

DEFENSE

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Just a few minutes ago, Congress took another step in the  
*direction of putting through*  
~~consummation of~~ President Roosevelt's defense program. The

*just*  
House passed the bill raising the limit of the national debt to  
*And that*  
sixty-five billions. ~~The~~ act is now up to the Senate. This

measure is of the utmost importance, second only to the British  
aid bill, which the Senators were considering today.

There was a determined fight by the Republicans. They  
made every effort to hold the limit down to sixty billions.  
But the Secretary of the Treasury had told Congress that the  
sixty-five billion limit would be necessary, in fact even that  
would only meet Uncle Sam's financial needs up to June, Nineteen  
Forty-Two. The bill was passed by a voice vote, no roll call.  
One of the Republicans declared that this meant a debt ~~limit~~ of  
four hundred and ninety-three dollars for every man, woman and  
child in the United States.

SUPREME COURT

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The labor union world is jubilating tonight over another favorable decision by the Supreme Court. ~~It was~~ <sup>at</sup> the expense of ~~Henry Ford, or rather~~ the Ford Motor Company. This was another blow in a long, long struggle between the unions and Ford, who sticks to his guns and resolutely declines to accept <sup>thereby</sup> the closed shop and force his non-union employees to join the union.

Today's ruling by the Supreme Court concerned an appeal by the Ford Company ~~EXXER~~ from an order of the National Labor Relations Board. The Board had ordered the Ford Company to cease discrimination against the union in a couple of its plants and interference with union organization, <sup>and had</sup> ordered the Company <sup>likewise</sup> also to bargain collectively. The Board <sup>also</sup> declared that ~~the~~ ~~discretion~~ distribution of a pamphlet stating Henry Ford's opinion about labor unions was an unfair labor practice.

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The ~~EXXER~~ Ford Company appealed from this Labor Board order, and lost the fight in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. However, the Circuit Court of Appeals declared that the distribution of ~~that~~ pamphlet was not ~~an~~ unfair, ~~labor practice~~.

The Ford Company took its appeal still higher, ~~up~~, and the answer of the Supreme Court today was to refuse to review the action of the lower courts. In effect, the order of the National Labor Relations Board against the Ford Company is upheld. However, it still stands that it was not an unfair labor practice for Ford to distribute a pamphlet setting forth his opinions.

TRANS-ATLANTIC

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Congress will do nothing to help build up a second trans-Atlantic airline. The lawmakers will <sup>not</sup> ~~do nothing to~~ prevent it, but they won't subsidize a competitor to Pan-American Airways. At least so far as the Appropriations Committee of the House is concerned.

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The Post Office Department had asked Congress for a subsidy; ~~some~~ one and ~~an~~ a quarter million dollars, to pay for mail service across the Atlantic by ~~the~~ American Export Airlines, Company. The Committee turned down the request. The Congressmen admitted that monopoly under ordinary conditions is distasteful. However, <sup>vastly</sup> the Government has already, by its policies and subsidies, helped Pan-American Airways to grow into a successful and useful arm of our foreign trade. The Committee report then went on to say that under existing conditions a second carrier in the trans-Atlantic trade would not strengthen the position of our foreign air operations and would greatly increase the burden on the Treasury of the United States. However, the Committee added that American Export Airlines is perfectly free to start without any appropriations for carriage of the mail.

KRIVITSKY

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A chambermaid in a Washington hotel went into one of the rooms this morning to do her job. On the bed she found the occupant of the room dead with a gunshot wound in his head. The police came and investigated, and declared the body was that of a man named Walter Poref, alias Samuel Ginsburg. But a New York lawyer declared that actually this dead man was General Walter Krivitsky, whose name you will recall as the author of a startling series of articles in the SATURDAY EVENING POST about a year ago. Krivitsky described himself as a former chief of Soviet military intelligence in western Europe, and had a lot of circumstantial detail to corroborate his claim. His articles exposed a sensational list of crimes by Stalin's OGPU, and made extraordinary revelations about the activities of the head of the Soviet regime.

Of course this infuriated all the comrades in America. Writers in the Communist publications denounced Krivitsky, said he was nothing but an adventurer, a loafer from the Viennese cafes. But Krivitsky had established his identity to the satisfaction of the editors of the SATURDAY EVENING POST.



The investigation by the Washington police caused the coroner to issue a certificate of suicide. It was not the Washington cops, however, who identified the dead man as Krivitsky - it was Krivitsky's New York lawyer.

Krivitsky also appeared as witness before the Dies Committee and gave the Congressmen a lot of information about the activity of Ogpu agents in this country. <sup>And he</sup> ~~He also~~ told them that in one year alone, Nineteen Thirty-Seven, Stalin had put to death no fewer than thirty-five thousand of the officers of the Soviet army and had sent millions of Russians to concentration camps.

