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Mail At Once

The competent military analyst Max ... who's about as convincing an ... as we've read after making ... case for the approaching collapse of Germany—and points out that ... will be a complete collapse. He scoffs ... theories that even after Russian ... and British-American armies have joined ... central Germany there will be ... warfare in the Southern mountains.

Privilege Abused

In one sense it's class legislation, pure and simple, this wine law sponsored by Governor Cherry. It would limit the sale of wine "for consumption on the premises" (that is, for drinking then and there) to Grade A hotels and restaurants. But chiefly it would give to the State Alcoholic Board of Control the right to forbid the sale of synthetic wine throughout North Carolina.

A Rat Hole

Secretary of State Stettinius properly praised the Mexico City session of American republics, for in the agreements reached there the Hemisphere revealed its full understanding of the problems of war and peace. Our neighboring nations who have had no active part in fighting the war proved themselves alert to the consequences of the struggle against the Axis.

Labor's V-1

The new secret weapon of the U. S. labor movement is the royalty plan, a kind of taxation of business which may become a serious, exacting, and exacting scholarship scheme, or a new wrinkle in social security, a form of exacting tribute which puts the old hi-jackers of Barbary to shame.

Statesmen At Work

Serious, tactless and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record. ... Mr. COOLEY. What is his name? ... Mr. RICH. Mr. Wright is going to find out who the other directors are on the board and if he can't find them he will strike that item out of the bill. ... Mr. COOLEY. The gentleman realizes, I am sure, that the House, after a very long debate on the subject of crop insurance, and after considering the amendments to the original Crop Insurance Act, recently passed the act by a large and substantial majority in the House, and it is now the law of the land.

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson  
WASHINGTON  
GERMAN prisoners of war get such excellent treatment in American hands that the Russian Government has now actually asked that its civilians inside Germany be treated as prisoners after they are liberated by the Allies.

Russian Vodka

War Mobilizer Jimmie Byrnes has been regaling friends with stories of his mission to Yalta. Byrnes said he sampled Russian Vodka for the first time, found that it "speaks a strong language and has lots of authority."

Garand Rifle Tops

If you ask Lt. Gen. George Patton, famous for his tank attacks, what weapon he considered the most important in the entire war, you would naturally expect the answer to be "tanks."

Believe It Or Not

The Office of Defense Transportation, the Army, Navy and the Office of War Mobilization have a

There's More Than One Way Of Killing A Goose



The Trapped Republicans

By Samuel Grafton  
NEW YORK  
sort happened in the House at the very start of this session, when the Republicans went all out for a revival of the Dies Committee. They suddenly found themselves in a dilemma with, and actually working under the leadership of Representative Rankin of Mississippi.

Quote, Unquote

Our people left by the thousands after each of your air raids. But these still have to stay. There are about 20,000. Word has just come up from Aachen that your Army does not mistreat civilians. That is why so many remained here. —German fire warden at Muenchen-Gladbach.

SIDE GLANCES



How far would you, Thomas Edison, have got if his parents had snooped around his laboratory all the time, afraid he was going to blow up the house?

Help By Air

By Marquis Childs

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
YOU have to see the records of its accomplishments to understand the role played by the Balkan Air Force in helping to liberate Balkan countries from Nazi rule. In volume, these accomplishments may not have been decisive, yet it is hard to see how our military success thus far in this theater could have been achieved without them.

Two fliers I talked to who had bailed out in Russia and Hungary reported similar treatment by the Russians. One who had suffered injuries in the jump was given excellent care in a well-run hospital established in a former apartment building in the direction of a doctor brought from Moscow.

This of course, is not the sum total of the aid being sent to the Balkans, particularly of the aid sent in by air across the Adriatic. The aid sent in by air is but a few times that which came off at critical moments and in remote mountain areas in any other way. It is hard to imagine the scenes of relief and aid when one hears friendly planes coming with supplies that will mean the difference between life and death.

Despite all that has been sent in, it is still only a fraction of the need. Again, it is hard to imagine the suffering of the Balkan people, especially in war-torn Yugoslavia. There are still thousands of people in Belgrade, some of the mountain provinces are said to be at starvation level.

It is the same story I have heard throughout Europe—I can't think of any other place where the Balkan war can do emergency jobs, but it cannot fill the needs of providing reconstruction of roads, bridges and highways.

Permanent USO?

From EM, camp newspaper of Big Spring, Texas  
DURING the four years of its existence, the USO has well-earned the reputation of being the soldier's and civilian's ally. No other agency has done so much for the fighting men. No other civilian organization has served the nation so well.

This Army paper, though, believes that the work of the USO should be continued as a permanent agency. It is suggested we propose that the United Service Organization begin right now plans for the conversion of the USO into a permanent agency.

It has been taken into account that the USO clubs would close after the war has been won and the men released from service. We believe that the USO must continue, that actually an even greater task awaits the USO in the post-war world than the task the organization now meets.

We propose that the USO clubs be converted into teen-age clubs. There has been much talk about juvenile delinquency and the permanent USO seems to us the answer to the problem.

The physical setup already exists. The agencies that sponsor the USO are the logical agencies to sponsor a nation-wide network of teen-age clubs. The experience gained working with recreation programs for soldiers can readily be applied to teen-age recreation programs for the teen-agers.

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Now We Know  
DUKE POWER MAGAZINE  
John rushed around looking for his coat.