



HOW JAPAN'S MILITARY MOVEMENTS HAVE SPREAD — From an artificially located ocean base, lines to areas where Japanese land operations (solid lines) or air attacks (dotted lines) have been reported — ranging north and south of a line more than 4,000 miles long along the Equator — involving operations in China, Indo-China, Burma, Malaya, The Netherlands East Indies and Australian possessions north of Australia itself.

### 36 Lost as Ship Sinks

#### Torpedoed Ship Swept By Raging Flames

#### AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT

— Thirty-six men perished in flames which swept a Norwegian tanker torpedoed by a submarine recently in the Atlantic. Five survivors were reported last night on arrival here. The dead included 31 Norwegians, two Britons, one Canadian and two Portuguese East Indians.

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So, he tells the editor he wants to write an editorial. The editor tells him to write it as an editorialized feature story.

That is what this is going to be for a number of days, ever since the Selective Service Act went into effect, the Mecklenburg County draft boards have been working—quietly and efficiently—to sift the mass of manpower and pick out those men for Uncle Sam's army who are best able and who can best afford to go.

without a dime of pay, and their job never ends.

They deal with that peculiar and unpredictable thing called human factors. The decisions they make, often hard, affect vitally the very lives and existences not only of the man whose case he before them but of their family members and friends. The decision are never easy. On the contrary, they are usually very difficult.

Each draftee must be judged on the bare facts of his situation. Personalities can not enter into a decision, despite the many temptations introduced by friends.

Seeing no favor or credit, the draft board members of this County have ploughed ahead steadily with their task. There's made mistakes, of course. Mistakes are inevitable. But, so far as our reporter has been able to determine, any mistakes has been an honest one.

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The baffling angle was that the man's face was a perfect copy of the detective's face and had to be carried past the bureau door to be removed from the building.

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# SUGAR

### AMPLE SUGAR FOR MODERATE HOUSEHOLD USE WOULD APPEAR TO BE ASSURED AT REASONABLE PRICES.

### SUGAR FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION HAS BEEN MATERIALLY LIMITED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND, ACCORDING TO PRESS DISPATCHES, RATIONING TO INDIVIDUALS WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

### HOARDING HAS NO PRESENT ADVANTAGE SINCE IT IS LIKELY THAT, WITH RATIONING, EXISTING HOME SUPPLIES WILL HAVE TO BE USED BEFORE RATIONING PERMITS ARE ISSUED, THEREBY PERMITTING THOSE NOW WITHOUT SUGAR TO CONTINUE RECEIVING A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY.

### MISUNDERSTANDING AND WIDESPREAD CONFUSION HAVE ARISEN FROM THE MANY CONFLICTING STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT FROM APPARENTLY AUTHORITY SOURCES WHICH HAVE EITHER BEEN UNINFORMED OR WERE ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT UNDUE EXCITEMENT OVER THE SHORTAGE.

### RATIONING ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, IN THE ABSENCE OF A GOVERNMENT PLAN, HAS BEEN NECESSARY AND THE GROCERS HAVE USED METHODS DEMAND BY THEM IN ORDER THAT THEIR PATRONS MIGHT EACH HAVE THEIR SHARE AND TO PREVENT HOARDING.

### WE ARE MAKING A SINCERE EFFORT TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND FEEL SURE THAT THE PUBLIC, WHEN IT KNOWS THE FACTS, WILL WANT TO DO LIKEWISE.

In a determined effort to protect our patrons by preventing our limited supply of sugar from falling into the hands of hoarders, we adopted a plan which we believe fair to all. The Government was consulted with regard to the plan and approved its use as a constructive effort to help in the emergency, notwithstanding conflicting statements to the contrary, from apparently authoritative sources. The plan was designed with the sole purpose of protecting our patrons and provided for the sale of sugar only to those buying other groceries on the basis of one pound of sugar to \$1.00 of purchases and five pounds per customer.

The plan has been criticized largely, we believe, because of a lack of appreciation of the seriousness of the situation. It is our duty to protect the public whom we serve, even though criticized for so doing. We are confident that the plan will prevent hoarders from depleting our supply of sugar and bring an equal distribution to all patrons. We trust future developments will prove this necessary action on our part to be in the public interest. There is an emergency and we ask our patrons to believe us when we say that what is being done is a sincere effort to protect their interests with no thought of promoting the sale of groceries.

Whenever it can be shown that our plan is not necessary or is not accomplishing the desired results, we will abandon it and substitute any other method which can better protect the interests of the public.

How much or how little sugar will be required for the armed forces, for the manufacture of munitions and for our Allies in this war, we do not know. We do know, however, that since the total supply is no greater, the amount available for home consumption must be reduced, at least to the extent that sugar is required for the conduct of the war. This is the basis upon which we are called upon to reduce our use of sugar.

