represent no loss to anybody. The price structure would merely rest on a lower basis and the relative purchasing power of the various commodities would be unchanged.

## C. C. May Ban Radio 'Give-Away' Programs

"Give away" programs on the air may be outlawed by the Federal Communications Commission unless the radio-casting industry can persuade the Commission that such a ban would be unwise.

The Commission has given the industry until September 10 to file briefs or statements in connection with a proposed rule which would make certain programs illegal if a contestant, as a condition of winning, is compelled to:

- Furnish money or something of value or possess the sponsor's product.
- Be tuned into the program by radio or television.
- Give the correct answer to a question, the answer or clue to which provided on the same station, even on a previous program, and
- Answer the telephone or write letter, where the conversation or contents of the letter may be broadcast.

Spokesmen for the broadcasting companies have not yet disclosed their reaction but privately it is known that segments of the radio industry will be relieved by the proposed ruling. The broadcasters admit the "give away" shows have gotten out of hand and it is possible that networks will welcome the ban of PCC as a means of getting programs back under control.

## "Voice of America" Being Expanded

The "Voice of America," after weathering a storm of criticism in progress, is now beaming to Europe, Far East and Latin America a series of programs that adds up to 24 hours of broadcast time daily. News, comment and music are included in the programs and the talk is done in 22 languages, including Polish. The messages are carried overseas by 36 short-wave transmitters and relayed in many cases by transmitters in the Pacific and Europe.

A 17-country survey of the effects of the program, made by the correspondents of the New York Times, revealed that the program failed to attract an audience. In Yugoslavia, Communist leadership reportedly considered the program a dead loss so far threatening to win public opinion in that country. Non-Communists thought the programs "boring and frequently tedious."

Such the same comment came from writers in other sections of the world but it is admitted that there has been some improvement in recent years. By contrast, in virtually every country, the correspondents told the popularity and technical perfection of the broadcasts of the British Broadcasting Company.

Russia, it is noted, the Soviet Union has several times attacked the "Voice of America," which is taken to mean that some of the programs are being through to the Russian people. This year there have been scores of attacks on the "Voice" by the Soviet radio.

Agency Functions Moscow Conference may be impossible for Russia, the United States, Great Britain and France to compromise their differences in regard to Europe, but it is interesting to note that recent diplomatic negotiations have been conducted privately, allowing an opportunity for the nations to try to reach an agreement which will be acceptable to all countries involved.

It is worth noting that when the news from the Western nations and Moscow there was no dis-

courtesy. Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, interrupted a vacation to receive them and to resume discussions which, if successful, will involve some retreat on both sides.

It is believed that the cold war is not satisfactory to either of the groups represented in Europe. The aerial shuttle to Berlin may possibly succeed, but it will require the expenditure of much energy and some money. Moreover, the Western nations, which plan to consolidate Western Germany, find that the nations of Western Europe are not anxious to run the risk of war.

It also seems that the Russians do not care to take the chance of a conflict for the purpose of driving the Western nations back to the Rhine. Obviously, since neither side is capable of controlling all of Germany, it is necessary to seek a plan which may end the conflict and settle the question of Germany on a satisfactory basis.

## Air Parcel Post To Start September 1

Announcement that a domestic air parcel post service will begin on September 1st will be interesting to those who happen to reside on the air lines but it will mean little to most of the people of the nation who reside in the smaller towns and cities.

As a matter of fact, in connection with Air Mail, the service is useful largely to those who have the benefit of direct airline connections. In places where there is no regularly scheduled airline service, the use of air mail rarely saves any time in the delivery of first class mail.

It may be debatable whether the extension of efficient air mail service is necessary to the residents of smaller places. If it is, the question is quite complicated because, obviously, scheduled airline operations are not feasible. It might be possible for the government to establish air mail terminals into which local mail could be directed for transportation to terminals in various sections of the country, but this would practically require the government to operate its own planes to secure the necessary results.

## U. S. Control Of National Guard Is Proposed

A special defense department advisory committee has recommended that the National Guard, now under State control, be placed under Federal control. The suggestion was made that, in case of war, technicalities might slow the Guard in going into action.


From Minneapolis, Major-General Ellard A. Walsh, president of the National Guard Association, suggested that possible delay could be eliminated by amending the National Defense Act, so that the Guard would pass instantly to the Army and Air Force in the event of an emergency, without waiting for action by Congress.

In addition, General Walsh declared that State control of the National Guard "is practically the last bastion in the fortress of state's rights," and asserted in the fortress of States, aided by Congress, would join in the battle against efforts of "bureaucrats to centralize all power in Washington."

