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Late news from Washington gives us the White House program for saving food. It calls for voluntary cooperation by the public, to enable this nation to carry out its foreign policy - also to cut prices at home.

Earlier in the day, President Truman called on the American people to save at least a hundred million bushels of wheat during the next twelve months. One hundred million bushels, ^{he tells us,} is the critical figure, the absolute minimum to avert hunger, chaos and Communism in the free countries of Western Europe.

How to do this? The answer is given by the Food Committee ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the President appointed some while ago. The Committee, headed by Industrialist Charles Luckman, has ~~it~~ studied the grain situation, and asks us to cooperate by carrying out a ~~five~~ ~~five~~ five-point program.

Essentially, its a program for the housewives of the nation. They can make or break it. The fate of our American foreign policy, together with the

problem of high prices here at home is left to the women who preside over households. The Luckman Committee, backed by the President, asks them to cooperate in the following five ways.

Number one - buy cheaper cuts of meat.

The choice cuts are produced by fattening cattle with the wheat so badly needed. If you insist on fancy steaks, you reduce the amount of wheat required for our foreign policy - and you also pay higher prices.

Number two - don't ~~XXXX~~ serve too much.

Pile a little less on the family plates, and don't urge seconds.

Number three - don't overcook meat.

Roasts and chops shrink when you cook them too much, and you use more of them.

Number four - use left overs. Make hash, stews, soups, stuffed tomatoes. Every housewife knows dozens of ways to use leftovers.

Number five - eat less poultry, eggs, butter and cheese all of which depend on grain.

The program amounts to a sort of voluntary rationing, cooperation through good-will - American foreign policy placed in the lap of the American housewife.

INCOME

Our American State of economic affairs is illustrated by some figures from the Labor Department. These, as issued today, show that (the average weekly earning of workers in factories has more than doubled in the past eight years.

~~Figures for August, Nineteen Thirty Nine, the first last month before the outbreak of the second World War, show that factory workers averaged twenty three dollars and seventy seven cents a week. Today, eight years later, the average is more than forty nine dollars a week - an increase of a-hundred-and-seven-and-four-tenths per cent.~~

However, the cost of living is now higher - sixty-and six-tenths per cent higher. So there you have a vital comparison - factory ^{worker's} earnings up about a-hundred-and-seven per cent, cost of living up about sixty per cent.)

The current business boom is reflected in figures given out today by the Department of Commerce: ~~showing an increase in the amount of sales by~~

~~manufacturers p at two per cent increase in one month,
August as against July.~~

—————> In July this past summer, sales by
American ~~xx~~ manufacturers totaled thirteen billion, one
hundred million dollars. In August that figure was
increased by three hundred million. ~~American manufacturers
selling a total of thirteen billion, four hundred million
dollars' worth of merchandise x during August.~~

U.N.

(The U.N. is deadlocked tonight over the election of a successor to Poland on the Security Council, ^{the latest} and ~~its another~~ cleavage between the United States and ~~is~~ Soviet Russia. We ~~are~~ supporting India for the vacancy on the Council, ~~while~~ the Soviets want ^{ing} the Ukraine to have it. Our objection is that the Ukraine is not an independent nation at all. Its an integral part of Soviet Russia, which was given a ~~seat in the~~ United Nations ^{seat} in a deal made at Yalta, whereby Soviet Russia got three votes in the U.N. -- 3 to our one.

Today the Ukraine had a majority in the General Assembly, but not the two-thirds necessary for election, according to U.N. rules. The reason Soviet Russia has a majority, as against the United States, is to be found in Latin-America - ^{a Soviet} ~~Soviet~~ deal with Latin-America Delegations. If the ~~deal~~ deal should fail to stick, the Latin-Americans are expected to come over to our side - but meanwhile there's a deadlock.

CHINA

(The Chinese government announces its biggest victory against the Communists. Troops of Chiang Kai-Shek today captured the city of Chefoo in the Shantung Peninsula. This culminates a drive that has been going on for a month, a drive into the Shantung Peninsula) aimed at Chefoo.

The importance of the place is shown by a glance at the map. The Shantung Peninsula faces Port Arthur, held by the Soviets, and Manchuria, controlled by the Chinese Communists. ~~Chfoo~~ Chefoo is the principal harbor, right across from Port Arthur, its the port through which the Manchurian Communists had been supplying the Chinese Reds with arms and munitions. The capture of Chefoo today isolates the Red Armies in China proper from Communist Manchuria.

The conquest of the vital port was achieved by a land advance, combined with amphibious operations - landings on the Shantung Coast, under the cover of Air power. Weeks ago the Nationalists occupied the Communist capital, Yen-an, but the seizure of Chefoo

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today is more important than that, - so the Chiang Kai-Shek government announces jubilantly.