Indications are that there will be enough sugar to take care of the real needs of all, provided large amounts are not accumulated in the pantries of a few.

This plan is temporary, pending the issuance of an official plan by the Government to be applied equally in all parts of the country.

This Company is jealous of its right and duty to serve in the emergency. The regulation of the sale of sugar was established with the full knowledge that misunderstandings and inconvenience would result but it is the only method which seems to assure each of our patrons, to whom we owe a deep obligation, his fair and equitable share of the total amount of sugar allotted to us by the Government.

Hunter C. Phelan, President.

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## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson & Robert S. Allen

### Democrats \$600,000 in the Hole and Going Deeper But Roosevelt Opposes Jackson Day Dinner Plans

WASHINGTON—Recently, Democratic National Chairman Ed Butler, Democratic National Treasurer Dick Reynolds and several other high Democratic officers had a private talk with the President on the mid state of the party's finances.

They told him that the Democratic National Committee was over \$600,000 in debt, from the 1936 third term campaign, and was continuing to go deeper in the red at the rate of \$2,000 a week. That was his answer: "I'm sorry, but I can't do a thing about it."

They said that the Democrats were not bringing in enough money to pay the bills. The Democratic chiefs asked permission to stage a Jackson Day dinner in Washington to help replenish the party's empty coffers. So Roosevelt, with a charge of \$100 a plate, this traditional affair has been an important fund raiser. As much as \$100,000 has been netted at one dinner. But last year, after nearly 1,200 tickets had been sold, Roosevelt ordered the dinner canceled as a gesture of political unity.

Despite the urgent pleas of his political leaders, the President again turned thumbs down on a Jackson Day banquet this year. He didn't turn them away entirely empty handed. To their request he offered a counter proposal—a series of private dinners where the party's affairs would be discussed and contributions solicited.

"I'll contribute \$1,000 myself," he boasted.

Not during the discussion, plain-talking Treasurer Reynolds remarked, "This town is so loaded up with Republicans."



"This national economy program won't affect me. My wife is very economical—we do without practically everything I need!"

## TODAY'S NEWS—TODAY

WHY WAIT 'TIL TOMORROW?

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### Bi-Party Dinner

The President's plan for private dinners did not bring cheers from the party chiefs. Whereupon he produced two other suggestions.

One was that the Democrats and Republicans merge their Jackson Day and Lincoln Day dinners and hold a joint banquet, the proceeds to be divided equally between them. The other proposal was that the National Committee of both parties be financed by an appropriation of Congress.

The President's argument for this was that with the country at war it would be in the interest of national security to put the staffs of both National Committees on the Government payroll so that the two parties would not have to solicit funds from sources that might have a personal interest in the outcome of the forthcoming Congressional elections.

Neither of the President's proposals got anywhere.

This Democratic leader turned down the second as impractical. The Republicans declined to have anything to do with the first, the first dinner plan.

They are making plans for a big Lincoln Day rally to be held in Chicago, where the married President was first nominated. GOP bigwigs from all over the country will attend and the occasion will be the opening salvo in the party's political offensive this year.

Not: Despite the president's ban on a Jackson Day dinner in Washington, Democratic organizations in some states will hold their own. Cincinnati

### Bessemmer City Goes Military

BESSEMER CITY — Bessemmer City High is the first school in Gaston County to install compulsory military training and a number of courses which aid in preparing the students for defense work.

Each morning, both boys and girls attend company drill, and enter into calisthenics. The boys are being trained in military marching and in strict military discipline.

### General Knudsen

In moving over to the War Department as a special representative, General William Knudsen was given the ornate office of the Secretary of War—which Secretary Knudsen has refused to use. Knudsen has insisted on remaining in the plain, rough-and-ready room he occupies in the nearby Munitions Building.

But while assigned to the elaborate office, Knudsen also doesn't plan to spend much time there.

The first day he set up shop there, several Army chiefs dropped in and asked about his plans for an office force.

"There's my office force," said Knudsen with a big grin, pointing to a traveling bag. "I'm going to be on the road, looking over plants and keeping things moving. That's my office force for that."

### Pal Joey

Behind the scenes, one man who played a very influential part in swinging Pan-American delegates into line at the Rio Conference was not present, and his name was not mentioned.

### How tough it was to line up some of the countries is illustrated by Peru, whose Foreign Minister, General Velles, backed away from breaking relations with the Axis.

Peru had a row in front of Velles and Aranha. Finally, Prado, being the uncle of the President, prevailed and it was agreed that Peru should break diplomatic relations. Helping to clinch the argument was a promise from Velles that the United States would protect Peru's Pan-American interests.

Exhausted from the long argument, Velles left. As soon as the door closed, Prado's aide remarked, "Yes, and they also promised to protect the Philippines."

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