

Evacuation of Large Cities Thankless Task

EAST LANSING, July 6—P—Dr. Evan Davies, London educator and an employee of the British information services in New York, told the 14th annual Institute of Social Welfare here today that sociologists would face a thankless task in event they find it necessary to evacuate large numbers of children from in-

dustrial areas because of the war. As one of a committee of five in charge of removing 604,000 youngsters from London at the outset of the war, he said, he discovered the lot of those in charge is criticism if children are victims of bombing raids while, if they are evacuated and no bombs fall, families will bring their children right back to the home. Dr. Davies told the institute that among the child victims of German

bombing raids on London were many who had been removed from the city to places of safety but who subsequently were returned to the city. The institute, sponsored by the Michigan Welfare League, opened today at Michigan State college for a five-day session. Its program features wartime problems in the field of public assistance. Friday's closing sessions are to be featured by addresses of Gov-

ernor Van Wagoner and Louis C. Miriani, of Detroit, president of the Welfare League and member of the state social welfare commission. Van Wagoner has delayed announcement whether he would reappoint Miriani, whose term on the welfare board expired June 30. Density of population in the United States is now 44.2 persons per square mile, according to the census bureau.

PROHIBITION PARTY MEETS
LANSING, July 6—P—The state convention of the Prohibition party of Michigan to nominate candidates for political office will be held in Corunna September 19, its executive committee announced today. County conventions will be held September 16. A 16-inch gun should not be fired more than 150 times without overhauling.

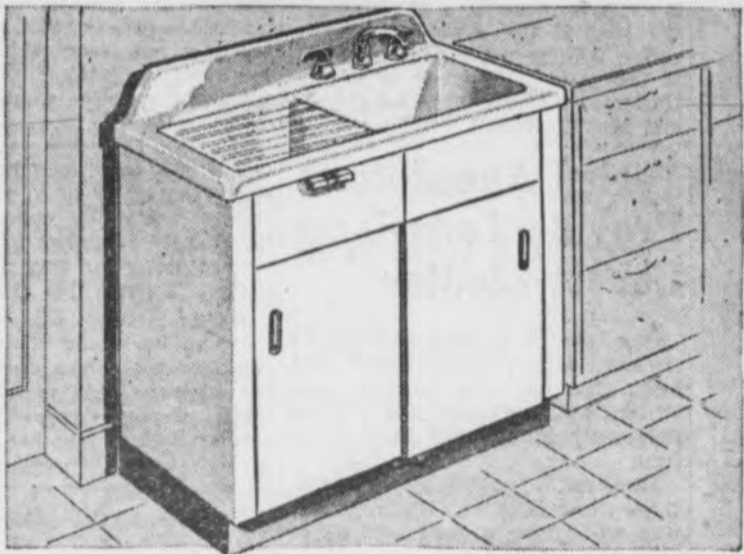
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Miss Loretta Anderson, of Beacon, is spending a week in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. John Buckala, of Gwinn, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pepin, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Eino Nevela, of Republic, were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Nevela's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Warner. Miss Joyce Kingsten, of Beacon,

has returned home after visiting friends and relatives in Detroit and Lansing. Miss Lillian La Forest, of Marquette, spent the weekend here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph La Forest. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rowe, of Detroit, have returned home after spending two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christensen, in Beacon.

