

WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—If this means "the end of civilization," it might be better just to hand Herr Hitler the works now, accept a slave state, **Civilization Will** have a lot of work to do. The phrase, "the contemporaneity of the past," is a phrase of the future. The phrase, "the contemporaneity of the past," is a phrase of the future. The phrase, "the contemporaneity of the past," is a phrase of the future.

For a start, here's Edward Beneš, former president of Czechoslovakia, an old story in personality columns, but news today as a wise, calm spirit in a world of howling demagogues. The bristling of the guns in Poland was answered almost to the minute by his book, "Democracy Today and Tomorrow." Here is what he says about "the end of civilization":

"We hear very often the slogan that war or revolution in Europe will mean the end of human civilization. That is a mistake. Modern civilization cannot be destroyed. One can destroy one country, through war or revolution, some of the remarkable monuments of human culture and civilization, ancient and modern; but the present organization of the world does not allow anybody to destroy human civilization. Human civilization is, first of all, the moral conception of modern man, and, including, of course, all economic values, all achievements of technological progress, and all great cultural monuments, buildings, cities, universities, libraries, museums of art and science; many of them of inestimable value, and could, of course, be destroyed in a great catastrophe. And that would be a loss which could never be replaced. But that does not mean the destruction of human civilization. The human spirit, in its great creative power, having saved innumerable places of modern science, technology and progress—material and moral—will continue in any case its great creative work."

There is no bland optimism in Mr. Beneš' book. It invokes no easy formulas and sees salvation only in the collective work and intelligence of men of good will—in desperate endeavors, perhaps, but sure to win in the end because they always have.

At another moment of tension, when the "end of civilization" seemed near, I remember talking to the great Dr. Masaryk, Mr. Beneš' intellectual and political mentor. He eagerly related to discuss the particularized rights and aspirations of Czechoslovakia.

"We could state them only in terms of moral morality and justice," he said. "If we are right in then conceiving our undertakings, we may be assured that they will prevail. If our hopes are not so based, they should not prevail."

Without a hint of bitterness Mr. Beneš recent to his obligations to his country, on to its assailant, Mr. Beneš puts his hope for freedom and democracy and for Czechoslovakia—in this wider context, and he is calmly assured of the high destiny of human personality because "This is the nature of man and of human society."

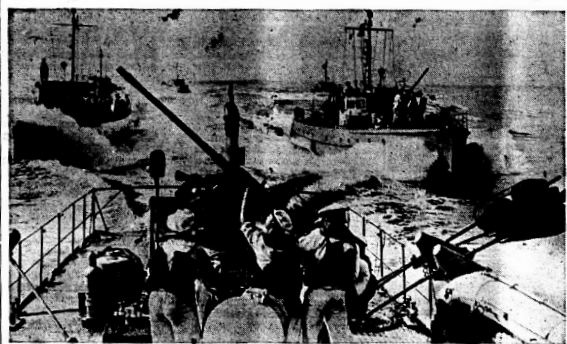
Mr. Beneš is unique among statesmen in that he did not resort to any single trick of the demagogue. In fact, he expressed and displayed contempt for such artifice. Fragile in person, careless in dress, blunt in speech, he is conspicuous in looking the way he is called personal magnetism.

In the pre-war and war years, he was a conspirator against the Austrian captors of his country. He was arrested as a spy six times.

Poignant born, youngest of eight children, brilliantly educated in law and the humanities, southern and thorough in his championship of the human spirit, Edward Beneš' civilization will, in the end, be saved by a new leadership which will be both informed and enlightened.

