

British and Germans Do It, So OWI Lavishes Propaganda

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rectly to short-wave listeners, 600 for rebroadcast by medium wave from England, Algiers, Tunis, Bari, Palermo and Brazzaville.

The propaganda powerhouse operates directly or indirectly every U. S. short-wave transmitter and is building more.

It goes daily around the clock, and 600,000 words swirl out in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German, Finnish, Polish, Hungarian, Arabic, Afrikaans—in 26 languages, altogether.

In addition, 100,000 words of daily cable-wireless material is sent through commercial and government facilities to OWI outpost bureaus in foreign capitals for distribution on the spot to local newspapers and radio stations.

The OWI has run head-on into British control of international communications and has suffered in delays and transmission costs.

Sometimes Worthless

Sometimes this material has reached the outposts so late as to be worthless; sometimes it has gone into the wastebasket because it wasn't what the outposts wanted in the first place.

To Algiers in February we sent 808,000 words; to Beirut, 155,000; Baghdad, 32,000; Berne, 61,000; Brazzaville, 81,000; Chungking, 109,000; Istanbul, 170,000; Kabul, 56,000; Sydney, 83,000, and so on.

It costs real money to pipe this overseas. Press-rate cable casts to London are 5 cents a word, for example. In January, 181,000 words went that way, compared to 49,000 which went by government facilities, where costs are small. That's a \$9000 cable bill for one outlet in a month.

The OWI's own dot-dash wireless is used to Algiers. It costs 2 cents a word to get the OWI output from London to Berne, Stockholm or Bombay; 4 cents from London to Istanbul or Moscow. It costs nearly 10 cents a word to Chungking by cable.

Only Canada, in the British Empire, permits any American interest to copy its own wireless transmissions; of the 1½ cents a word we pay for direct commercial wireless to South Africa, for example, 1 cent goes to the South African government. Ironically, South African parliament members are on the OWI handout list there.

All this is on current news, reshaped by OWI from the commercial news wires. Then there's a big feature desk.

Let an OWI man report from

Egypt that the police force is to be reorganized and the OWI feature section here will whip them up some essays on U. S. police forces.

It would do the same thing for a Middle East country thinking about community child care, soil erosion or whatever.

Religion, labor, the Negro, books, sports—whatever it is, Elmer Davis' boys and girls are good for a few hundred or a few thousand words. The feature desk's February output went to 503,000 words.

And movies. At a cost of \$7500 each, the OWI will make 40 to 50 shorts this year.

Some typical subjects are "Swedes in America," showing the "harmonious blend of peoples of all nations which make up the U. S. A.," another called "Oswego" dramatizes the united nation's spirit in "warm, sympathetic, human terms" of a small town. Another centers about a cowboy and cattle raising, another deals with small city life.

The OWI is a determined outfit. On the chance that people may not see its movie, "Autobiography of a Jeep," it makes a transcription on the same theme for playing over foreign radio stations. So with the big inch pipeline and other subjects.

Lead-mining in Missouri is good for a movie, and so are Victory gardening, women in defense plants and the Garand rifle.

Aren't Hack Pictures

These aren't hack pictures; they're probably as well turned out technically as Hollywood could do them. But always there is raised the question: How much has it to do with fighting a war?

Still pictures go out of New York OWI offices at a 3000-a-day clip. It's a fair wager you couldn't even locate some of the places receiving them—Jidda, Noumea, Godthaab, Funchal, Kabul, Tananarive, London. And to many well-known world capitals, of course. Often they're made into plastic cuts for newspaper reproduction and are supposed to be making warm friends for America.

Radio pictures are beamed around the world in 37 transmissions daily. Film strips are made up for China (there the record indicates effective propaganda work). Elaborate photographic sets telling the stories of the dairy, sheep and lumber industries, rural electrification and the like are part of the OWI grist.

And this is only part of it.

NEXT—America's propaganda line, how it is established and what it comprises.

SCHRICKER ASKS ACTION ON LAWS

G. O. P. Expected to Ignore
All But Ballots for
Soldiers.

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6 to 9 p. m. for the convenience of war workers.