PALESTINE

Night after night, I have had to say - the situation in Palestine is tense. ~~Not always in the same old words, not always with that same threadbare chestnut phrase - but it came to just that. And tonight I can repeat it all over again, only ^{the} more so - the situation in Palestine is tenser. Not because of any new outbreak of violence - there's no bombing and shooting in the news. The tenseness is different - and perhaps more ominous.~~

(The British in Jerusalem say that the Jewish Underground appears to be making its biggest attempt ~~in~~ thus far to run illegal immigrants into the Holy Land; ~~in~~ a climax of ~~immig~~ immigrant ships. All along, the fury and violence has been incited by ship loads of Zionists halted by the British, the refugees ~~aboard~~ taken to detention camps in Cyprus or in Europe. And now - the greatest number ever of illegal immigrants, on four vessels, are on their way, American ships which are said to be owned by Americans and manned largely by American crews. Two of these are near the Palestine

Coast tonight. One - the Paducah, a Kentucky name. The other - called the Northlands. They sailed from the Bulgarian Port of Burgas, passed through the Dardanelles, and were approaching Palestine today. British military planes had the vessels under observation, and British destroyers put out from the port of Haifa today to intercept them.

~~At the same time~~ The Jewish Underground Army Haganah, the moderate organization directed by the Jewish Agency, took up positions along the coast today - to help any Zionists who may succeed in landing, and keep the British from catching them. This move by Haganah, the British countered by deploying troops along the coast.

At the same time, two ~~ix~~ other immigrant ships are ^(coming) ~~arriving~~ one passing ^{through} the Dardanelles, the other through the straits of Gibraltar. The British are worried most of all about these two, because they are large vessels - forty-five hundred tonners, the R Pan-Crescent and the Pan-York, each capable of carrying

These vessels are
some four thousand refugees. ~~They're~~ on their way, say
the British, to pick up Zionists, and then make a dash
for the Coast of Palestine.

Since immigrant ships are the usual cause
of violence, and ~~since~~ since this is the biggest
immigrant-ship-attempt by the Jewish Underground thus far,
it's no wonder that we have to repeat the old ominous
refrain - the situation in Palestine is tense.

CHOLERA

From Cairo, Egypt, a report that the Land of the Pharoahs is threatened with an epidemic, as in ancient times - a plague of cholera. One-hundred and fifty-two already have died -- sixty-four in the last twenty-four hours.

The American Embassy in Cairo reports that five U.S. planes, stripped of all emergency equipment except parachutes, have just arrived from America, ^{with} special medical supplies to fight the plague. Also from Britain, planes with anti-cholera vaccine, shots enough for half a million persons.

Late news tells of a possibility of closing of the Suez Canal to international commerce - because four deaths have occurred in the Ismalia Area, on the Canal.

WAR MONGERING

Tonight, in New York, Secretary of Defense Forrestal assailed the theses that American businessmen are instigating a new war. He told the Army Ordnance Ass Association that the only "cold war" Uncle Sam is waging is against hunger and desolation, against depression and tyranny, against disease and despair.

Forrestal went on to say that the most careful research discloses no historical support for the idea that businessmen have ever precipitated wars. American business, he added, has invested its money in peace, the United States being the only source of food, goods and credit for the stricken people of the world.

He gave the lie to those who accuse the United States of indulging in "war mongering."

SHIPPING LOCK-OUT

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The port area of Los Angeles is shut down tonight -- Los Angeles harbor closed because of the dispute over the Taft-Hartley act. Fifteen ships tied up at Los Angeles and Long Beach -- the waterfront closed as a result of the dispute ~~that has been going on since July~~ between the C I O longshoremen's union and the ship ~~na~~ owners. ^{TP} The closing of the Los Angeles port area means some three hundred thousand longshoremen and other dock workers ^{are} out of ^{jobs.} ~~business. A railway embargo already in effect -- all goods destined for coastwise or trans-Pacific trade being banned, in order to keep them from piling up on the docks. Normally, this important west coast harbor handles some fifty ships every day, but since this morning, no vessels have moved except a few oil tankers and a British ship carrying mail.~~

The dispute which led to the closing of the Los Angeles harbor area is one between the dock foremen -- walking bosses -- they are called -- and the ship ~~na~~ owners. The dock foremen demand to be able

to bargain collectively through the international longshoremen's union, but as these men -- these walking bosses -- are supervising employees, they are not entitled to ~~enjoy~~ collective bargaining under the Taft-Hartley Law.

And so there is a deadlock tonight -- the walking bosses seeking collective bargaining and the ship owners saying "no". Two ports shut down.

Late news has it that the entire West Coast may become involved -- that is, if the union calls out its twenty two thousand members -- which is what happened a year ago in a dispute over a new contract.

CONVICT

In the Massachusetts State Prison

Kenneth Buck decided to ask the Governor for a pardon and wanted somebody to support his plea -- somebody whose recommendation would mean something. The convict was serving a sentence of twenty-five years for kidnapping. He was sent to prison back in Nineteen-Thirty-Three for a ransom-abduction of a ten year old girl. So to whom did he appeal, asking for a recommendation that he be pardoned? He wrote to the girl's father.

