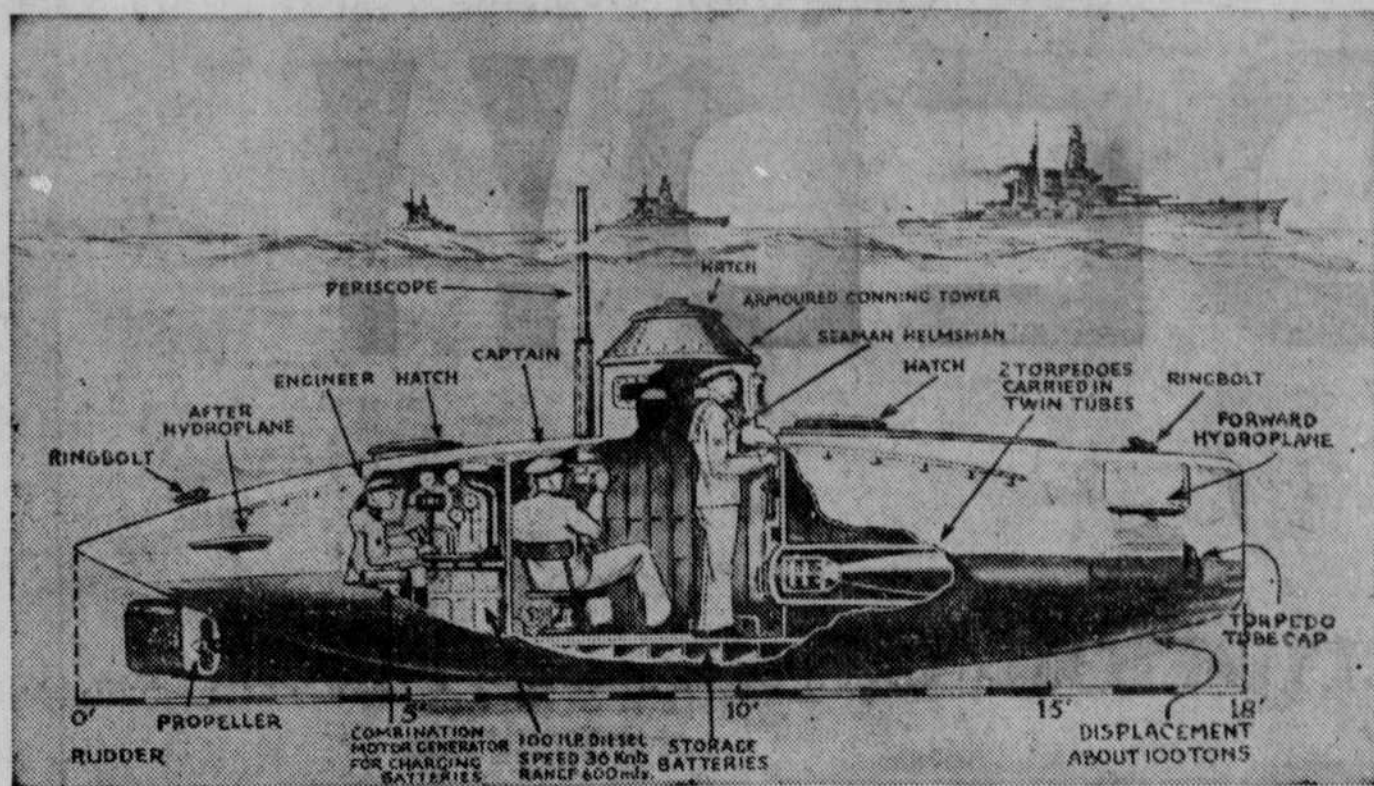


### Pocket Submarine May Be Powerful Jap Sea Threat



According to reports reaching London from Tokyo, the Japanese navy finally has put an oft-reported three-man submarine into mass production. Dispatches say the boats are being turned out in mass production at a cost of \$5,500 each. The craft, depicted here by an artist, measures 18 feet overall. The average modern submarine is 300 feet in length. Its displacement is 100 tons, compared to the usual 2,500 tons. It is reported that the new boat can submerge to an almost unbelievable depth of 1,800 feet. It carries only one torpedo. But one torpedo has a potential nuisance value of millions of dollars.

### American Canteen Serves a Cup of Tea to Tommy



Lady Astor, left, is shown serving tea to a British soldier as she inaugurated the first of the American canteens in London. These canteens were presented by American women in England. From them free snacks will be served to soldiers, featuring doughnuts and hamburgers. The latter are slow in gaining favor with the Tommies, who claim they are filled amply during regular "mess." Additional canteens, donated by the same group, will be opened soon in several convenient points in England.



### WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—Word comes from London that Sir Seymour Hicks, who, last September, became official bucker-up of British civilians, **Sir Seymour's Laughter Bombs Buck Up British** sailors and soldiers, is exploding laugh bombs all over the kingdom, which eventually may blow down the Siegfried wall like the trumpets of Jericho.

Sir Seymour, who had a similar job in the World war, is England's favorite light comedy actor, a leading producer and actor-manager, a writer of consequence and a rallying point for both masses and classes, as they both claim him as their own. He is 78 years old and last month celebrated his fifty-second year on the stage.

He started life as a call boy in a London theater. His next job was as an undertaker's mule, a hired mourner, sometimes filling in as an emergency pall-bearer and the like. He wore black well and did nicely in his new career, until his memories of the theater obtruded at an unfortunate moment. He was walking solemnly behind a hearse, when a distant band struck up a tune, which carried him back-stage again. He swung open the door of the hearse and called out, "The overture begins now, sir."

That shunted him right back to the theater, which, by all accounts, he never should have left. He has written and produced 64 plays and is the author of eight books of reminiscence, comment and criticism. He was knighted in 1935, and Mayfair made a tremendous fuss over him, with similar cheers from the populace. In the World war he organized concerts and shows for the soldiers and kept up a drum-fire of spirited humor which rated him as the leading empire morale-builder.

**DINING** with Henry F. Grady many years ago, this writer noted that he had that old-time free-trade religion. He has never back-slid. He is Secretary of the **Old-Time Free Trade Religion** Hull's Jephthah, girded to smite the Ammonites hip and thigh as they assail the secretary's trade agreements program.

Mr. Grady, 57-year-old Celtic and incurably optimistic specialist in foreign trade, is assistant secretary of state and has taken over the job of expounding and putting forward the agreements. The law authorizing the plan will expire June 12, and the continuation of this trade policy will be an early and exciting kick-off in congress.

Mr. Grady, a San Franciscan, educated at St. Mary's university, Baltimore, is a man of encyclopedic learning in trade matters, a lecturer at many universities, the author of many books and treatises and a member of many learned societies. He boils down a mountain of data and statistics to his vehement insistence that, no matter how we may tinker with tariffs and quotas, the only helpful reality is the flux of good through the international bloodstream.

**THE** Russian Baltic drive, sidetracked by the Finns, was, according to the meager evidence obtainable, the pet idea of Andrei Zhdanoff, frequently referred to in the last two years as Stalin's possible successor. Later news is that Stalin has other ideas about M. Zhdanoff's future, as the latter takes the rap for the debacle in Finland.

He is designated secretary of the Leningrad Communist party committee on December 16, 1934. That made him a virtual dictator of the Leningrad district, the Pittsburgh of Russia. M. Zhdanoff has been particularly bitter against Britain, and several correspondents have attributed to him the disruption of last summer's negotiations of the allied powers with the Soviets.

He is 43 years old, a Revolutionist since 1912, when he left school to engage in agitation against the czarist government. Until 1917, he was chiefly occupied dodging the police and joined the army as a germ-carrier for the Bolsheviks. In the early revolutionary years, he was one of the leading organizers of party propaganda and was thrown into close association with Josef Stalin. It was the beginning of a beautiful friendship, which, quite possibly, the skiing Finns had dynamited. He is of a middle class family, one of the cleverest word-smiths of Red Russia. (Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

