

Passing the Time in Air Raid Shelter



Here's a peek into a Ramsgate air raid shelter. The city of Ramsgate, in England, has been subjected to constant air raid alarms, and the people have, during these many weeks past, grown quite accustomed to spending long hours in air raid shelters. Girls are knitting as they pass the time. Housewives discuss the high cost of living and other home problems. Little boys suck on ice cream cones and wait, like the others, for the raid to pass over. London's loss of time every day because of air raids is a very serious matter, and the Nazis seem to know it.

Spruces Up for Army



A blanket serves as an extra pair of pants for Private Edward Tortolani, who sharpens a crease as he gets ready to enter the regular army of the United States. He's one of the 3,500 men in three New York city National Guard regiments who have dropped their civilian pursuits for a year's service in encampments.

Leaves From Great Britain's Scrap Book



Lower: A convoy steaming up the English channel, currently the most dangerous stretch of water in the world, under the guns of an escorting British warship. Upper Left: Winston Churchill surveys a great crater left by a German bomb in a London street after a night raid. Upper Right: An anti-aircraft gun crew in action during a practice session with a 3.7 "Archie" somewhere in Canada.



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—In Uncle Remus, Brer Fox said to Brer Tarrpin, "You ain't seen no trouble yit. I'm de man w'at can show yer trouble." "The Perfect Fool" And that goes for Ed Wynn and adds to *Once Again Is Fooling the Jinx* the public zest in whooping it for his new revue, "Boys and Girls Together," at its Boston tryout. His revue sounded extemporaneous, like everything else he does, and seemed to make people feel that even these dire days will end when an old master, who though he was licked, can thus improve a knockout.

Set upon by a blizzard of troubles, financial and domestic, two years ago, Brer Fox Wynn retired to his Park avenue cave to sit around in his pajamas and bite his nails. Then something touched off a giggle or two and he began trying on funny hats, and working up a few gags. He began to feel better, and along came George Wood and Pat C. Flick with a bankroll.

That recent mess of trouble was Mr. Wynn's twenty-seventh upset, in the light of which his comeback is not so surprising. His radio chain was as fragile as a Vassar daisy chain and took \$300,000 of his money. A delayed income tax time bomb blew up a similar amount. Harassed by lawsuits and whatnot he found his wellspring of gags had dried up. He shopped around for new and used gags, but found none in stock. It was his own inner resources which finally reclaimed and reissued the waggish Mr. Wynn.

Funny hats have figured in his karma from the first. His father, a milliner, came from Czechoslovakia and his mother from Turkey. In the millinery shop, he handed himself many a laugh, trying on hats. When he was 16, his father said it was time for him to take up the millinery trade, but he had other ideas. He tied a shirt and a Sunday suit into a Dick Whittington bundle and made his way to Norwich, Conn.

He talked his way into a roustabout job with a barnstorming company, presently got a small part, and burlesqued it just enough to reveal his genius for comedy. Twelve years of barnstorming and vaudeville followed. His recurring troubles have been such that interviewers or critics usually stress the Pagliacci note when writing about him, but it's rollicking, sympathetic laughter which greets his happy comeback.

WINSTON CHURCHILL stirs wide interest and approval with his demand for simple and precise language, official and unofficial. *More and More* in the interest of national effectiveness. *Word Gannery* His own addresses have been models of clarity and force. He has risen nobly to the demands of the hour. All the more credit to him in view of his previous lapses. This department has dredged up an old speech of Mr. Churchill's in which he scolded certain offenders for "terminological inexactitude," and deplored the public trend toward ornate language.

Perhaps under the pressures and urgencies of the times precisionists are coming forward in the entire field of communications as they are in machine tooling. War casualties among pedants and mystagogues may be heavy. Over here, Charles A. Collin takes a long overdue swipe at the mystic word maze of life insurance policies, as he addresses the Insurance Advertising conference in Atlantic City. This writer has been thrown for a loss every time he tried to read an insurance policy and has had to take them entirely on faith.

Also in tune with the times is Judge Pecora's deep pondering and long-studied decision in that question mark or period case. Sixteen entrants in a civil service examination were sustained against their examiners when they picked the question mark as the proper ending for a certain sentence.

Just getting under way before the war started there was in England a society for general word renovation and fumigation and the furtherance of good diction. In these endeavors, Mr. Churchill now gets a putout, but something more than an assist should go to the mischievous and ironic A. P. Herbert, the parliamentary gag man who was far ahead of Mr. Churchill in blasting at over-elegant word setups. Half Irish, the author of about 20 novels, and a half-dozen plays, he has pinked much revered, but pretentious usage.

