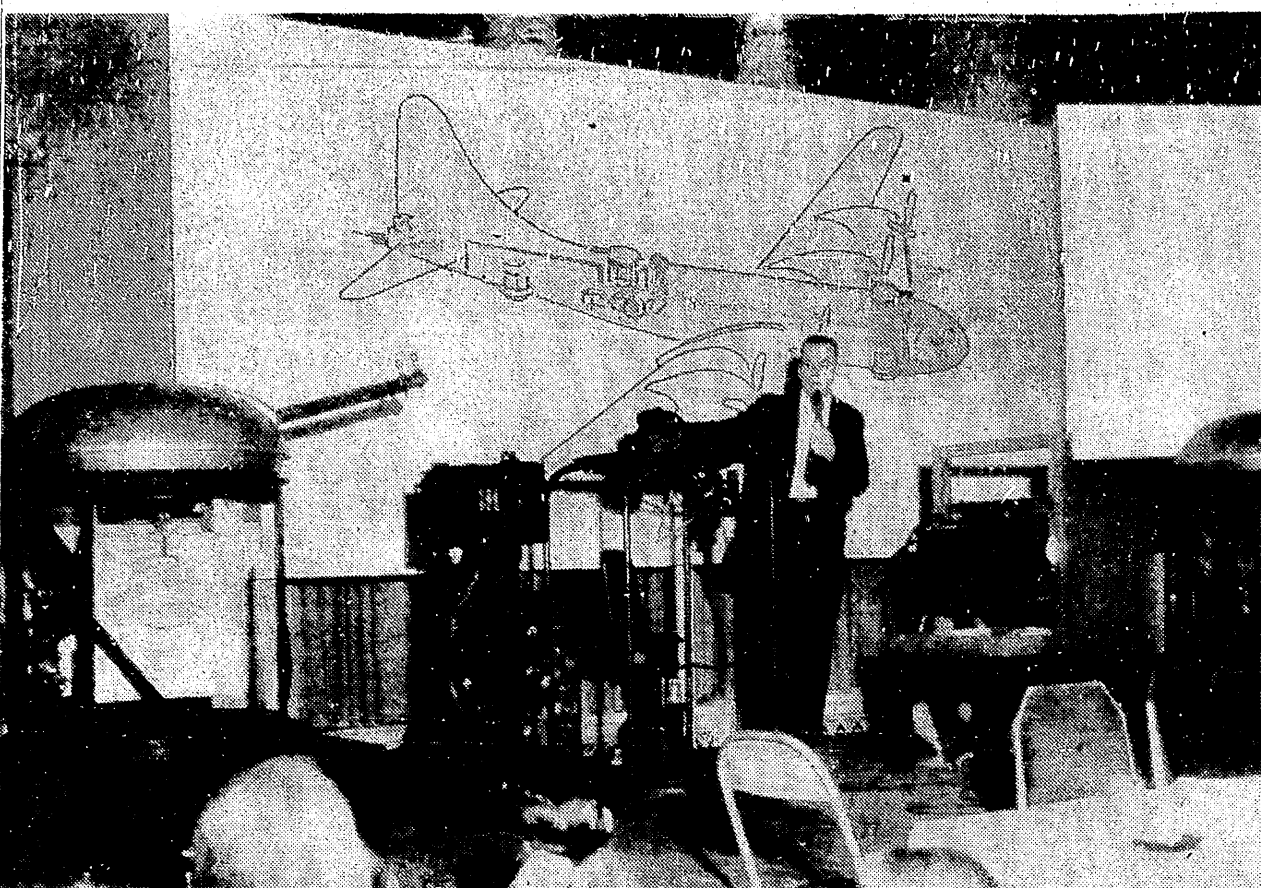


### NAZI WINGS CLIPPED



NEAR WEISWEILER, GERMANY—After his plane was shot down by Allied anti-aircraft gunners, this German pilot was captured by Americans. He has been strafing Yank position.—A. P. wirephoto from United States Army Signal Corps.

