

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Crack Down on G. I.s in Europe; UNRRA Aid Falls Short of Needs; U. S. Sets Foreign Loan Terms

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Pointing up Herbert Hoover's statement that 30 million European children are in need of extra food, these Italian youngsters beg photographer for bread. Boy at left tries to sell peanuts to obtain money for purchasing cereals.

ARMY: Tighten Discipline

With the low state of discipline leading to loss of respect for American authority by the enemy and injury to our reputation among the Allies, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U. S. commander in Europe, ordered all unit commanders to jack up on personnel.

Citing the rapid demobilization and dissolution of tried battle groups, McNarney declared that makeshift units possess none of the pride of the veteran outfits and officers do not have the same traditional attachment to their men as they would have for those regularly under them.

OVERSEAS RELIEF: UNRRA Aid

Set up to provide relief for war-stricken areas, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration furnished 4 million tons of supplies costing almost 700 million dollars up to December 31, 1945, but help extended constitutes only a drop in the bucket compared to over-all requirements.

President Truman's release of a report of UNRRA's activities came as the combined U. S., British and Canadian food board allotted the international agency 460,000 tons of cereals from its grain pool. While UNRRA Director LaGuardia had asked for 700,000 tons, Allied food experts were unable to grant his requests in view of the needs of other people not fed by his organization.

With the U. S. and Britain providing the bulk of the funds, UNRRA's distributions to December 31, 1945, included:

Country	Tons	Value, dollars
Greece	1,739,667	206,107,000
Yugoslavia	976,223	190,057,000
Czechoslovakia	406,427	87,575,000
Poland	348,219	113,212,000
Italy	197,112	23,257,000
China	154,017	24,129,000
Albania	67,175	13,000,000
Ukrainian S. S. R.	44,136	10,434,000
Byelorussian S. S. R.	22,226	4,667,000
Dodecanese Islands	1,588	125,000
Others	20,467	8,962,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,959,257</b>	<b>681,533,000</b>

Concern over the feeding of the world's hungry hit areas was heightened by a U. S. weather bureau report that rain was sorely needed in some sections of the great plains wheat growing states if the department of agriculture's forecasts of another bumper crop were to materialize.

U. S. CREDIT: Name Conditions

While the U. S. was determined to demand free trade in eastern Europe as a condition for granting Russia a one-billion dollar loan, a 90 million dollar advance was made to Soviet-dominated Poland on the stipulation that free and unhampered elections would be held to name a representative democr-

EX-CONVICTS:

Thirty-nine states are now participating in a nation-wide system designed to aid rehabilitation of the paroled convict who wants to "start life over" in a new environment, the council of state governments reports.

The compact was designed not only to aid rehabilitation of those with criminal records but also to stop "commuting criminals" from taking advantage of the devices affording protection by state lines.

ic government for the country.

Of the 90 million dollar loan to Poland, 40 million will be used for the purchase of American coal cars and locomotives to facilitate the movement of fuel to western Europe and the Balkans, the U. S. state department disclosed. The remainder of the credit will be applied against Poland's acquisition of surplus property in Europe.

Besides requiring the conduct of free elections, the U. S. obtained Poland's agreement not to discriminate against American nationals and trade and to properly compensate U. S. citizens and corporations whose property has been taken over or nationalized.

U. S. demands on Russia for free trade in eastern Europe in exchange for a one billion dollar loan followed the Soviets' quick postwar maneuvering to bring the region under their economic domination.

Under a five-year pact with Hungary, joint Russo-Hungarian navigation, oil, aviation, bauxite and aluminum companies were set up, while a similar deal with Romania resulted in formation of Russo-Romanian bank, oil, navigation and aviation enterprises. In some instances, the Soviets' equities consist of concessions or Axis property claimed as reparations.

Short term barter agreements also were negotiated with Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary, involving substantial amounts of raw and finished material.

Ripping into the Soviets' eastern European deals, the U. S. has protested on the grounds that no permanent peace treaties have yet been drawn as a basis of negotiations; the major allies pledged themselves to work together for rebuilding ex-enemy countries, and composition of joint companies can be implemented to exclude other nations from participating in economic enterprises.