From Des Moines, Iowa, Governor Robert B. Blue attacked the federalization plan, saying that it is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and that the Guard is needed to preserve order in the states. Governor Blue said that "in Germany, Italy and the South American Republics, whenever governments have been overthrown, it has been due to a union of political power with military power."

We thoroughly agree with the objections raised by these gentlemen to the placing of control of the National Guard in Washington. So far, in the

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history of this country, we have had no alliance between political and military leadership and, if free institutions are to endure in the United States, this separation must be maintained.

At the same time, we are frank to say that there will be an insistent demand for Federal control of the National Guard. It will operate from those who believe that the minority of the nation has no rights which a majority must respect. It will be the objective of those who are interested in subversive movements because they know the full control of the military power is a prime essential to revolution.

## Home Agent Lists Plentiful Foods

Irish potatoes are in undisputed first place on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's plentiful foods list for September—the fifth consecutive month in top position, Miss Nina Braswell, home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, said here this week.

In the second spot on the plentiful list, she said, are grapes, followed closely by celery, tomatoes and apples.

Among other September plentifuls, the home agent added, are canned citrus juices, "which offer an excellent source of cooling summer drinks, please the taste, and add a good supply of nutrients to hot weather diets."

Although orange supplies from Florida are negligible, Miss Braswell explained that California is shipping oranges and lemons in sufficient quantity to keep them on retail markets during the month.

A wide assortment of canned goods—peas, tomato products, apple products, citrus, plums, fruit spreads, and peanut butter—will be plentiful in September to supplement fresh fruit and vegetables on the market, the home agent reported.

Honey, fresh and frozen fish and eggs will continue plentiful during the coming month, and for a newcomer to the list, the Extension agent named pecans. There's a big carry-over of pecans in cold storage, she said, and in addition crop reports indicate a good harvest for this year.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Officer Candidate and Mrs. E. H. Cannon, Jr., announce the birth of a son, born at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City, on August 26. Mrs. Cannon is the former Miss Evelyn Copeland.

## Cotton Prices Drop Below 1948 Loan Level

Spot cotton prices dropped slightly below the 1948 loan level early last week. Middling 15/16 inch averaged 30.78 cents per pound in the ten markets on Friday, August 27, as compared with 31.01 a week earlier and 32.85 a year ago.

Cotton farmers were reluctant to sell at the current price level, and reports indicated that a considerable volume of cotton was being made eligible for the loan. Ginnings through mid-August of this season were 68 per cent larger than during the same period of last year. Market activity increased this week with reported sales at the ten spot markets totaling 143,700 bales against last week's volume of 92,500.

## ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

- What is the new date for the Zale-Cerdan fight?
- Did the U. S. basketball team win the Olympics championship?
- What major powers missed this year's Olympics?
- Where does Kid Gallavan hail from?



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5. With whom will Johnny Lujack play this fall?

- Answers
- September 21.
  - Yes, defeating France in the finals.
  - Japan, Germany and Russia (Italy competed).
  - Cuba.
  - With the Chicago Bears.

## GOVERNMENT CALLS BONDS

John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, has issued a notice that the Government will call for redemption

## UNCONVENTIONAL ROMANCE OF POET SHELLEY BARED!

Revealing the exciting romantic life of Percy Bysshe Shelley— noted author John Erskine recounts the seldom-told story of the immortal poet's blighted love affair in "Poet Shelley's Romantic Woes"—appearing in the September 12th issue of

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Saturday Continuous From 1:30  
Sunday 3:30 and 9:15 P. M.

Today (Thursday) September 2—  
Laurel and Hardy in  
"A CHUMP AT OXFORD"

Friday and Saturday,  
September 3-4—  
William Boyd and  
Andy Clyde in  
"SILENT CONFLICT"

Sunday and Monday,  
September 5-6—  
An All Color Bird Picture  
"BILL AND COO"

Tuesday and Wednesday,  
September 7-8—  
Edward G. Robinson and  
Allen Jenkins in  
"A SLIGHT CASE OF MURDER"

Coming September 9—  
Henry Fonda in  
"THE FUGITIVE"

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"SILVER RIVER"

Saturday, September 4—  
Monty Hale and  
Riders of the Purple Sage in  
"CALIFORNIA FIREBRANDS"

Sunday, September 5—  
Paulette Goddard and  
MacDonald Carey in  
"HAZARD"

Monday and Tuesday,  
September 6-7—  
Barry Fitzgerald and  
Dorothy Hart in  
"THE NAKED CITY"

Wednesday, September 8—  
Double Feature  
William Gargan in  
"WATERFRONT AT MIDNIGHT"  
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