



# WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—News of our participation in the Egyptian offensive against Rommel has not been highly personalized, but an occasional passing mention of Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton makes up for the general lack of a dramatic persona. He's a whole cast of characters all by himself, as he commands our air co-operation in the attack—with the widest and readiest grin, one of the stiffest wallops and unquestionably the most flexible vocabulary in the army. He swears in four languages, with rare improvisation and in a rasping voice which is said to be miraculously effective in hopping up fighting men. He is the commander of the U.S.A. Middle Eastern air forces, transferred from India last July.

One might call him the Larry MacPhail of the Army, as he is both zealous and exultant with a fight on, or the chance for a fight anywhere in the office. He particularly seemed to enjoy commanding America's first offensive in the war in the Far East. That was on April 2. Heading the bombing mission from India to the Japanese-held Andaman Islands, he jockeyed his B-17 right into the thick of the fracas and by all accounts had the happiest day of his life, as the Japanese were given a handsome pasting.

He hit the road to glory after a stiff jolt. He had just been transferred to the command of Clark field in the Philippines when the Japanese came, with no time to get things air-shape. The blasting of his planes and men in the hopelessly uneven contest was terrific and General MacArthur, ordering no more sacrifices, sent him to Australia with his air force and then to India. From his battle area, fighting with General Chennault's Flying Tigers and, all in all, made a magnificent comeback.

From Pittsburgh, he went to the Naval Academy in 1907 and transferred to the signal corps, our fledgling air service, a year after his graduation in 1911. He fought in the air at Verdun, was shot down at St. Mihiel and came out of the war with the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart, the Legion of Honor ribbon and the Croix de Guerre. Last September, in honor of his exploits in the Pacific, there was added to these the Distinguished Flying Cross.

PAUL C. SMITH, quitting the OWI to join the marines, hits this startling outfit with a fast running start and should catch their cadence nicely. He is the young speed ball newspaper caricaturist of San Francisco, a West coast marvel of the last few years, who not only supercharged the San Francisco Chronicle, as its general manager at the age of 29, but outshone many of the graybeards of the town in labor mediation, civic enterprise and battles for the public weal in general.

He joined the OWI in December, 1941, and became chief of its news bureau last August. It was to be expected that he would join the marines. He saw many of the global aspects of this war long before it started. The marines go places, globally, and that's always his big idea.

Mr. Smith, the Halley's comet of recent newspaper decades, never went to college. From his take-off at Seattle, his home town, he worked in lumber camps, coal mines and on farms in the northern United States and Canada and later formulated and applied much of this experience in newspaper work.

In 1928, when he was 20 years old, he made a few cautious plays in the market, but went into and ventured into investment banking in San Francisco and New York. This turned him toward financial writing and his first connection with the San Francisco Chronicle. He became its financial editor and its general manager in 1937.

In 1938, Mr. Smith toured Europe with his friend Herbert Hoover, and returned, in March, with some ominous prophecies. He said war was surely coming "in from one to five years." The United States, he said, "will pay the price along with the rest of the world. It is no longer a question of whether or not we pay, but a simple question of how much." An interesting forecast in view of what the marines are paying in Guadalcanal. Mr. Smith was one of the few journalists who saw and reported what was happening in France.

# Washington Digest

## Second Front in Africa Points North to Italy

### Underground Anti-Fascists in Italy Want Strong Brand of Democracy for Aiding Allies; Seek U. S. Pledge.

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According to a number of people in Washington, of whom your correspondent is one, the most startlingly important event of the war may be taking place and nobody, including the enemy, will admit it. A second front has been opened, the first carefully planned and meticulously timed offensive against the Axis since the war started has begun in Africa. There are diplomatic developments as well as military which, some believe, indicate that the path to victory will lead through Rome.

Of course, you couldn't get even a whiff of official confirmation for such a presumptuous assumption from anyone higher than a first sergeant. Nevertheless, there seems to be quite a bit of circumstantial evidence to support the observation of such a development. At the same time certain happenings in the diplomatic field add their touch of verisimilitude to what the military might say was a bald and unwarranted, if not unconvincing statement.

