

U.S. KEEPS PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY -- HE WORKS!

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The White House had a few hours off from high politics to celebrate the 59th birthday of Mr. Roosevelt. The Bakers Union sent the best cake that the finest confectioners in the country could put together.

Two thousand socialites attended the birthday-fete at New York's Waldorf Astoria, where the President's mother, 85 years of age presided over the festivities.

His wife held a luncheon party at the White House, where most of the guests were film stars. If they'd had to pay them all for this picture it would have cost the national budget. Deanna Durbin, Lana Turner and Constance Moore were in front; and there's Preston Foster at the back. The first lady prepared to cut yet another cake. There was so much of it, nobody had to start with bread and butter.

A little Polish girl had a front seat. Birthday celebrations all over the country raised funds to cure infantile paralysis.

The President's best birthday present was news that the Lease and Lend Aid For Britain Bill was going through.

The Ministry of Munitions, and all factories, are on the watch for Nazi sabotage. Nobody can enter without showing an identity pass, with photograph attached.

The Navy Department adopts the same precaution. German agents would dynamite government offices if they could. Even Navy Secretary Knox has to show his pass.

G-men tracked down secret radio-stations. The government was much worried by German propaganda, put on the air as genuine programmes. The office also discovered code messages instructing Nazi machine-wreckers. The illicit stations were soon located.

The information is immediately sent to the headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to swell the filed records of saboteurs already arrested or marked down for attention in the very near future. Oceans of Hitler propaganda literature have flooded America, printed secretly, or posted via neutral countries. Leaflets have been distributed in thousands. The Bureau has seized the German agents' mailing lists and is checking up on the people who have been receiving this propaganda. Some of them may soon be on the inside looking out.

U.S. Air Defence. Ten thousand volunteer observers man seven hundred watching posts, and supposedly enemy bombers give them good practice. They phone the news, raiders overhead. New York switchboard girls warn airports. Pursuit plane headquarters jump to it.

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They note the enemy's course and up go the fighters.

Over New York many bombers eluded the fighting planes. It was only a manoeuvre, but they're in serious training for the real thing if it ever comes.

One of the great factories behind Aid For Britain! The great General Motors plant. It's lit, ventilated and air-conditioned for maximum output - the plant that makes the Allison aero-engine, power unit of the Tomahawk and other U.S. planes, soon to come over in droves. New-design machinery drills 100 holes at a time, sometimes drilling a pinpoint as long as your arm, all with micrometrical precision unheard of only a few years ago. Aluminium alloy castings for most parts, hollowed steel for others, make this engine only one-fifth as heavy per horsepower as a good car engine. A high polish to all parts reveals any flaw in the metal.

Finally when each component has passed the severest scrutiny the Allison is assembled ready for the test-bench, for a 10-hour run at high revs. It's a thoroughly scientific test of the motor's performance.

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(OK TO LOWER ENGINE) After the test the engine is dismantled and every part minutely examined. If no flaw is detected it's reassembled. The utmost care, and scientific research are the secrets behind the Allison V 12, finest airplane engine in American production. The Allison drives the bombers that will soon be over Germany.

It gives super speed to the fighters that'll help to drive the Luftwaffe out of the skies. Aid for Britain is building up an invincible fleet. Supplementing our own sky-armada is the greatest manufacturing county in the world. United we can't fail.

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OFF SPACE VOICE--FLASHES

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1. F.D.R.'s BIRTHDAY

- 2. The President takes the cake/ It's for his 59th birthday, and is the gift of the
- 7. Bakery and Confectionary Worker's Union, Mr. Roosevelt receives the cake in the presence of American-Federation of Labor President William Green, And the whole nation echoes: Happy Birthday, Mr. President!

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OFF STAGE VOICE--HOW MUCH AID
FOR BRITAIN!

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1. title: HOW MUCH AID FOR BRITAIN

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee hears expert testimony on the aid-to-Britain bill. Meanwhile, it's learned the Senate is receptive to four major changes proposed by the House Committee. Thus the official side of aid for Britain...On other American fronts, volunteer material aid gets full throttle. Paramount News surveys Bundles For Britain, one of many mediums for enlisting contributions. From the big cities, to midwestern farms, women knit warm articles of clothing for Britons 'over there'. Local chapters enlist the volunteers. And the movement spreads like fire before the wind. In sun-kissed Florida, our cameramen find oh, well...It's all for the cause! And across the country, to the western plains, where cowboys spur on the campaign. Some soldier will be thrilled to know his bundle comes from a genuine cowboy! In the nation's movie capital, Mary Pickford and Paramount British production chief David Rose give impetus to Bundles for Britain. Mr. Rose before returning to his post in bombed London also sees Dorothy Lamour do her share. In this mecca for entertainers from every corner of the world, there are many linked by birth to the Empire's cause. Britain's own Merle Oberon uses spare dressing-room time to advantage. Madeline Carroll enlists Fred MacMurray...umm, bundlin' Fred? In Manhattan, cafe society is reported going big for the campaign. Our cameramen found many a debutante hand banding to Britain's aid. And so, from East, West, North and South, the bundles pile up for shipment out of New York. Letters repeat one word: Courage. Even the youngsters send notes of cheer. Miniature starlet Carolyn Lee shows the way. Volunteer Bundles for Britain, off with the tide to help tide over a Britain under siege.

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OFF STAGE VOICE--AIR DEFENSE

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- 1. AIR DEFENSE--OVER HERE!
- 5. Uncle Sam makes a realistic test of the Eastern seaboard's vulnerability to air attack. At Mitchel Field, bombers act as enemies and through four days Paramount News cameramen exclusively film the historic ~~xxxxxx~~ experiment. B-18 Bombers take the air for surprise thrusts at an 18,000 square mile target of Connecticut, Rhosa Island, Massachusetts and eastern New York. Make believe enemy bombers-- raiding U.S. soil--
- 15. Down below, 10,000 badges mark 16,000 volunteer observers at 700 watching posts. Legionaires, form the Army's network of sky watchers, on the alert for the bombers.
- 22. The enemy---and into the phone two words---Army flash. New York switchboard operators ring airports--map spotters plot locations---and at pursuit plane headquarters the enemy's course and number are jotted down. Then action! Fighters pilots on the move to intercept the bombers. And any one of ten thousand civilian watchers can start this efficient defense machine.
- 32. What would happen---if the bombers were real enemies! American fighters craft demonstrates combat tactics.
- 35. The test over, planes salute New York's skyline, but the drill proved vulnerability of eastern cities---proved America must grow thousands of wings to guard her skies...