WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS By Edward C. Wayne

Halifax Named British Envoy to U. S. As Eden Gets Foreign Minister Post; U. S. Defense Set-Up Revised in Effort To Speed Up Industrial Production

(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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SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND—A "Pioneer" squad is shown marching to work after a night raid on a Midlands town. The duty of these men is to clean up the debris and make roads passable. They also demolish parts of buildings left standing by the bombs but which might constitute a hazard. Often they work right through the raid while bombs drop.

BOSS:
Becomes Servant

Selection of Viscount Halifax as British ambassador to the United States was a case of the boss becoming the servant and vice versa, for Anthony Eden was named as most likely candidate for succession to Halifax's post as foreign secretary.

Halifax left the cabinet, the last of the Chamberlain appeasement crew, a man for whose scalp the British anti-Chamberlainites had howled for months without success.

Viscount Halifax

Washington conceded the great ability of the new ambassador, and predicted success for him here, while admitting that American public opinion at the outset might recall his appeasement tactics before Munich.

It was announced that Britain might add the post of minister to its staff in Washington. Both ambassador and minister had been the custom in Britain's Paris office, but hitherto Washington has had only an ambassador.

Just what Eden has been up to in Egypt and the near East has never been made clear, but it must have been successful, because observers pointed to the fact that B. E. (before Eden) things had been at a standstill in the eastern Mediterranean sector, and after Anthony arrived on the scene, of a sudden the British rose up, pelted the Fascists, and sailed them way back into Libya.

The British effort against the Dodecanese islands also was crowned with a great deal of success, and Eden is believed to have had a finger in that pie as well.

So now he is to be brought back as foreign minister from his present post as secretary for war, and this will be odd, for he will go back into a job he held under Chamberlain, and which he vacated because he openly expressed himself as out of sympathy with the then premier's appeasement policy.

SECONDS:
In the Ring

Italy was not, perhaps, knocked out of the war by England-Greece, but her seconds, at any rate, jumped into the ring. Presence of large numbers of German troops was confirmed in many quarters.

Purpose of these was a bit dubious, but consensus was that some would be used in actual fighting in the Battle of Greece and the Battle of Africa, and that others would be employed to bolster home morale.

Germany, in admitting official aid to Italy, let it be known that Axis partners must stand together, and that in sending aid to Il Duce's tottering armies Germany was but repaying aid sent to her by Italy in the form of "hundreds of pilots and planes for cross-Channel bombing."

It was too early for the general effect of these reinforcements to be noted in the war reports. British mechanized forces, backed by naval guns from the Mediterranean and by naval and army planes from overhead, pushed on rapidly into Libya.

The fall of Salum forced an entry into Italian territory, and the British, using the German tactics of the fight through Flanders, shot ahead down the coastal roads 175 miles within the border, completely surrounding and cutting off some 20,000 troops in Bardia, principal port.

Bardia was placed in a state of seige, and the British main forces after leaving sufficient men to prosecute the reduction of Bardia, later to be reinforced from the rear, pushed on toward Tobruk and Derna.

Marshal Graziani and his main forces were still able to keep ahead of the British, but the latter claimed enormous numbers of prisoners, killed and wounded Italians, totaling around 30,000, great booty, all accomplished with a British loss of only 1,000.

Just where the Germans would enter the picture in the Battle of Africa was not clear, with the British naval forces apparently in charge of the coastline and unmolested, and the better ports either in British hands or under siege.

CLAUSE SIX:
And National Defense

When President Roosevelt wants to do something drastic and final and something that has not been done before, he has a system all his own.

He calls his legal advisers in, tells them what he wants to do, and then has them find a law for it.

He has created a new job, called the Office for Emergency Production Management, and put into it William S. Knudsen, wizard automobile production man, with instructions that he is to be the "czar" for U. S. defense, and all lights extending before him will be green lights.

Knudsen took the job (which he almost had before the new order) grabbed his new authority, and told America to "roll up its sleeves and go to work" building planes and munitions.

"There must be no appeasement," he said, and he called the war in Europe "irreconcilable" in character, and asked the nation to "recognize the full gravity of the crisis" which resulted in additional power being given to his organization.

One writer said that, seven months ago, when Knudsen was given the defense chairmanship, he gave that funny half-smile of his and asked President Roosevelt "who's the boss?" The President said "I am." And Knudsen took the job, it was said with misgivings.

These misgivings have been more than justified in the defense industry lag. Now, it is held, Mr. Roosevelt has said to Mr. Knudsen, in effect, "I was wrong before. Now you are the boss!" And now Knudsen will go ahead with full authority.