The state guard act should be reenacted. The '43 legislature overlooked the statutory limitation on the state guard law, March 15, 1943, and failed to renew it. The guard is now operating under executive order.

The tax laws should be amended to permit the taxing by the state of the \$24,600,000 worth of Defense Plant Corp. property. The DPC is now paying taxes under voluntary agreement although the law technically does not permit it.

Discusses Taxes

A measure should be passed to permit investment of governmental funds in U. S. bonds. Such a measure almost passed both houses during the '43 session. Under present law only a few state funds can be used to buy war bonds.

Consideration should be given to post-war needs of Indiana's state institutions, the need for a new state office building and the need for more housing facilities on the War War memorial plaza.

A measure should be passed to permit cities to levy taxes to create a post-war reserve.

Taxpayers should be given as much relief as possible. This could be done by eliminating the 7-cent state tax rate for school aid, thus saving the property taxpayers approximately \$2,600,000 annually.

Cites Faulty Acts

The governor said that if the legislature deemed it inadvisable to slash off the 7-cent rate, he would recommend to the state board of finance that the state "substantially" increased the amount of teacher tuition payments, thus enabling the local units to cut down on the taxes they must levy for school purposes.

The governor pointed out that the money lost from slashing the tax rate could be made up from gross income tax revenues. He estimated the balance in the state general fund would exceed \$36,000,000 at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1944.

Governor Schricker said that if the legislature deemed it expedient to broaden the scope of its activities he believed it should consider correction of faulty legislation passed

by the '43 session, otherwise the corrections could wait until the '45 session which meets next January.

Among the '43 laws in which there are technical faults are the central counting law, the act pertaining to transfer tuition for school children in hospitals for tuberculosis treatment, the army board law, and the administrative council law and the school attendance officer act.

It was on the ignoring of the request of the Indiana Municipal league for passage of a law permitting the levy of taxes for post-war reserves that the G. O. P. legislature was "catching the most heat" today.

Most of the mayors, a majority of whom are Republicans, were very irritated.

"Any Republican mayor who would contact a meeting like that one would be thrown out of office next day," commented Mayor Vincent Youke of Crown Point, secretary of the league, following yesterday's G. O. P. caucus at which it was decided to confine the session to soldier legislation only.

The governor himself added coals to the fire, as far as the Republican leaders were concerned, by supporting wholeheartedly in his message the mayors' request.

"Twenty-one states, I am reliably advised, have enacted laws which authorize municipalities to set up such reserve funds for future replacements," the governor said.

"Can't Wait"

"Similar action under sound economic principles, would recommend itself at this extraordinary session. We cannot wait for something to happen. Mass unemployment will undermine the economic conditions of the country."

"Millions of men now in the armed forces and in munition plants will be looking for other types of employment. Ordinary prudence, supported by a vivid recollection, ought to translate our extensive planning into stern and unrelenting action. To me the handwriting is clear enough."

"The choice lies between public works and a public dole. It is either full steam ahead or final repudiation and economic disaster. An adequate reserve fund now may well bridge the chasm of want and disorder during the reconstruction period."

State Senator John VanNess (R. Valparaiso) was elected president pro tem of the senate unanimously by Republican senators today. He succeeds Thurman Biddinger of Marion who has entered the navy.

Names Staff

Miss Beverly Bever, Connorsville, was elected postmistress of the senate and Leo Scharfin, Indianapolis, was elected principal senate door-keeper at the opening session.

The senate passed a resolution memorializing the late Senator Thomas Conroy (D. Gary) who died shortly after the '43 session.

Forty-six members of the senate and 94 members of the house were present at the opening session. Full membership is 50 and 100 respectively.

STETTINIUS MEETS EDEN

LONDON, April 11 (U. P.).—Edward R. Stettinius Jr., U. S. under-secretary of state, conferred with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today.

On the War Fronts

(April 11, 1944)

RUSSIA—"Dunkirk" evacuation attempt smashed by Russians at Odessa; drive into the Crimea starts.