ITALY: Fascist Underground

Theft of the remains of Benito Mussolini from a potter's field near Milan pointed up the undercover activities of fascist forces in Italy. Bitter foes of the communist-socialist bloc, Il Duce's followers have been working quietly in the immediate postwar period, seeking to capitalize on complaints of cumbersome democratic processes and foster sentiment for renewed authoritarian rule.

When Mussolini's body was dug up from an unmarked grave and carried off, with a boot with part of a rotted leg left to lie behind, a note extolling Il Duce and signed "Democratic Fascist party" was placed near the burial plot. In lyrical style the note read: "The time will come in which Benito Mussolini in his coffin, kissed by our sun, will parade through the streets of Italy and all the roses of the world and all the tears of our women will not be enough to give extreme greetings of the country to this great son."

According to some estimates, no less than 200,000 Italians are said to be members of the secret S.A.M. (Squadre d'Azione Mussolini) organization, which has been most active in the northern section of the country. Consisting of personnel of former fascist military units, the S.A.M. work in units of from 25 to 50 persons, with instructions to check political activity and infiltrate into parties and foment discord.

Gas Revenues Increase

Ten states collected more than 25 million dollars each from gasoline tax revenues in 1945 when total receipts from such levies reached \$49.6 million dollars — an increase of 13 per cent over 1944 collections which totaled 74.7 million dollars. Of the 10 states that lead in collections, Florida with its levy of six cents a gallon had the highest tax rate.

RYE: Futures Soar

With May rye hovering at the \$2.63 a bushel mark and daily future transactions running far above prewar levels, the Chicago Board of Trade was scheduled to undertake its second investigation of dealings in the commodity to ascertain if any operator or group possessed a corner.

Having failed to uncover a "corner" after a probe several months ago, the board renewed its investigation by ordering all members to report accounts with open positions.

Because May rye carries no ceiling, observers said that the high prices the grain commands reflect supply and demand. Against the \$2.63 a bushel figure in the open market, the new crop was selling around the \$1.48 a bushel ceiling.

RAIL WRECK: Big Toll

In the worst train wreck since 1944, when two sections of the Southern Pacific collided near Great Salt Lake, Utah, and 48 persons were killed, the Burlington's Exposition Flyer plowed into the rear of the stalled Advance Flyer in Naperville, Ill., to take a toll of approximately 48 dead.

Running on the same track three minutes apart, the two crack trains crashed when the Advance Flyer pulled up to a stop for its crew to investigate a flash of flame from beneath one of the coaches. Though an automatic caution signal went on 7,784 feet to the east and a danger signal beamed 1,100 feet from the stalled train, the engineer of the Exposition Flyer was unable to brake his charging Diesel in time to avoid the crash.

Though Engineer W. W. Blaine, 68, of Galesburg, Ill., himself suffered only a face cut, many passengers were killed when his big locomotive ripped into the last steel coach on the Advance Flyer and the impact buckled the diner ahead of it and overturned two other cars. In all, six coaches were upset or derailed and lay strewn over the twisted track like toys. In addition to the 48 killed, over 100 were injured.

DIPLOMACY: Four-Power Meet

Settlement of the ticklish Yugoslav claims to Italian Trieste loomed as the foreign ministers of the U. S., Britain, Russia and France met in Paris in an attempt to iron out complex political and economic questions holding up the formulation of peace treaties for former Axis satellites.

As Byrnes, Bevin, Molotov and Bidault met to speed up the con-



Bevin, Byrnes and Molotov.

clusion of terms, their deputy foreign ministers who had defused over a majority of the issues happily advanced a solution to the Trieste problem: Agreeing to settle territorial claims on the basis of residential nationalities, the deputies recommended Italy's retention of Italian-populated Trieste and surrender to Yugoslavia of Yugoslav-settled land nearby the vital port.

Disposition of Trieste was only one of the knotty problems facing the Big Four in drawing terms for Italy. One of the principal bones of contention centered in Russia's demands for trusteeships over Italy's North African colonies situated along Britain's Mediterranean lifeline to the Far East. With Britain resisting the Reds' claims out of an unwillingness to establish the Soviets in a strategic position along the imperial lifeline, the U. S. advanced a compromise under which the colonies would be placed under a United Nations' trusteeship.

CIGARETTES: Hike Prices

In granting increases in the price of cigarettes, OPA declared that rising manufacturing costs necessitated the boosts to assure producers of earnings equal to prewar levels.