### To Assist President in World Peace Problems



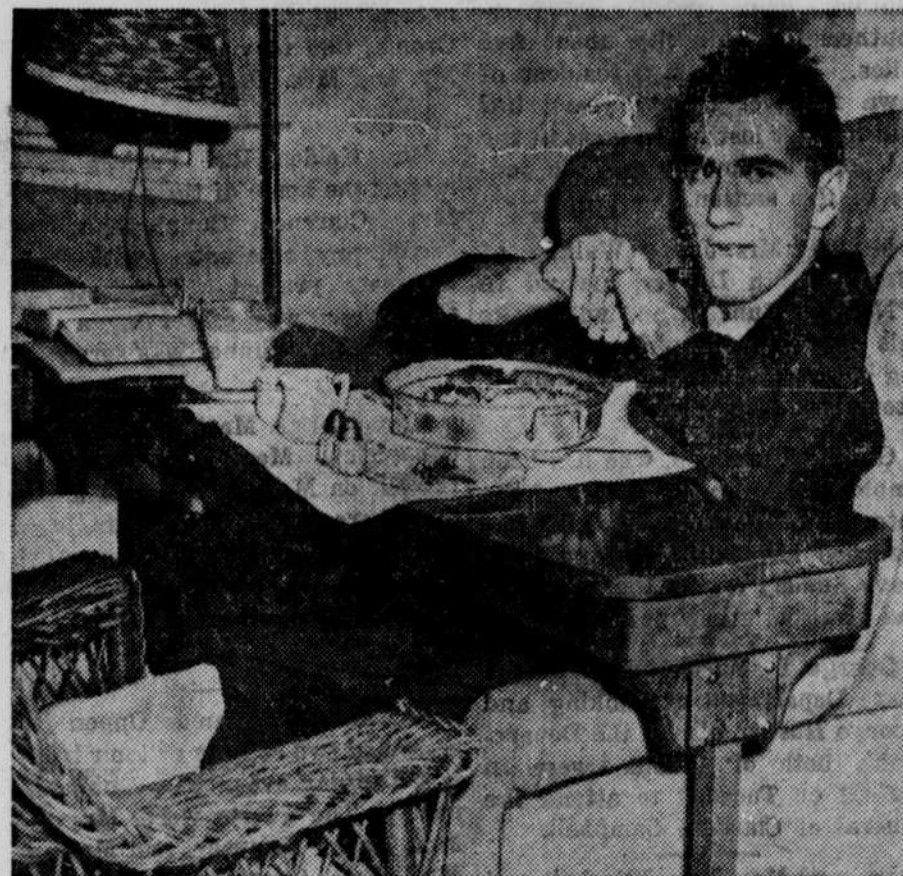
Hopes for world peace on the part of President Roosevelt have resulted in two recent far-reaching moves. First was the President's appointment of Myron C. Taylor, left, former head of United States Steel, as this country's representative to the Vatican to work with Pope Pius for peace. Second was his invitation to religious leaders to confer with him. Invitations went to Rabbi Cyrus Adler, center, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and to Dr. George A. Buttrick, right, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Archbishop Spellman of New York City was expected to be named as representative of Catholics in the peace conference.

### Cosmic Ray Photographers Get Chilly Reception



It was 38 degrees below zero near Chicago recently—but John Q. Citizen didn't know about it, for that temperature recording was made at an altitude of 29,300 feet. A party of photographers ascended to that height to photograph cosmic rays. Perhaps Santa Claus' whiskers serve a practical purpose. They help keep him warm.

### Princeton's Grid Hero Goes Home



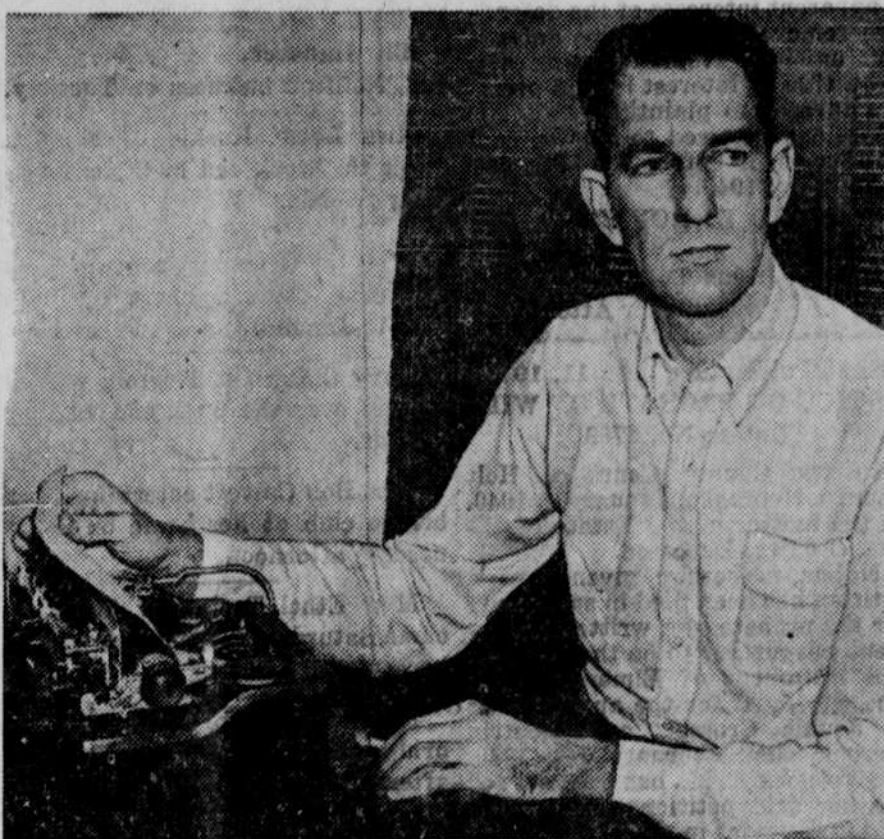
Don Herring, young Princeton football hero who lost his left leg as the result of an injury in the Harvard game this fall, is shown in a Princeton, N. J., hospital just before going home to his family. Cheerful as always, Don sees a good future ahead for a man with one leg "who can take it." The leg was amputated several weeks ago after doctors fought a losing battle to save it.