As to Clause Six, and the part it played, some of the Washingtonians questioned the President's authority to give Knudsen supreme power. He pointed to the Second Reorganization act. Now, that act did not give the President this power specifically, but acting under its authority the President issued an executive order (which he WAS empowered to do).

Clause Six of this order read:

"(6) In the event of a national emergency, or threat of a national emergency, (the President may create) such office for emergency management as the President shall determine."

HIGHLIGHTS . . . *in the week's news*

A few years ago America was overbuilt and real estate was going begging. Today a housing shortage is one of the bottlenecks of defense industry. Here are a few reports:

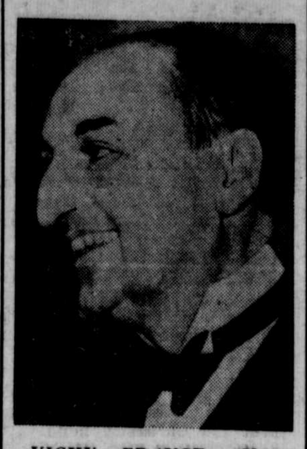
Seattle (plane center) reports "this time next year they'll be sleeping in tents."

Rock Island, Ill., (arsenal) has an acute shortage of housing.

BERMUDA—The British have taken from the SS Excambion Oscar R. Stabler, 35, the ship's barber, a German-born naturalized American citizen.

MALTA—Prince Philip of Greece is first member of the royal family to join the British armed forces. He's 19 and has been assigned to active duty on a battleship.

He Said 'No'



VICHY, FRANCE.—Shown here is Fernand Di Brinon, French ambassador in German-occupied Paris, who acting under orders of the French Chief-of-State Philippe Petain, delivered to the Germans, France's refusal to make any changes in the French cabinet or to take back the ousted Pierre Laval.

TRENDS

AIRPLANES—At San Diego, Consolidated Aircraft corporation announced a $14,000,000 building project doubling its present capacity.

WINE — At Livermore, Calif., Schenley Import corporation gave impetus to the American wine industry by purchasing the Cresta Blanca Wine company.

PRODUCTION—At Washington, the Federal Reserve board reported that during November industrial production hit a record high, 132 per cent of the 1935-39 average.

ARMS—At Washington, British officials completed a master list of $3,000,000,000 in new war orders to be placed in the U. S., including 12,000 combat planes.

GREEK:
Aims Revised

The Greek war cry of "Tirana by Christmas" had to be revised, when Italian resistance stiffened, and the skirted Evzones had to fight ahead every inch of the way at bayonet point.

Whether it was German reinforcement or not was not clear, but as the Italians neared the hopping off places they fought harder and the Greek advance, while continuing steady, was not as spectacular.

The Greeks reminded one of a football team nearing the goal-line and meeting a stiffened defense. Enormously important objectives had been achieved, however, Pogradetz on the north and Argirocastro on the south, Porto Edda and other vital points having fallen into their hands.

Maps showed a good third of Albania taken back from the Italian invaders. Immediate objectives were the port town of Valona, and the inland bases of Tepelini and Chimara.

Greek generals claimed the Italians had moved out of Klisura, but that the Greeks were not entering the town until the Fascists had been stormed from their positions on the heights to the rear.

Former Greek army officers now in the United States placed utmost importance on the conquest of Tepelini, an important road junction point. They stated categorically that if the Greeks capture Tepelini, further Italian resistance in Albania would be impossible.

On the other side, experienced military men pointed out that beyond Tepelini and toward the coast line the Albanian plains, and it was in this territory that the Fascists' mechanized forces, especially if aided by German tanks and dive bombers, might succeed in halting the Greek advance.

The British fleet boldly ranged up and down Italy's private Adriatic, bombing Valona with thousand-pound naval shells and receiving no answering fire. The outcome still was in doubt, though dispatches continued to favor Greece.

HOOVER:
Speaks Again

Herbert Hoover, announcing himself as definitely and forever out of politics, took the speaker's stand again to appeal for a general U. S. sentiment in favor of making plans to feed Europe's hungry—without letting any of the food get into German stomachs.

The former hero of Belgian relief told the people he believed this could be accomplished, but that it would not be the work of a week or a month—but would require months of planning before it could be carried out.

Millions of men, women and children in the overrun countries of Europe will be facing real hunger, cold and starvation before the next harvest, and if lives are to be saved, said Hoover, America must do the saving.

Hoover's statement as to the imminence of starvation went unchallenged, and news dispatches from Shanghai, for instance, told of 12,900 bodies being found, dead from starvation, more than two-thirds of them Chinese children, in six months alone in the one city.

