

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Crises in China and Indies Threaten Peace in Far East; Foresee Substantial Wage Gains

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Given noisy welcome by populace, marines arrive in Tientsin, China, to occupy port after Jap surrender. As crowds cheer, this leatherneck enjoys spin in bicycle rickshaw.

PACIFIC: No Peace

Though Japan has laid down her arms, peace has not yet come to the Pacific, what with Chinese nationalists and communists at swords points and Indonesians seeking their independence from Dutch rule.

U. S. troops stood in the middle as Chinese nationalists squared off against the communists, with marines guarding the vital coal mines and rail route around the shipping port of Chinwangtao in the troublesome northern zone.

Heretofore, the communists have considered this territory their special domain, and until Chiang Kai-shek's troops set foot upon it after disembarking from U. S. vessels, no nationalist forces had ever challenged Red control there.

With the U. S. supporting the nationalists and the Russians having recently promised to keep hands off of Chinese politics, Chiang has enjoyed every advantage in his effort to extend his domination over the country.

Meanwhile, natives of the East Indies, led by President Soekarno of their recently established republic, looked to conferences with Allied authorities to clear their claims for independence.



President Soekarno

The Mr. Big of the independence movement, Soekarno was kept busy trying to quell Indonesian hot-heads whose outbreaks threatened his control of the situation and promised to weaken his hands in dealing with the Dutch.

WAGE POLICY: Labor Sees Gain

Though President Truman left the way for reconversion wage settlements up to the collective bargaining of employers and unions, labor looked to the administration program to pave the way for substantial pay increases within the stabilization structure.

By appealing for maintenance of high wartime "take-home" pay, and declaring business well able to absorb the added costs, or eligible for moderate price increases, Mr. Truman was seen to apply pressure on management at a time when attention is being focused on the all-important wage negotiations in the automobile, oil and steel industries.

In enunciating his reconversion wage policy to a radio audience estimated at 30,000,000, the President did so only after administration consultations with both big business and labor leaders.

Substantial gains in prices received by farmers for truck crops, grains and cotton were primarily responsible for a two-point uptick in the general level of prices received by farmers to 199 per cent of its August, 1909-July, 1914 average in mid-October, the department of agriculture reported.

Warn of Traffic Hazards

As chairman of the National Safety Council's committee on winter driving hazards, made up of 30 experts in fields of traffic and transportation, Prof. Ralph A. Moyer of Iowa State college warned that the coming snow and ice season may cause one of the worst "traffic accident winters" in history.

With a study of recent years showing traffic accident death rates for 36 northern states 24 to 53 per cent higher in the winter than in the summer months, Moyer said, the combination of more and older cars, more gas and more "restraint weary" drivers may result in the worst season in history.

Concerning future auto and truck models, Professor Moyer said manufacturers are giving more consideration to safety and practical fender styling for easier installation of anti-skid chains without impairing streamlining.

GERMANY: Foresee Trouble

Because of widespread unemployment, food and fuel shortages and murder and looting by displaced persons, serious outbreaks may occur in Germany over the winter, General Dwight D. Eisenhower reported.

Eisenhower's statement followed disclosure of a survey that the Germans generally had praise for the occupation of the British, were irked by seeming American indifference to conditions of the Russians.

German youths and returned soldiers presently constitute the largest trouble-making element, Eisenhower said, with much of their ire directed against fraileins fraternizing with Allied troops and displaced persons.

With the government's wage policy established, representatives of management and labor met in Washington, D. C., to establish machinery for settling differences.

AGRICULTURE: 1946 Prospects

Though the government intends no leveling off of over-all production next year and demand for food should remain high, real farm income may drop as much as 15 per cent during 1946 in reflecting increases in some prices of what farmers buy, the department of agriculture predicted.

Despite a 15 per cent drop in real income—that is, what income will actually buy in goods, etc.—it will still remain double the prewar average, the department reported. However, any kind of a decrease would be the first since 1935.

Predictions of a drop in real income for 1946 followed reports that the government would soon outline production goals for next year, asking for maintenance of present livestock and hog marketings and wheat and corn acreage; increased plantings of cotton and sugar beets, and sharp cuts for eggs and chickens and oil bearing crops.

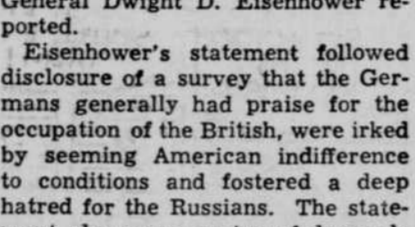
FUEHRER'S END: Died With Eva

Answering repeated rumors of Hitler's escape from Berlin, British intelligence declared that an exhaustive investigation had indicated that the fuhrer had shot himself in the bunker of the reichchancellery on April 30 and his consort, Eva Braun, had followed him in death by taking poison.