### Battles Machine



State Sen. James A. Noe of Louisiana, close friend and aide to the late Huey Long, and now a candidate for governor, has promised to break up the political machine founded by the "Kingfish." Noe broke with the other "heirs" following Long's death and is given credit for instigating and leading the present graft investigation in the state.

### Now He, Too, Is Gone With the Wind



Seated before the typewriter in his New York home, Howard Rushmore writes his own exclusive story telling just why he resigned as movie critic of the Communist publication, the Daily Worker. He refused to criticize the motion picture, "Gone With the Wind," in his review and as a result was forced to quit his post. Rushmore's article exposed the "pressure" brought to bear by Moscow on the Communist newspaper.

### Oil Land Judge



The problem of legal compensation to United States and other foreign oil companies for lands seized by the Mexican government now rests with Judge Ponciano Hernandez, who will appoint an appraiser to evaluate oil properties.

### Hawaii's Official Greeter at Work



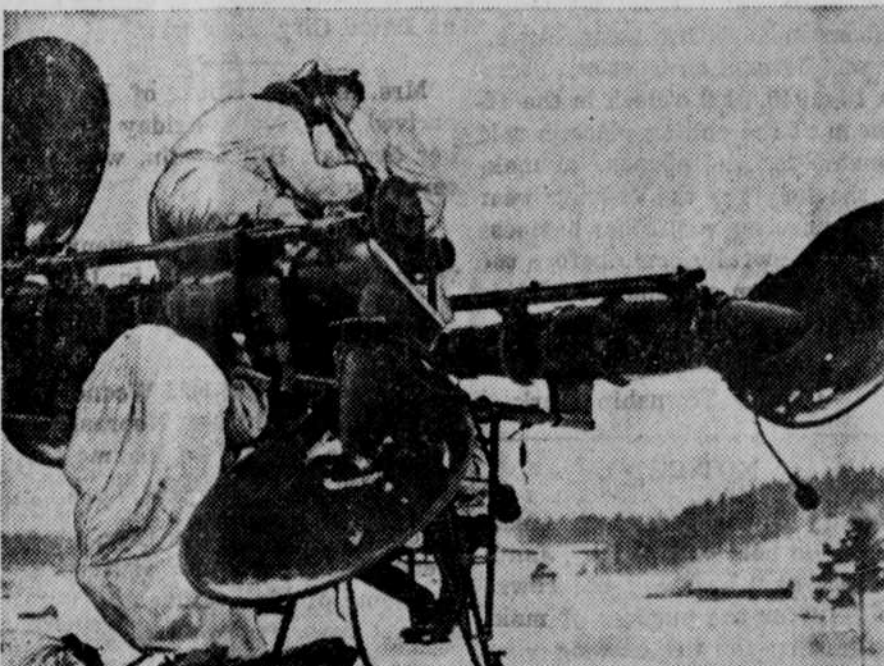
A royal Hawaiian welcome is given Jack Dempsey by Duke P. Kahanamoku, famous swimmer and official greeter, and a bevy of Island belles as the former heavyweight champion disembarks at Honolulu. The beverage, incidentally, is pineapple juice.

### Sky Beauty



Mona Friedlander, beautiful 25-year-old London girl, was selected among the eight British women pilots who will ferry new army planes from factories to airdromes.

### Finnish Air Raid 'Ears' Warn Gunners



Advance indication of raiding Russian airplanes is given by these sound detectors in the Rovaniemi section of Finland. The "ears" tell the anti-aircraft gunners that planes are approaching before they come into sight.

### Dark Victory



Blind since birth, Miss Lillian Hillman of New York saw a lifetime ambition realized recently when she was given a specially written part in a new Guild Theater play, "The World We Make."