Such military information as I might offer, which has not been a part of official statements, would not be wise to print. But it is permissible to recall that the Germans claim that the British have a million men under General Alexander's command in Africa. The official accounts of the number of American flow planes in almost continuous activity over a huge area indicate that the American air force in Egypt is not inconsiderable, even in these days of giant armies and armadas.

### Apprehension in Tunisia

There are diplomatic reports of apprehension on the part of the populace of Tunisia, a vital strip of territory lying along the coast of the narrow waters that separate it from Sicily, the Axis stepping stone from Italy to Africa, which hint that activities may extend even further west than Libya.

These are some of the outward signs which are there for all to see. From a military standpoint Italy is the weak sister of the Axis partnership. From the standpoint of anti-Nazi-Fascist internal subversive organization she is perhaps the strongest ally for the United Nations. An African offensive might logically end in an invasion of Italy.

The recognition of these anti-Fascist underground organizations as important elements in the general Allied offensive against the Axis can be taken as a straw showing which way the tide of war may be flowing. And they are being recognized.

One very significant development was a recent statement from London, which at first blush simply seemed to dampen any hopes that the king of Italy might be a force in bringing about a separate peace with Italy. But this negative suggestion, when taken together with certain other indications, has quite another meaning. The London report indicated that the king was no longer the "prisoner of Mussolini" he had been pictured, but really the friend of Fascism. This seemingly gratuitous statement may well have been offered as a piece of firing data for the diplomatic marksmen indicating that they must change their sights. And an inkling of just what must be done in order to obtain the support of the elements in Italy which can be of service to the Allied cause comes from an objective report on the underground in Italy.

This report, originating with anti-Fascist sources in the United States, clearly analyzes who these people are, what they have already accomplished and what must be done to get their co-operation. A realistic program is laid down by inference which will not be at all palatable to the conservative or the conventional masters of official intrigue among the United Nations.

According to this report from anti-Fascist sources the underground in Italy is now composed largely of young men, born and educated in Fascism, who are working entirely from within its framework. They are members of the party because

they have known no other party and no other government through their mature years. They are members of the armed forces because they are loyal to Italy.

According to the report which I mention, made by supposedly authentic and authorized representatives of the anti-Fascists, the underground movement in Italy is powerful and effective; it has accomplished a weakening of civilian and military morale; publishes a large and efficient anti-Fascist press; has organized political meetings and combat groups in nearly every Italian town; has brought about unity for the first time in Italian history between the working class and the intellectuals. It has caused general inefficiency in the army, caused sabotage in the campaigns of Greece, Albania and Libya and effectively sabotaged war industries.

The members of these groups, the young men who grew up under Fascism, are not revolting to bring about a status quo ante—they are revolting against the status quo for definite aims. They want a new democratic order.

### Italian Anti-Fascist Demands

The members of the Italian underground are thoroughly determined to overthrow Fascism wherever it exists. But they demand a concrete, complete, sincere statement of the program of the anti-Fascist forces before they will join them, since they risk everything in revolt and think they might simply gain new chains for old if they faced a typical political peace.

They want, specifically, a clear-cut statement of the peace aims of the United Nations. They want these aims stated without equivocation or couched in the fine generalities of the Atlantic Charter. And they want to be sure that they have the guarantee of the United States as the administrator of those terms with freedom to build the kind of an Italy they want.

There is something of a parallel between these Italian demands and the revelations, or what the conservative diplomats would call the indiscretions, of Wendell Willkie when he called for assurances of the non-imperialistic designs of the United Nations.

Willkie, as is his wont, used a blunderbuss instead of a scalpel to obtain his end, but he did clear up the atmosphere on the subject of what Russia and China thought about the need of extending the scope of the Atlantic Charter. The realistic Jan Smuts, prime minister of South Africa, echoed this sentiment a few days after Willkie's report to the nation. Others are repeating the demand for a full statement of peace aims.

### Strong Brand of Democracy

Another point upon which some of our allies, and particularly our potential allies in Italy, want recognized by us and emphasized is the belief, many times stated but very seldom elaborated, namely, that we don't expect to go back to things as they were.

They expect democracy, but they make it plain they expect it to be economic as well as political, and they want a brand that may prove stronger medicine than everyone might care to take. The groups in Italy, like those in other countries, have forged their political philosophies in the fire of persecution.

