**WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS**

# Losses Pinch German Economy; Civil Strife Upsets Greece; 4-H Selects National Champs

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Displaying awards captured in national competition at the 4-H club's 23rd annual congress in Chicago, Ill., champs include (left to right) Mildred Reed, girls' leadership winner; Donald Mowery, boys' achievement winner; Mary Jo Morgan, girls' achievement winner, and Donald Sullivan, boys' leadership winner. (See: 4-H.)

## 4-H:
### *Champs*

Left fatherless at 12, with the family deserted by the hired hand, young Donald P. Mowery of Terre Haute, Ind., took upon himself the man-sized job of running a 158-acre farm. At 18, he had earned nearly $14,000, and with it, the 4-H club's sops' national achievement championship at the 23rd annual 4-H congress in Chicago, Ill.

Adjudged the girls' national achievement winner was 19-year-old Mary Jo Morgan of Laurel, Miss., with an income of $5,808.25 drawn from nine years of club work in gardening, canning, clothing, foods, poultry and home improvements. Both boy and girl winner will receive a trophy from the president and a $250 scholarship.

To 19-year-old Donald F. Sullivan of Potsdam, N. Y., and 20-year-old Mildred Reed of Bristol, Conn., went the national boys' and girls' 4-H titles for leadership in their clubs and communities. Awards for these honors are the same as in the achievement fields.

## PEARL HARBOR:
### *Trials Off*

Because separate army and navy investigating boards found that Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Adm.

Adm. Kimmel them.

Husband E. Kimmel were guilty only of errors in judgment in defensive preparations at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japs' attack, the war and navy departments decided to drop courts-martial proceedings against

At the same time, the departments declared that the boards' findings would remain secret for the duration so as not to impair national safety.

Although not providing the grounds for courts-martial, the two commanders' errors in judgment were serious enough to warrant their retirement from service, it was said.

## LIBERATION:
### *Political Scuffles*

Diplomatic as well as military problems pressed the Allies in Europe, with British troops coming to the assistance of the rightist government in Greece in the latter's fight against leftist elements, and the U. S. condemning Britain's interference in Italian politics.

Of the two, the situation in Greece was the most serious, with many killed and injured in rioting following the leftists' refusal to give up their arms on the grounds that the rightists' were being allowed to keep them. With Greece on the threshold of the vital Suez canal passage from the far east, Britain maintained a deep interest in the situation. Said Britain's ambassador in Greece, Major General Scobie: "... I stand firmly behind the rightists' government, and shall aid them to the limit of my resources. . . ."

Although directly slapping at Britain for its resistance to the sanction of Count Carlo Sforza as foreign minister in a new Italian regime, the stiffening U. S. State Department also declared that all other united nations should be given full opportunity to develop their own democratic forms of government.

## WAR PRODUCTION

To prevent the possibility of incurring shortages in the Japanese war, U. S. army production will be maintained at substantial levels after Hitler's fall, with only about 20 per cent reduction in output.

As a result of the announced new plans only about 2,500,000 civilian 4,000,000 former war workers to be hired in 1945 will mean cuts in V-E factory employment, and non-essential methods available publicly will not be released for the post-V-E period.

## GERMANY:
### *Army Commands*

With the battle for Germany raging along the western front, the country's top army commanders took over complete control of military operations from intuitive Adolf Hitler.

Under supreme command of Field Field Marshal Von Rundstedt, close to Hitler since his rise to power in 1933, German generals were using every trick in the book in an effort to slow up the Allies' powerful drive to the Rhine. Massed artillery were concentrated against vital attack points; tanks were thrown in in counterattacks to blunt Allied spearheads, and green troops were seasoned on less active fronts and then hurled into the main fighting.

Despite tremendous German losses, the Nazis were reported to have no less than 4,000,000 men aleeh on all fronts, including supply and maintenance units. Although only about 1,350,000 between 19 and 16 were said to be of crack quality, the high command has shown a disposition to sacrifice the interior troops in forward and rear-guard actions, where they would eventually be written off.

### *Economic Pinch*

Touch on the military front, Germany will be equally pinched at home this winter, economists predict, what with the reduction in Nazi occupied territory resulting in decreased food and steel supplies.

Prior to this summer, both the German army and home front were well-fed as a result of food stocks from conquered nations, but with the Allies advancing both in the east and west since midsummer, the Nazis have been compelled to fall back before being able to stock up with 1944 harvests. In addition, 1944 agricultural production in Germany has suffered because of labor and fertilizer shortages.

At the height of their European conquest, the Nazis controlled a continental steel industry with a capacity of 60,000,000 tons; but here again, German retreat resulted in the loss of about 28,500,000 tons in Italy, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Balkans and Hungary, and Allied bombings are estimated to have chopped off an additional 6,000,000 tons in the Reich itself.

## WORLD AVIATION:
### *End Confab*

Amid much reciprocal compliment and bowing, the international aviation conference came to an end in Chicago, Ill., after 37 days of continuous sessions in which frame-work for a world civil air organization was constructed and certain flight principles established.

