

## SPAIN IS HUNGRY AND RESENTFUL

### German Seizures of Food

May Lead to Revolt Against Franco.

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PANAMA CITY, R. P. (Via Stratoclipper).—Under the crushing yoke of German domination, the people of Spain are suffering so much from hunger, persecution and repression that a revolt against the present regime of Franco and Serrano Suner is expected "any moment."

German and Italian seizures of food produced in Spain or imported from South America have caused intense hunger through the entire country, especially in the industrial areas.

Unemployment is acute.

Morale was never lower.

Girls as young as 14 have been driven to prostitution from near-starvation.

#### Executions Common

Mass executions are common. Invasion by the democracies would be welcomed by the Spaniards as a whole.

In brief, Spain faces "an extremely critical situation."

Germany has become the directing power behind the Spanish government and the result is a state of misery, discontent and hatred.

This picture of Spain today has been obtained by your correspondent from a resident of Panama whom I know and trust. I have been privileged to see a letter sent from Rio de Janeiro by a recent arrival from Spain. This informant has had unusual opportunities for observing the new order in Spain and the report may be accepted as a faithful and authentic account.

#### Main Points Summarized

For reasons that are wholly obvious I cannot reveal the identity of the letter-writer nor the recipient. The arm of Axis reprisal is long and forceful.

In summary, the following main points are emphasized about the Spanish situation:

1. Widespread food shortage because practically all food products shipped to Spain from South America, particularly from Argentina, are being loaded on other ships and sent to Germany and Italy or moved in camouflaged trucks across the border into France.

2. German domination of the Spanish Government is apparent.

3. The entry of Spain as an active participant against the democracies is not anticipated by the people in general. But some observers in Spain feel that the country will be thrown into the war whenever it pleases Germany although Franco is against it.

4. Coastwise shipping is being operated by Germans sailing under the Spanish flag.

5. Germany and Italy have fortified the Canary Islands, as well as Morocco, with gun batteries every 50 meters along the coastline.

6. The people of Spain would welcome an invasion by the allies and a majority would side with the invaders.

#### Morale Is Low

7. There is little work to be obtained anywhere in Spain and little desire to work.

8. Hatred against Germany and the present Spanish regime increases daily.

Again and again, the informant describes the unprecedented low stage of morale among the Spaniards and the seething desire for revolt. Driven to desperation by hunger, disillusioned with the Franco regime and bitterly resentful of what the Axis is doing to them, the people are ready for violence. Many cherish hopes of a democratic victory over the Axis and, with it, the fall of the Falangista Party.

The plight of the little people is particularly severe, although the middle class is being struck economically as never before. Coffee is now a luxury and so are sugar, soap and oil.

#### Flight of Girls Pitiful

Despite severe punishment, prostitution is widespread and in many cities (particularly Barcelona) bands of "teen-age girls, some as young as 14 and 15, roam the streets, half mad from hunger. Women lawbreakers have their heads shaved or are thrown in overcrowded jails, where persecution and execution are the order of the day.

"I tell you," says the informant, "that the morale of the Spanish people is so low that we may expect a revolt at any moment. The situation in Spain is extremely critical."

## Y. M. C. A. Campaign for New Members Is Launched; Its Part in Making Nation Fit to Fight Is Emphasized

By LESTER POSVAR

THE Y. M. C. A. really started its membership campaign, which is in full swing today, when a young man named Anderson tried to join the Army Air Corps several months ago.

The Army rejected young Anderson (his first name has been lost to posterity) because he was underweight and almost flat-chested. At first he brooded over his disappointment, and his physical condition. Then he decided to do something about the situation. He went to the Y. M. C. A., arranged to take exercises in the gymnasium.

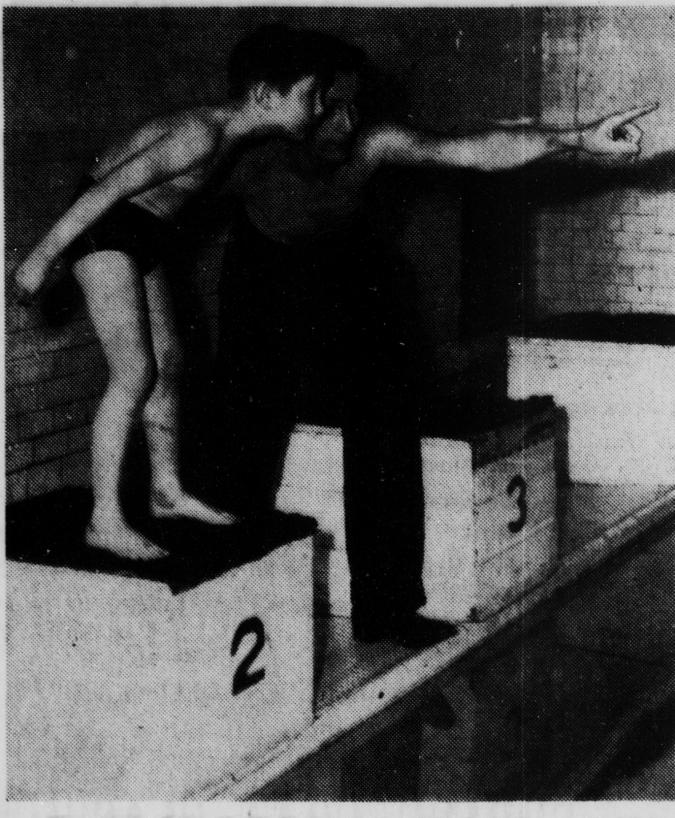
After five weeks of regular visits to the gym he increased his weight 13 pounds and he added an inch and half to his chest expansion. He went back to the Army, and the doctors found him in tip-top shape for fighting in an airplane.