President Signs Peacetime Draft Bill



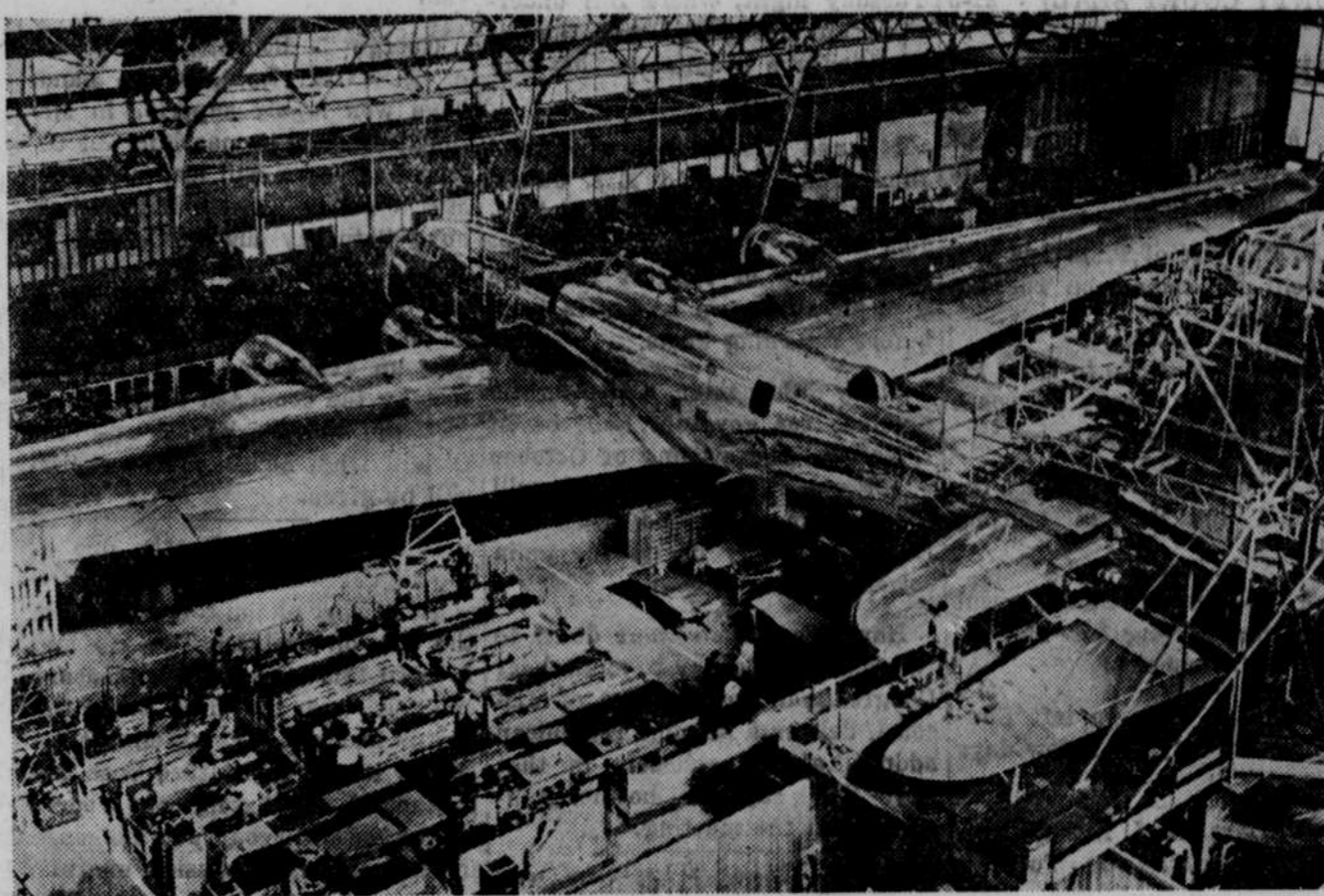
President Roosevelt signs the nation's first peacetime conscription bill. Standing, left to right: Secretary of War Henry Stimson, Rep. A. J. May, chairman of the house military affairs committee, Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, and Sen. Morris Sheppard, chairman of the senate military affairs committee.

New Speaker



Speaker of the House of Representatives Sam Rayburn of Texas, who succeeds the late William Bankhead. One of his first duties was presiding over Bankhead's state funeral.

'Guardian of a Hemisphere'—World's Largest



The world's largest military airplane, "Guardian of a Hemisphere," will be flown late this autumn from the Douglas Aircraft company's airport. It is shown here at Santa Monica, Calif. Fully loaded for emergency mission it can take off with a gross weight of 164,000 pounds. It will be powered with four 2,000-horsepower engines. Its armament is a closely guarded secret.

Pre-views

Business Women Hold National Observance



"Making Democracy Work" will be the theme of National Business Women's week, October 6-12. 73,000 members of 1,700 women's clubs will participate in the observance. Poster illustrates the theme. Dr. Minnie L. Maffett (right) is president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs which sponsors the event.

Health Meet



Dr. Thomas Parran Jr., U. S. surgeon general, will be one of the principal speakers at the sixty-ninth annual meeting of the American Public Health association to be held at Detroit October 8-11.

Members of One Family—Count 'Em!



The Ascoli family arrive in New York on the Greek steamer, Nea Hellas, en route to their new home in the West Indies. Head of the family is Joseph Rene Ascoli, retired British industrialist, here shown with his wife and 13 of their 14 children.

Jimmy's Dime Movies



Preview of Jimmy Roosevelt's coin-in-the-slot dime sound movies. For a dime a person can hear and see a three-minute musical "short."

Supreme Court to Open Fall Term



Important cases will face the United States Supreme court when it convenes October 8. Members of the court are here shown grouped around a picture of the Supreme court building in Washington. Below, L. to R., Justices Roberts, McReynolds, Chief Justice Hughes, Justices Stone and Black. Above, Justices Douglas, Reed, Frankfurter and Murphy.

To Celebrate



This week two prominent Americans will observe their birthdays. Former Secretary of Agriculture and Vice Presidential Candidate Henry A. Wallace will celebrate his fifty-second birthday on October 7. Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Harlan Fiske Stone will celebrate his sixty-eighth birthday on October 11.

They Fight for the 'Good Earth'



These young Chinese girls, uniformed, armed with rifles and wearing hats that camouflage them against air observation, belong to a women's fighting organization with the Chinese forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at Chungking. Young as they are, they are well versed in guerrilla warfare.

Royal Sympathy



On the right, harried and nervous, is a newly made air raid widow, Mrs. O'Connor of London. The bomb killed her husband, sister and nephew. Queen Elizabeth comforts her.