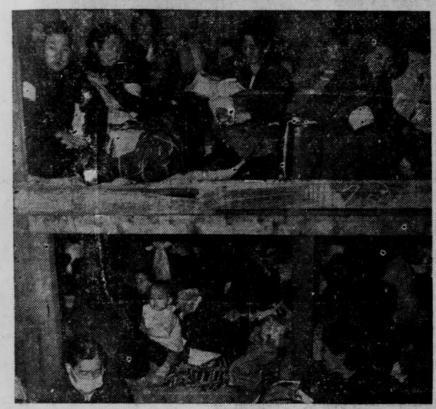
WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS_

Truman Pushes Unification of Armed Forces; U.S. Moves for Active Participation in UNO

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Composed of war widows and children and men needed to care for their families in Japan, first batch of Nipponese repatriates are shown aboard small steamer leaving Shanghai. In all, some 300,000 Japanese, including troops, will be evacuated from the greater Shanghai area.

SERVICE MERGER: On Way

With President Truman throwing his full weight behind a merger of the fighting services, early congressional action on unification of the army, navy and air forces was fore-

Meanwhile, rougher sailing loomed on the chief executive's proposal for compulsory military training for youths 18 to 20 years of age to build up an experienced reserve adequate to meet future emergencies.

In casting his lot for the merger of the armed forces after strenuous naval objections to unification, Mr. Truman called for a single department of national defense under a civilian head, with assistants for the various branches, and a military chief of staff, with commanders from the three services. The military leaders would join with the President in an advisory council.

Maximum efficiency would result from unification, the President declared, because close co-ordination would acquaint each branch of the and supply.

FARM BUREAU:

Discuss Parity Despite imperfections in the pres-



retain the system by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson addressing the annual convention of the Farm Bureau'in Chicago, Ill. Referring specifically to the government program for price support

at 90 per cent of parity, Anderson said varying conditions for different crops might fail to promote maximum production. Even with milk at 109 per cent of parity at the 1910-14 base, output is below requirements, he said, while eggs at 90 per cent might lead to plentiful production.

Declaring that the parity formula should be based upon the 10 years preceding the present program rather than on the 1910-14 level, Edward A. O'Neal, farm bureau president, called for all agricultural groups to unite on an over-all plan rather than insist on a separate system for each

Pointing up the need for additional rural health and education facilities, Senator Hill (Dem., Ala.) said that with millions of farm dollars ending up as profits in industrial districts after consumer purchases. only federal taxation and expenditures for social service could assure the return of some of the money back to agricultural areas for public

UNO:

U.S. In ing the U.S. a full-fledged memoperative action and prevent the de-

struction of modern conflict. Acting quickly on the enabling legislation, President Truman nominated the U.S. delegates to UNO, with ex-Secretary of State Edward Stettinius chosen as the representative on the all-powerful security council and senior member of the general assembly group including Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sen. Connally (Dem., Texas) and Arthur Vandenberg (Rep., Mich.).

Under the legislation approved, the President can enter into negotiations with the other four members of the security council of UNO for provision of military forces to suppress aggression, with freedom to permit their use after congressional sanction of the arrangements. The President also will be able to join in the imposition of economic boycotts to bring a troublemaker into line.

LABOR:

Talk Turkey

With early maneuverings for position jolted by President Truman's armed forces with the capabilities | request for fact-finding anti-strike and limitations of the others, and machinery to speed settlement of economy would be achieved by labor disputes, the CIO United Autoeliminating a duplication of effort | mobile Workers and major producers entered into discussions of principal issues, with Ford continuing to steal the show.

With the UAW's Ford division having provided the first real break in deadlock with agreement to penalize wildcat strikers hindering output, the company took one step closer toward agreement by proposing a 15-cent an hour wage increase. Despite Ford's alteration of the union's security plan and the UAW's rejection of the company's wage offer, the two propositions provided a meeting ground for a settle-

ment somewhere between. Meanwhile, the Sinclair-United Oil Workers (CIO) pact providing for an 18 per cent wage raise and union assurance against wildcat striking loomed as the model contract for all of industry. In arriving at a settlement, H. F. Sinclair declared that the two parties agreed that voluntary solution of disputes was preferable to government intervention. such as proposed by Mr. Truman.