While manufacturers were allowed a 25 cent raise per 1,000 cigarettes, retailers were permitted to hike the prices a half cent a pack on multiple sales of two, four, six, etc., packs and five cents on a carton of 10 packs. Where sale of cigarettes through vending machines is permissible, an increase of one cent a pack was granted.

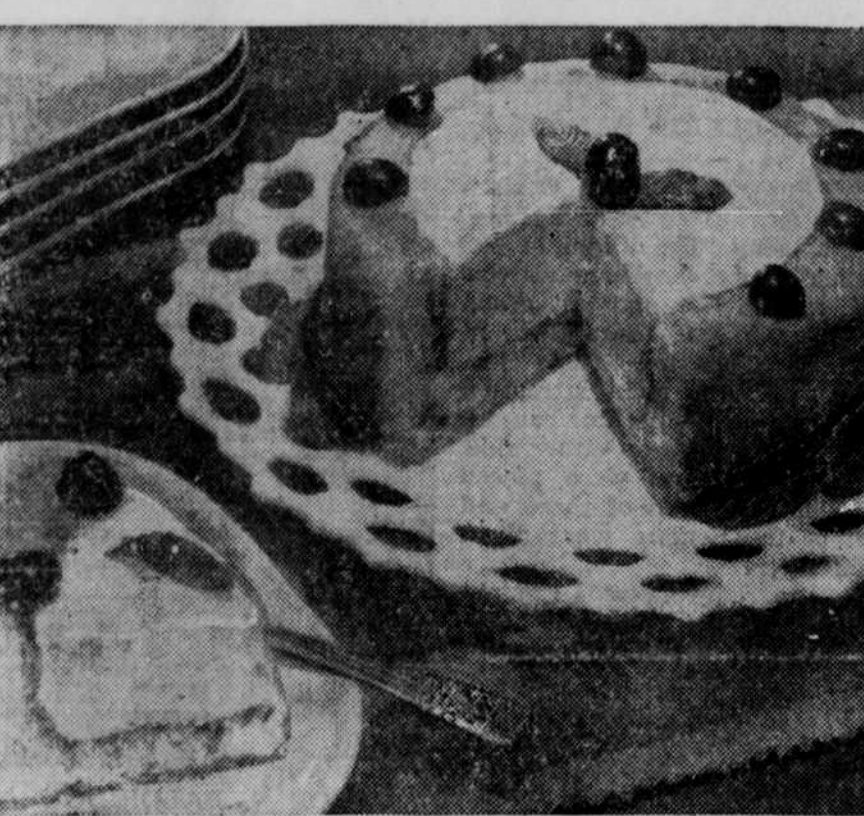
Allowed primarily on sales of multiple packs offered at cut-rates, the price increases were not extended to single packs.

BANKING:

For the first calendar year in history, no American bank failed during 1945.

Records of the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation for the past year reveal that no bank depositor in the United States experienced a loss from a bank failure. The number of bank failures is always small during a period when bank assets are increasing rapidly and the national income is high, according to the FDIC, but 1945's record was unique.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Lemon Chiffon Sponge Cake—Fairy-Like Dessert (See Recipe Below)

Dessert Tips

The one department in which we always welcome new ideas is in the dessert line. This season it is no different, and even more exciting.

First of all, whipping cream has returned to the market, and we're having great fun using it. Bananas are seen at the markets more frequently, and of course, strawberries are just coming in season plentifully.

Because of the warmer weather, all of us are on the lookout for those cool, cool desserts that just seem to slip down our throats, leaving only their delicate flavor to tease the appetite. My advice to you is serve light meals, well balanced, to be sure, and then top them off with a grand, brand-new dessert!

This first suggestion is tart but smooth and pretty enough for company. If you don't make the cake yourself, buy one ready-made to save time, sugar and energy.

Lemon Chiffon Sponge Cake. (Serves 8)

- 1 envelope plain, unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold milk
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon rind
- 3 egg whites
- 1 sponge cake
- 1/2 cup chopped nutmeats
- 1/2 cup canned, sweet cherries

Soften gelatine in cold milk. Combine slightly beaten egg yolks, sugar and salt. Scald 1 cup milk in double boiler and add very slowly to the egg mixture. Return to the top of the double boiler and cook until of custard consistency. Remove from heat, add softened gelatine and stir until dissolved. Cool, add lemon juice and rind. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Scoop out center of sponge cake and fill hole at bottom with extra pieces of cake taken from sides. Line inside of cake with nuts. Pour in lemon mixture and chill until firm. Garnish dessert with halved and pitted cherries and sprigs of mint if desired.



