

# Merry-Go-Round Report On War Is Encouraging

By DRW PEARSON  
WASHINGTON—The President's report to Congressional leaders after his return from Casablanca was a sober, serious diagnosis of the war leavened with occasional Rooseveltian humor.

Among other things he spoke at length about his visit to Liberia, and the President of Liberia, Edwin Barclay.

"I was very much impressed with him," said the President, adding that he was a man with about seven-eighths Negro blood.

Then with a grin in the direction toward his good friend Senator Aiken Barkley of Kentucky, he added:

"By the way, this Barclay also has a Kentucky strain. His ancestors came from Kentucky. They were slaves."

The President went on to tell about Liberia's iron laws by which only those Liberians whose ancestors were American slaves are permitted to vote.

In his report on the war fronts, Roosevelt's soberest remarks were addressed to the submarine problem. The details regarding the problem, he said, could not be revealed, except that scientists from all over the United States had been called in to lick the submarine. The President made no effort to minimize the pessimistic statements previously made by some of his naval men, and obviously agreed with them about the submarine threat.

The President also touched briefly upon possible strategy for the future attack on Hitler which had been discussed with Churchill, and which obviously remains a military secret.

On the whole he gave a realistic but ending on a hopeful note at the Atlantic-African war picture.

Note: Henry L. Stimson does not believe that the President Barclay, when Stimson was Secretary of State in the Hoover administration, he sent one of the most scathing notes in diplomatic history to Barclay's predecessor, threatening to break diplomatic relations unless the Libian Government, founded by freed American slaves, stopped the practice of selling their black brethren into Spanish and Portuguese slavery. Later Stimson withheld recognition of President Barclay because of charges that the Libian frontier force, of which Barclay was commander-in-chief, had burnt the villages of natives who testified that slavery existed.

## Sea Scouts Will Drill

Full Dress Show Set for Friday

A full-dress drill, complete with a replica of a ship's deck, will add color and a touch of the dramatic to the Bridge of Honor to be held at the Hotel Charlotte Friday night by Sea Scouts of the Mecklenburg County Council, according to an announcement from officials.

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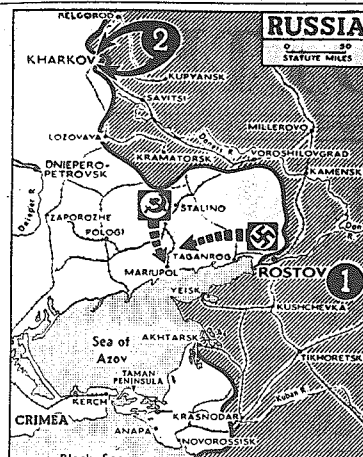
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REDS CLOSING VISE ON GERMANS—With Rostov (1) captured by the advancing Russians, German forces are retreating westward from the Don River. In the Donbas Basin, Soviet forces in that area are attempting to cut off the Nazi retreat. (2) The Red Army drove on in the Kharkov area with the Germans admitting that the Russians were in the city's outer suburbs. The black line indicates the approximate battlefront at present. The lined area on the map is held by Russia.

## Home Front Forecast Rationing May Revive Old-Time Swapping

By ANN FRANCE WILSON  
WASHINGTON—A brand-new field of bargain hunting will be opened for home front shoppers next month when rationing processed foods begins.

Glycerine, which comes from fats, is needed to make explosives. And it is used in ships' steering gear, compasses, medicines, and for other vital war purposes. We are using about 20,000,000 more pounds of glycerine a year than we are producing.



And the bargains will be found in all places in your neighborhood.

The good old American custom of swapping goods is making a revival. OPA says it's okay to swap processed foods of equal point value. But you must swap goods of equal value. As you know, are not pegged prices.

Grocers will continue to sell many products at advanced prices for quantity purchases. This may tempt you to expend more ration points than you had planned for one type of food.

So, you'll probably have to start shopping among your neighbors who may be similarly overstocked. You'll swap can for can. And in the swapping some war-time ladies may exchange a 10-cent can for one that cost, well, maybe 15 cents.

## HOME CANNING

Home canned foods will make swell gifts this year, but OPA says you can't give away more than 50 cents in any one calendar year.