SHIP SINKING:

Convict Skipper

Acquitted on a charge of inefficiency in the sinking of the cruiser Indianapolis in the Pacific last July with a loss of 880 lives, Capt. Charles B. McVay was found guilty of negligence in the operation of the ship, with sentence subject to review of the secretary of the navy.

Clearance on the charge of inefficiency for not issuing timely orders leave the vessel after it was struck by a torpedo followed Mc-Vay's testimony that he had at first believed the ship could be saved but then called for its abandonment when convinced of the real extent of damage. Shortly after, the Indianapolis capsized, taking a heavy toll

In being convicted on the negligence charge, McVay was accused of failing to order a zig-zag course With house passage of enabling during the trip from Guam to Leyte legislation, congress joined in mak- and thus divert the aiming of a Uboat. In defense, McVay contended ber of the United Nations organiza- that poor visibility and lack of moon tion, conceived out of the welter of that night governed his decision not put was 2 per cent below the peak war to preserve future peace by co- | to take on a diversionary course.

Stresses Need for Additional knowledge of Nutrition

A drastic change in the diet may be harmful even when it adds beneficial food, Dr. C. A. Elvehjem, professor of biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin, asserted in calling for increased research into nutrition to permit wider knowledge of balanced

For example, Dr. Elvehjem says, most workers in this field regard a high level of protein in the diet as desirable, but it has recently been discovered that a deficiency in vitamin B6. or pyridoxine, develops faster on high protein diets. A high level of fat may tend to reduce tooth decay, he continues, but it may also tend to reduce the necessary synthesis of vitamins in the

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TELEVISION: Charge Restriction

Accusing Scophony, Ltd., of Great ment Corporation of America of re tarding development of television is the U. S. through a cartel agreement dividing markets between Europe and the western hemisphere. the government filed anti-trust

charges in New York City. In stating that the companies had agreed to stay out of competing areas, the government declared that the American firms had obtained exclusive rights to an advanced television set controlled by Scophony. but had done nothing to either develop and exploit the apparatus here or promote its sale and use.

Employing an independent light along the principle of the motion picture projector, the British product is capable of transmitting images 20 by 24 inches on home sets, 3 by 4 feet on school and club sets and 12 government said. In contrast, American sets are limited to reproductions of 4 by 6 inches and 6 by 8

JAPAN:

Tells Secret

In guarded memoirs left after his suicide to prevent arrest as a war criminal, former Jap Premier Prince Konoye left some glimpses of the behind-the-scenes maneuvering that marked his country's diplomacy before the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

One of the top disclosures was peace plan covering the Far East after unofficial negotiations in which and Bishop Walsh of the Catholic Maryknoll missionaries figured with government knowledge. Sabotaged by Ultra-Nationalist Japanese officials, the plan called for Jap withdrawal from China, restriction of immigration thereto, and co-operation in the restoration of the open-

In another revelation, Konoye reported Russia's tentative agreement to join the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis in 1940 under inclusion of Iran and India in her sphere of influence. No concrete alliance developed, however, because of the failure of the Nazis and Reds to work out details, and the whole plan collapsed with Germany's drive to the East in 1941.

Frontier Figure Dies

oma City, Okla., from pneumonia recalled his one-time eminence as a fron tier attorney, with a record of acquittals for 303 accused slayers. Having studied the law in an attorney's office, where he was employed as a shoe shine boy and janitor, Pruiett, a colorful figere with long, black hair falling below his shoulders, was among the first to the Southwest.

On one occasion when the prosecu-tion sneered at his plea of self-defense for a client accused of killing a man who threatened him with a pencil "Old Moman" suddenly seized a juror by the collar-thrust a pencil at his breast and secured an admission that the pencil resembled a knife under the

After being convicted as a boy of a robbery — which he said he did not commit, Pruiett resolved to study law. Addressing the judge, he roared: "I'll turn murderers and thieves loose in

FARM CROPS:

Year's Review

With a New Year ringing in American farmers could look back on the old as marking the best in food grain production on record with an all-time wheat crop of 1,123,143,-000 bushels featuring the harvest.

