

Four in the greatest threat to the European Recovery Plan, says Margareta Childs, authoritative Swedish commentator in a discussion of the situation in his column today. You'll find it on the editorial page.

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Peas Accuse Allies Of Encouraging Nazi Aggression

Great Britain And France Targets Of Soviet Blast

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW (AP)—Russia says Great Britain and France before the war encouraged Adolf Hitler to turn the German army against the Soviet Union.

She charges that they let Germany take over Poland and, in the pact of Munich and others, entered into non-aggression agreements with Germany's leader.

These accusations were made in a statement issued last week by the Soviet Information Bureau. In support of them, the bureau cited German Foreign Office documents for 1937 and 1938 which it said the Red Army had captured.

The statement was Russia's second in reply to publication of a report by the United States which said Hitler had captured the British Foreign Office after the British evacuated the country.

The U. S. State Department published captured documents from the British Foreign Office and Stalin pledged to split the world into two spheres of influence and shut the Western powers out of Europe altogether.

In Washington last night, no comment was forthcoming from the State Department on the Soviet statement.

The British Foreign Office said the Soviet charges of a "quite definite" role in the Munich pact requires a denial.

The French Foreign Ministry did not comment.



MARDI GRAS KING GREETINGS QUEEN — Rex, Lord of Misrule and King of the Carnival, sits on his royal float and greets his queen, Miss Elizabeth Nicholson (extreme right on reviewing stand), at the climax of the Mardi Gras Day parade in New Orleans.

McCarthy Makes Prediction

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The weather bureau forecast more rain tonight and predicted that the temperature would drop to about 23 in the morning. Considerable fog is predicted tonight and there is a possibility of more freezing rain tomorrow afternoon.

Although the rain forced more than 22 degrees, recorded at both city and airport stations. By 1:30 temperature had risen to 41 degrees.

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Parade Goes On

NEW YORK (AP)—More retailers and manufacturers joined the price cutting parade today in the United States. But in the world stock and grain markets traders mostly marked time.

London, Canada and Australian stock dealers appeared merely listless on guessing what the U. S. market would do. The market opened tomorrow after the London day holiday.

Wholesale prices in the United States are falling steadily. Livestock price trends varied widely. In Chicago, hogs were actively sold at prices ranging from 50 cents down to 25 cents.

East St. Louis stockyard prices showed a sharp decline. Live cattle were sold at 10 cents. Fat and old used in making soap have dropped recently.

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1947 Income Sets Record

WASHINGTON (AP)—Personal income reached a record level of \$187,000,000,000 in 1947, the Commerce Department said today. The total was up from \$160,000,000,000 in 1946.

Announcing the 1947 totals today, the Commerce Department said income, rising through the year, hit an annual rate of \$200,000,000,000 in December.

The December rise compared to an annual rate of \$187,000,000,000 in November, was attributed chiefly to increased farm income. That fact made it appear that a drop will show up in personal income for 1948.

Personal income includes: Wage and salary receipts, which account for \$120,700,000,000 of the 1947 total, plus net incomes of business owners and partnerships, dividends and interest, net rents received by landlords, veterans' benefits, and payments, etc.

The Commerce Department noted that personal incomes moved up from 1946. This resulted from a reduction in the armed forces and from increased payrolls of the Federal Government.

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New Orleans Lint Dealer Discounts

WASHINGTON (AP)—A veteran New Orleans cotton dealer told Senators today there isn't any basis for talk of "inside" Government information "leaking" to commodity speculators.

Lotted back in the Senate Agriculture Committee's report on E. P. Creators said there may have been a leak at one time, but not in recent years.

He said: "I haven't ever yet heard of any leaks coming out of the Department of Agriculture."

There has been no chance for inside information legislatively from Congress because Congress has not been considering farm commodity.

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11 Killed In Plane Crash

ULM, Germany (AP)—A Danish air liner crashed and burned today, killing 11 persons and leaving a spokesman for the American Cotton Shippers Association.

The plane was on route from Copenhagen to Switzerland by way of Paris, merely brought back to the United States.

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