## LIBERTY CABBAGE

It's patriotic to eat lots of sauerkraut before warm weather sets in. The sauerkraut, as the name indicates, is worried because consumers have not been buying as much as they used to. The crop is in. The rest went into old-fashioned kar barrels. There's a lot of it in the hands of truck packers. Maybe you'll get more kar-minded when our ration points run low.

## PEANUT BUTTER

There'll be lots of peanut butter in the stores this year and food experts hope you'll consume more than you did last year. Peanuts are rich in the nutrients calcium, iron, and protein. They contain one-fifth of the protein the average person needs each day, one-tenth of the calories, one-sixth of the phosphorus, one-sixth of the iron, one-sixteenth of the calcium and one-eighth of the riboflavin.

## FATS AND OILS

Rationing of fats and oils is not very far away. And the rationing also will depend to some extent on the success of the campaign to get kitchen fats into war production. Up to now the campaign has not been at all successful.

## Newton Book Plan

NEWTON—Locke Lowrance, chairman of the Newton Area war ration board, today released plans for the securing of War Ration Book next week.

The local OPA officials said registration at Newton-Conover School, or Conover School, at the Newton Colored School and all county schools in the board area, will be held each day next week through P. M. until 6 P. M. from Monday through Friday, and from 8 A. M. until 2 P. M. on Saturday.

People whose last name begin with A through F are asked to enter the first two days, G through N on Wednesday and Thursday, and O through Z on Friday and Saturday.

## Tire Dealers To Assist in Recap Plan

Ban To Be Lifted As of April 1

Leaders in automobile tire dealers in North Carolina, directed by Bruce Cameron of Washington, began preparing today to co-operate with the Office of Price Administration in a liberal recapping program which will be announced probably Feb. by Rubber Administrator Jeffers.

A recent preliminary announcement at Washington indicated that rationing restrictions on recapping rubber allotments to tire dealers and repair shops, for use in servicing civilian motor vehicle tires, will be lifted, effective April 1.

The activities aiming at organizing this state's tire dealers for their co-operation in the forecast program were planned at a meeting here late yesterday of 75 representative dealers with Otto Thieme of Washington, an official of the Rubber Administration, and R. E. Nolen, head of the rubber section, rationing division, Charlotte district agency of the OPA. Similar conferences are being held through the United States in co-operation with the National Association of Independent Tire Dealers.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Beside electing Mr. Cameron as permanent chairman of this new phase of the rubber conservation program, the dealers named Mr. Nolen vice-chairman, J. P. Heffner of Lincolnville, secretary, and Victor Shaw, E. M. Dudley, both of Charlotte, and T. M. McCracken of Hendersonville, members of a five-member advisory committee. Selection of the two other advisory committee members was deferred.

In the course of the discussions at the conference here it was emphasized that much of the responsibility for maintaining a high degree of efficiency in the rubber conservation program, when relaxed, will be placed upon the tire dealers. This will require teamwork with the OPA and the tire inspecting stations.

## WYOMING'S NATIONAL FORESTS

Six national forests lie entirely in Wyoming and six partly in it. They cover an approximate area of 8,000,000 acres, and more than 13 per cent of the state's area.

## Strange Case Lives In England But He's A Nazi Prisoner

By TOM WOLF  
LONDON—(NEA)—Through one of the ironies of war, there are living in England today, free to come and go as they choose, a small number of Englishmen who are prisoners of war of Germany. They are German.

They are working at various civilian jobs, with only one restriction on their lives: They may never, on the pain of death, again take up arms against Germany or Britain.

Not many weeks out, he was overhauled by two Nazi raiders who shelled and sank his boat. He and his companions lived on the rafters for many weeks of the war.

Finally, the German ships' supplies ran low. There was too little food to keep the prisoners alive. 50 the raiders headed for a remote island in the Bismarck Archipelago.

The Australian-manned island group where they were held, the Germans are slugging it out with the Japs.

## DEATH IF CAPTURED

Before putting their prisoners ashore, the Nazis photographed each and made each sign the parole: "We understand that we will not take up arms against Germany or her allies during present hostilities." The penalty: death, if captured.

Today they're back home. Or most of them are—those who, like Moore, lived through their wounds, hunger, malaria and tropical ulcers. There isn't a man among them who isn't willing to take his risks and sign up again. But the British won't let them. The forces respect the prisoners' pledge not to fight—even a pledge given the enemy. The sanctity of a pledge is, after all, one of the things the United Nations are fighting for.