AIR WAR—Strong American bomber formations strike deep into Germany, Berlin radio reports, following night raids by 800 B. A. F. bombers on French and Belgian railroad junctions.

ITALY—Allied bombers strike at rail and sea lines supplying German armies in southern Italy while allied ground forces repulse small attacks on Anzio beach-head.

PACIFIC—Allied ground forces continue campaign against 40,000 Japanese troops fleeing to north end of New Britain while airman continue attacks on Japanese bases in Central and Southwest Pacific.

TEACHERS INDORSE VIRGINIA KINNAIRD

The Indiana State Federation of Public School Teachers announced today it had endorsed Miss Virginia Kinnaird, of the social studies department, Central high school of Ft. Wayne, for the office of state superintendent of public instruction.

Miss Kinnaird is a member of the federation, past president, now president of the Indiana State Teachers association and a member of the Indiana state board of education.

An action committee composed of Thelma Ballard, Marion; Margaret Eskew, Chandler; Nelle H. Perrin, president of the Terre Haute teachers federation; C. O. Pauley, Valparaiso, and Sherman Pressler, president of the Ft. Wayne Teachers association, has been appointed to promote this candidacy.

3D WARD G.O.P. CLUB TO OPEN THURSDAY

Third ward Republicans formally will open their headquarters, 1903 College ave., at 8 p. m. Thursday with Homer E. Capehart, U. S. senatorial candidate, in attendance.

Other special guests will include Henry E. Ostrom, county chairman; Mrs. Agnes Todd, county vice chairman, and county candidates.

George Noble, R. E. Hinman, James Chappell, Frank R. Beckwith, O. J. Worrell, Morris Rominger, H. P. Foxworthy, Arthur Plasse, Earl Buck, Ben Thompson, W. R. Beard, M. D. Johnson, D. C. Freeman and Mrs. Rosiland Woolen are in charge of arrangements.

Reception plans and refreshments are under Mesdames Nellie Stringer, R. E. Hinman, Hilda R. Garing, Marie Johnson, Morris Rominger, Roscoe R. Mills, Harriet Clark, Miss Ethel Smith and Miss Maude Nelson.

Elmer Johnson is chairman of the ward and Mrs. Jesse Travis, vice chairman.

M'ARTHUR TESTED IN ILLINOIS TODAY

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There were no contestants on the Democratic ticket.

Preferences shown by the voters in the Illinois primary are merely advisory and not binding upon the delegates to the national conventions.

A complete absence of contests on

the Democratic ticket and a scarcity of competition on the G. O. P. ballot were expected to hold the vote to less than 50 per cent of the 4,104,937 registered voters.

OMAHA, Neb., April 11 (U. P.).—With Wendell L. Willkie out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination, Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen had an opportunity today to pick up 15 delegates to the G. O. P. national convention in the Nebraska preferential primary.

Two full slates of delegates were entered on the Republican ticket,

one pledged to vote for the former governor of Minnesota on the first ballot only, and the other pledged to favor son Governor Dwight Griswold.

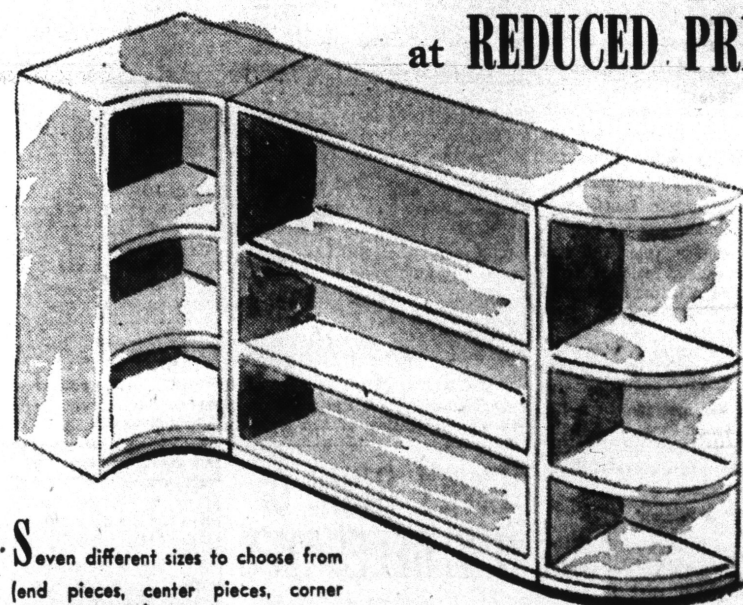
Interest in the primary decreased with the withdrawal of Willkie last Wednesday but Stassen's supporters weren't overlooking any bets and kept campaigning for the former governor, now on duty with the Pacific fleet, right up until the last minute.

