

HARRY HOPKINS CROSSES OCEAN TO GET HAIRCUT

Relief Chief So Busy He Had
No Time for Visits to
Barber.

Harry L. Hopkins, the man to whom President Roosevelt has entrusted the work of seeing that no American starves, ranks in the top flight of the administration's tireless workers. Mr. Hopkins has come to Europe "to get a haircut, and to do other things as this article narrates."

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WASHINGTON, July 10.—Harry L. Hopkins has gone to Europe to get a haircut.

He has sailed for the old country to accomplish a few other things, too, but the haircut is important. So busy has he been in Washington as relief administrator of the New Deal that he has had no time to visit the barber. His hair was tickling his ears. Mrs. Hopkins was beginning to complain.

Once he gets his hair trimmed, however, he will look as spic as he did before he started spending \$100,000,000 a month in furtherance of President Roosevelt's edict: "No American shall starve so long as America has funds."

Stand Strain Well

Harry Hopkins has stood up well under the strain of being the nation's Mr. Bountiful. He still looks young, vigorous, and bright of eye. His clothes are smartly tailored and his conversation still scintillates.

The ill-fated civil works administration, which started out by hiring 4,000,000 jobless and then became so hopelessly bogged down in graft and politics that it had to be abandoned, has been his heaviest burden.

When the Republicans were sniping and his own investigators were uncovering new instances of wrongdoing almost every day on work projects in widely scattered areas, Mr. Hopkins was disconsolate. At a remarkable press conference in his plainly furnished office, he told the whole story of CWA's downfall. He said that he was discouraged and that everything seemed to be going wrong.

Starts New Program

A day or two later his optimism had returned. He scrapped the CWA, admitted that he had attempted to work too rapidly, and began another relief program.

He is taking more time on it and, even more important, he is putting the chief responsibility for its success upon the states in which it is operating. The program seems to be working reasonably well.

His Federal Surplus Relief Corporation, meantime, has become the world's biggest single purchaser of cotton and pork. The cotton is to make clothing and mattresses for the poor. The pork is to feed people who otherwise would go hungry. The corporation also buys butter, milk and numerous other commodities for jobless relief.

Decides on Vacation

His other organization, the federal emergency relief administration, distributes the FERA's purchases where they will do the most good.

Mr. Hopkins undoubtedly has been working too hard, eating too many lunches at his desk, and playing too little golf. Although his regime had not yet begun to show upon him physically, Mr. Roosevelt insisted that he take a vacation.

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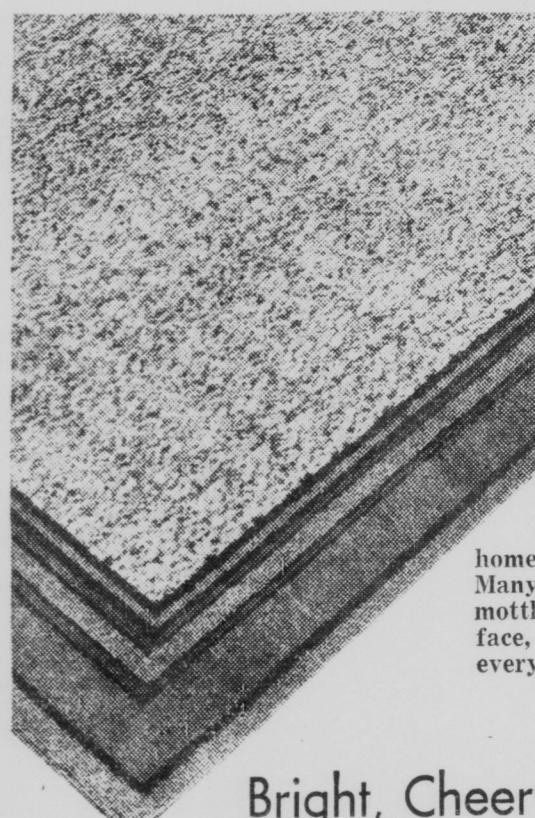
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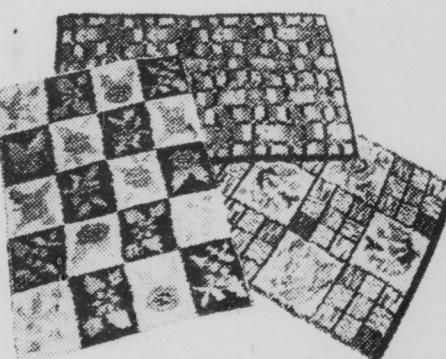


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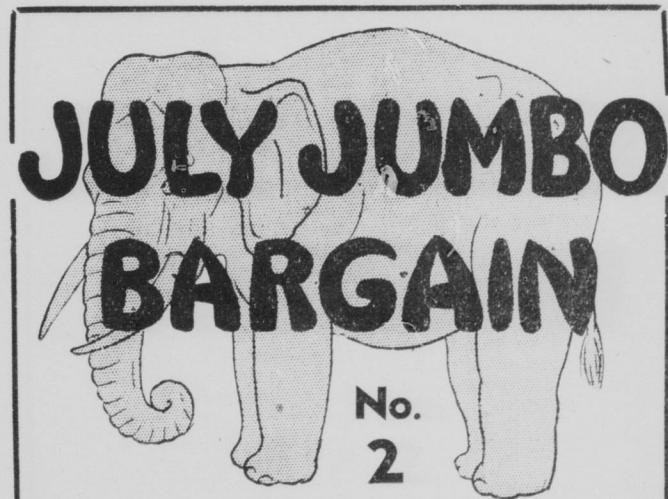
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