Fourteen years ago there was an angry ~~kind~~ kidnap sensation in Massachusetts when ten year old Margaret McMath was lured from a fourth grade schoolroom, and held for a ransom of sixty thousand dollars. Kidnapping is the coldest and cruelest of crimes, with its bitter anguish for parents - the terror, the torture of suspense. Neil McMath, former Executive of ~~an~~ a Detroit Steel Firm, raised the money for the release of his daughter. The sixty thousand dollars was transmitted to the kidnapper and the girl was returned unharmed. Later the kidnapper was caught and given that heavy sentence -- twenty-five

years in prison.

All this was in the mind of Neil McMath at Harwich, Massachusetts -- those bitterest of memories, memories of kidnapping. So what reply did he now make to the kidnapper, Kenneth Buck? Here's his answer to the convicts plea:-

"Dear Buck: This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, in which you express penitence for the terrible offense you committed in Nineteen Thirty Three against me and my innocent family. Needless to say," the father's reply goes on, "If your penitence is sincere, your punishment is now adequate, and further confinement ~~can~~ can serve no useful object. Under those circumstances you have my forgiveness, and I am quite content to have you receive a parole or padron. I sincerely hope," the father concludes, "That the balance of your life may be honest, useful and happy."

Tonight the Governor of Massachusetts has before him the convict's plea, backed by the father's recommendation. (~~In addition to which the correction~~)

BASEBALL

It is not for me to give the lugubrious details of today's ball game. I prefer to recite something more cheerful than slaughter, mahem, disintegration and ignominious collapse. Yesterday, in the first game, the Dodger pitcher blew up. Today, the whole team blew up - just came apart and fell into ghastly fragments.

The final score of ten to three tells only part of the painful story.

The Dodger pitching was blasted to ^{the} ~~a~~ tune of fifteen hits, including a home run. The Yankees tied the World Series mark for triples, smashing three three-baggers. They also ^h ~~w~~aled out two doubles, in an orgy of batting that was like the cannonade of the classic Bronx Bombers of old.

The Dodger short-stop Pee Wee Reese, also tied a record - by not having one fielding chance, the ball not hit to him a single time. That ~~wasm~~ was because the Yanks were whacking the ball, not to the infield, but were driving it far and wide.

But all this is still not the worst of

it. The Dodger defense went to pieces with bobbles and blunders. The beloved Bums looked like a bunch of most unbeloved bush leaguers -- so bad that the great Pete Reiser, Pistol Pete was booed by the crowd. Three times the ball fell safe in his own center field territory, for extra base hits, when the cat-calling crowd thought he should have made the catch.

But, let's pull down the merciful curtain on today's horror - Bombers versus Bums. Maybe Lady Luck will give them a smile tomorrow. Maybe!

VETERAN

At Brookline, Massachusetts, an eighty-one year old veteran of the Spanish-American war is getting at ~~it~~ long last the pension due him for service in the Army in the days of Dewey and Cervera, the Battle of Manila Bay and the charge up San Juan Hill. He's getting back - pension money, which has been piling up for nearly fifty years - and it leaves him in a quandry.

Until several months ago, it had never occurred to Roland Sweigart that he might be entitled to a pension. During the long years, he just hadn't thought of it. Then recently he met up with an old comrade of the Spanish-American War, who happened to mention the matter. The old comrade ~~was~~ was getting a pension, had been ~~doing~~ all along. Thus reminded, the eighty-one year old Roland Sweigart thought he'd apply - and he did.

So what happened? Money, lots of it.

On the government books his pension had been piling up ^{with} interest, and now the total is ~~is~~ being sent to him - nearly twenty four thousand dollars already. That's what has him in a quandary - what to do with the money.

The eighty-one year old veteran has a job, cashier in a restaurant. He doesn't require anything in particular. Today he said: "I don't need any vacuum cleaners, ice boxes, radios, new stove - or anything. My home is well supplied with all the necessary furnishings."

He was asked why didn't he use the money to retire on, stop working? He shook his head vigorously, and explained that he tried to quit work eighteen years ago - but it was no go. "My retirement lasted three days," he said. "Three days around the house was enough. I couldn't stand it any longer."

The sudden discovery of his pension was like a sort of eighty-one year old veteran-Cinderella-story, and he got more than he ever dreamed of. But it's only embarrassment for the old-timer of the Spanish-American War, ^{who is} satisfied with his home, satisfied with his job, and ~~he~~ doesn't want anything else. Contentment in old age! Are you that serene and tranquil, Nelson? Maybe you will be - at eighty-one.

ADD VETERAN

Well, later today, the Veterans Administration took a big load off Sweigart's mind. They told the eighty-one year old Spanish War veteran that he could stop worrying. That old age pensions for Spanish-American war veterans are not retroactive. Are payable only from the date of the veteran's claim. In short, that he now can have Ninety Dollars a month as long as he lives, but nothing for the past.

the Bulgarian Black Sea port of Burgas -- in other words with Soviet help. The ships made a definite attempt to escape ~~with~~ by throwing out a smokescreen; but the British destroyer squadron caught them. And now will take them to Cyprus.