Caramel Cream Parfait. (Serves 6)

- 1/4 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cold water
- 1/2 cup extra-sweet, light corn syrup

Lynn Says:

Serve a Salad: There's no better way to get fresh vegetables into the diet than via the salad route. Here are combinations which you will like:

Salad greens with one or more of the following: avocado slices, raw carrot or turnip strips, raw cauliflower flowerets, sliced celery, diced or sliced raw cucumber, raw tomatoes, green pepper rings, minced onions.

Serve vegetable salads with a dressing made of oil, herbs, and a bit of crumbled blue cheese.

One or more of the following cooked vegetables makes a pretty salad plate: peas, lima beans, kidney beans, sliced beets, asparagus tips, canned, mixed vegetables, cauliflower or brussels sprouts.

Vary your salad greens often to avoid monotony. Here are a list of greens: young raw spinach, cabbage, chinese or celery cabbage, dandelion greens, chicory or endive, watercress and leaf lettuce.

Lynn Chambers' Menus

- Cubed Steak
- Hashed Brown Potatoes
- Cream Gravy
- Green Lima Beans
- Grapefruit Salad
- Jellied Fruit Mold
- Cookies
- Cream Beverage

- 1/2 cup cold water
  - 2 egg whites
  - 1 cup cream, thoroughly chilled
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Soften gelatine in cold water for 5 minutes. Boil syrup and 1/4 cup water together to the soft ball (238-degree) stage. Pour slowly over stiffly beaten egg whites. Add gelatin and beat until cool. Chill cream and beat until stiff. Fold into cool egg mixture. Add vanilla. Pour into freezing tray; freeze without stirring, until firm.

Variations.

1. Add 1 cup chopped, cooked prunes and 1/2 cup chopped nuts when whipped cream is folded into mixture.
2. Add 1 cup crushed raspberries when whipped cream is added.
3. Add 1 cup crushed peanut brittle with whipped cream.
4. Add 1 cup crushed pineapple with whipped cream.

Banana Cream. (Serves 6)

- 1 medium sized banana
  - 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
  - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
  - 1 1/2 pints whipping cream
- Slice banana very thin and add to sugar. Mix well. Add lemon juice and cream and pour into freezing tray to freeze until firm. Remove to mixing bowl, add vanilla and beat until mixture becomes very light. Return to freezing tray and freeze again until firm.

Strawberry Meringue Cake. (Serves 10 to 12)

- 8 egg whites
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon extract
- Fresh strawberries

Add salt to egg whites and whip until foamy. Add cream of tartar and continue beating until they hold a point. Fold in sugar gradually. Add lemon extract. Pour into a shallow loaf pan lined with waxed paper. Bake in a slow (300-degree) oven for 45 to 50 minutes. Lift from pan onto cake rack and cool. Serve with fresh strawberries topped with whipped cream and garnished with extra whole sugared berries. Peaches or another tart fruit may be used.

Mint Meringues. (Serves 6)

- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
- Few grains of salt
- Few drops green coloring
- 1 or 2 drops oil of peppermint
- Chocolate ice cream
- Whipped cream
- Peppermints

Beat egg whites until nearly stiff and add sugar gradually. Beat all the while. Add salt, very pale green coloring, and flavor. Mix lightly. Drop by tablespoons on cookie sheet covered with heavy paper. Bake in a slow (275-degree) oven for 30 to 35 minutes until dry on surface. Remove from paper and cool. Pile ice cream in center of plates, place a meringue on each side and garnish ice cream with whipped cream and peppermints on top.

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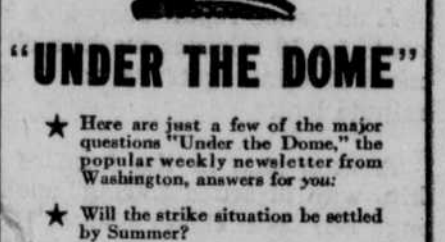
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