

Soviet, American Papers Poi-Shoot

MOSCOW, Jan. 10.—(AP)—An editorial in Pravda, citing the manner in which American newspapers commented on the Pope's Christmas message, asserted that "the reactionary American press" serves as "friends and protectors of Hitlerites."

"The Pope's message was aimed to distract the minds of believers from the vital question of war and peace," said the communist party newspaper. "The New York World Telegram offered an article about the claims of the Pope for a fair peace and the 'guarantee of equal rights to defeated nations and vanquishers.'"

"The Washington Evening Star attempted to prove 'no permanent distinction should be made between conquerors and conquered.' These newspapers, as well as the New York Sun, swore that Pope Pius XII is a determined protector of democracy."

"If democracy means support of a fascist regime (which is mentioned with indignation by many American and British newspapers) the Pope is a democrat."

(Lee Wood, executive editor of the World-Telegram commented: "Pravda's outbursts, which are becoming more common and irresponsible of late, do not merit any comment; to take notice of them would only dignify this irresponsible thinking."

(Keats Speed, executive editor of the New York Sun, declared: "I think the best answer to Pravda's article is the one Brig. Gen. McAuliffe made."

(Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe had replied "We're to a German demand that his besieged troops in the Bastogne area surrender."

(The Washington Star did not comment).

Crop Insurance Is Sought for '45 Crop

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Marvin Jones, war food administrator, heard congressional demands yesterday that the revived federal crop insurance program be put into effect on 1945 production.

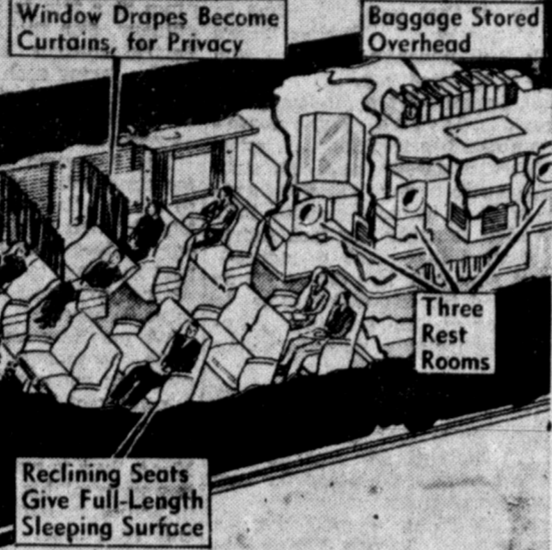
Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) later said Jones contended it would be difficult to organize the program for satisfactory administration this year.

Thomas, chairman of the Senate agriculture committee, added, however, that Jones agreed to make the attempt if an organization can be perfected in time to cover late cotton, wheat and flax crops.

Leaves From A Correspondent's War Notebook



Folks forced to travel these days in overcrowded trains will find some satisfaction in the postwar promise of comfortable railroading de luxe, pictured above. Photos and sketches show some of the innovations the Pullman Company has now in experimental service. Photo at upper left shows new type car, with compartments for six passengers. At night, compartments are converted into sleepers, with berths in three tiers, as shown in diagram, upper right. Cutaway sketch at lower left shows new "Three-dex" commuter coach, with two game rooms at left on middle deck, and stairways leading to upper and lower seat decks. Baggage is stored under stairs. Diagram at lower right shows new "day-nite" coach, which provides Pullman comfort at minimum cost. Baggage is removed through chute, without interfering with disembarking passengers.



where I didn't want to quit," he said.

Sgt. Ernest O. Padgett of Johnston, S. C., a tank commander, had just finished wrecking a German Tiger tank when he saw an American soldier motioning to him to go around a corner. Following the infantryman, he saw ahead of him the rear end of another German Tiger tank. Padgett's gunners pumped in six quick rounds, then wiped out the fleeing Nazi crew with a single shell.

(Substituted for Hal Boyle's Regular Column)

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA
—(AP)—A small New Guinea jungle news sheet, the "Flying Dinosaur," claims a world beat on the news of the invasion of the Philippines.

The "Flying Dinosaur," which derives its name from the nickname given the island of New Guinea, is mimeographed every morning in the advance jungle bases, a scant three miles from Japanese occupied territory.

The editor, Capt. Stan W. Carlson of Minneapolis, Minn., sports columnist and author of 20 books, Capt. Carlson is the information and education officer for an infantry regiment, part of a veteran division that has been overseas for more than 18 months.

The paper has organized its own New Guinea soldier reporter press-guild—the Bronze Key guild. All units in the combat area have a member of the guild who covers the news. When a reporter has won his "stripes" he gets the bronze key of the guild.

The paper was the first overseas to report that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's men had taken Morotai in the Halmahera group and also about the invasion of Palau.

Capt. Carlson was with the Seventh infantry division on the invasion conquest of Attu and Kiska in the Aleutians in 1943. When Kiska was assaulted on Aug. 15, 1943, he had a special edition of his "Attu Hourglass" printed and distributed 20 minutes after the first troops hit shore.

For the Philippine invasion beat, the paper was prepared in advance except for feature coverage of the actual landing. Two hours after troops hit shore, the men in New Guinea were reading about the invasion.

