

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Increase Conservation as Wheat Supplies Shrink; Conservatives Top Free Japanese Elections

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Casting their ballots in Tokyo, these two women were among the unexpectedly large number of their sex who voted in first free election in Japan in decade.

FOOD: Wheat Stocks Shrink

With heavy domestic and export demands being made on the nation's shrinking wheat supply, the government mapped additional conservation measures for grain but rejected a British proposal for bread rationing by the two countries.

Current figures point up the pinch developing in wheat. Against an estimated supply of 332 million bushels, U. S. commitments for export before July 1 total 125 million bushels, the present domestic rate of consumption will take another 125 million bushels, at least 35 million bushels will be used for feed and 13 million bushels may be used for spring seed.

Use of 298 million bushels of wheat by July 1 thus would leave the U. S. with a visible supply of 35 million bushels at the beginning of the new crop year. In arriving at the current figure of 332 million bushels, agronomists added the department of agriculture's estimate of 203 million bushels on farms on April 1 with projections that elevator holdings matched last year's high mark of 129 million bushels.

In turning down Britain's bid for mutual bread rationing, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson declared that the extensive widespread production of grain in the U. S. would make control difficult. Small nations like Britain depending chiefly upon imports for their wheat can exercise more efficient check on their supplies, he said.

Relax Building Order

Farmers and workers engaged in output of essential products were made eligible for building material priorities through government relaxation of emergency housing regulations. It was also determined to provide priority assistance for the repair or alteration of existing dwellings either to maintain them or restore them to a habitable state. Builders who undertook construction of non-vent residences before March 26 may apply for priorities to complete their work.

JAPAN: Big Vote

Following the general postwar trend, Japanese voters swung to the right in the first free elections in Nippon in a decade, with the nation's conservative parties winning sufficient representation in the 466-member parliament to assure a temperate tone of legislation.

Between 60 and 68 per cent of the 40 million eligible voters turned out for the balloting, with the women appearing in unexpectedly large numbers. With nearly half the ballots in the Tokyo district cast by women, 66-year-old Mrs. Shigeyo Takeuchi and American-educated Mrs. Shizue Kato piled up big leads.

Though running far behind the conservative parties, the Communists showed surprising strength to win a number of seats. Lacking the veteran, smoothly-oiled machines of the conservative forces, the Reds succeeded in commanding prominent last-minute notice with public demonstrations against Premier Shidehara and the existing regime. The Reds accused Shidehara of being reactionary and blamed him for the food shortage.

Motor Power Passes Famed Horse Cavalry

Making way for the new, the historic cavalry will be merged with the comparatively new armored force into a single "armored cavalry" arm in recognition of new developments during World War II, Sec. of War Robert P. Patterson revealed.

Personnel for the new "armored cavalry" will not be drawn solely from the cavalry but also from other branches and in the same manner as it was drawn for the armored forces.

While it was planned virtually to eliminate the horse from the army, it is contemplated that a small detachment of skilled mounted troops will be maintained to give instruction and train small units for use in rough terrain, and that pack animals will be retained for specialized work.

POLES:

Shun Homeland

Apprehensive over Russian domination of their homeland, the majority of members of the British-backed Polish army in exile are unwilling to accept an offer of repatriation, a sounding sentiment among troops in Italy revealed.

The apathy of many toward returning to their native soil arises from their imprisonment in Russia after the Red occupation of eastern Poland in 1939. Prior to being released upon the formation of the Polish liberation forces after the German attack on Russia, some served two years of sentences ranging up to 15 years.

With Russian insistence upon their return to their homeland constituting a thorny diplomatic issue, many of the Poles interviewed expressed a desire to settle in Canada or Chicago, Ill., where a million Americans of Polish descent reside.

CO-OPS:

Called Beneficial

Declaring there was substantial evidence to show that the co-operative movement has proven an effective instrument for combating monopolistic control, the house select committee on small business reported that co-ops were a healthy addition to the American economy and did not endanger other forms of business operation.

Discussing agricultural co-ops, the committee said they were originally organized to help farmers offset disadvantageous bargaining conditions which still exist. Though tax-exempt farm co-ops possess an edge over competitive business in that stock dividends and reserves are not subject to levy, the actual amounts involved are relatively small, the committee said.

In considering the imposition of a receipts tax on co-ops, the committee asserted such a levy would probably raise constitutional issues and adversely affect schools, churches, scientific organizations and many social clubs with a comparable advantage of tax exemption.

COAL STRIKE:

John L. Eloquent

Most eloquent of the nation's labor leaders, burly John L. Lewis sounded off in Shakespearean tones in pressing his efforts for coal operators' consideration of his demands for a health and welfare fund and safety program in a new contract for the United Mine Workers.