### THINKING APPARATUS OF SUPERFORTRESS



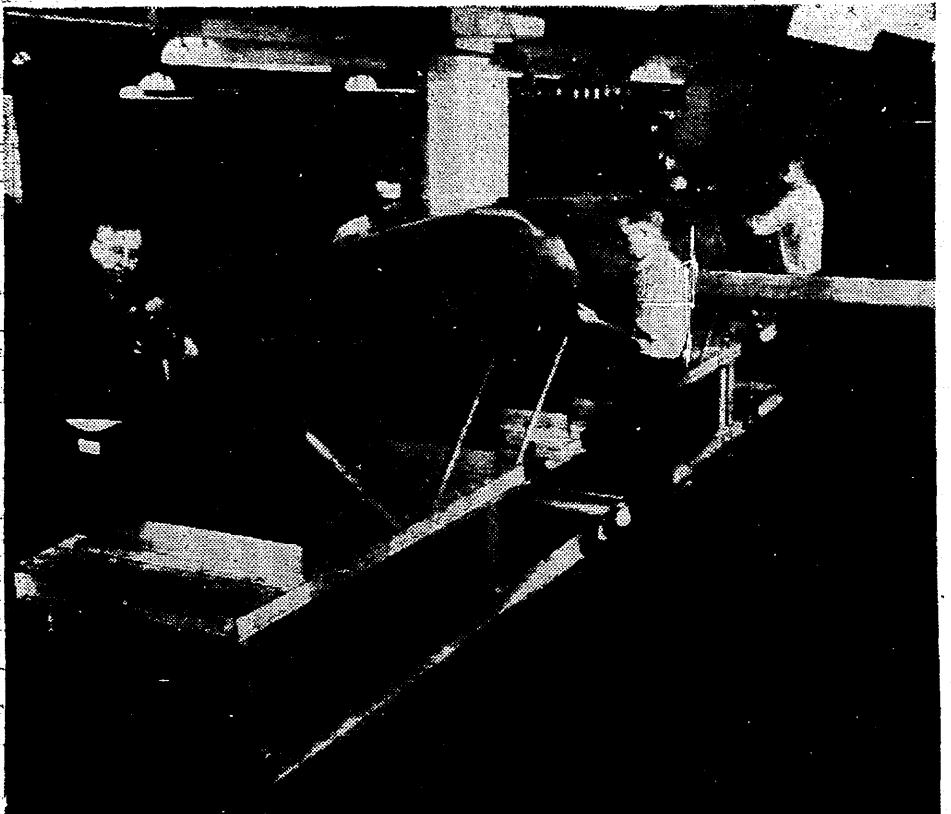
IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY—B. R. Prentice, of the aeronautical and marine division of the General Electric Company, explains the Superfortress' electronic control station fire control system through which shooting and turret control is handled by remote control. Gunners control the firing mechanism by merely pressing buttons. The station at center is the operating point for twin 50-caliber machine guns in turrets at either end of the photo. The demonstration was at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.—A. P. wirephoto.

### YOUNG MAN OF CAIRO



IN CHICAGO YESTERDAY—Mrs. Constantine W. Shaw holds her young son who was born in Cairo, Egypt, while Sergeant Shaw, the father, looks on. The trio had just arrived from Cairo. Sergeant Shaw met and married Theodora Marie Lyras while stationed with the American Army in Egypt.—A. P. wirephoto.

### U. S. ANSWER TO NAZI ROBOT BOMB



IN TOLEDO, OHIO—Workmen make final adjustments to the American counterpart of the German V-1 robot bomb at the Toledo plant of Willys-Overland Motors, where mass production of the missile has begun. The 27-foot-long jet-propelled bomb is completed at the Toledo plant except for engine and steering controls.—A. P. wirephoto made public today.

### CONGRESS WAITS 'ZOMBIES' WILL OUTLAST CRISIS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Fingers crossed, Congress looked hopefully to the White House today for speedy action on a controversial bill freezing the social-security payroll tax at 1 per cent. If President Roosevelt vetoes the measure in the face of thumping Senate and House majorities, legislators hope he will do it without undue delay, so they can vote on overriding and still get home for Christmas. After the bill reaches his desk, the President has ten days in which to sign or veto it, not counting Sunday. If he fails to act within that limit, the bill becomes law provided Congress hasn't adjourned. In that case he could kill it, if he chose, by doing nothing. Lawmakers who want to prevent an otherwise automatic doubling of the tax January 1 are prepared, if necessary, to recess over Christmas and come back just before the new session begins January 3. A two-thirds vote is required to override a veto. The Senate ran up considerably better than that ratio yesterday when it approved the measure, 47 to 19. The House vote was even larger—262 to 72 on last Saturday's roll call.