Gas Dealers May File for Losses

Gasoline dealers or distributors have the right to file applications for making up shortages extending back to the beginning of rationing, Miss Lucille Douglass, chief clerk of the Gary county war price and rationing board, said today.

These applications must be filed on or before March 1. However, those filing must make a statement and show proof why the dealer did not file such application within three months and 15 days after the shortage occurred.

Miss Douglass also stated that the OPA was not considering the cancellation of any outstanding shoe ration stamps. However, the next stamp will probably not be validated until sometime this summer.

Any trucker wishing to make application for large tires, should include in his application, the serial number and class of his certificate of war necessity and the number and location of his local ration board.

Incorrectly filled out applications may cause long delays in the obtaining of needed tires.

Miss Douglass warned all passenger car operators who have "B," "C" and "Special" rations, that, when they make application for more gasoline, they must turn in their mileage ration record or the gasoline will be denied.

Three Prisoners Escape War Camp

DALLAS, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Three Italian prisoners of war cut the wire in a fence and escaped from the Italian prisoner of war camp at Hereford, Texas, the Dallas office of the FBI said today.

Examination of tracks left by the trio indicated they may have escaped late Monday, although their absence was first noted in an 8 a. m. checkup Tuesday, the FBI said.

The men were listed as Leo Masina, a captain, 26; Otonio Sponza, 24, a first lieutenant, and Alessandro Briglienti, 30, for whom no rank was given.

Masina was described as 6 feet tall, weighing 165 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair, and speaking Italian only. Sponza, who speaks French and Italian, is 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 163 pounds, has brown eyes and dark brown hair. Briglienti is 5 feet 6; weighs 167, has blue eyes, a fair complexion, and wears a moustache.

AP Formal Luncheon Will Not Be Held

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(AP)—In harmony with the government's request to hold travel to a minimum, the board of directors of the Associated Press announced last night that the formal luncheon usually held on the day of the annual meeting of the Associated Press members in New York will be cancelled. The April 23 meeting of the corporation, required by law on that day, therefore will be confined solely to the transaction of business.

War Will Cost Each Person \$602 in '45

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—It's going to cost us \$602.30 apiece to finance the war and keep the government going through the year starting July 1.

But we're getting off cheap—the cost this year is \$722.38. The difference is \$120.16.

You get the per capita expenditure by using these figures: Census population estimate 138,000,000; government expenditures estimate, \$83,103,000,000 in the coming fiscal year, \$99,688,000,000 this year.

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BRITAIN'S MILK RUN HITS HIGH LEVELS

LONDON.—(AP)—Britain's milk consumption for a year has increased more than 300,000,000 gallons since the war, according to J. L. Davies, milk production officer of the ministry of agriculture. The prewar figure was 570,000,000 gallons and Davies estimated 1944 consumption would reach 1,200,000,000 gallons.

'Pretty Soft' for Postwar Travelers



Beef Scarcity Is Given as Reason For OPA Action

WASHINGTON—Behind the debate over proposals to establish ceilings on prices of live cattle is the simple fact that there is not enough beef.

Beef production is at a record level, but non-military supplies are insufficient to satisfy wartime purchasing power.

A mad scramble among consumers, merchants, and slaughterers has led to bidding up of prices of cattle, particularly the better grades. Slaughterers who offer the highest prices naturally get the cattle. Their wholesalers, retailers—and final customers—get beef.

The office of price administration has imposed ceilings on the retail prices of beef.

Some Get Beef

Some slaughterers, particularly large concerns, usually are able to pay higher prices for cattle and sell their meat to retailers in line with retail ceilings. Some less efficient slaughterers contend that if they bid high enough to get cattle, they soon would be forced into bankruptcy, or have to sell at above-ceiling prices.

There are some slaughterers, as well as distributors, who have been willing to ignore the ceiling prices on beef and sell in the so-called "black markets."

Out of this bidding-up of cattle prices has come the demand for a ceiling price on cattle which would allow all slaughterers to obtain cattle at prices in line with retail beef ceiling prices.

The OPA favors such ceilings. It contends cattle ceilings would eliminate black markets and provide a more equitable distribution of cattle among all slaughterers, and beef among all retailers.

Cattlemen Object

Cattlemen, on the other hand, oppose ceilings and in this they have been supported by the war food administration. They contend that ceilings would aggravate the real problem—that is, short supplies of beef. They say that ceilings on cattle in line with present beef ceilings would force a reduction in prices of cattle, particularly the better grades, and cause feeders to cut down on their operations.

The result they say, would be an immediate marketing of thousands of cattle at light weights and lower quality. Otherwise such cattle would be kept on farms months longer to gain additional weight and better quality.

The cattlemen argue also that cattle ceilings would encourage expanded, rather than reduced, black market operations. The shorter the supply, the greater is the temptation, they contend, for black marketers.

Donald Nelson Gets Hospital Check-Up

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Donald M. Nelson, personal representative of President Roosevelt, is undergoing a checkup and treatment at Doctors Hospital in New York City.

Associates of the former war production board chairman described the treatment as one which Nelson has been undergoing at three or four months intervals for about two years to check a tendency toward high blood pressure.

Stick and Stones AND BOMBS

BEDFORD, Ind.—(AP)—Stone bombs? Sure.
A Bedford factory disclosed with army approval that it was making bombs from Indian limestone for low-flying target practice.

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