

Report Russ Promote Polish-Czech 'Ruhr'

Goal of 100 Million Tons of Coal
And 10 Million Tons of Steel Hinted

A "second Ruhr," which would serve as the arsenal of the iron curtain countries, is being built up around the powerful industries of Polish Silesia and Czechoslovakia, reliable eastern European sources said at London today.

It was reported that the Polish-Czech center would ultimately produce 100 million tons of coal and 10 million tons of steel in addition to electric power and machinery.

Russia was understood to be one of the chief promoters.

Twenty joint industrial enterprises were planned on either Polish or Czech territory, including a giant joint steel plant.

It was agreed that a joint power station would be constructed at Dwory, near the former Oswiecim concentration camp in Poland. Czechoslovakia would provide 50 per cent of the

cost with heavy turbines, boilers, generators, transformers and heavy industrial equipment. Poland would build the plant and provide some of the equipment, including high tension switch boards.

China

Economic experts at Nanking believed today that China's new currency will give the country relief from inflation for at least three months.

Observers doubted that the measures represented a "cure-all" for China's economic ills. However, American sources praised the government's "realistic" effort to help itself. China recently failed to obtain an American loan to back a new currency issue.

With the banks closed, wholesale business and other large-scale transactions came to a complete standstill throughout China. The government is

account books, safes and vaults for inspection.

Soviet Russia

Withdrawal of Russian Consul General Jacob S. Lomakin's credentials means that he is "persona non grata"—no longer acceptable to this government as a Soviet representative.

There is a precedent for reinstatement after a consular official's "exequatur," or credentials, have been revoked. But no reinstatement was in the cards for Mr. Lomakin.

In 1907, the United States revoked the exequatur of the Swedish vice consul at St. Louis because of the "impertinent and offensive character" of a letter he sent to President Theodore Roosevelt.

After he apologized in a letter to the President and made certain explanations, he was reinstated and the U. S. again recognized him.

Zanzibar The Aga Khan, Indian potentate who is believed to be the

world's richest man, was seriously ill today at Nairobi.

He became ill during a visit to Zanzibar. His temperature was 103 degrees. Physicians expressed some fears regarding his condition.

Greeks Rout Foes
In Grammos Area

ATHENS, Aug. 20 (UP)—The offensive by Greek government troops against guerrillas in the Grammos Mountains of northwest Greece has ended in complete success, Premier Themistoklis Sofoulis said today.

Coincident with the victory announcement, intelligence reports said Gen. Markos Vafeades was regrouping his forces near Lake Malia in Albania.

These reports said he already had obtained a handful of villages for use as supply depots and troop staging areas.

The guerrillas also have been reinforcing the Visti region in north central Greece.

Plan Mock Air
Attack on London90 B-29's to Lead
British-U. S. Armada

LONDON, Aug. 20 (UP)—A British-American air armada, spearheaded by some 90 B-29s, will stage a mock air attack on London Sept. 3 in what military leaders consider a reasonable facsimile of the start of World War III, the air ministry announced today.

The four-day war games, which will begin on the ninth anniversary of Britain's declaration of war against Germany, have been more than a year in the making.

The games will start with a heavy bomber attack against London in which American Superfortresses will simulate the attacking fleet, aided by hundreds of Royal Air Force planes.

The defensive force will include all of Britain's first line fighter squadrons, aided by Britain's radar network, anti-aircraft units and civil defense forces as ordered by the home office.

PROCLAIMS HOME WEEK—Governor Gates was the first governor of the nation to proclaim Sept. 5 to 11 as National Home Week. Watching the proclamation in the making are (left to right) Fred L. Palmer, chairman of the Indianapolis National Home Week Committee; Elmer E. Meadley, executive secretary of the Marion County Residential Building, local sponsor, and J. Frank Cantwell, member of National Home Week committee.

DEAN TO ATTEND PARLEY—Dr. J. Hartt Walsh, Butler University's new dean of the College of Education, will attend the National Conference of Professors of Education Administration Aug. 29-Sept. 4 at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Civic Officials
To Meet Here

Mayors and other officials of 500 cities and towns in Indiana will convene here next Wednesday and Thursday to discuss critical municipal financing problems.

It will be the annual state convention of the Indiana Municipal League which has booked a long list of experts to speak on city government.

League Secretary Vincent Youkey said most of the two-day convention will be devoted to problems "which have brought Indiana cities to the brink of bankruptcy."

Critical finance problems have resulted from increasing operating costs far beyond the income from property taxes and other revenues.

Mayor Fred L. Folk of Garrett, oldest city chief in years of service, will give the keynote address and two candidates for Governor, Henry F. Schreiber, Democrat, and Hobart Creighton, Republican, will deliver principal addresses.