### 'ZOMBIES' WILL OUTLAST CRISIS

By JAMES C. LEARY  
Chicago Daily News Foreign Service  
OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—When Canada's conscription crisis is over in a few more days—there will still be the "zombies." That is one reason why the ordinary citizen here, busy with his military or war job, now looks at the whole fuss as a political one and even gets a laugh out of it. "The politicians painted themselves into a corner early in the war," said one bombardier just back from Europe, "and now they've plenty of trouble on their hands. They should have faced conscription immediately. The show in Commons is just their way of getting out of it." The "show" still is going on, after two weeks, with neither figures getting into the record. Expectations are that Prime Minister Mackenzie King will get the vote of confidence he has demanded. A Tragic Figure And then, as his opponents point out, he still will have "zombies." A "zombie" in Canada is a man drafted into the home defense army for service only in Canada, who has refused to "go active" or sign up for general service, including overseas. He is a complex and tragic figure. When Canada entered the war, it was on the promise of every political leader that there would be no overseas conscription. Behind that is the fact that Quebec, the French-speaking province of the bilingual nation, has been alterably opposed to conscription for the past 50 years, and Quebec has 65 per cent of the 245 seats in Commons, held mostly by King's Liberal followers. But after the fall of France and Pearl Harbor, seeing the danger of invasion from both coasts, King held a plebiscite in which the voters released him from his pledge and got a law permitting a draft but for service in Canada only. Since 1942, nearly 150,000 men have passed through the draft system. Forty-two thousand of these have volunteered for overseas. Deducting discharged and medical-limitation men, there remain another 42,000 fit for infantry service. These are the "zombies," entirely within the law and their rights, but that does them little good. The general-service men, some of them overseas for five years without home leave, scorn the "zombie," and their scorn has spread to civilians. Terms applied to the "zombie" range down to "just plain yellow." Women refuse their company and hand them white feathers. Fights follow their appearance in civilian resorts patronized by G. I. men. Civilians sneer at them in the streets and army officers damn them, even as they press them to "go active."

### AT HOME WITH NEW GUINEANS



JUNGLE WORKERS—Master Sergt. Eugene Laigo of Hazelton, Pa., tells New Guinea native laborers what to do in their own dialect of their own language, and then shows them how to do it. He works with jungle-bred guides and acts as middle man in trading between the Army and the natives. Laigo gets things straightened out, pacifies "brass hats" and indignant chiefs and makes everybody happy. Laigo is shown with a New Guinea village chief and family. The head man is Silas Wamboleole. Mrs. Wamboleole, Grandpa Wamboleole (middle, back row) and the children clustered around, and grinned into the camera.

### CHINA TO FOSTER PRIVATE EFFORT

(The following article is published with the permission of the American edition of The Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury.)  
By RANDALL GOULD  
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CHUNGKING—Decisions of the most vital importance, dealing with the future of Chinese private enterprise and foreign participation in Chinese business have just been made by the highest officials in the national government. Progressive forces have won a battle against what until about three weeks ago seemed inevitable major governmental domination of virtually the entire Chinese economic field. Now the government will content itself with the following: Mail and telegraph communications, the most important railways, hydroelectric plants, mints and arsenals. The government also will participate in other business where capital support is necessary. However, its status will be that of an ordinary shareholder without special controls, monopolistic position or tax exemptions. Even inland-waterway navigation may still be open to foreign concerns, subject to treaty negotiations. One high pro-American government official described the outcome as "the defeat of Chinese economic die-hards." Others pointed out that these latest decisions reverse the recent trend toward government operation and monopoly, also the extreme nationalist economic policies which were noticeable just before the outbreak of the war with Japan early in 1937. Formal announcement of the detailed decisions probably will be forthcoming in the near future, with an elucidation as to which high government organ is responsible.

### Yule Cheerless, Nazis Blubber; Forget Victims

(Editor's Note: The accompanying dispatch is published as a sample of Nazi propaganda. It will be noticed that the dispatch makes no mention of the lack of Christmas cheer in the countries ravaged by the Germans.)  
LONDON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Germany is facing its "hardest, grimmest Christmas," the German Transoceanic News Agency said last night, and for Berlin and other big cities "there is no Christmas spirit, no Christmas trees, no decorations and presents will be very rare." "The railways have to carry more important goods than Christmas trees," Transoceanic added, "although there will be some relaxation of the travel ban to permit working fathers to return home. "If anyone wants to give a present he has to part with his own things. It's not easy to buy toys. Germans have been given a half pound of meat, two eggs and a quarter pound of sweets for the children, and perhaps half a bottle of schnapps or a small bottle of wine—just to make grown-ups feel that there is a Christmas."

