

Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Newspapers on the coast are no longer allowed to give weather forecasts, because it might help the enemy.

So the San Francisco News pays \$1 a day for the best silly forecast submitted. For example: "Possibly rain, conceivably snow, it may even clear up, we really don't know."

During the first week of the war, after San Francisco had had two nights of blackout, people were still calling up police stations on the third night to ask, "What are the lights out for?"

Several cities, after getting their new air-raid sirens installed, have had test blackouts and discovered that nobody could hear the sirens. Frisco has eight new and powerful sirens, but hasn't had a chance to hear them yet. The city intended to test them, after duly notifying the public. But the Army said no, that any time San Franciscans heard those sirens, from the end of the war, it would mean real danger overhead, and not just a test or practice blackout.

It's a Strange Thing

THE FIRST FOREIGN shore I ever saw was that of Japan, 20 years ago. And although I, like the rest of America, detest the very thought of the Japanese now, that youthful view still remains one of the greatest thrills of my life.

And I remember one day in Tokyo when, being

completely lost, I went into what turned out to be a bank, and inquired the way to the Siyoken Hotel (I've even forgotten how to spell it now). The cashiers couldn't speak English, and they kept sending upstairs for higher and higher officials of the bank, until finally one came down who could understand a little. He was in a gray silk kimono, and for all I know was the president of the bank.

Brother Pyle and Christmas

CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR in Frisco was my first Christmas in the United States in five years. Last year I spent all of Christmas in the underground bomb shelters of London. Four years ago it was on the sunny beach of Honolulu. Wonder what'll be left to spend next Christmas in?

I GOT TO checking the other day, and discovered that when I arrived in San Francisco this trip it was the 25th time I had crossed the continent. And as my own hollow remark echoes in my ears, the only rejoinder I can think of at the moment is "Well, what of it?"

MY WITTY FRIEND Cavanaugh down in Los Angeles writes me as follows: "I just got this from a friend who is no fool and has exercised the proper restraint from the start. He says that the lost continent of Atlantis has suddenly appeared off Catalina Island and declared war on the whole damn world."

Welcome to our messy midst, Atlantis.

BAN ON SALES OF NEW AUTOS IS BLOW HERE

It's War and We'll Have to Take It, Is View of Motor Row.

The OPM curtailment of new automobile and truck sales came as an unexpected blow to the automobile industry in Indianapolis and the state, Herman Schaefer, Automobile Dealers Association of Indiana secretary, said today.

He estimated that more than 20,000 persons employed by auto dealers in Indiana would suffer immediate loss of income. Accessory supply dealers and service stations would be indirectly affected, he said.

In Indianapolis and Marion County he estimated, about 2000 persons employed by dealers will be affected.

Mr. Schaefer said there was not a way of determining the number of new cars tied up in showrooms and warehouses in the city or state. Indications are that the stocks of new cars are not as large as they normally would be, he said, although there probably are a considerable number.

Stocks of used cars, he said, are insufficient to meet the normal demand in the city and state for 30 days, since these stocks have been depleted by heavy buying. Distributors and dealers received no formal announcement of the curtailment from the Government, but they are cutting off sales on the basis of information received through press and radio.

Gloom hung over Meridian St.'s automobile row. The dealers, however, weren't sitting around worrying.

Sales Forces Dwindle

Their salesman early this morning moved new cars into storage and wheeled late model used cars onto the showroom floors. There was no rush for used cars, but used car dealers anticipated one.

One dealer said his force of 32 salesmen already had dwindled to six, so that there was no need to let anyone go. He said he was not going to raise the price of used cars immediately.

Other dealers indicated that for the present, used car prices would not go up, although they added that used car stocks were limited. Most of the dealers said they were sitting tight, waiting for word from Washington on the rationing plan.

Some Look for Jobs

"I hope it comes soon," one salesman said. "We've got 125 used cars in stock. We've been holding back, thinking that was what the Government wanted."

Only a few dealers, however, were caught with more than 50 new cars in stock. Most had from 15 to 30. One was reported to have more than 200.

Salesmen came to work this morning and immediately banded together in the showrooms to talk things over. Several went out to look for jobs after reporting to work and checking on reports of the OPM order.