Insisting on prior discussion of these proposals in the face of the companies' determined opposition, John L. chortled: "For four weeks



JOHN L. LEWIS

we have sat with you; we attended when you fixed the hour; we departed when weariness affected your pleasure. . . . When we emphasized the importance of life, you pleaded the priority of profits; when we spoke of little children in unkept surroundings, you said — look to the state! . . . You scorn the toils, the abstinence and the perils of the miner; we withhold approval of your luxurious mode of life and the nights spent in merriment. . . ."

Undaunted by John L.'s heart-wrenching sally, the coal operators blandly replied that Lewis was attempting to stall negotiations and create a national crisis that would lead to consideration of his demands.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS: Old Gives Way

As the League of Nations was officially bowing out in the shimmering marble palace in Geneva, Switzerland, French Delegate Paul-Boncour sounded a warning to the youthful United Nations that unless they agreed upon disarmament the peace machinery established in UN might come to naught.

Pointing up the collapse of the old League following the refusal of governments to abandon military forces as a potential instrument of policy, Paul-Boncour said that while UN contemplated an international organization of two million troops, a major power could raise four million unless disarmament were adopted.

The scene of intensive wrangling throughout its existence, the League breathed hard to the end, the Argentine delegation walking out upon its failure to obtain one of the last vice presidencies. Following consultations with other delegations and its own government, however, the Argentines returned.

WORLD CATTLE:

Preliminary reports for 1946 indicate that cattle numbers have decreased in North America and Europe, and increased in the Soviet Union since the beginning of 1945, the department of agriculture said.

The drop in North American cattle numbers is placed at two million, and the European decrease at six million. The increase in the Soviet Union is estimated at three and seven-tenths million. Little net change in the cattle population is reported elsewhere in the world.

Washington Digest

UN Gets Public Airing; CIO at War With Reds

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HUNTER COLLEGE, The Bronx, N. Y.—Fifteen minutes ago the session of the security council of the United Nations adjourned and the attractive room which it is hard to believe was ever the gymnasium of Hunter college in the northern latitudes of New York City, is almost empty.

Since 11 o'clock the council members have been at their places at the curving table on the platform and every seat in the "audience" has been filled. The first 40 persons to line up at the gates are given seats. Tickets are issued only to those with some plausible reason to hold them. Some of the "visitors" remain and the marine guards are still on duty while other attendants clear away the various impediments before each place from the Russian ambassador's at one end, to the Polish delegate's at the other.

After each day's performance the actors and the audience in this play are soon far from the brown and rose room of Hunter college, but for a long time there are scores of busy men and women.

They are the people whose business it is to report this drama and build up opinion strong enough to discourage war. I refer to the members of the press, radio, the news-reels, the photographers, the sound-recorders. As I sit here they are gathering up their notes and memoranda, making quick contacts before delegates get away, pulling off head-sets, packing up cameras and tripods—and then perhaps pausing for refreshments in the "press lounge" especially installed in the basement of the gymnasium where their quarters are located.



Baukhage

UN Recognizes Popular Interest

I have covered many international gatherings from the peace conference of Paris after World War I and none has given as much proportional attention to providing the necessary facilities for bringing the proceedings to the citizens of the world as this gathering at Hunter college.

Of course the council is relatively small and the army of reporters seems large in comparison to its scant 11 members, the secretary and assistant secretary general and the various advisors. The fact that the principals are so few increases the informality and the feeling of intimacy which seems to exist between the organization and the group of men and women who observe, record and report its doings.

Along the wall, opposite the council table at gallery level are a row of glass windows, the booths of the American radio networks, the BBC, and some separate stations. In a glassed-in-corner behind and to the left of the table are radio engineers and the equipment which records all the spoken words of the members. At any moment a speaker may be cut in and heard by listeners on any of the networks. At special points of vantage there are places for taking movie and still photographs. Whenever some dramatic moment arrives you can see the Klieg lights slowly rise (and the bustiest delegate is likely to straighten his tie, take off or put on his glasses) while the moving picture cameras grind.

Most of the speaking by the delegates, except when formal statements are read, is done from notes or completely ad lib and since all of the members speak either English or French the pauses for interpreting are short—either into French or English, except when Ambassador Gromyko speaks in Russian. These words must be interpreted into both French and English and Gromyko doesn't hesitate to stop the interpreter and give his own English translation if he doesn't like the interpreter's choice of words. He could speak in English himself if he wanted to but probably wants the Russian for the record for home consumption.