### Saar Basin Has 1,000 Persons To Square Mile

By Associated Press.  
The Saar district, into which the United States Third Army has penetrated, is one of three fabulously productive industrial basins from which Germany draws much of her war-making power. The others are the Ruhr and Silesia. The Saar is one of the most densely populated regions in the world—more than 1,000 persons to the square mile. In contrast, Rhode Island, the most densely populated of the 48 United States, has 667. Coal mining and steel making provide a living for possibly 90 per cent of the area's population of well over 800,000. As defined by the Treaty of Versailles and set apart from Germany at the end of the First World War, the Saar was roughly an oval district along the northern edge of the historic French-German buffer region of Alsace-Lorraine, the oval embracing the Saar River and its tributaries. Operated under the League of Nations for 15 years, the Saar was returned to Germany by a plebiscite of its predominantly German-speaking populace in 1935. Thereafter the Nazis added it to adjoining territory extending eastward to the Rhine and designated the larger political subdivision the Saarland. Saarbrücken, aptly called a "Little Pittsburgh," is a busy steel-making center with a normal population of about 130,000. It lies along the Saar River, its name meaning "Saar Bridge." Saarlautern, known to the French as Saar Louis, is the region's second city with a population of some 32,000 Sarreguemines, usually considered as lying in the Saar, actually is a French city of approximately 13,000.

### Sheriffs Map Proposals For Legislature

OLYMPIA, Dec. 9.—(AP)—County prosecutors and sheriffs went into the second day of their respective state conventions here today to map plans for tentative legislative proposals they will place before the 1945 Legislature. Frank Tamblin, Thurston County sheriff and vice president of the association, said the officers would seek elimination of the two-term limit, increase in salaries and elimination of a sheriff's responsibility for acts of deputies. Prosecutors, according to David E. Rhea, president of Port Townsend, would have justice court warrants for misdemeanors made valid anywhere in the state, and permit superior court trials without jury if agreeable to the defendant and his counsel. Jordan Stops Hartnek  
SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Al Jordan, 191 pounds, Long Beach, Calif., scored a two-round knockout last night over Paul Hartnek, 198, Omaha, Neb. Earlier in the second round Hartnek was floored for a nine-count.

### Germany Increases Plane Production

LONDON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The fighter strength of the Luftwaffe, despite heavy losses such as nearly 800 planes in November, actually is being built up, a United States Eighth Air Force staff officer said yesterday. "Nine months ago production of fighter planes was cut to about 800 a month by the systematic bombing of the main German assembly plants," he said. "But since then the Nazis have dispersed their factories, many of them underground. Their production now may be up to 1,200 planes a month. They may run out of pilots before they do fighter craft."

### Arms in Braces, Injured Flyer Masters Bach

FOR LOGAN, Colo., Dec. 9.—(AP)—It's difficult enough to punch the ivories and have Bach's "Prelude in C Minor" come out and for most people, it would be next to impossible to do it with so much as a blistered finger. But Pfc. Kenneth Swihart of Huntington, Ind., Fort Logan cadet, does it—and with both arms in braces. Until six weeks ago, Fort Logan said, he had never played at all. Private Swihart was in a B-24 when it cracked up. He reported at Fort Logan with a broken right wrist and two fractures of the left arm. He enrolled in the Army post's piano class. Under the tutelage of Corp. Ray Green, conductor-pianist, Swihart quickly learned simple scores played by pianists of several months' experience. Six weeks went by. Bach was almost second nature to the music-minded private. Tutor Green, flabbergasted, marveled: "His ability to learn musical scores is really remarkable. In fact, when the Denver Kappa Delta mothers group recently requested a concert pianist for one of their meetings, I sent Swihart with confidence in his ability to entertain. And despite the handicap of having two arms in braces, he gave a perfect rendition of Bach's 'Prelude in C Minor' after playing the piano for only six weeks."

### King's Opponents Laugh

Their plight became worse as the fighting in Europe became costly, for Canada has 90,000 volunteers in the navy, 190,000 in the air force, and 455,000 in the army. And up to a month ago, casualties totaled 58,000, including 16,000 dead and 37,000 wounded. Akinized pleas for reinforcements came from Europe. King's opponents put pressure on him. Other provinces ask if Quebec rules Canada. Finally, on November 23, King announced he would conscript 16,000 "zombies" for overseas in the next five months. That precipitated the crisis. When it is over he still will have some 26,000 of them on hand, whom he cannot discharge in fairness to the overseas men and who resent their mental tasks. His opponents register amusement. (Copyright, 1944.)