Both the salesmen and dealers were unanimous about one point: "It's war," they said, "and we've got to take it."

One Will Join Army

One salesman, sitting thoughtfully in a brand-new, convertible coupe in the showroom, announced his intention of joining the Army "if I can sell myself to them."

As the public and the dealers awaited the auto rationing plan, Maj. Gen. Robert H. Tyndall, Marion County Civilian Defense director, said he would name a committee to supervise the rationing of tires this afternoon or tomorrow. The committee will open its office Monday in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Business Looks To Peace in '43

NEW YORK, Jan. (U. P.).—The consensus of 56 of the nation's foremost business leaders is that the democracies will win the war in 1943.

A poll released today by Forbes Magazine showed that 20 per cent of those asked for an opinion believe the war will end this year. Twenty-one per cent predicted 1944, and 36 per cent predicted 1945.

ALONZO ROMINE DIES; BURIAL TOMORROW

Alonzo Romine, who drove a huckster wagon on the North Side for the last nine years, died yesterday at his home, 1313 W. 30th St., after a short illness. He was 62.

Born in Scottsburg, Mr. Romine came to Indianapolis 36 years ago. He was a salesman for the old Grand Union Tea Co. for 19 years. Surviving are his wife, Orla M.; two sons, Alpha A. and Lloyd A.; and a daughter, Mrs. Vardine L. Shepard, all of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Moore & Kirk Colonial Mortuary at Fairfield and College Aves. The Rev. Charles Dineen will have charge. Burial will be in Sutherland Park cemetery.

EXTEND FOOD STAMP HOURS

The Federal Food Stamp office will remain open tomorrow afternoon. The office ordinarily closes at noon Saturdays, but some public welfare aid recipients won't receive their monthly aid checks until tomorrow.

Start 'Milk Fund' to Get Youth in Navy



Navy candidate Goslin weighs in... "Ah, another precious ounce."

HE ONLY NEEDS 5 MORE POUNDS

Pals of Kenny Goslin at Wright Plant Help the Good Cause.

The campaign to fatten up Kenny Goslin for the Navy Air Service oiled ahead today at the Curtis-Wright Corp., Propeller Division, as the 20-year-old hub inspector downed his umpteenth gallon of milk.

Kenny is curly-haired, five-feet eight and one-half inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. Two weeks ago, when he appeared before the Navy Examining Board to join up, he was told to put on eight more pounds and come back. Too lanky, the Navy said.

So Kenny has adopted a sudden fondness for milk by the five-gallon can, a departure from custom for a young man who never particularly went out of his way to drink the stuff. The boys in the Final Hub Inspection Department are seeing that he gets his milk, too.

His Pals to the Rescue

When they learned that Kenny needed only eight pounds to get into the Navy, they took decisive action. They put up a box on the second floor with a sign: "Give freely to the milk fund for Goslin. All money donated will be used to buy milk for Kenny Goslin in order to increase his weight to the minimum requirements of the U. S. Naval Air Corps."

The nickels rolled in and Kenny began drinking milk. The boys drew up a weight and sleep chart on which they recorded all of the candidate's activities.

Leading Model Life

Several mornings ago, Kenny stepped off the elevator and the boys rushed him to the scales. A shout went up: "Kenny's up one pound!"

Like most things in life, Kenny's weight has its ups and downs. After Christmas and New Year's eves, his weight tumbled, but he's building himself right back up again. He's leading a model life.

In two weeks the Naval Board meets here again. So Kenny is drinking milk as fast as he can get it down.

He has only five more pounds to go.

FETED ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

Twenty-seven great nieces and nephews held a surprise party for Mrs. Leonora Gordon on her 70th New Year's Day last night. Mrs. Gordon has lived in Marion County all her life. She was born on the Rockville Road just outside the city.

HOLD EVERYTHING



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No. 1 Bride

Staff Sergeant Weds in First Ceremony of 1942 Here

WHEN Staff Sgt. Jason McGuire and his bride returned to Chanhute Field, Rantoul, Ill., yesterday, they had the distinction of being the principals in Indianapolis' first 1942 wedding. But it took a bit of doing.