At the same time, the department of agriculture reported that feed grains were the third largest on rec-3,018,410,000 bushels from the 1944 | figure. As a result, huge quantities of feed will be available for fattening livestock and assuring the country of banner meat supplies through

Along with wheat, new records were established for oats, tobacco, rice, popcorn, hops, peaches, pears. grapefruit, almonds and fresh truck crops, while near records were set for hay, soybeans, flaxseed, potatoes, sugar cane, oranges, grapes

Despite the general banner production, the cotton harvest fell to its lowest figure since 1896, while apples, barley, rye, dry beans, buckwheat, sorghum silage and forage, sweet potatoes, sugar beets, apricots and sour cherries were also below average output.

With a decrease of 4,000,000 acres from 1944, production of all crops in 1945 was only 1.5 per cent off. Out-

LUFTWAFFE RECORDS:

A 250-ton documentary record of the German air force which will tell the American people more about the Luftwaffe than the Germans themselves know, has been housed at Wright Field, Ohio.

In disclosing possession of the records, the army presumed possession of a detailed report on German research would save the government a great deal of time and money by eliminating duplication of experimentation in those fields in which the Germans had surpassed us.

Washington Digest

Britain and Television Productions Inc. and General Precision Equip **New Deal Policies**

Year-End Check Shows Some Change of Faces but Not of Any Principles; FDR Intimates Remain in High Posts.



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Sufficient time has elapsed since President Truman went into the White House to warrant a year-end inventory of his reconstituted federal setup, and the result adds up by 15 feet on theater screens, the to many changes in personalities, but little switch of fundamental poli-

> In its numerical aspect, the changes wrought by the President suggest more of a shakeup than actually has taken place, for there still are many intimates of FDR in high positions, some of them promoted by Mr. Truman.

James F. Byrnes, secretary of state and top man in the Truman cabinet, was lifted out of the relative obscurity of a "career senator" from the southland by Mr. Roosevelt. He came within reach of his present eminence under the guidance of the late President, who ap-Konoye's report on the evolution of pointed him to the United States Supreme court, made him war mobilizer and economic stabilizer, and former Postmaster General Walker took him to international conferences which built him to the point where he was a "natural" for the state portfolio when Edward R. Stettinius Jr. was moved out by political party considerations. Byrnes was schooled in the Roosevelt ways and he continues along those paths. Henry Morgenthau probably would door trade policy. In return, the have remained as secretary of U. S. was to recognize Manchuria. I treasury had the President who appointed him lived on. But while he was more a personal friend, he was less a political associate of Mr. Roosevelt than was Fred Vinson, the present secretary. And again, it was FDR who brought Vinson to the forefront-made him a federal judge, then took him into the White House to share Byrnes' multiple

> was a promotion for a "Roosevelt Robert E. Hannegan, postmaster general, was slated for that office before Mr. Roosevelt passed away. It is political custom to award that plum to the winning party's national committee chairman, whether the Democrats or the Republicans win.

functions and burdens. He had little

more than passing acquaintance

with Truman, and his present post

Robert Patterson, secretary of administration as assistant to Henry introduce emotion in court practice in L. Stimson, creating a team of Republicans in the top spots of the de-President Truman when Mr. Stimson retired, although there were strong representations made to the White House on behalf of other candidates, practically all of them Democrats.

Original Roosevelt cabinet mem bers retained by Mr. Truman are James V. Forrestal in navy, Henry A. Wallace in commerce, and Harold L. Ickes in interior.

Anderson Took Off 'Heat' on Food

Clinton P. Anderson, the secretary of agriculture, won White House entree during Roosevelt days by taking the heat off the administration with a food investigation. Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach has been described as "more New Deal than Roosevelt."

Continuing, it was President Roosevelt who brought Tom C. Clark, the present attorney general, into government service, placing ord, though corn fell off slightly to him in line for the advancement which Mr. Truman gave him. Paul V. McNutt, who left recently to become high commissioner in the Philippine islands, was originally a Roosevelt appointee.

Even in the intimate surroundings of the White House will be found several "hold-overs." notably scholarly William D. Hassett, a presidential secretary whose typewriter has speeches delivered by the late President, and whose skill can be detected by Washington newsmen in Mr Truman's more formal addresses. J. A. Krug remained at the head

of the War Production board until it went out of existence, although the new President was often critical over the senate committee which bore his name.

Almost every move made by Mr. Truman in organizing his official been only one notable discernible of OWI.

