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GUFFEY VS. LEWIS

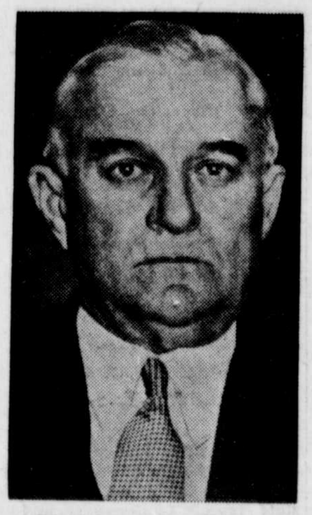
Sen. Joe Guffey scored a double victory in his decisive renomination vote. The Pennsylvania New Dealer not only defeated his opponent, Pittsburgh Oilman Walter Jones, but also handed a thorough licking to John L. Lewis.

This little-known fact was one of the most significant features of the election.

Before the primary, Guffey and the C. I. O. chief were on closest terms. Guffey sponsored the United Mine Workers' bituminous coal regulation act, and in 1938 unhesitatingly went out on a political limb for Lewis by supporting his candidate for governor over the bitter protests of most of the other Pennsylvania Democratic leaders.

If Guffey had ducked that fight he could have avoided personal trouble this year. But when he went to Lewis for help in the tough primary battle, John L. turned him down cold.

Only a few insiders know it, but the dramatic rebuff took place a few weeks before the election in Lewis' paneled, high-ceilinged private office. Guffey explained that



SENATOR GUFFEY—His victory was a licking for John L. Lewis.

he was up against a very serious situation and needed help badly. Lewis shook his head.

"We can't do anything for you, Joe," he said.

"But why not? You put up plenty of money for Tom Kennedy (Lewis' gubernatorial candidate) two years ago."

"Yes, but we've got a new by-law now," replied Lewis. "We're not contributing in primaries."

Chief reason for Lewis' coldness was Guffey's advocacy of a third term for Roosevelt. Guffey is a strong third termer and ran on that platform while Jones, who before he became a candidate had declared against a third term, pussy-footed on the issue.

Note—Director of Guffey's successful campaign was Dr. Luther Harr, former Pennsylvania university professor of economics, now an executive of the pro-New Deal Philadelphia Record and city treasurer of Philadelphia. Harr is slated to replace State Democratic Chairman Dave Lawrence, who although put in office by Guffey, backed Jones.

Scandinavian Desk.

One of the busiest men in the state department is the expert who follows the tragic fate of Finland, Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

He is Hugh Cumming Jr., son of the former surgeon general of the United States, and one of Secretary Hull's abler assistants.

The state department's system of keeping in touch is to divide the world into different areas, assigning an expert to study each area. Thus there is the European division, the Far Eastern division, the Latin American division, and so on.

Cumming has charge of the Scandinavian desk in the European division, and last summer was far-sighted enough to take a trip through these countries. It was the last time he could have found their territory intact.

The minute Cumming came back from his Scandinavian tour, things began to break. His desk shows it. So do the maps strewn over his tables.

He picks up the telephone. "Yes, Mr. Minister . . . Yes, sir, our latest reports indicate . . ." and he gives the diplomat a fill-in on the latest news. Already Cumming has a new map of Finland which shows its revised borders. He is wondering what will happen to other maps on the wall.

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POLITICAL CHAFF

Democratic politicos are getting a big kick out of one Republican claim. Mayor William Fallon of St. Paul proclaims that he brought the New Deal's food stamp plan to the city and that it will be withdrawn unless he is returned to office . . One of the casualties in the recent Nebraska primary was Charles Bryan, brother of the late William Jennings Bryan, who tried for a political comeback by running for congress. He was governor of Nebraska for several terms.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY ROGER SHAW

Nazis Solidify Norwegian Gains As Fierce Fighting Is Reported; Britain Claims Sinking 30 Ships

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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II GERMAN WAR:
Nordic Phase

And still the Nordics fought among themselves up north — Norsemen, Germans, English, Anglo-Canadians and an occasional Norman peasant from Quebec. As some of the smoke and propaganda clouds lifted a bit, interesting news items revealed themselves to the American public. The Germans had captured Oslo, Norse capital, with an air-wafted force of 2,000 men. They had captured Narvik with a few hundred men. They had taken Bergen, second city of Norway, with a corporal's guard of 100. They had occupied Trondheim without firing a shot. So much for expert Trojan horsemanship.