### World Peace Efforts

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican standard-bearer, stood committed today to continue his presidential campaign efforts for bipartisanship in the formation of a world peace organization. In a two-paragraph statement issued yesterday, Dewey disclosed that he and John Foster Dulles, his foreign-affairs adviser, previously had discussed "at length" Dulles' world-security talks in Washington with Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius and Republican Senate leaders. Thornton Marine Dies  
SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Carroll D. Wadell, 24 years old, a marine private from Thornton, Whitman County, Wash., died yesterday from injuries received in an automobile accident. His father, Guy L. Wadell, resides in Thornton. Pottery-making is one of the oldest forms of human industry. In Egypt it was practiced in the 20th Century B. C.

### Chinese Find No Reason to Cheer

By A. T. STEELE  
Chicago Daily News Foreign Service  
CHUNGKING, Dec. 9.—There were no exultant cheers and no cracking of fireworks in this unhappy country on the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor. The day found China with its back to the wall and undergoing, in fiercer degree than ever, an ordeal of suffering which began more than seven years ago. Nor is the end in sight. In Kweichow Province, the Japanese are pushing forward, though at a retarded pace, into a battle which may be as crucial for this country as was the Battle of Stalingrad for the Russians. The odds are overwhelmingly in favor of the invaders. The Chinese, apparently, are trying to do everything in their power to stem the onslaught. Great numbers of troops are being poured into the battle area in an attempt to neutralize by numerical superiority the Japanese advantage in armament, organization and morale. U. S. Statement Helpful  
The statement of Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of American forces in China, that the United States will not abandon its ally, "China," came as a timely and encouraging assurance in the face of misleading speculation in the United States that the recent recall of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell augured the diminution of our support to this country. There is little doubt that mutual cooperation between President Chiang Kai-shek and American military and diplomatic representatives in China is closer than at any other time since the war began. However, in China, perhaps to a greater extent than in any other Allied country, the political and military situation are closely intertwined. The two cannot be divorced. Consequently, political reform is a matter of great concern to China's military future. Encouraging progress has been made in this direction in recent weeks, although it still has a long way to go. The latest move—the appointment of T. V. Soong as acting president of the Executive Yuan (cabinet)—holds interesting possibilities. It is improbable that a man of Soong's independent disposition would have accepted this job without pretty definite assurance of being able to wield wide powers. The Executive Yuan controls all the ministries on the civil side of the government, including the Foreign Ministry. It has the power of removing and appointing government officials. It decides the main lines of domestic and foreign policy. (Copyright, 1944.)

### Mexican State Plans Postwar Improvements

MEXICALI, Mex., Dec. 9.—(AP)—A home front cultural and building program designed to give a touch of tomorrow to the Land of Manana is under way in the 90,000-square mile northern district of Baja California. The program was outlined today by General De Division Juan Felipe Rico in the first interview granted to an American newspaperman since he was appointed territorial governor of the district last August 2 by President Manuel Avila Camacho. Because war is Mexico's first consideration, some phases of the undertaking, particularly those requiring farm and road machinery, probably will not be completed until after peace. Main Points in Program  
The 52-year-old governor, who also is the three-starred commander of Mexico's Second Military Zone, said he believed the United States and Mexico found a common destiny in the mutual danger of war. After victory he is confident the two nations will emerge as the balance between European and Asiatic interests. The general summarized his program as: 1. Construction of modest but adequate schools and training of teachers to staff them. 2. Development of highways and paving of streets in Ensenada and Tijuana. 3. Construction of a bridge across the Tia Juana River between San Ysidro, Calif., and Tijuana. 4. Obtaining road and farm machinery. 5. Teaching of English to all federal officials and Mexican army officers in the Northern District. 6. Immediate halt to the narcotics traffic in the district. 7. The laying of additional water pipelines and installations of purifying systems. Would Bar Japs  
Only once in the interview did the governor emphasize that his reply to a question was his personal opinion and not an official expression. It pertained to what place, if any, the Japanese should be permitted to hold in Baja California after the war. He replied: "Ever since I became an officer I warned that the Japanese would be a menace to the Western Hemisphere. I was branded a 'Japhater.' Now events have proved me to be right. If I can prevent it, as long as I am governor, not a single Japanese will be permitted in my district. To accomplish this I shall use the same energy I used in removing 900 Japanese who were in Baja California December 7, 1941. Most of them were supposed to be fishermen." Total population of the British Empire is more than 500,000,000.

### Hoppe, Greenleaf To Battle Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Willie Hoppe, defending champion from White Plains, N. Y., and Ralph Greenleaf of Detroit clash today in the match that cues followers have been awaiting since the start of the national three-cushion billiard tourney last Sunday. It is a "must" for both since each has already lost one and cannot afford a second defeat. Welker Cochran of San Francisco and Jay Bozeman of Vallejo, Calif., went into a first place tie last night with Hoppe and Greenleaf tied for third.