, departure from the administrative status quo so far as fundamentals go, and that was the appointment of John W. Snyder as chief of the office of war mobilization and reconversion. Snyder was a friend and military buddy of the President for a quarter of a century. But Washington hears that the OWMR director is being sidetracked, that the President is taking counsel with Secretary Vinson on subjects that rightly fall into Snyder's bailiwick and that a resignation has been of-

fered. There is nothing in the Truman ppointments to indicate whether the President is turning to the right or the left of center-using FDR as Mr Truman is franker than most public figures and commentators - he says he frankly doesn't know what "center" is, imagines he's about the same as his late chief.

Opinion is growing in the capital that the government is "reconverting" too rapidly and that the force of speed without direction will have harmful results.

Except for a few generalized thrusts, the White House has shown no disposition to come to grips with the wage-price dilemma, hasn't attempted to develop a comprehensive program to eliminate the element of chance, and, in the opinion of critical congressmen, is simply trusting that things somehow will work out all right in the end if left to their

There is a striking example of the aphazard system which has been followed, and that is the retention of OPA while permitting the National War Labor board to go virtually out of existence. WLB exercised a fair degree of control over wage and salary levels, and with agree the President's radioed speech on the subject clarified al- Farm Security administration.

most nothing. The result has been to

its needs fulfilled. The theory is 246,628,252. that refusal of export licenses for needed civilian materials will back those commodities onto the market here. But its effort upon restoration of foreign trade is making congress unhappy.

ington "winding up" the business of That day will be fixed by President | board of six to seven members. Truman unless he tarries too long and congress steps in to do the job. Dissolution of the Office of War In-

be a very live corpse. expand, a worldwide plan of information dedicated to the purpose of tions, their accomplishments. About turned out many of the lyrical 2,000 more have gone into the bu- the president," Mr. Anderson said, reau of the budget to continue their present assignment, which is publiment manual. Closing of the do-

er than 200 jobs in Washington. eign branch will be the informationof WPB when he was presiding all office of the state department, for to be in the department of agriculfamily had underlying it a record south of the Rio Grande and which that department which is engaged of Roosevelt association. There has heretofore functioned independently primarily with the problems of

BARBS ... by Baukhage

The Japanese women's federation suggests that every Japanese woman give up her kimono to raise funds during the Nuernberg trials, 200 for food imports Strip for warmth. guests share the three bathrooms. RESEARCH CREATES MANY

America's industrial strength is based in great part, his since, 1880 created 15 major industries and given jobs to 15,000,000 workers. Private industry is expected to double its prewar outlay for research, looking forward toward greater productivity, more jobs, and better goods at less which reached a total expenditure of \$234,000,000 in 1940.

Prices And Wages

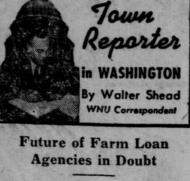
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als have risen 28 per cent since January, 1942. Average hourly earnings have risen 33 per cent. During that period, approved Scientific research, upon which wholesale prices of manufactured products have risen but eight per

TO PLUG IN A CORD: ONE THOUSAND BUCKS

It was a Government investiga- while anticipating higher wages tor who turned this one up: In the and material costs during the next use of a welding machine, a licen- year, expects new contracts at the sed maintenance electrician had to rate of \$12 billion annually. Prices of industrial raw materi- outlet. Because union rules provi. ment to 2,400,000 on-site workers,



The Home

ARM leaders here, governmental and private, are split wide open over the question of whether or not farm credit agencies should be combined under one head within the department of agriculture, or separated from the department and operated as an independent agency.

On the one hand, there is the Farm Bureau federation, the National Council of Farm Co-operatives and the National Grange who re backing the bill introduced by Con. John W. Flannagan Jr., (D., Va.) which would separate the farm credit agencies from the department of agriculture and place them under the jurisdiction of a bi-partisan board to be named by the President, of which the secretary of agriculture would be an ex-officio mem-

On the other hand, the progressive National Farmers union, the secretary of agriculture and a group of farm-minded congressmen are seeking to retain the farm credit agencies within the department of agriculture under direct control of the secretary, but with the appointment of an advisory board and an assistant secretary of agriculture, who would be the executive administrator of the agencies.