Thus was won the first battle of the membership campaign, organized on military lines, in which the war cry is:

**KEEP FIT . . . Physically, Mentally, Spiritually . . . FOR ANY SERVICE.**

Officially, the campaign got under way last night at an "officers' mess" in one of the dining rooms at the "Y." The "generals" of the 11 divisions outlined their strategy for using most effectively the 5500 members of the Y. M. C. A. in Indianapolis to "recruit" or "re-enlist" 1274

The Young Men's Christian As-



The spirit of the Y. M. C. A. . . An older boy shows a "cub" how to get into the swim of life. . . The older boy is Jack Bingham, 19, aquatic instructor. The "cub" is 6-year-old Frederick Arnold Shels.

sociation proudly puts emphasis on the word "Christian" in its name. The words "young" and "men" are used to suggest that a man is as young as he feels. Boys as young as 9 can join, and men as old as 90 might join, too. The membership is divided into two groups, according to ages. Men past 18 comprise the senior department; boys between 9 and 18 make the junior department.

Life is said to begin at 40, and by that token nine Indianapolis men who have belonged to the Y. M. C. A. for four decades or more could say they're really living as "young Christian men."

James M. Ogden, the attorney, is the "dean" of the Y. M. C. A. members in Indianapolis. He has been a member for 53 years. He will be 72 next April 5. Since he joined the Y. M. C. A. at the age

of 18 he has served it in numerous capacities, including the chairmanship of the Personnel Board during the First World War, and as president and a member of the board of directors between 1920 and 1926.

Edgar H. Evans, chairman of the board of directors of the Acme-Evans Co., also has been a member of the Y. M. C. A. for more than half a century. Since he joined 51 years ago he has served the "Y" as a director, and also as president from 1926 to 1933.

Other "old timers" with membership dating back at least 40 years are:

Dr. Bertram Weakley, 48 years; J. T. Van Zant, 45 years; Edwin H. Forry, 44 years; C. J. Sherman and Edward Kepner, 42 years, and Archer C. Sinclair, 41 years.

## LANDIS STUDIES CHANGES IN OCD

Mrs. Roosevelt's Status Is

Still Undecided; Senate

May Hear Her.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (U.P.)—Director James M. Landis today said he was studying plans for a complete reorganization of the Office of Civilian Defense.

One of the major questions considered is whether the Division of Physical Fitness—in which the dancer, Mayris Chaney, friend of Mrs. Roosevelt, is employed—may be transferred to some other agency.

Mrs. Roosevelt is reorganizing the Civilian Participation Division, which she heads. Whether she will remain with OCD is a matter which only Mrs. Roosevelt could decide at present, said Mr. Landis, who yesterday succeeded Mayor La Guardia of New York, who resigned.

#### Defends Douglas' Job

Mr. Landis defended the appointment of motion picture actor Melvyn Douglas, asserting that he made the appointment himself after deciding a plan for the "funneling" of entertainment talent was desirable.

Citing sugar-rationing as an example, Mr. Landis explained that entertainers might well be used to bring home to people the necessity of abiding by the ration.

He explained his views on the functions of OCD as revolving primarily around the task of "preparing this country against the danger of physical attack."

"During the last few weeks I have had the task of overhauling the functions of this office," he said. I have two principles in mind:

#### Stresses Blackout Import

"Each person must have a clear and definite function."

"Every person must be qualified to perform that function."

Mr. Landis listed adequate development of blackout procedure as an essential so that "we may be prepared to obscure a city in 30 minutes." Also, he added, there must be a plan developed for the evacuation of critical areas.

Landis continues to deluge Congress condemning the OCD, and especially Mrs. Roosevelt's part. A move to give air raid protection to the War Department failed when the first \$100,000,000 OCD appropriation was authorized recently, but many Congressmen believe the case for such a step has been made stronger.

Meantime two Senate committees expressed willingness to hear Mrs. Roosevelt's views.