Permanent acceptance of the program, however, will be dependent upon ratification by the 54 allied and neutral nations after the war, with an interim organization to be situated in Canada maintaining the basic structure during the length of the conflict. Powers of the organization will merely be advisory, except for authority within its own body.

As a whole, delegates favored the principles of allowing flight over their territories and landings for other than commercial purposes. Great Britain, for one, however, balked over the proposal to permit planes from different countries to operate commercially in any particular nation unless quotas were established for each one.

## COTTON

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## PACIFIC:
### *Real Sailor*

Interesting sidelight on the war in the Pacific, which saw combat-hardened weather hampering the U. S. drive on Leyte, was report by Admiral Halsey's reinforcement of a bombardment of Manila by troops of 30 American pilots forced down a sea.

As Admiral Halsey's fliers were called from the great battleship, part, it encountered a gusty storm, and 19 of its pilots were caught in the air. When a tabulation showed them to be missing, Admiral Halsey called off the raid, ordering the fleet to search for the fliers.

After an extensive combing of the sea, 28 of the airmen were rescued. Then, the salty little admiral ordered full steam ahead for Manila.

## PENSIONS:
### *For Vets' Widows*

Getting together to settle their differences on the subject, the house and senate shaped a common measure providing pensions for soldier widows and orphans of World War I vets and sent it to the White House for approval.

Under a bill passed by congress, widows of World War I vets, having an income of less than $1,000 a year, would receive $25 monthly pension, while widows with children, with income of less than $2,500 annually, would get $45 for the first child and $15 for each additional. The bill also provided payment of $10 for one orphan and $56 for three, $4 for each additional.

Although passed four times before by the house, such pension bills previously were pigeon-holed before they could reach the senate floor.

## Death Run

Hit by anti-aircraft fire after attack on German sub/boards at Munich, this U. S. army C-47 transport slipped over on its side, and plummeted to earth.

Above all three photo records the sensational, but chilling, picture.

## STATE DEPARTMENT:
### *More Changes*

With Big Businessman Edward Stettinius taking over as secretary of state, other big businessmen were also were added shortly after to the state department's ranks with the appointment of William Clayton and Nelson Rockefeller as the new chief-assistants.

Formerly surplus property disposal chief, Clayton, prominent southern cotton broker and business associate of Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, will be in charge of foreign economic policy matters, while Mr. Rockefeller Jr. and presidential coordinator of inter-American affairs, Rockefeller, will assist in relations with the Latin republics.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. and prominent, career-diplomat Joseph C. Grew were named undersecretary of state, and Archibald MacLeish was put in charge of public and cultural relations. U. S. ambassador to Japan from 1932 to Pearl Harbor, Grew, who repeatedly warned of the aggressive designs of the Nipponese, served as undersecretary for a time under Calvin Coolidge.

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## MISCELLANY

Even prisoners are doing their part for Uncle Sam in the war. Inmates have turned out $25,000,000 of industrial products since July, 1942, including steel products, aluminum and magnesium parts, wash goods, blankets, rope, parachute cords, stretchers, camouflage netting and ammunition boxes. In addition, prison farm production has increased to $42,536,345 annually.

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## TIDBITS of Kentucky Folklore

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### "OLD MASTER"

Sometimes I think of difficulties making my students understand the power that taboo used to have among us. As some way has subtly there used to be subjects that we did not discuss and how we discuss nothing else. Every time I come around in one of these courses to taboos and euphemisms. I have to take several minutes to explain the difficulties behind many of the taboos. One, of course, to with reference to divinity.

Formerly one did not hear the word GOD except in church or in oaths. All sorts of substitutes were used, varying from childish to dignified. We little boys talked about the Good Man and the Bad Men in hushed tones. But host of people white as well as black, spoke of Old Master, sometimes, Old Master, showing a Tidewater Virginia influence in sound. It was so common and so reverent that I thought nothing of it until I had been away from home long enough to discover that this mode of speech was declining in favor of more direct words. I cannot recall having ever heard of the use of MASTER alone or THE MASTER; it was always OLD MASTER. Somehow that brought out the full significance of overlordship and loving power. There was mercy, too, so far as I can now recall, a feeling of whimsicality in this conception. God knew best and acted accordingly: it was our duty to find out His ways and then act accordingly. His ancient prophet with his 'thus saith the Lord' every day and every immediate respect than did our nineteenth century 'God Almighty.' That settled our contentions for that time, at least.

It is well known among folklorists that people in all ages of the world have referred to divinities as old. The idea of immortality to many minds would arouse immense age and, therefore, sanctity. Like a Druid white beard of flowing locks. From the most primitive savages to the authority of the Father of Time and it's attendant knowledge and power have been present. One primitive African race, I am told, speak of the 'old, old one.'

Long since I was a mature man, a Negro preacher in Kentucky, while lecturing to his people on the Apostle Paul, declared, "The Lord is getting old, and children, I want you to put up with you trifling matters much longer."

Naturally, the Devil was taboo also extent in church and in profane language. In all the names for the Evil Spirit were collected, it would be an interesting commentary on our taboos and euphemisms. Many of one