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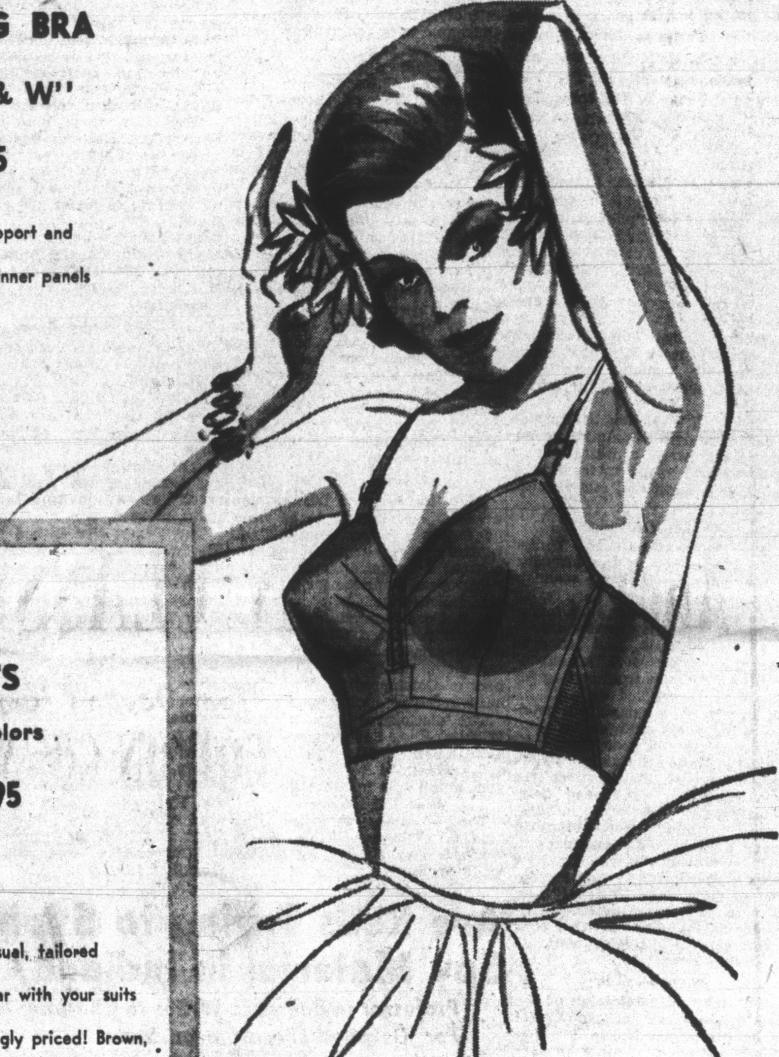
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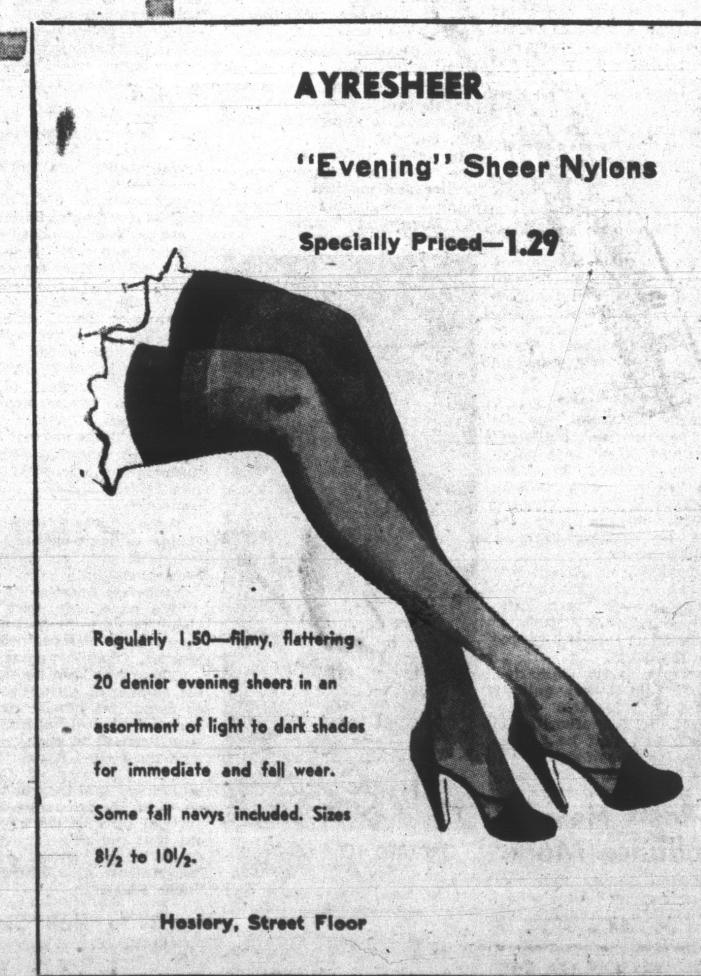
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