Though broken in health, Hitler remained alert in mind to the end, the British found, and even held hopes for a successful defense of Berlin after his decision to remain in the capital on April 22 and abandon plans for a last-ditch stand in the Bavarian mountain redoubt.

Bidding his personal followers in the reichchancellery goodbye the next day, Hitler then shot himself through the mouth while his mate took poison, the British said. Per the fuhrer's last orders, Propaganda Minister Goebbels and Deputy Leader Bormann then saturated the bodies with gasoline and burned them beyond recognition.

On Road to Life



As a result of latest medical wonder, 7-month-old Sandra Evans of Los Angeles, Calif., may soon be cured of formerly fatal cystic pancreatic disease, doctors say. Where tiny Sandra was not expected to live beyond half-year, physicians predicted complete recovery after treatment under plex-glass, requiring inhalation of vaporized penicillin diluted in saline solution.

JAP NAVY: Remnants Doomed

Once proud possessor of the imperial fleet, Japan will be reduced to zero as a sea power following Allied plans for the destruction of Nippon's remaining capital ships and the division of the smaller craft and auxiliaries.

Because differences in design prevent their efficient use by the U. S., Britain, Russia and China, one battleship, four cruisers, four aircraft carriers and 51 submarines will be sent to the bottom, with the battleship expected to serve as a target for an atomic bombing test.

Indicative of the differences of bigger Jap warships, space between decks is 6 inches shorter than in other navies, thus cramping their use by taller people.

Some 38 destroyers built according to usable specifications will be divided among the Big Four along with coastal and auxiliary vessels. In constructing their destroyers, it was learned, the wily Nipponese solicited plans from shipbuilders, copied them and then returned them as unsatisfactory, escaping payment for their use.

BEVERAGE TAXES:

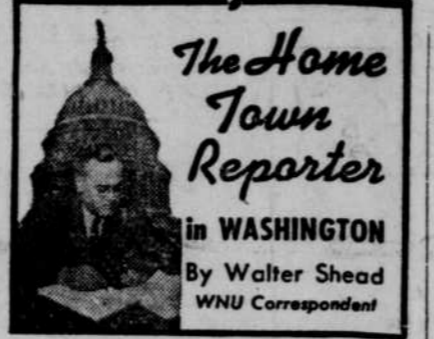
Federal revenues from distilled spirits have increased steadily from the \$163,998,710 recorded in 1934 to \$1,409,338,230 in 1944, the New York Trust company points out.

Although state revenues from distilled spirits cannot be totaled as accurately as the federal because of the complexity of state revenue regulations and the manner of collection, there is little question but that the sale of distilled spirits forms a substantial part of state income, the company found.

SOVIET BIGWIGS REVIEW

ANNUAL MARCH OF RED ARMY Moscow, USSR (Sundphoto) For the first time since becoming bossman of Soviet Russia, Marshal Josef Stalin is not among those present when Soviet bigwigs review the annual march of the Red Army in Moscow's Red Square.

Standing on the tribune of the Lenin Mausoleum are left to right: A. F. Gor'kin, M. F. Shkiriyov, Marshal Semion Budenny, Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov and G. M. Malenkov.



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Little Red Schoolhouse Is Out of Step With Times

Celebration of the first anniversary of the White House conference on rural education, in October, served to bring into focus again the shortcomings and problems of rural education in the country schools.

Moreover it has brought to the fore once again the long-standing debate over the merits of the one-room, one-teacher school, versus the consolidated country school.

There is, however, one fact that proponents of both the one-room school and the consolidated school can agree on, and that is the rural youth of the nation is not getting an even break with his city cousin in the matter of education.

With this in mind, a 24-point program for improvement of rural education has been drawn up for a long-range fight for adoption by federal, state and local school authorities.

This is an effort to bring rural education up to a higher level to give the boys and girls of rural communities the type of education they need and the most education possible in the rural public schools of the nation.

Dr. Howard A. Dawson of Arkansas, director of the rural services of the National Education association, at a recent press conference here announced that shortly after the first of the year nine regional conferences on rural life and education will be held in various sections of the country.

Representatives of farmers, business, labor and educational groups will participate in an effort to stimulate greater interest in the program.