Sgt. McGuire and his fiancée, Miss Mary Elizabeth Brewer, had arranged to meet in Indianapolis for their wedding during the sergeant's holiday leave. Upon his arrival here, he was notified to report back to Chanhute at 2 p. m. yesterday. Miss Brewer and her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Edward L. Brewer, had arrived.

Mrs. Dorothy F. Buschmann, director of the Army, Navy and Marine Service Club, and Miss Helen Hartinger, colonel in the 1st Regiment of Service Men's Cadettes, came to the rescue with lightning arrangements with Dr. Daniel L. Bower for a blood test, and Francis M. Feeney, marriage license clerk, for that certificate.

The marriage was performed yesterday at 1 a. m. at Miss Hartinger's home, with her father, the Rev. William C. Hartinger, officiating. The couple left for Chanhute Field shortly afterward. In their haste, they lost the marriage license, which was found by Thomas E. Bell, inspector for the Board of Works, on N. Illinois St. It will be mailed to them.

DENIES JAPS HAVE BASES IN MEXICO

ENSENADA, Lower California, Mexico, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Gen. Lazaro Cardenas, in an exclusive interview with the United Press, today categorically denied reports that the Japanese had established submarine or air bases anywhere along the 3000-mile coastline of Mexico's Lower California.

Gen. Cardenas, former President of Mexico who now commands the Pacific Military Zone, said he had traveled over most of the sparsely settled coastline and had found nothing "abnormal."

IMMIGRATION OFFICE TO LEAVE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The Immigration and Naturalization Service will be moved from Washington to Philadelphia, director of the Budget Harold D. Smith announced today.

The office is one of 12 Government bureaus that will be moved from the national capital to provide office space for expanding defense agencies.

PREDICTS RUSS TO FIGHT JAPAN

Col. Gardner, State Security Head, in June Forecast Nazis Would Stall.

By EARL RICHART

Two days after "Invincible" Germany invaded Russia last June, Col. Everett L. Gardner, State Employment Security Division head, made the then startling statement that the Nazis would not defeat the Russians quickly.

He asserted that the invasion was the beginning of the end for Hitler and that although the Russians might be pushed back, their enormous reserves of manpower and material would exhaust the Germans just as it had done Napoleon.

Even after the diplomatic and press corps left Moscow, Col. Gardner (who was in Russia from 1938 to 1939 as a representative of the White Motor Co.) told friends that the Germans would never take the Russian capital.

Now that time has proven Col. Gardner right about the Russian campaign, what does the colonel have to say about the future?

Served in A. E. F.

He says: 1. That within a "reasonable time"—six months at the most and probably much less than that—"both Russian and American planes will be bombing Japanese cities from Siberian bases."

2. That Russia is preparing right now to strike Japan and "will strike" at the opportune moment.

3. That the U. S. and its allies will defeat Japan "within a year or two."

4. That Germany will never defeat Russia nor will they take Moscow in their spring offensive.

Col. Gardner, who served in the A. E. F. during the first World War, won't say much about the present German-Russian battles except to state that the Russians will keep on fighting all winter and will continue "to give the Nazis everything they've got."

As to the recent stories from Moscow that the Russians are planning to drive on to Berlin, Col. Gardner comments, "if that ever becomes possible, the war will be over because the Germans will quit just as they did in the last war."

Uses Map to Follow War

"The fighting on the Russian front at present is more bitter than most people realize and the Germans are still close to the Russian capital," he said.

The colonel follows the war news closely and he has a huge war map on the walls of his office at 141 S. Meridian St.

Pointing to Siberia and the Russian islands off the Siberian coast he shows visitors the many nearby places from which Russian and American bombers "will" soon be bombing Japan.

As proof that Russia intends to strike Japan, he asks: "For what other reason was Marshal Voroshilov—one of the best Russian generals—sent to the Far East?"

U. S. FORCES HUNT SUBS OFF HAWAII

HONOLULU, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Bombers and warships were believed to be searching the sea today for enemy raiders, presumably Japanese submarines, which shelled three islands Tuesday night.

The Army, without elaborating, announced that "prompt counteraction was taken by our forces."

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, new commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, warned that any port may be shelled.