It appeared, further, that many of the English troops dumped from the transports into Norway, were ill-equipped "territorial" militia, or half-trained regulars, without proper aerial support, heavy artillery, tanks, or even automatic rifles. The Germans facing them, had plenty of good, new automatic weapons, air bombers and fighters, anti-aircraft, tanks, and considerable knowledge of the Norwegian language. Accord-

ADMIRAL LINDSTROM
"Promises" made his nation shaky.

ing to the military critics, the German leadership and staff work, too, seemed superior. As the German invaders worked their militant way along portions of the Swedish frontier, Sweden recoiled in terror, although German "promises" offered to soothe them. German "promises" make shaky Swedes.

Under leadership of Admiral Lindstrom, Sweden's small but powerful navy is being tuned to full wartime strength.

Sea Losses

London claimed the loss of 30 German ships in two weeks: most of them troop transports. Four, said England, were captured; the rest were destroyed. Sinking transports is always a hideous process, and English sources reported 3,000 German bodies washed ashore on the eastern rocks of Oslo inlet. In the Skaggerak, the usually optimistic French reported the sinking of a couple of German patrol boats, at the hands of a flotilla of Gallic destroyers. Rumors from Berlin—and elsewhere — continued to whisper that more than half of England's 15 big capital warships were down or out.

But the English countered with the announcement of five coming new sea mammoths, an effort to fill up the decimated ranks. These water monsters would be payed for out of the coming fiscal year's budget of $9,000,000,000, including sales tax, "for the sake of victory." Excluding marines, sailors, deck hands, and flyers, England announced that its armed and armored man-total was now 2,000,000.

Norse Notations

Two Norse flyers stole a big German seaplane, painted out its insignia crosses, and flew it to England, where they joined the royal air force. The incident shows the evils of drink: the Nazi pilots had been beering.

C. J. Hambro, president of the Norwegian parliament, issued a statement that his country has definite proof that Germany planned its invasion of Norway for months. He also said that the night before the invasion a German whaling boat, crowded with hidden troops and supplies, sailed into the port of Narvik—flying the American flag.

Enterprising German troops, dropped by parachute behind the Norse lines, eddied down to earth carrying collapsible bicycles, machine-guns, radio-transmitting sets, cameras, saws, other tools, and gas-welding equipment.

President Roosevelt recognized officially the still undeclared Nordic war, and put Norway, like other belligerents, on a strictly cash-and-carry basis. Germany set up a puppet government in German-occupied Norway, modelled on that of German-occupied Czecho-Moravia-Slovakia.

HAIL COLUMBIA:
III Term

It looked more than ever like a Third Term effort by the White House white father. The President let out tentative plans for a three-weeks junket around the country in June, to counteract the Republican national convention at Philadelphia that month. Some of the political railbirds thought that Franklin would keep the Populus Americanus guessing until the very opening of the Democratic convention, at Chicago, in mid-July. Anti-duodecimals continued to yammer loudly against the President's seeming indecision. Pro-Rooses smiled sagely. Republican Publisher Frank Gannett of Rochester, N. Y., declared that four more Rooseveltian years might spell some great national calamity. Mr. Gannett seemed to indicate that there was a fiery Trojan Horse (of purest Norse breed) in the White House back-room. But Democratic Senator Guffey was renominated in Pennsylvania—on the ticket of a man who was a totalitarian for Roosevelt.

Taussig Tempest

Rear Admiral Joe Taussig, assistant chief of American naval operations, stuck his neck out, when he testified on the navy expansion bill to a senatorial committee. He said we needed badly an independent China; that we better fight Japan with the help of England, France and Holland; and added that it would be, strictly, a naval war—as the Yankee buffalo and the Nippon whale could hardly get at one another by land.

Everybody scrambled around disavowing Mr. Taussig, "Cromwell" of the navy department. Secretary Hull, Secretary Edison, admirals, and "burocrats" all talked in worried, unhappy circles. Senator Clark of Missouri suggested a court-martial, to the open approval of masses of plain American citizens.

Japanese spokesmen took the incident with remarkable tact and good manners, considering that they are often labeled as Far Eastern "Prussians." They merely reminded their public that this was a Yan-

MISSOURI'S SENATOR CLARK
He suggested a court-martial.

kee election year, with plenty of "free" talk—to which they were too polite to add "cheap." Nevertheless, in service circles, Mr. Taussig ("would he were tongue-tied") is considered a good man.