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

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FARM TRENDS

The hearings of the special house committee investigating farm migrancy, under the chairmanship of California's kindly Rep. John Tolan, deserve a lot more attention than they have received.

Leading experts have disclosed some extremely significant facts concerning agricultural trends that are affecting the lives of millions and the future of the United States. Yet Tolan has had a tough time keeping his committee going.

Lack of public interest due to the European war has played into the hands of elements who oppose doing anything drastic about the migrant problem, among them the California Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Farmers.

Prof. Paul S. Taylor of the University of California told the committee of three significant trends:

1. Rapid enlargement of farms under a single operator. In a survey last summer in the Middle West he found one 9,000-acre grain and live stock farm in Ohio. At the same time, 25,000 tenant farmers were unable to obtain farms.

2. Spread of farm management services for absentee owners, such as business men. Already there are several professional societies of men in this field.

3. Wholesale elimination of farm labor through mechanization which is rapidly changing the traditional American concept of the family-sized corn belt farm.

"Our ancestors of three generations ago," Taylor warned, "found the solution for their goal of independent working farmers, secure on the land, in the land reform clauses of the Homestead act. Today the march of mechanization and other economic forces have produced dependence and insecurity on the land for our generation. Stern necessity compels us to find our way to maintain independence and security among those who work the soil."

Note— One of the most interesting trends reported by Professor Taylor was that the acquisition of farms is now a "rage" among business men, who in several midwestern cities are holding weekly "farmer luncheons" to hear talks by farm management experts. According to Taylor, the business men take up farming partly as a substitute for golf and partly "as a safe place to invest funds."

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DEFENSE HOUSING

Defense Commissioner William Knudsen's frank admission of lagging plane production wasn't the only sour situation he could have tagged. Another is defense housing.

This is a real muddle. Although congress voted $290,000,000 five months ago to provide housing for new workers in the defense industries, not one shovel of dirt has yet been turned on a single project.

Housing for civilian workers on army and navy reservation and arsenals is progressing satisfactorily. Several projects begun last summer by the U. S. Housing authority for defense employees in Pensacola, Fla., and Montgomery, Ala., are nearly finished. Several RFC-financed private undertakings also are well under way. But that is all.

In other areas, thousands of defense workers in private plants are being forced to crowd their families into unsanitary quarters, pay exorbitant rents, or live miles away from their jobs, in tents, shacks and other makeshifts. Meanwhile, the money congress appropriated to house them is lying unused.

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DIES BLACKLISTED

Rep. Martin Dies, who has done a lot of blacklisting, has himself been put on a blacklist.

He has been barred from taking out any books from the Washington public library because of refusal to pay a fine of 80 cents for keeping books beyond the two-weeks period. The wordy Texan withdrew "They Shall Not Want" and "I Went to Pitt College," and the library had a very difficult time getting the books back.

After repeated requests Dies finally returned them. But he refused to pay the small fine imposed, at the rate of two cents a day, for his tardiness. Making no exception to its rules, the library thereupon placed him on its blacklist until he pays up.

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ON THE DISTAFF SIDE

Sen. Hattie Caraway has received a letter from a man back in Arkansas which says, "Dear Miss Hattie, I want to be in the Secret Service. Please send me gun, badge, and handcuffs by return mail. I know something!"

Mrs. Caraway is an expert in making white fudge with walnuts.

Mrs. Mary Norton of New Jersey drives around Washington in a car with New Jersey license number 13. Her chauffeur is Lucile McDonagh, who is niece, clerk, and chauffeur.

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CAPITAL CHAFF

Navy brasshats often are peeved at the views of independent-minded Rep. Melvin Maas, war flier and ranking member of the house naval affairs committee. But they respect his ability. When the navy wanted a congressional expert to make an inspection tour of its aviation training stations, Maas was picked.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears

IT WAS a bride of ten years who reminded me of blanket protectors. I say bride because her home still has the immaculate freshness of a bride's house. Her wool blankets have never been washed or cleaned, yet their soft light colorings show no sign of soil. She brought out some long pieces of cotton material; "I baste these over the tops of the blankets," she said "and change them every few weeks."

I thought of some dainty bed linens that I had seen all trimmed in flower sprigged cotton print. Why not make flowered blanket protectors to harmonize with blanket colorings? Here is one that would go with either rose or blue. It is easy to hide basting stitches that fasten it temporarily to the blanket by slipping them along in the pink or blue binding as shown.

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Two or three minutes after you have started your gas or electric oven, open the door for a second or two, to let out the damp air. The oven will then heat in a much shorter time.

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Finger tips of gloves mend much easier if a thimble is slipped into the finger to be mended.

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