"We don't want to let down and lose what we've got already," one of Stassen's supporters said.



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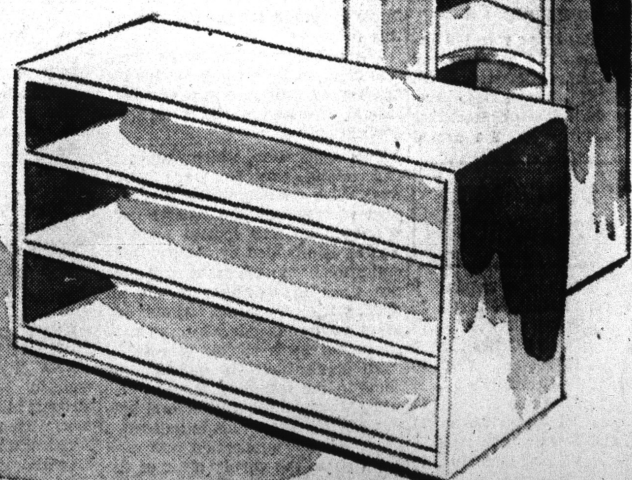
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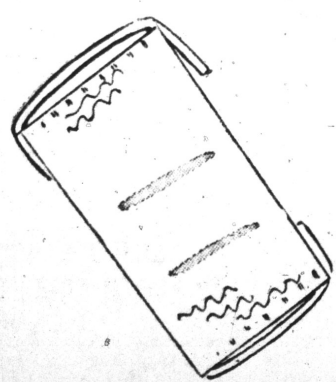
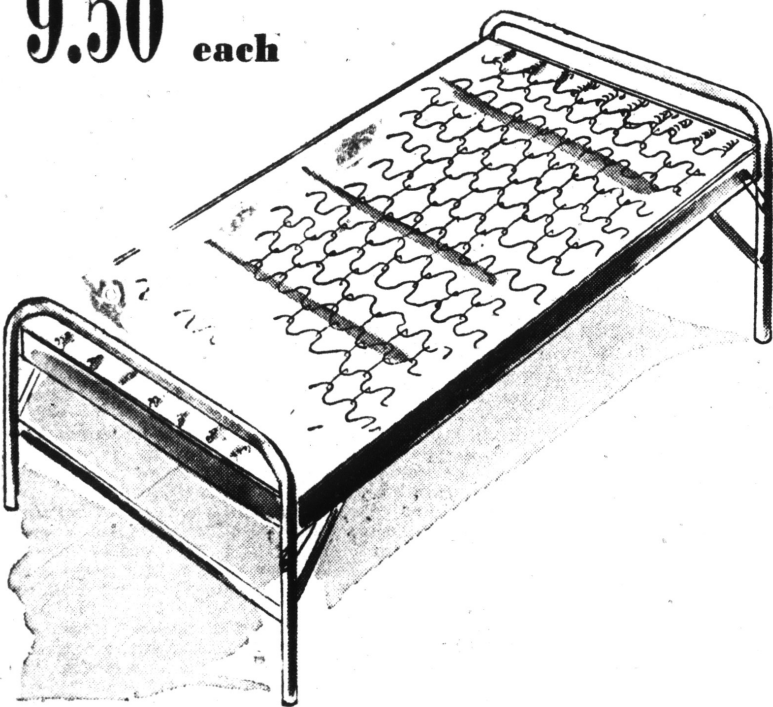


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