PROPAGANDA:
Anglo & Teuto

The Germans brought out still another propaganda job (White Book), to prove that the English had issued orders the first week in April, to seize Norse strategic points. According to the "plan," Norse defense against England, was to be phoney. Anglo-Norse "connivance" was the keynote of this masterpiece, ceremoniously distributed to the faithful, and to the press.

The London press tried turning on the pessimistic faucet, to explain Norse reverses, and English trimmings in Norway. The newspapers told their readers it would be a long, hard war up north, and appealed primarily—a clever propaganda dodge in England—to native Briton bulldoggery. On Germans, French, and Americans, this type of gloom-spreading has been proved disastrous; in Russia, as in England, it works!

It's a strange fact, but Americans know more about their war than Europeans themselves.

SUPREME COURT:
Pro-Picketeering

The nine, not-so-old any more, men stood up for labor again. They ruled as unconstitutional the anti-picketing legislation of Alabama and California, and said that free discussion of laborite lapses was a basic part of democratic government. Roosevelt-appointed Justice Murphy, now a "sophomore" on the court, wrote the opinions. Justice McReynolds, Wilson-appointed, hardly popular at any time, dissented.

First Out

When the Germans invaded Norway, Captain W. A. McHale, skipper of the American freighter Mormacsea, was warned that if he left the harbor of Trondheim, he was "on his own responsibility" because of the naval warfare in the North sea. Nevertheless he sailed and is pictured here as he arrived safely in New York—his boat being the first to reach the United States from the Scandinavian war zone since the outbreak of hostilities there.

YANKEE OGPU:
Doctor Dies

A sensational New York subway worker, and union leader, told the Dies committee that reds, on the up-and-up in labor organizations, were all set to shut down industry and public services, and to tie up Manhattan, while they practiced with firearms in gun clubs. Lots of people seemed much impressed by all this. Others decried the testimony, and its talkative source.

Another witness declared that Mervyn Rathborne, president of the American Communications association, was a dangerous red. Roosevelt had put him on the board of the National Youth administration, and Mrs. Roosevelt had praised him in her news column. This witness said that 150 red radio men, on U. S. ships, planned to tie up the whole Yankee marine in case of war. Here was another thrill.

An ex-communist said he feared a red general strike, and a second American civil war. Mr. Dies, himself, feared Trojan Horsemanship; but Mrs. Roosevelt, perhaps better informed in these matters, said Americans had better be calm. Mr. Dies and Mrs. R. are not keen about one another. Dies also feared herds of red and brown Trojan Horses, grazing allegedly on the pampas, if any, of Mexico.

NAMES
in the news . . .

Premier Mackenzie King of Canada, on a vacation junket in Dixie, visited **President Roosevelt** at Warm Springs, Ga., and **John D. Rockefeller Jr.** at the magnificent colonial restoration job in Williamsburg, Va. The premier also sight-saw and chatter-boxed in Washington, where he is well liked, and even better known.

Handsome **Sir Anthony Eden**, almost forgotten, welcomed a "rough" gang of "ready" Newfoundlanders to England. They came to join up, but unlike the spruce Canadians, had no uniforms. They will serve as loggers, trawlers, gunners, and flyers. Eden made much of them, the tactful young Apollo now being dominions secretary, in the **Chamberlain-Churchill** cabinet.

Tom Dewey's loyal New York office reported that the demon district prosecutor had been away from his office only 17 days out of the last 66½. Anti-Dewbirds (as the breed is called) replied that, anyway, the bright young man got around much too much for his age. Meanwhile, Dewey was golfing in Colorado Springs.

Since the Germans took over unhappy Denmark, Iceland has become virtually independent. **Bertil E. Kuniholm,** a U. S. foreign service officer, now becomes our consul-general in this new "nation" of 100,000 people. **Stefan Joh Stefansson,** Icelandic trade commissioner in New York, becomes consul-general, here in America, for his historic island home, till lately a Danish dominion. Iceland is about the size of Scotland; has the world's oldest parliament. Meanwhile, **Lawrence Steinhardt,** U. S. ambassador to Russia, left the Soviets for America, on a two-month vacation. Critics wondered whether this was a "tactful" way to call home our top-nuncio from that red Moscow.

Capt. J. W. Reeges, U. S. N., was chosen first commander of our new naval aircraft-carrier, Wasp. The Wasp is nearly 15,000 tons, and carries about 1,000 men. This is the sixth ship, named Wasp, in the history of the American navy.