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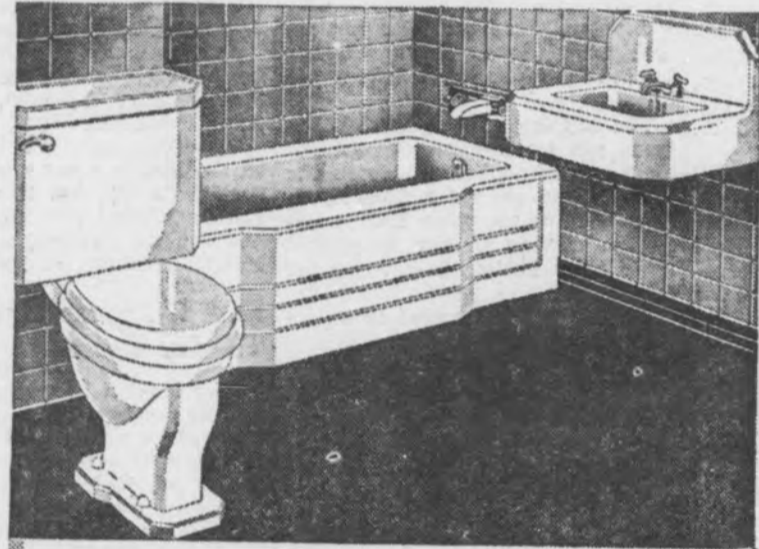


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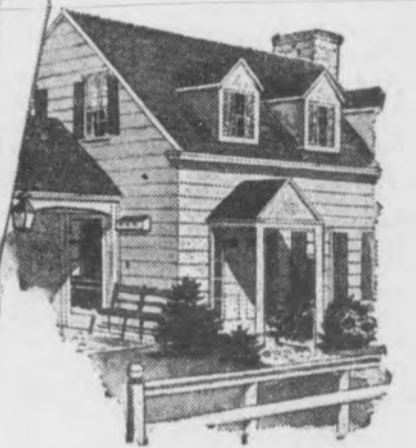
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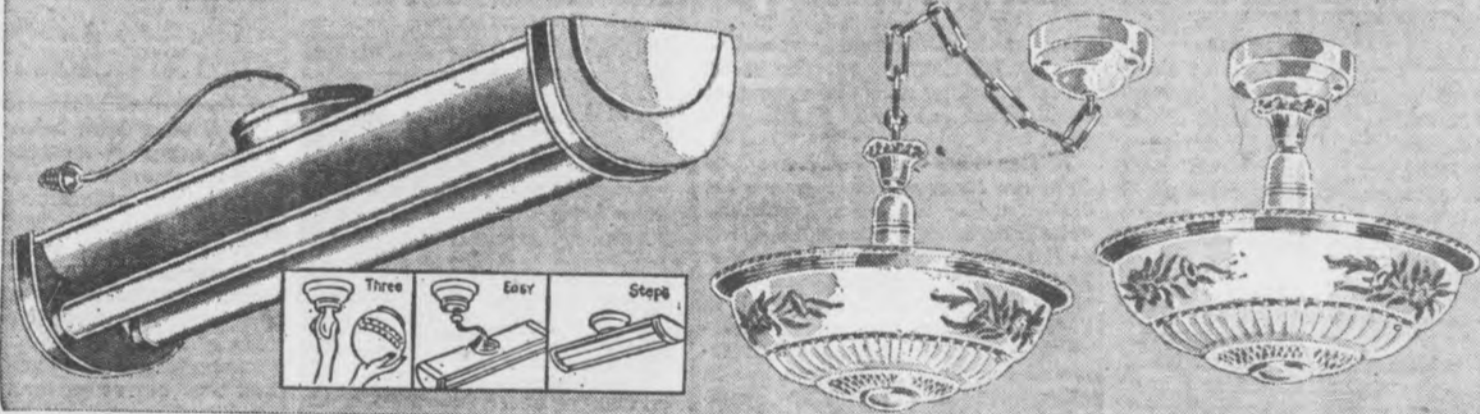
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News Behind the News

By Ray Tucker

WASHINGTON, July 6 — The gnawing fear of American businessmen engaged exclusively in making weapons is that they will emerge from the crisis without a nickel in their treasuries. Under those circumstances they will be unable to finance reconversion of their factories for fabrication of postwar goods or meeting the difficult problems of peacetime economics.

In view of heavier taxation and steadily rising costs, few corporations will net a rich gain from Government contracts. Several firms loaded down with orders, and presumably in excellent shape, are banging at Jesse H. Jones's door with requests for loans. The 1942 revenue framers are taking cognizance of this situation by proposing a 14 per cent refund of the 94 per cent levy scheduled on excess profits. But numerous companies, especially the smaller ones, will not obtain that rebate because they won't have any such income. These will be the sufferers when the "kitty" is finally divided.