The revolt against the physical brutalities of totalitarianism is likely to carry them far in the opposite direction. They demand an ideal of democracy hard to attain.

It becomes, therefore, a vital task of the American statesman, in assuming the necessary leadership of the United Nations as their supreme physical effort approaches, to formulate a post-war world peace ideal. If, as seems possible, the second front will touch Italy, home of Fascism, before it reaches the Nazi borders, the attitude of Italy's anti-Fascists must be clearly understood and taken into account.

# TO YOUR Good Health

by DR. JAMES W. BARTON

## HIDDEN HUNGER

Some months ago the Canadian Medical association, with funds provided by insurance companies, published a little book called "Food and Health," a copy of which was to reach every home in Canada. This little book told of food values, the needs of the body for various kinds of food, the cost of an "all round" meal for families of various sizes and other useful information about food and health.

The National Nutrition program, through the United States Federal Security agency, includes a motion picture on nutrition entitled "Hidden Hunger." "We all have a job to do these days and part of our share in the nation's wartime effort begins with our choice of foods."

A recent nation-wide survey showed that two out of five of us suffer from hidden hunger—live at half speed, because we only feed parts of our body and let the other parts starve. The body needs 40 different food elements to feed its various cells—some elements to feed muscles, others to feed the brain, others for the cells by which we see, feel and hear.

I will not reveal the plot of the film story by which we will all be taught "to use food wisely and thereby stop extravagant waste of our abundant food stuffs and at the same time get ourselves an equal chance for health the way we get ourselves an equal chance to vote."

"If the American people will only buy and cook well-balanced meals those now suffering from hidden hunger (not the hunger coming from an empty stomach but the hunger in a body that has been fed the wrong kind of food) will be brought back to health and efficiency."

What is the amount and the kinds of food a man should eat every day to be hale and hearty?

"One egg, one pint of milk (three-fourths to one quart for growing children); two vegetables (green, leafy or yellow) and a potato; an orange or tomato juice and another fruit, three or four slices of the right kind of bread (whole wheat or enriched white); two tablespoons of butter or margarine, and meat."

## What Causes Bad Breath?

A few years ago I followed a controversy as to whether bad breath was due to food particles left between the teeth or to some disturbance in the stomach and intestines.

It is admitted that bad breath can be caused by mouth and nose conditions such as infected teeth and tonsils, and by the dry form of catarrh. But what causes bad breath when mouth, nose and throat are free of infection?

Drs. Burrill B. Crohn and Rudolph Dross, New York, in the Journal of the American Medical Association, state that heretofore patients with bad breath have consulted nose and throat specialists and dentists who searched for decaying teeth, infected gums, and infections of throat and sinus. The teeth, the gums, the tonsils and sinuses are the cause at times only and cases due to nose and throat conditions are becoming less in number due to better knowledge of the importance of a healthy mouth, throat and nose.

Experiments were made as to the best method or methods to prevent the odor of garlic on the breath. These research workers found that it was not the mouth nor the stomach that was responsible for the odor of garlic on the breath but the intestines, particularly the small intestine into which the partially digested food is poured from the stomach.

Why is the small intestine responsible for bad odors on the breath, because oil of peppermint and oil of wintergreen were also used in the tests and these two oils acted exactly the same as garlic?

These research workers state that halitosis is due to the fact that fat foods eaten are not handled properly or are not handled completely by the liver and it is these incompletely digested fat foods, lying in the small intestine, that cause the odor. They point out that patients with peptic ulcer taking much milk daily often have a bad breath. "If these patients are given a diet of cereal, eggs, and lean meat, the odor disappears."

### QUESTION BOX

Q.—Is it harmful to eat a raw potato every day?  
A.—A raw potato will do no harm if eaten daily. One raw vegetable or fruit daily is recommended by food experts.  
Q.—What causes me to become exhausted easily?  
A.—Two commonest causes of exhaustion are: (a) nervousness or emotional upsets, worries and conflicts. (b) some low infection, teeth, tonsils, sinus or intestines.