Gov. **Arthur James,** Republican governor of Pennsylvania, told Indiana editors that idle men and idle money might drive a desperate **President Roosevelt** into that Second German war. Pa's favorite son stressed "peace and jobs"; **Lenin,** in 1917, stressed a platform of "peace and land."

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

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MUZZLED BY NAVY

A retired naval officer has been ordered by the navy department to cease giving lectures on the war. An officer on the retired list is in a peculiar status. Having been disabled in service he is removed from active duty and not subject to orders in the usual sense. He gets, for life, what looks like three-quarters pay. Actually counting lost allowances, it is about half pay. Whether the navy department can legally muzzle him is a doubtful question.

Yet the navy doesn't shush up some retired officers who do not say acceptable things. The outstanding case is Smedley Butler. He has called his erstwhile marine employment the instrument of a racket.

The difference is that an obscure little lieutenant-commander (retired) could be sunk without a trace while a double medal of honor major-general super showman with a national reputation, a picturesque vocabulary and a voice like a foghorn—"old augur-eye" or "old gimlet-nose" or whatever "old" it is—

REAR ADMIRAL TAUSSIG—His voice is being "shushed" by the navy.

couldn't be sunk at all without a splash that would raise the tides on all the seven seas.

In times of peace, I can't see why there should be any shushing at all. Nine-tenths of this military secrecy business is the bunk. I was glad to read of Admiral Taussig's testimony, that the reason for the navy's insistence on fortifying Guam and increasing naval estimates at a cost of more than a billion is that we've got to fight Japan.

For this purpose, he wants to establish an "impregnable base in the Philippines" (which is not possible) "fortify the Island of Guam to make its capture impossible" (which is equally absurd) "and make an alliance with Great Britain, France and the Netherlands that will insure cooperation in the maintenance of the status quo in the area to the southward of Formosa."

The navy didn't attempt to shush Admiral Taussig. It merely said that his opinion was his own and contrary to its views.

But the navy is asking for exactly what Taussig is defending. It concedes that it wants to fortify Guam "to stabilize the political situation in the Far East."

Admiral Taussig was simply more explicit. He wants to check Japanese expansion in Asia and Malaysia which he says is "under way at present with the subjugation of China, the Philippines, Netherlands Indies, French Indo-China and Malaya are to be taken over in due course of time. Russia is to be driven westward of Lake Baikai."

It is a fair interpretation of the rest of the admiral's testimony that we have to fight a naval war with Japan to prevent all this and must get ready now.

I don't agree with Admiral Taussig. If we are to engage our strength and effort on distant and indefensible objectives half way across the world, we shall be duck soup for enemies much closer to our shores. We have no bone buried in Asia. But it is a wonderful thing to know that he could speak and did speak his mind.

It is unfair to the army, the navy and the country to tell them to prepare for war and not tell them what war—how, when and where. What is the foreign political, military and naval policy of the United States? That is our most important question. It needs to be debated and explored, and as to its military and naval aspects, professional military and naval men know the limitations. For the present at least, let's not shush any of them.

Sen. Bennett Clark wants to court martial Admiral Taussig for saying that naval preparedness plans are aimed at checking Japan in Asia and Malaysia. My esteemed columnar colleague, Raymond Clapper, writes: "The function of the armed forces is to carry out policy and not to make it." This is 100 per cent right. "We depend on military and naval officers to advise us as to the preparedness measures we should take for the national safety or to maintain given policies." O. K. as a theory, but it doesn't mean a thing in our practices.

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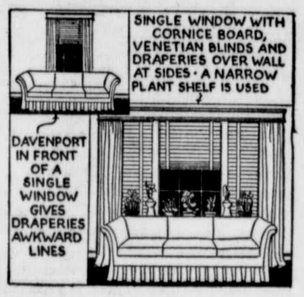
Venetian Blinds to Simulate Windows

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

HAVE you ever tried placing your davenport on the side of the room where there was a single window? You probably found that it did not look well, because the back was just high enough to give the draperies an awkward cut-off appearance, as shown in the upper sketch. The lower sketch shows how a friend of mine solved this problem, and changed her living room that had seemed hopeless, into an attractive, cheerful place.

There are no windows under those lowered blinds. A painted box-like cornice board was made



about 2 feet longer than the davenport and was fastened to the top of the frame of the one window. The venetian blinds and the rods for the draperies were fastened inside this. A narrow shelf for plants just the length of the davenport back was fastened securely to the window sill. The flowers increase the illusion that there are three windows and add a cheerful note of color.

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