Many billions will be required to shift automobile plants back to the manufacture of their regular product. Machinery now gathering rust in the yards will have become obsolete. And, if the owners cannot raise the funds themselves they will have to depend on the generosity of Uncle Sam. Which may mean—and this is both their suspicion and their concern—that industry will be federalized and centralized.

GIFTS—The reaction of various factions in India to the report of the United States Technical mission conveys an ominous warning to well-meaning Washington officials who seek to rebuild the future world in accordance with their hearts' desires. It underwrites All Landon's sage remark that perhaps other peoples do not want to be reformed along all-American lines.

The recommendations, which suggested changes in the governmental and business structures, were received cautiously by British ruling classes. They were not sure whether they welcomed our advice and interference. Moslem leaders criticized sections dealing with public administrative revision. They apparently believe the proposals would strengthen the status of the more dominant Hindus. The latter responded in more friendly fashion, but they had serious objections too. They complained that details had been withheld from them.

Their spokesmen expressed doubt that England would implement the more constructive schemes advanced, even though President Roosevelt tried to exert pressure on Downing street. They also sawed edge establishment of such permanent industries as automobile, tanks and aircraft, noting that it confined itself to such temporary products as small weapons. But—and here is the crux of the dissatisfaction of all groups—they gave thanks that the agenda did not favor east migration of vested financial interests from New York to New Delhi. They have no more yearning for American exploitation than for British promotion. In general, the native bosses suspect Yankees bearing gifts because of the Administration's close tie-up with London.

HARD—The foremost apostles of Indian independence—Mohandas K. Gandhi and Pandit Nehru—protested even more violently the importation of alien ideas.

Although frequently at odds on domestic issues, these two leaders saw alike on the issue of accepting outside wisdom. They emphasized that American counselors had entered their domain uninvited by Indian Nationalists. They even warned against the presence of Uncle Sam's troops, since they too had arrived without request for military aid. They appear to believe that all the United Nations are bent upon selfish utilization. Even if Washington were motivated by the best of intentions, they doubt whether President Roosevelt would affront Prime Minister Churchill by seeking a basic settlement of their difficulties. This attitude manifestly represents a hangover from the failure of the Cripps-Johnson negotiations.

Close observers at the Capital do not distrust the fundamental sincerity of the Roosevelt-Wallace-Welles program for renewing a postwar regime founded on economic and diplomatic co-operation. But this first expression from a nation which needs nursing more than any other in the world—even more than China—suggests that the way of the good Samaritan will be hard and long.

DELIGHTFUL—The name of Representative Joseph P. Martin, Jr., was conspicuously absent from the list of House members who marched up to a Leon Henderson filling station and demanded X-cards. The shrewd Republican National Chairman saw the political explosive with which gasoline greed would provide his enemies and side-stepped the trap.

Mr. Martin travels in streetcars and buses in Washington. But for his automobile in North Attleboro, Mass., he asked only an A ticket allowing him three gallons a week. Soon after rationing was inaugurated, he was obliged to go to Concord, N. H., to deliver an address. By motor he could have made the trip in a few hours, leaving the Capital about 9 a. m. and getting back about 5 p. m. But the fuelless "Joe" had to arise at 6 a. m., grab a bus for Boston and then ride a slow train to his destination. Declining a lift from local party workers who had wangled a liberal allowance he returned to North Attleboro by the same circuitous route. He arrived home at 10 that evening, perspiring but proud.

An incident which occurred in New Hampshire partially compensated for his sacrifices. As he mounted the stage, an attractive lady rushed up to him breathlessly and said, "Mr. Martin, I have used up one week's quota of gas to come

to hear you today. You must give us a good talk."