Country Schools Need Help

Here are some vital statistics and facts which become problems before any gathering of rural school authorities: Farmers have 31 per cent of the children and only 10 per cent of the national income, so there is a need for greater state and federal financing as aids to local administration of rural schools.

Rural school teachers average approximately \$959 per year in salary as compared to an average of \$1,955 for city teachers, so city schools are able to obtain better teachers.

There are 50,000 school teachers now working under emergency certificates who are not qualified to teach, and two-thirds of them are in rural schools.

Rural school districts are too small and should be enlarged to provide increased resources and to decrease administrative costs.

Of the 189,062 rural school buildings, 108,000 are of the one-teacher variety and one recommendation of the White House conference is that schools should be consolidated wherever distances, topography and the best interests of the children and of community life permit, which, by the way, is a matter of straddling the question of whether the one-room or the consolidated school is for the best interest of the children.

Enrollment in teachers' colleges, the source from which school teachers are obtained, has dropped 50 per cent during these war years. As a result, 360,000 of the nation's 900,000 teachers are new to their jobs, and, whereas city schools have been able to maintain staffs because of higher salaries paid, country schools are bearing the brunt of the shortage.

Bigger, Better High Schools

It is pointed out that the curriculum established by the state boards of education in many states varies little in the city and country schools.

It is a matter of common sense there is a vast difference in the educational needs of country children and those who live in cities. So one of the problems is for a course of study particularly fitted to the needs of the rural youth, and a staff of teachers who have the kind and quality of preservice education which will qualify them to teach in rural schools.

The NEA believes also that there can be no adequate high school education in any rural high school where enrollment is less than 300 pupils. There can be no adequate curriculum for high school program which will give the student a well-rounded education where there are only a few students; there can be no school morale or spirit, nor can interest of the student in the teen years be maintained through four years of high school work in small high schools, educators believe.

Qualified Superintendents

Furthermore, one of the planks in the 24-point program calls for careful selection of superintendents of rural schools on a basis of professional qualifications and on non-political considerations. Therefore, popular elections of county superintendents should be abandoned.

There are some 12,100,000 students enrolled in rural schools, which constitute 48 per cent of all public schools in the nation. The 451,660 rural teachers comprise 52 per cent of the nation's total.

THEY STILL CARRY ON!

NATIVE FASCISTS: how to spot them and stop them



Full text of the Army orientation course on fascism is included in "THEY STILL CARRY ON!", a new revealing pamphlet published by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

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This is one of ten illustrations by the well-known artist, Harry Sternberg, in "THEY STILL CARRY ON!", a 24 page pamphlet now widely distributed at ten cents a copy by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, 705 East 42nd Street, New York 17.

New York, N. Y.—Warning of an upsurge of fascist activities in America is contained in the new pamphlet, "THEY STILL CARRY ON!", published this week by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, which includes the full text of War Department orientation courses on how to spot native fascists and how to stop them.

Particularly pertinent in view of renewed activities on the part of the Christian Front, Gerald L. K. Smith and the Ku Klux Klan, as well as the Dies like program of the Rankin "Committee on Un-American Activities", this new 24-page pamphlet clearly defines the earmarks of a fascist—whether in America or elsewhere.

"THEY STILL CARRY ON!" is graphically illustrated throughout by Harry Sternberg, well-known anti-fascist American artist, and is printed in two colors in popular size for mass distribution.

Single copy price of the pamphlet is ten cents. Organizations wishing quantity orders, with or without special imprint, are urged to write to the NFLC at 205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

This pamphlet may be read at your convenience at the offices of the Omaha Guide, 2420 Grand street

APPOINTED SECRETARY: MANAGER OF NEBRASKA-IOWA ELECTRICAL COUNCIL



J. J. DORE

J. J. Dore has been appointed secretary and manager of the newly organized Nebraska-Iowa Electrical Council with headquarters at 1306 Woodman of the World building in Omaha.

Mr. Dore, a graduate of the University of Chicago and an Omaha resident since 1937, will coordinate the activities of the organization throughout the Omaha and Council Bluffs area.

Composed of retailers, manufacturers, contractors, wholesalers, manufacturer's agents and the utility, the organization will coordinate the efforts of the entire electrical industry through a centralized group and pass benefits on to the consumer, according to Mr. Dore.

The group will hold its first general meeting in Omaha on November 27.

Officers of the Council include: H. G. Carlson, president; George C. Carter, first vice-president; Sam C. Dodson, second vice-president; A. V. Sorenson, treasurer, and Mr. Dore.

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