# Farm Topics

## Greater Farm Safety Part of War Program

### Accidents Cost People \$4,000,000 During '41

"I knew I shouldn't have done it," is a remark often made by accident victims after the damage has been done. And because the war now makes the full working ability of every man and woman more important than ever before, greater accident-prevention care should be taken.

Accidents cost the American people \$4,000,000 in wages, medical expenses, insurance, and property damage last year. A total of 102,500 persons were killed, 350,000 permanently disabled and 8,950,000 temporarily injured.

Much has been written on how to prevent accidents, but the best remedy is individual care and thoughtfulness.

Common among the causes of accidents is placing hands between gears, chains, cutter knives, or other parts of machinery in motion. In addition to avoiding this danger,



A picture of an excellent Spartanburg county, South Carolina, farm showing strip rotation of cotton and small grain, with the small grain followed by annual lespedeza.

other precautions are listed as follows:

- Do not cut toward yourself when using a knife.
- Do not climb a ladder until it is properly placed, firm and steady.
- Use a safety rope or strap when climbing a tree for pruning.
- Drive tractor and car carefully.

Field machinery will last longer if operated at moderate speed. Farm machinery and equipment, as well as industrial machinery, are now provided better than ever with safety devices.

## Agriculture in Industry

By FLORENCE C. WEED

### Tung Nuts

Back in 1904, Dr. David Fairchild of the government bureau of plant industry secured a quantity of Tung nuts from China. They were planted widely in this country, in all except cold climates, and from this beginning, has sprung a new industry which aims to furnish essential quick-drying oil to the paint industry.

A bumper crop in 1940 provided 5,000,000 pounds of tung nuts with a million dollar income to growers. A narrow belt in the southern states, 50 to 100 miles wide, has been found best suited to growing tung trees.

These come into bearing in the third year. They yield nuts with woody hulls the size of small apples inside of which are from three to seven seeds. Machinery used in crushing the seeds is similar to that used for crushing oil from cotton seed, peanuts and soybeans. The residue left is pressed into cakes and returned to the grower who uses it for fertilizer.

During the last ten years, before the outbreak of the war with Japan, oil valued at ten million dollars was imported from China each year. Much of this was of inferior grade and adulterated with other oils. It has sold from 5.1 cents to as high as 27.2 cents per pound in barrels at New York. With this foreign supply unavailable, the superior American product is finding a ready market.

Mills equipped for dehulling and crushing tung seed have been established in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana.

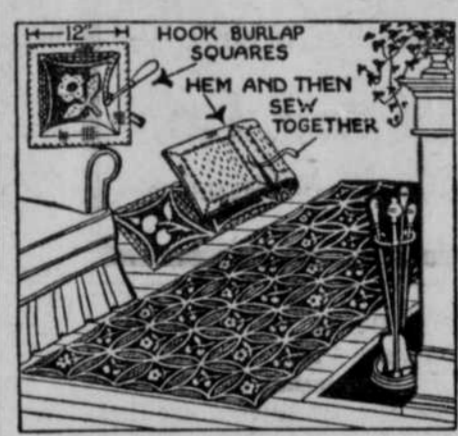
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# ON THE HOME FRONT

with RUTH WYETH SPEARS

HERE is a hooked hearth rug that may some day grow up to room size. The turquoise flowers and red cherries in the alternate squares are from dyed pieces of the old cream colored wool blankets.

Twelve-inch squares of burlap overcast around the edge made the foundation pieces. Patterns for the repeat design were cut



from paper and the burlap was marked by drawing around these with wax crayon. Loops of fabric strips were drawn through with a steel rug hook. Red was used for the curved lines shown at the upper left. Tones of brown for the

flower and gray for the cherry background. Mixed colors for the rest of the design.

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## ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

### The Questions

- 1. How much water does an inch of rain give to the acre?
- 2. What building is known as the "Cradle of Liberty"?
- 3. How many pairs of walking legs has a spider?
- 4. In court procedure, if a tales is issued, it means what?
- 5. A cross shaped like a plus sign is called what?

### The Answers

- 1. One hundred tons.
- 2. Faneuil Hall.
- 3. A spider has four pairs of walking legs.
- 4. Additional jurors are summoned.
- 5. A Greek cross.
- 6. Lydia.

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