## Navy in Drive for 3,000 WAVES

RALEIGH—North Carolina women have shown much interest in the WAVES during the first week of a drive to enlist 3,000 women from the State for duty. Lt. Cmdr. Charles B. Neely, officer-in-charge of the state's Navy recruiting, said today.

Ensign Mary Frances Vey, first North Carolina woman to be commissioned in the WAVES, is conducting a tour of the State to inspect and accept for enlistment women who are interested in enlisting.

Pay and allowances for WAVES range from \$150-per-month upward. No special training is required, but women with professional experience will be awarded immediate ratings in the Naval Reserve.

## MOST BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN

Mount Sinochun in the Himalayas is considered to be the world's most beautiful mountain.

## How You—a Woman can speed your country's victory



This is 1943. This is a year of great Allied offensives—crushing blows at the enemies of our way of life.

Today, on the threshold of all-out attack, America needs every able-bodied fighting man for combat duty. The full strength of our Army can be used only when the places of many thousands of soldiers now at work behind the lines are taken by women.

When the Army called for men to volunteer, even before Pearl Harbor, the instant response broke all previous enlistment records. Now the President has authorized 150,000 volunteers for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps—immediately. The sooner these women are trained, the sooner the men they replace can help to win battles.

Tens of thousands of WAAC auxiliaries and officers already are enrolled. They are proving that the American woman can do a man's job in a man's army and do it magnificently. They are taking over important duties in the Air Force, the Signal Corps and other branches of the Ground Forces and the Service of Supply. Some already are serving abroad.

Before this crucial year ends, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps will need more officers than there were in the Regular U. S. Army in 1939.

Days are passing—days vital to American victory. If you have been thinking about joining the WAAC, the time to do it is at once. If you are a healthy United States citizen, age 21 to 44, inclusive, any race, color or creed, go to the nearest U. S. Army Recruiting and Induction Station today, and get full information on the openings, pay, promotions and training in the WAAC. Total War won't wait. Your country needs you now!

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## Local War Contracts Are Large

War Jobs Here \$636,410,000

With the drive to distribute Federal war contracts among small industrial plants gaining impetus in North Carolina, the Carolina district agency of the War Production Board, here, announced today that it had awarded for supplies and facilities projects totaling \$636,410,000 were awarded in this state prior to Dec. 31, 1942.

Subsequently, numerous additional contracts were awarded but were not included in this latest compilation by the WPA's statistical division. It was explained. The awards compiled included those to the Army, Navy, Maritime Commission, Treasury and other agencies.

The period covered by this summary extended from June, 1940, through November, 1942. Supply contracts totaled \$272,800,000 and facilities projects cost \$283,530,000. Included in the supply allocations were aircraft, \$18,450,000 and ships, \$97,874,000. Contracts for industrial facilities totaled \$40,107,000, while \$22,223,000 was allotted for non-industrial facilities.

## LATEST ESTIMATES

The agency here of the Office of War Information, making these figures public, said the "facilities" total represents the latest estimates of final cost on each construction project for which authorization has been issued.

Simultaneously with the release of these figures, the WPA agency here announced that a conference will be held here tomorrow to plan a more aggressive effort to distribute war contracts through a new Federal policy.

The meeting was called by C. E. McCallum, Charlotte district manager of the Smaller War Plants Division of WPA, and will be attended by division representatives from WPB agencies at Raleigh, Greensboro and Greenville, S. C. Official intimations were that this new policy will place new and heavy emphasis on the Government's industrial conversion and labor programs and will revise policies of the Office of Price Administration.

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## WAAC PAY SCALE

Officers	Enlist. Rank	Base Monthly Pay
Director	Colonel	\$113.23
Asst. Director	Lt. Colonel	101.23
Field Director	Major	75.00
Asst. Officer	Captain	50.00
2nd Officer	1st Lieutenant	45.00
3rd Officer	2nd Lieutenant	35.00

Enlisted Members	Monthly Pay
Chief Leader	\$120.00
1st Leader	110.00
Technical Leader	110.00
Staff Leader	85.00
Technical 3rd Grade	75.00
Leader	70.00
Technical 4th Grade	70.00
Jr. Leader	65.00
Technical 5th Grade	65.00
Auxiliary 1st Class	60.00
Auxiliary	50.00

In addition to above pay, enrolled members are provided with food, quarters, clothing, dental and medical care.

