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## FRANCE TO GET NEEDED WHEAT

U. S. Also to Send Shipments to Other Areas in Europe  
Despite Way Nazis Use Food Situation to  
Own Political Advantage.

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WASHINGTON, March 19.—Not only will unoccupied France get the two shiploads of wheat so desperately requested by Ambassador Gaston Henry-Haye, but further shipments of foodstuffs to France and other selected European areas will likely follow.

A long-overdue reconsideration of the whole concept of food as a political as well as military weapon is under way here. At the same time reports have reached Washington indicating that the food blockade is unlikely to play a major part in the outcome of the war. On the other hand, it is added, the Nazis are making effective use of the food situation for their own political advantage.

For Britain and the United States, therefore, to stick to their rule of thumb and refuse to allow food shipments to any part of Europe would eventually do more damage to the democracies than to the dictators.

"The blockade impedes the wheels of Hitler's war machine," declared Karl Brandt—formerly professor of agricultural economics at the University of Berlin, and now economist of the Food Research Institute, Stanford University—"but that machine is not going to be halted for lack of food . . . the present Nazi domain contains too large resources for that . . . the Nazi machine will be defeated only by superior diplomacy, superior steadfastness and superior military strength."

In the quarterly "Foreign Affairs," just out, Prof. Brandt recalls that from the moment Hitler came into power the Nazis copied the Soviets in transforming food from an economic end to a political means. The Fuehrer could starve or reward entire sections of the people by



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turning off and turning on food. He could "play Santa Claus or the big bad wolf" at will.

During the Third Reich's six years of peace, Prof. Brandt goes on to say, the best brains of the country were utilized to organize the food supply. Today, he feels it is safe to say, "the Germans are fairly well fed, despite a lack of some commodities."

This food, says Prof. Brandt, is carefully managed. All are served, but first come the "warrior caste," the Gestapo and the party militia. Next come the most skilled and essential laborers. Way down the list come the unemployed, the aged and the incurably sick. Last of all come the inmates of insane asylums and concentration camps, and the Jews.

A similar scheme is followed in the occupied areas. The people of western Poland, for instance, which the Nazis intend to retain, are being systematically starved out as a matter of policy. The Czechs and Slovaks are receiving the same treatment as the Austrians because, like the Austrians, they are to be integrated in greater Germany. And so on.

When Germany needs workers of certain categories in occupied France or Belgium, she turns off the food supply for a time, then notifies the areas affected that food is to be had in the place where the workers are wanted.

Thus the Nazis, in undisputed control of the food situation throughout most of Europe, are making full use of the situation now and for the future.

"While the chess game between Petain and Hitler continues," says the professor, "the Germans have no intention of relieving the food situation in unoccupied France. Indeed, food is one of the men in the game."

### NORTH SIDE REALTY SALES TOP MILLION

With the sale of 12 homes, 11 lots, two business buildings, a farm, and the signing of a home-building contract, transactions of the North Side Realtors this week passed the million-dollar mark for 1941.

Sales totalled \$156,850, bringing the year-to-date total to \$154,151, compared with \$20,685 a year ago this time. This week's sales a year ago totalled \$130,850, which was \$28,000 less than the current week.

Houses sold were: 3442 Kenwood Ave. by Ford Woods & Co.; 804 E. 38th St. by Marion Stump; 5606 Washington Blvd. by Charles Binkley; 1521-23 Wilcox St. by William A. Hackemeyer; 5854 Oxford St. by Bridges & Graves Co.; 5779 N. Delaware St. by John H. Elam of Hall-Hotel & Co., and Atkinson & Co.; 803 W. 43d St. by Thomas F. Carson; 6315 and 6279 Delaware St.; 967 Ewing St. the 1400 block of N. Euclid Ave. by Forest Knight; and 2425-27 Kenwood Ave. by Fiebel & Reilly.

John Robbins sold a Sylvan Estates lot, Mr. Knight sold one at Fairfield Ave. at Watson Road, two in Meridian Lane and one on Himesley; Harry Robbins sold one in Indian Hills. Forrest Kellogg sold one in Crow's Nest and Fay C. Cash sold four in Meridian-Kessler Terrace.

Col. C. B. Durham reported sale of a Hamilton County farm, a filling station and a service station.

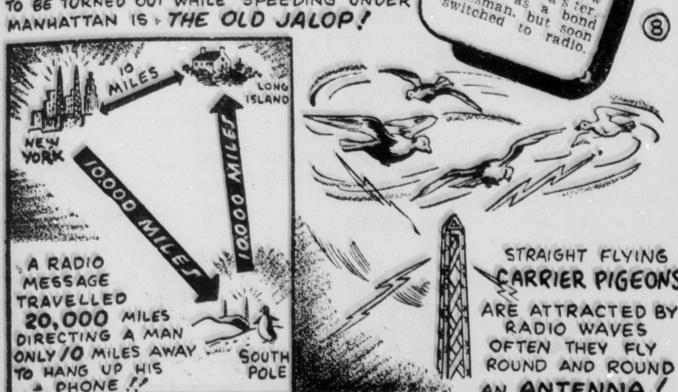
#### FIRE SNOWBALLED OUT

QUINCY, Mass. (UPI)—When a house roof caught fire, four small boys extinguished the blaze before firemen arrived by throwing snowballs on the flames.

### RADIO RARITIES BY Dooley



Jean Barry and Leah Worth write the lyrics to most of their songs while riding on subway trains. Their latest tune to be turned out while speeding under Manhattan is "THE OLD JALOP!"



A radio message travelled 20,000 miles directing a man only 10 miles away to hang up his phone!!

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