## G. O. P. MEETING JILTS WILLKIE

Not Listed as a Speaker, Apparently Not Invited To Lincoln Fete.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Rep. Raymond S. Springer and former Senator James E. Watson of Indiana will speak at the annual national Lincoln Day Republican dinner here tonight.

But so far as could be learned, Wendell L. Willkie not only was not asked to speak but wasn't even invited to attend.

Rep. Springer, who twice was the G. O. P. nominee for Governor in Indiana, is chairman of the committee in charge and will be the toastmaster. That old time Republican orator, Senator Watson, who represented Indiana in the Senate for several decades, will make the speech on "Lincoln." But the broadcast speech over the NBC blue network will be by Alfred M. Landon, former Kansas Governor, who was the party's Presidential nominee in 1936.

Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr., Mid-North Leader, Republican National Chairman, and Willkie campaign manager, also will talk.

#### Sponsored by Women

"I don't know whether Mr. Willkie was invited or not," Rep. Springer said today. "But I know that Governor Landon was chosen for the principal speaker from the start."

Rep. Springer is on the committee to meet Governor Landon. The event is under the auspices of the League of Republican Women headed by Mrs. Dolly Gann.

The banquet at the Mayflower is \$5 a plate. Doris Doe of the Metropolitan Opera Co. and a Negro quartet from Howard University will sing. There will be orchestra music.

## S. SIDERS PUSH FIGHT ON DUMPS

Residents Carry Demand to Close Grounds to Park Board.

The fight to rid the South Side of insatiable dumps was renewed by a group of residents before the Park Board today.

Previously, the same group of South Side residents appeared before the Works Board and the Health Board in efforts to improve living conditions in that area.

A delegation led by Mrs. Myrtle Buehl, 1900 S. Meridian St., today asked the Park Board to co-operate with the campaign and to consider converting present dumping grounds at Regent St. and Bluff Road into a park and playground.

#### Promise Park Action

Park Board members said they had no authority to close the dumping grounds but promised to consider action toward establishment of a park when the dumps are eliminated.

The delegation charged that the Health Board had put up "No Dumping" signs but that the next day the signs were removed by Works Board employees. The Works Board three weeks ago set a hearing for next Friday to determine whether permits held by operators of the dumps should be revoked.

Officials of all City departments concerned indicated that if the dumps are closed by the Works Board, steps may be taken to fill in the trash holes and proceed to convert them into parks.

## ALL'S WELL NOW IN DEFENSE MIXUP

The appointment of a physical fitness director for the Indiana Defense Council hit a temporary snag yesterday, but today wound up with the Shakespearean twist, "All's Well That Ends Well."

No sooner had Frank S. Stafford, assistant chief of the State Health Board physical education bureau, been named to the post than State Defense Director Clarence A. Jackson received a call from W. H. (Billy) Thom, Indiana University wrestling coach.

Coach Thom said he was under the impression that he had been appointed State physical fitness director by Austin Bishop, University of Pennsylvania grappler mentor, who is national civilian physical fitness director for the Office of Civilian Defense.

Mr. Jackson explained to Coach Thom that the mixup arose out of a misunderstanding of State powers in the defense set-up. Coach Thom said he understood and would be glad to co-operate with Mr. Stafford.

Mr. Stafford said he was particularly anxious to have Coach Thom's co-operation.

That seemed to settle the matter.

#### LANDON TO SEE FDR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (U.P.)—Alfred M. Landon, former Governor of Kansas and unsuccessful Republican opponent of President Roosevelt in 1936, will confer with Mr. Roosevelt at the White House this afternoon. The White House did not disclose the purpose of the meeting.

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## 29 NAMED INTERNEES AT MEDICAL CENTER

Twenty-four Indiana University School of Medicine graduates and five from other schools have been appointed internees at the Indiana University Medical Center.

Appointments become effective July 1 and are for one year. The appointees will serve at Long, Cole- man and Riley Hospitals.

Indiana U. appointees are Jack Richard Hall, Alexander J. Kahn, Walter Duane Jones, John H. Mader, Theodore F. Schlaegel Jr., Helen VanVacter and Julius B. Wohlfeld, all of Indianapolis; Wallace E. Bash, Warsaw; Margaret Ann Bassett, Thorntown; Mary Helen Beall, Rushville; Pauline Detraz, Vevay; Thomas L. Dittmer, Kouts; George E. Godersky, South Bend; Louis Shoff Godersky, Flora; Edgar A. Hawk, New Palestine; C. Jules Herter, Columbia City; Joe H. Jewitt, Carmel; James C. Karterjohn, Floyds Knobs; Forrest Riley LaFollette, New Salisbury; John K. McBane, Fortville; Emile Ravidin, Evansville; James R. Roth, Boonville; Andrew Salm, East Gary, and Maurice E. Synder, Liberty.

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