Naturally, Krivitsky's name became anathema to the comrades in this country, especially after he had testified that their party in the United States is dominated by Stalin and responsible only to Moscow.

He frequently said that he ~~quite~~ expected to be assassinated sooner or later. His New York lawyer <sup>stated</sup> ~~said~~ that when Krivitsky was in New York last week he learned that one of the <sup>special</sup> ~~deadliest~~ agents of the Ogpu had been seen there.

Although the Washington coroner certified his death as suicide, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has taken <sup>over</sup> ~~the~~ case. ~~up~~

## ICELAND

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Nazi fighting planes over Iceland! A squadron of Hitler's pilots flew from a base in Norway on a reconnaissance trip over Reykjavik. There they turned their machine guns on the airdrome which the British have built ~~there~~, and damaged British pursuit planes <sup>that were</sup> ~~which they~~ caught unawares, on the ground ~~of the~~ <sup>reports</sup> ~~airdrome~~. At least so the German high command ~~reports~~. Up to a late hour this afternoon, the British had nothing to say about it. The Nazi pilots must have flown ~~at least~~ twelve hundred miles to make that attack on Iceland, as the island is <sup>at least</sup> ~~at least~~ six hundred miles from the nearest Nazi base in Norway.

## RUMANIA

*For weeks there have been signs that*  
~~As we have been expecting for some time,~~ Great Britain has

come to the parting of the ways with Rumania. Early today there was

a rumor that Churchill was about to recall ~~Sir Reginald Hoare,~~

the British Minister to Bucharest. A couple of hours later it

became official. Downing Street then put ~~it~~ out an official

statement to explain. It set forth that the German high command

has been building up all the elements of an expeditionary force

in Rumania, ~~and~~ <sup>ing</sup> concentrated huge quantities of munitions, oil and

fuel at strategic points. Thus, the statement went on, Rumanian

territory has been used by Germany as a military base in

furtherance of plans for prosecuting the war, and ~~these measures~~

~~are being taken~~ without a word of dissent from the Rumanian

government. So, in the language of diplomacy, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

under such circumstances the position of His Majesty's legation

became impossible. <sup>The Minister</sup> ~~Sir Reginald Hoare~~ has been instructed to

<sup>all</sup> withdraw his men and consular offices under his control, <sup>pick up</sup> ~~all his materials~~ and go home.

However, the Rumanian Minister to London still is

carrying on. At latest reports he had received no notice to leave

from Dictator Antonescu at Bucharest.



These happenings were really foreshadowed when Hitler first began to march his legions into Rumania. It became more obvious when Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in his radio broadcast yesterday, announced that the Fuehrer was establishing air bases in Bulgaria. In fact, it was reported authentically from Switzerland that there has been a tremendous influx of German tourists into Bulgaria, thousands of them. These, of course, being German soldiers in civilian clothes, waiting for the signal to throw off their disguise.

The guessing is that this is the first step of Hitler's in a campaign to avenge the failures of his tottering partner, Mussolini. On the other hand, the military experts in London recognize quite clearly that the Nazi movements in the Balkans may be a feint, to be followed up by the long threatened, all-out attack on Britain itself.

The Nazis now have at least two hundred thousand men in Rumania, with half a million in reserve in Slovakia, ready for a dash across the frontier.

## FRANCE

In France it becomes more and more clear that the principal power is devolving upon Admiral Darlan, Minister of the Navy and Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet. This morning's news established the Navy's head as also Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, the jobs that Laval used to hold and wanted to get back again. Tonight, Marshal Petain, the chief of state, clothed the Admiral with a new sign <sup>of</sup> in his favor. He named Darlan to succeed him in the event of his death or inability to function as chief of state.

This is interpreted in Vichy as meaning that Darlan is now more powerful than Laval ever was. <sup>For</sup> He becomes the executive head of the <sup>Vichy</sup> ~~Peta~~in government; ~~He is~~ responsible directly and only to the old Marshal himself. ~~and, subject to the power of~~ <sup>So</sup> ~~the Marshal~~ Darlan has the broadest kind of authority. <sup>all this</sup> ~~This was enacted~~ not merely <sup>by</sup> ~~in a~~ decree <sup>of</sup> ~~by~~ Marshal Petain but in a constitutional act which established <sup>S</sup> ~~the~~ status of Admiral Darlan as Petain's political heir.

~~And~~ Here's another stroke of the pen that favors Darlan. You may remember that one of the jobs ~~that~~ Laval wanted with the consent of the Nazis, <sup>was</sup> that of Propaganda chief.

Another decree published tonight makes the post of Vice-Premier a permanent one, with the proviso that the Vice-Premier shall have control of propaganda.

## AFRICA

The British are now almost up the Red Sea in Eritrea.