Eventually when the permanent meeting place is established the system employed at Nuernberg will be used—earphones and simultaneous translation. This slows down the speakers but is much more rapid in

the long run making repetition of an entire speech unnecessary sometimes twice or sometimes three times, as at San Francisco. But here at Hunter the business moves with a briskness that adds to the informality.

May Leave Reds On Political Limb

I never realized before that New York was NOT an "early" town.

When transportation is normal I can buy a New York newspaper in Washington on my way to work. On the other hand in New York at the same hour (7:30) I found there were no newsstands open between the club where I stayed on 57th street to the subway station, nor in the subway where I got on, or where I got off, 40 minutes later.

Of course the crowds were pouring southward in the subway at that hour and they had been able to buy their papers when they got on, but in the normally busy area of the 50's the natives were not abroad in sufficient numbers at 7:30 to justify the presence of news vendors.

On the streets at the end of my run which is about 200th street (Kingsbridge station in the Bronx) the stands were open and most of the people who bumped against me as I reached for the staid Times and the Republican Herald Tribune, were buying the left-wing PM.

PM can't be called Communist since Editor Ingersoll is not a Communist but while he is not off to the wars it hewed pretty close to the party line. The Daily Worker, however, is considered to express the official "wishes" of the Communist party and, according to most of the other newspapers these "wishes" come direct from the Kremlin—or maybe next door.

Heretofore the Communists have supported the American Labor party which is a New York party which in general embraced Democratic, New Deal, CIO supporters and had the co-operation of the Communists. Now the war is on between the CIO and the Communists and ructions are expected to arise in any corner.

Nevertheless, when the Russian delegate walked out of the United Nations security council meeting, it was said that until he walked back the American Labor-CIO planning board had decided to withhold support of Senator Mead, Democratic possibility in the race for the New York state governorship. This move was looked upon by conservative papers like the SUN as if the American Labor party were willing to plan its political strategy according to the attitude of Moscow toward the United Nations. Since in the council meeting when the Iran affair came up Secretary of State Byrnes led the fight against the Russian stand. The fact that he later offered the resolution which labeled the Russian reply as satisfactory and postponed the discussion of Iran in which Ambassador Gromyko had refused to take part beyond the time that the Russians themselves had demanded, the left wingers went to bed satisfied.

However critics of the American Labor party and the CIO still insist that they are now on record as having tried to line up American votes to please a foreign power. What the repercussions of this little flurry will be remain to be seen. If it is supposed to be an evidence of left-wing displeasure over the Democratic administration's foreign policy and subsequent events have not removed that displeasure, the question remains, where will the left wingers go?

John Lewis, whose love for the Democrats evaporated when he couldn't collect on his generous donation to the Roosevelt campaign fund, is expected to become a hundred per cent Republican when it comes to the next presidential election.

It would take a great stretch of the imagination, however, to visualize either the communist appendage of CIO, of the non-Communist CIO-PAC head, Sydney Hillman, embracing the elephant. It has already been demonstrated that the Communists are becoming anything but an asset to the Democratic party and Hillman probably would be glad to get rid of them.

Where the Communists will go is a question. It is not likely that they and such fellow travelers as are willing to travel with them would erase a third party. But politicians hereabout believe that they will be able to shift their weight about in such a manner as to upset more than one state and congressional political apple-cart.

BARBS . . . by Baukhage

Administration housing experts want to hold up construction on non-essential stores, office buildings, factories, roadhouses and amusement projects until veterans homes are taken care of. There'll be screams of anguish over that. Try to get anybody to admit that his shop, his theatre or his doghouse is not essential.

The Kurds again making trouble in the middle east mustn't be confused with the kind Little Miss Muffet ate . . . or drank. That kind of curd is the thick part of the milk as distinguished from the watery part, and the Kurds with a "K" are distinguishable from either by the fact that they are "belligerent Moslem nomads."



Sweet Potato Variety Good Starch Source

Large Yield Makes It A Profitable Farm Crop

By W. J. DRYDEN

The sweet potato is fast taking its place as the main source of starch. This is largely due to the fact that starch can be produced or extracted easily from sweet potatoes and of the large volume that can be produced per acre.

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Starch potato, right, and ordinary yam at left. The yam weighs a pound and a half, the starch potato weighs more than 7 pounds, some grow as much as 18 pounds.

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Bloat Superstitions Fallen by Wayside

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Also headed for the discard is the belief that death is caused by intense pressures exerted by gases within the paunch. Instead, scientific research shows that it is practically impossible to kill animals through such pressure. Of the five principal gases generated within the paunch, carbon monoxide and hydrogen sulfide are the two with poisonous properties. Even slightly increased quantities of either, at time of bloating, is sufficient to cause death, which probably results from distention of the paunch walls.



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