2 KILLED HERE IN NEW YEAR'S DAY ACCIDENTS

17-Year-Old Girl a Victim; Seven Die in State Auto Wrecks.

Two fatalities marred Marion County's 1942 traffic record during its first 24 hours.

The holiday toll here, including the death of an aged pedestrian New Year's Eve, was three, while traffic elsewhere in the State accounted for seven other deaths.

One of yesterday's accidents was in the City while the other occurred on U. S. 52 in the County. There were no deaths in either the City or County on Jan. 1 a year ago.

Senior at Tech

Miss Mildred Daugherty, 17-year-old Tech High School senior, was the victim of the City accident, Clarence Caldwell, 17, of 5206 E. Walnut St., told police he was driving south on College Ave. shortly after midnight when the girl ran from behind a streetcar into the path of his car.

Mr. Caldwell said he stopped his car and carried Miss Daugherty to the curb. A taxi driver called an ambulance but the victim was dead when physicians arrived.

Miss Daugherty lived at 1410 College Ave. with her sister, Mrs. Thelma McGinnis. She was a native of Hope, Ind.

Lafayette Man Killed

The victim of the County accident was Averitt J. Wharton of Lafayette, Ind., who was killed instantly when his car skidded off State Road 52 near 62d St. and crashed into a tree.

William D. McMahan, 78, of 433 Limestone St., was killed New Year's Eve in the 1200 block of W. Michigan St., the 135th traffic fatality of 1941.

The state dead: KENNETH REINHOLT, 18, Kewanee, killed instantly while walking along a Pulaski County road near Monterey. Herman Hartman, 20, driver of the car and a friend of the victim, told police he was blinded by the lights of an approaching car.

RALPH L. PORTER, 21, former Alexandria High School athlete, killed when his automobile collided with another at an Anderson street intersection.

3 Die in Headon Crash

CHARLES MATZ, 23, Walkerton, killed when his automobile crashed into a bus near South Bend. Matz was driving an injured person to a hospital at the time of the accident.

CHARLES SZABO, 54, and HARVEY KUSS, 38, both of South Bend, injured fatally in a two-car collision near South Bend. Five occupants of the second car involved were injured critically.

STEPHEN SIKORSKY, 25, South Bend, killed three miles west of South Bend when he lost control of his car and it overturned.

HARRY DONHAM, 61, Terre Haute, killed in a traffic accident near Terre Haute.

237 Dead U. S. Toll Over the Holiday

By UNITED PRESS

Sudden death in the form of traffic accidents, airplane crashes, fires and suicides claimed 237 lives, enough to man a destroyer and two submarines—over the New Year's holiday.

Traffic accidents caused 163 of the deaths. Last year 142 were killed in U. S. traffic accidents.

For the past month, the National Safety Council has issued frequent warnings to drivers, calling for special care on the highway to reduce accidents which hamper the nation's all-out war effort. The council warned that 4000 highway deaths in November were pushing the 1941 toll toward the all-time high of 30,645, reached in 1937.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- 1—The original Selective Service Act provided for drafting men between the ages of 21 and —?
- 2—Japanese funds and other assets in the United States were "frozen" in the summer of 1939, 1940 or 1941?
- 3—Name the largest island group in the Malay Archipelago.
- 4—The number of sewing threads increases as the size decreases; true or false?
- 5—Flicker is a name for a bird of what genus?
- 6—What common alloy is produced by mixing copper and zinc?
- 7—What is the common name of the war between the houses of Lancaster and York in England?

Answers

- 1—35.
- 2—1941.
- 3—The Philippines.
- 4—True.
- 5—Woodpecker.
- 6—Brass.
- 7—War of the Roses.
- 8—A sword.

Upon mature consideration of its possible effect upon the war effort, the management of The Indianapolis Times has decided to refrain from publishing the third article of Leland Stowe's series on China.

Washington

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—As Winston Churchill said in Ottawa, the war is likely to go through three stages. First is the stage of preparation. Planes, ships, tanks and guns must be built. If we had them now what a different story we would be hearing from the Pacific. On the eve of our effort in preparation, said Mr. Churchill, will depend the success of the two later stages, one being the liberation of the conquered peoples and the other being the final smashing of the Axis.