PROFITS—American Legion officials at national headquarters have learned indirectly that the invading Germans respected the structure which the ex-servicemen bought in Paris as the center for United States veterans, businessmen and correspondents living in the French capital.

The building is named "Pershing Hall" and the final mortgage was paid off after many years, with profits earned by The Stars and Stripes, the famous AEF newspaper. The Nazis are not even using the edifice, according to word received here. They have closed it but they have installed a caretaker to keep it in good condition—presumably against the day when the sons of the 1917 heroes duplicate their dad's march beneath the Arc de Triomphe.

New York

By Albert N. Leman

PERIL — "Egypt News Grave" flared a headline in a famous New York newspaper. The public knows how grave. It asks how many graves? It has a right to understand a situation which affects its own flesh and blood. United States ground and air forces are fighting in Egypt. In a roundabout manner news comes from Spain—of all places—that our men were in there. But full reports are not flashed from Washington of their deeds or casualties among them.

We are in the Middle East boat with the British. We had been lulled into the belief that it was a stout craft. But when the tumultuous waves of war beat against this vessel, it developed leaks.

Now at the height of the tempest is no time for people to blanch with fear. We either have "got what it takes" or we are a craven nation. No true American will admit the latter ignominy. But we are entitled to hear the truth from the lips of the Government so that we can recognize the peril and take whatever eleventh-hour measures are necessary. Washington owes it to the parents of the boys who have died—and will die before the world conflict ends—to give them the undiluted facts, even though such disclosures may damage the reputations of many in high places who underestimate the consequences and failed to prepare for them.

HOPE—Suez is the thread that holds together the British imperial necklaces. Cut that string and the rich gems—the Levant, Africa, India and "dominions beyond the seas"—are scattered on the ground. The disaster would be measured more than in terms which concern geography and the destruction of brave armies. This "big ditch" symbolizes world domination. Its loss would have an incalculable effect upon the impressionable Moslem mind. Islam bowed respectfully to British might; it might turn upon its master if he displayed weakness.

Already the loyalty of many Mohammedan subjects has been undermined by Axis propaganda, bribes and promises. Crafty Egyptian Wafadists, disgruntled Arabs in Kenya, Iraqi outlaws, Palestine's rebel Grand Mufti, followers of the deposed Persian Shah and malcontents in Asia's Pakistan are waiting to leap upon the wounded lion. Even those followers of Allah who sincerely pledged allegiance to King George may grow hoarse from shouting, "Hell Hitler." Bandwagon jumping is an old Oriental custom. Those who know the mysterious East offer two rays of hope. The sheiks of Iraq bet on the Kaiser, the wrong horse, in the days of Lawrence of Arabia and lived to regret their shortsightedness. The bulk of the Muslims in India hate the Hindu majority so fanatically that it may string along with the Allies in the belief that it will rule the country if the United Nations win.

FORTUNES—Vegetable and animal fats and oils, whose prewar consumption was approximately 10 billion pounds, are among the strategic materials about which the Government made insufficient preparation in event of their loss. Coconut and palm fluids are vital in the production of soap, glycerin, dynamite and cordite. Small supplies of copra in Ceylon and East Africa are available though most of them are greatly needed by the British. Eventually we will secure a substitute in the Brazilian babassu nut, but jungle transportation and listless local Indian labor present difficulties. Until these are solved there will be famine.

Economists are trying to discover to what extent the Germans have piled up a reserve of fats, remembering the grisly cadaver scandals of the First World war. Today there is nowhere any evidence of repetition. Although Goering insisted that the Reich must choose between "guns and butter," the loot from captured lands and the nation's own cupboard apparently have postponed a severe dearth of this line of goods.

The Dames, who are farsighted businessmen, three years ago commenced to gather vegetable oils throughout the world and hoard them in anticipation of present demands. Traders made tidy fortunes because of their perspicacity. Previous to the conflict Berlin definitely assigned certain minor European nations with pro-Axis tendencies the job of rounding up these articles as a reward for their proclivities. Bank accounts show that their importers have done very nicely, thank you.