And aside from these two schools of thought, there is another group headed by Rep. Harold Cooley, (D., N. C.) and Reid F. Murray, (R. Wis.) who are seeking to set up an entirely new corporation to be known as the Farmers' Home corporation, which would operate upon a plan similar to the Federal Housing administration insofar as farm loans are concerned and which would assume many of the functions of the existing farm loan agencies, within the D. of A

Struggle for Control

Thus, there is a three-way fight for control of the multi-billion-dollar farm lending agencies, which since their inception in May, 1933, wages the largest single item of have made various types of farm production costs, there is today no loans through June 30, 1945, totaling agency effectively operating in that \$16,868,539,301 under the head of the field. Both management and labor Farm Credit administration, and an additional billion dollars under the

The various lending agencies. cut the ground from beneath OPA in which have been established under its efforts to maintain price ceilings. ; the Farm Credit administration gov-Another example is the War Pro- ernorship, include the Federal Land duction board, which was permitted banks, the Production Credit cororation, the Federal Intermediate ber 3. Odds and ends fell to the Credit banks, the Federal Farm newly created Civilian Production | Mortgage corporation, the 13 Banks administration, but there is today no for Co-operatives, Emergency Crop partment. He was advanced by raw materials allocation plan and and Feed loans and the Regional efforts are being made to create out | Agricultural Credit corporation, all of export licensing a means by of which, as of June 30, 1945 had which domestic industry might have loans outstanding amounting to \$2,-

The National Council of Farm Cooperatives and the Farm Bureau federation believe the Farm Credit agencies should be set up on an independent basis much the same as the Federal Reserve system, and should co-ordinate the different There still are agencies in Wash- fields of farm credit loans to eliminate gaps and duplications, operat-World War I, and it seems entirely ing within the framework of the napossible that history will repeat aft- tional governmental policy, under er World War II is officially over. the jurisdiction of a bi-partisan

Combine FSA With FCA

Sec. of Agriculture Clinton P. Anformation may supply an insight derson believes the Farm Security into what happens when bureaus administration should be combined which came into existence since with the FCA, but by retaining all Pearl Harbor cease to exist. Ex- agencies within the department of cept for changes in the top positions | agriculture. He believes that farm and discarding of the domestic loans are inter-related with all the branch, which always was a minor other functions of the department. part of the operation, OWI seems to and that persons who have a voice in making credit available to farm-Blanketed into the state depart- ers should have a voice in the forment may be upwards of 5,000 OWI | mulation of other farm programs to payrollers. They will continue, and | make a maximum contribution to the welfare of the farmer.

"Because of the prevailing view teaching other nations more about that agencies of the federal governthis country, its people, their aspira- ment should be grouped under cabinet officers responsible directly to "I believe that for the long run, the question is not whether the farm cation of the United States govern- credit and the farm security programs should be set up within an mestic branch actually affected few- independent agency of the federal government. To me, the question Larger, actually, than OWI's for- rather seems to be whether it is more appropriate for these agencies it will include also the public rela- ture, or in some other executive detions section of the office of co- partment of government. Since these ordinator of Inter-American affairs, are farmers' programs, it seems which beams its material to points obvious to me that they belong in the farmers."

> This writer believes that since Mr. Flannagan is chairman of the house agricultural committee and his measure has been reported out for passage, it is likely it will stand a good chance to pass the house in spite of the opposition of the agricultural secretary. Whether it will get by the senate, however, is an-

The Farmers union believes the Flannagan bill will definitely kill Faver Castle in Nuernberg was the FSA and they are standing alongside the secretary in the fight to keep the credit agencies within th department of agriculture.

> ded that a maintenance electrician must stay on the job until its conpletion, it cost \$1,000 just to plug that cord in.

The skill required, according to the report was the same as that required to plug in a toaster on a breakfast table Billions in Construction America's construction industry

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"America has been very childish-it's just beginning to grow up."-Sinclair Lewis, novelist.

"I look upon the U. S. as the magnificent adolescent." - Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, "Red Dean" of Canterbury (Eng.).

"I've kissed my wife three times a day ever since we were married." - Former Vice Pres. John N. Garner, Texas, explaining 50 years of wedded happiness.

"To provide jobs, we must look first and foremost to private enterprise-to industry, agriculture and labor. Government must inspire enterprise with confidence." -President Truman.

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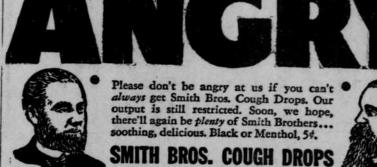
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