We don't have to know how many planes and tanks are being built to know that we are far short of our full effort.

Here are some figures that can be used. In the United States are about 180,000 industrial plants, including all of the little ones. We are using only a fraction of them. Ninety-five per cent of the war work is concentrated in 3024 plants. Seventy-five per cent of it is confined to about 100 manufacturers.

How can we hope to produce what the coming war program will call for on that basis? It will call for using half our national income instead of 20 per cent as now. We are not even keeping up with the existing program.

It's Typical of OPM

OUR WHOLE INDUSTRIAL economy must be treated as one gigantic industrial plant. Until there is enough imagination, central planning and directing brains at work to begin treating the whole country as one vast war plant, we will be fighting a total war with partial effort.

Typical of the sluggish attitude is the small fact that although OPM called upon industry and labor to work through the New Year holiday, OPM itself closed down for the day. If keeping industry going

on New Year's Day meant 50 more airplanes, it ought to have meant something more than that to the total defense effort to have OPM working that day. The attitude reflected in this is that there is plenty of time.

That has been much of the trouble here. There was always plenty of time. Now there is no more time to build nice plants. Existing plants must be put to work. Machinery may have to be taken from one plant to another.

In England some civilian industries have been pooled so that one company produces the whole supply of kitchen brooms, for instance, apportioning the various trademarks to its goods to protect the competitors whose plants have been taken for war work. We may be compelled to shift machinery from one plant to another. The whole economy must be treated as one unit.

F. D. R. Has Power to Act

PERHAPS A ministry of supply will have to be set up. The idea has strong backing in Washington. It would operate as a central agency having full responsibility for procurement and planning of production.

Strong opposition exists to taking procurement from the Army and Navy. Possibly a compromise can be reached so that although leaving procurement services in the Army and Navy, the supply ministry will undertake to build them up, as Donald Nelson earlier rebuilt the Army Quartermaster Corps to take advantage of modern merchandise purchasing methods which he learned as the chief buyer for Sears, Roebuck.

Mr. Roosevelt has power under the new legislation to revamp the shambles of the defense agencies into an effective supply agency or ministry. The dissatisfaction with the present situation is so widespread that he may be compelled to act.

He was on the point of setting up a one-man agency last summer. He had his plan and he had his man. But somehow it was scuttled and SPAB appeared as a compromise.

The other night, when I gave my Christmas party for the start of the Office of Civilian Defense, we had a film called "Joe Smith—American," which everyone seemed to enjoy very much, and which is also timely to show.

At this same party, two South American artists gave us a delightful performance. One, Miss Maria Ines Gomez-Carrillo, a very young Argentine pianist, played beautifully and then danced for us. She is here on a fellowship from her government to give concerts in this country. Since she is so young, I wish she could perform at many of our colleges.

Madame Olga Braguer Coelho of Brazil, gave us a program of songs, sung to her guitar, which she plays remarkably. Many of you have heard her over the radio, but watching her adds enormously to the pleasure of her performance.

Finally, one of our own composers, Mr. Earl Robinson, sang some modern folk songs and some of his own compositions, which was a fitting climax. I only hope that all my guests had as good a time as I did.

Today was proclaimed a day of prayer, so the President and I, with all our guests, went to Christ Church in Alexandria, Va., where Washington's pew is still pointed out. Then we went on to Mt. Vernon, where the Prime Minister laid a wreath on George Washington's tomb.

My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—It was a very small party which gathered here last night. Unlike other years, we had no children with us and, knowing we could not reach them all by telephone, we contented ourselves with sending telegrams. Some of them went out into space, with very little idea of when or where they would be received.

For the past several years, Bishop Atwood and the Rev. Endicott Peabody have dined with us on New Year's Eve whenever they were in Washington, and we had a few other friends. The President's annual toast to the United States meant more to everyone of us than ever before.

This morning, Prime Minister Churchill and our English visitors returned to us. Hard work will begin again on the military and production problems, for we are still in the first period of this war and must make the maximum contribution possible in our preparations.

A few nights ago, we saw here the two-reel defense film called "Main Street on the March," which I think should be widely circulated.