TECHNICAL—For 12 hours last week the blissfully ignorant public was without financial protection from air bombs or shell fire. Nothing happened—and underwriters everywhere sighed with relief and wiped their nervous brows. The suspect was caused by a clerical error, misprint or plain addled brains on the part of those who framed the new War Damage Insurance act. Private agents gripe bitterly that

U. S. Tanks, Guns Superior To Germans'

By Edward E. Bomar
Wide World War Analyst

The forthright statement from the Army's chief of ordnance that American tanks and other machine weapons are superior to the Nazis' should clear away doubts which appeared to be assuming considerable proportions.

In both the United States and Canada there were published reports that the 28-ton medium tank had been found wanting in the North African desert fighting. Dispatches from the front contributed to the uneasiness by stressing the hard blows dealt by the Nazis' 88 millimeter anti-tank guns. Questions as to the battle qualities of the American tanks which the British dubbed "General Grants" became so insistent that some Government officials even suspected sinister enemy propaganda.

Guns Outrage Germans' Best

The questions demanded an explanation after Prime Minister Churchill reported to parliament that on June 13 all but 70 of some 300 British tanks in action in the desert—many of them presumably American Grants—were knocked out by General Rommel's army. It was against this background that Major General Levin H. Campbell, Jr., declared in an Independence day address that "our tanks are superior to anything the enemy has," as proven both by engineering comparisons and the test of battle.

The 75-millimeter high velocity guns on the General Grants, he said, "far add away outrage the best the Germans have" on the armored vehicles forming the spearhead of Rommel's drive into Egypt. As for the vaunted Nazi 88-millimeter gun, it is not mounted on tanks at all, but is a relatively cumbersome and slow firing though hard-hitting weapon which Campbell asserted was more than matched by several American field and special anti-tank artillery pieces.

Gun's Location Criticized

Criticism of the M-3 model tank—which incidentally did not stem from the British who manned them—was directed largely at the location of its 75-millimeter gun on the side where it could not be swung in a complete circle.

This mounting has been changed to the center turret in a later model, now in production, but official champions of the side location are unwilling nevertheless to concede that its weakness outweigh its advantages. The side mounting, they contend, gives greater freedom to the gunners, permits the addition of a 37-millimeter gun, and awards the center location to another gun to beat off dive bomber attacks.

They argue, too, that it is easier and safer for the driver to change the course of the tank, itself, than for the gunner to swing the big gun to fire at a right angle, thus exposing the tank's largest silhouette to an enemy shell.

One acknowledged weakness of the side mounting is that it limits the ability of a disabled tank to keep on fighting when it can no longer maneuver.

Rommel Had Many 88's

As Mr. Churchill conceded, Rommel's forces enjoyed an advantage in the 88-millimeter gun, but almost entirely because of the numbers that were in action. This dual purpose weapon was devised a decade or more ago for use against planes and tanks. Against the former it was found to be slow, but its high-velocity projectile penetrates any tank armor.

The prime importance of this gun just now is the large number that Rommel has available. Conversely, the principal weakness of American tanks is that relatively few found their way to the desert battle field in time, because of the war's urgent demands on shipping.

The explanation of the threatened catastrophe in Egypt must thus be placed elsewhere than on the quality of American weapons. Provided the battered eighth army holds on for a while longer, it may be newly-arrived General Grant that will yet turn the tide decisively.

Upper Peninsula

Miner Killed

IRONWOOD, July 6 — Martin Buckovsky, 52, was killed instantly Thursday when he was struck on the head by a single piece of falling ore while working above the twenty-eighth level at the Newport mine.

Paving Bond Series Retired

ESCANABA, July 6 — Retirement of \$19,000 worth of bonds by the city of Escanaba, which were due July 1, was announced yesterday by City Manager George Bean. The reduction in the city's indebtedness included \$10,000 in sewage disposal bonds, leaving a balance of \$80,000, and \$9,000 in paving bonds, special assessment. This installment concludes the payments on the paving bonds.

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