A fresh British column has smashed its way into Italian territory from the north, occupying a place called Karora, which is quite near the shores of the Red Sea; and, another important spot in north-central Eritrea. This column is apparently on its way to join forces with the British contingent which ~~was~~ has been driving across Eritrea from the west. Thus the Italians are threatened with being crushed in a pincers movement. In addition the South Africans are hammering away from the south.

Along the Mediterranean Wavell's army of the Nile is mopping up and moving on toward Tripoli. Royal Air Force bombers today visited Tripoli.

It was announced today that General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson has been made Military Governor of Cyrenaica. He's the officer in personal command of the advance of the army of the Nile, next in authority to Wavell.

## ELECTRIC WHISKERS

And here's proof that the story of the capture of General Electric Whiskers is true. A correspondent of the United Press interviewed him, a British prisoner dressed in a ~~xx~~ mud-spattered private's uniform. General Hannibal Bergonzoli, whiskers and all, told the American newspaperman that he was dumbfounded by the fate that befell himself and his men.

~~General~~ Electric Whiskers had been second in command to Marshall Graziani himself. He was in command of Benghazi when it fell before the assault of the onrushing Australians. He said the Italians had never believed the British would be able to tear ahead so swiftly as to engulf even the formidable Fascist Terribili, considered the cream of Graziani's troops.

Bergonzoli was in Cairo when he was interviewed. Along with six other Italian generals, he was brought there in a British bomber because he needed hospital treatment. He said the Italian air force had not given the Italian generals any idea that British armored units were as close to Benghazi as they actually were.

Then ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the little general used these words:-

"We never believed the British were capable of making the journey from the interior in time to intercept us."



As the British bore down upon Benghazi, said Bergonzoli, the Italians made a last effort to withdraw toward Tripoli and make a determined stand. But at the last moment, the Italian soldiers allowed a group of refugees from Benghazi to join the retreating columns of Italian tanks. The refugees were women and children, families of the garrison of Benghazi. They rushed on ahead of the tanks. The consequence was that when the British overtook them, the women and children were unwilling spectators of the fight that mowed down their husbands and fathers.

The interview is at this moment still coming over the wire, but that's as much of it as I can relay to you now.

## INCA CITIES

In Europe some of the finest and oldest cities are being destroyed. In South America, a scientific expedition has been uncovering the ruins of two lost cities of the civilization of the Incas. There's an ironic bit of <sup>news</sup> contrast for <sup>us,</sup> ~~you in the~~ news!

The expedition that has made these discoveries was financed by the rich Swedish manufacturer, Axel Wenner-Gren. One of them <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ called "the City above the Clouds" and the other "Inaccessible City." The Wenner-Gren expedition had to dig them out from under <sup>layers and layers</sup> ~~covering masses~~ of mold and thick soil and forest vegetation. They're situated ~~at~~ twelve thousand feet above sea level, way up in the Andes, in southern Peru. Dr. Paul Fejos, the leader of the expedition, says they were fortress towns, ~~They were~~ built before the Incas began to march south <sup>to the</sup> ~~on their~~ ~~in their career of~~ conquest of the more southerly lands in South America.

Behind the saga of this expedition, there lies a wealth of interesting tales. Axel Wenner-Gren, the Swedish industrialist who financed it, used to work in a New Jersey factory for fifteen

cents an hour. At another point in his career he was a vacuum cleaner salesman. Today he owns shares in the biggest Swedish airplane factory, in munitions plants and steel works, and all in all is so rich that he can finance a jungle expedition and not miss the cost. Which goes to show the true-to-life Horatio Alger story.

There were sixty-seven men in the expedition that dug up these Peruvian fortress cities., including twenty-one soldiers. The military went along because four years ago seven out of nine of the last white men that went to the region were killed by Mascho Indians.

Dr. Fejos, the leader, says today that his discoveries indicate that three other old Incan cities may be found in that region. All in all, it looks as though the Wenner-Gren expedition had started a new era in the investigation into the old Inca and pre-Inca civilizations.

CANADA

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Upon my return from Canada this morning I found a telegram that perhaps deserves a reply over the air. It came from Charles E. Austin of Binghamton, and it reads:- If it were only possible to drive to Mount Tremblant and the other Laurentine points many more skiers from here in the States would use the wonderful facilities up there. Why not use your influence to get the Laurentian roads kept open in winter? And, the wire concludes:- If you do this you will win many new friends for Blue Sunoco.

Well, Mr. Austin of Binghamton, here is a surprise for you. Those roads are being kept open. They have new snow plows in the Laurentians, So, you can go right ahead and fill up with Blue Sunoco and drive all the way to Tremblant.

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Then you can ride up on the chairlift, and then slide down the mountain - or ~~fall~~ down it, as some of us do. Now Hugh.  
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