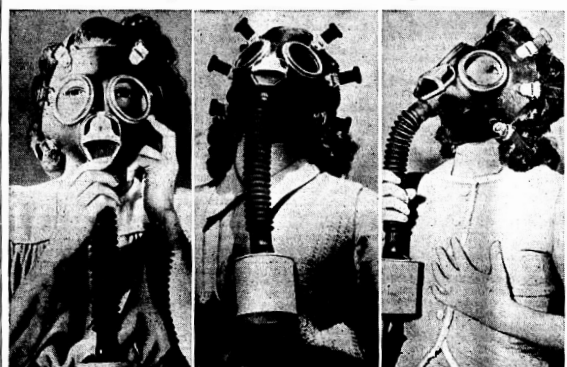
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Speedy Torpedo Boats Protect Nazi Minesweeper



A German minesweeper, protected by two speedy torpedo boats, plows through the waves of the North sea. The instrument at lower right is a paravane, a device for detecting mines. The anti-aircraft gun crew is all set for action. Minesweepers are an important cog in Germany's 500,000-ton navy.

Gas Masks Stage Comeback in European Fashions



Here's how you would look if you were forced to don a gas mask for safety's sake every time you heard the boom of an airplane engine. Gas masks are standard equipment in war-torn Europe, with special masks designed for babies, children and even household pets. War-time kits, complete with mask and emergency ration, are carried by civilians in danger zones.

Plaque Commemorates Illinois Citizens



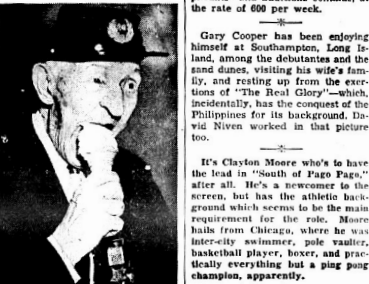
Florence Gray of Chicago, student of the late Lorado Taft, one of America's most widely known sculptors, puts the finishing touches on a plaque commemorated by the citizens of Dwight, Ill., to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Keely Institute, and pay honor to the three men who founded the organization.

Gunners in Action on Polish Battlefield



A German anti-aircraft gun in action somewhere on the Polish border. With rear guns protected, German aircraft opened aerial combat by bombing 16 Polish cities. This photo was flown to Berlin from the front and redacted to the United States.

Boys Will Be Boys



With obvious delight, A. W. Gabriel of the Grand Army of the Republic takes a few hot licks at an ice cream cone. Mr. Gabriel, 93, of Hazelton, Pa., was one of the veterans at the national G. A. R. campment at Pittsburgh.

'Tiny' Takes Over



Gen. Edmund Ironside, former director-general of England's overseas forces, was recently named chief of the imperial general staff to succeed General Viscount Gort, who became commander-in-chief of Britain's land forces. General Ironside is affectionately called "Tiny" by British Tommies.

Star Dust

★ Screen Cinderella
★ Athlete Gets Lead
★ To Have—Not to Hold
By Virginia Vale

WANT A Cinderella story? It concerns Kathryn Adams, who didn't win a "Gateway to Hollywood" contest. She did get first place in the eliminations for her part of the country (Minnesota), however, and got to Hollywood.

But he lost out there, and was all set to go home. The story goes that Gregory La Cava, the ace producer-director, saw her walking across the RKO-Radio lot, and asked her to take a screen test. She did, and sure that nothing would happen, it that she even told him that she didn't like the script provided for her, and he let her write her own.

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Paul Laval, the orchestra leader, collects batons used by celebrated conductors. He has 71, formerly the property of such famous leaders as Toscanini, Bruno Walter and Mascagni. But they're to have, not to hold—when he's conducting an orchestra he doesn't bother with a baton, just uses his hands.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

★ LESSON ★

★ To Have—Not to Hold ★

By Virginia Vale

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HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Cleaning Dust Mops.—Use your vacuum cleaner to clean the dust mops with.

Care of Woodenware.—Woodenware used in mixing foods should be scalded often.

Mildew on Leather.—Petroleum oil-solvent will remove mildew from leather furniture.

Soak Dried Fruits.—Raisins, dates, currants and figs blend better with other ingredients if they are soaked for five minutes in a little boiling water.

Furniture White Spots.—To remove white spots on furniture made by hot dishes, use powdered pumice and linseed oil, applied with a soft cloth, rubbed dry and polished with the grain.

Fruit Sandwiches.—Put some dates or figs through a mincer and mix with some finely chopped nuts. Add a few drops of lemon juice, mix with cream cheese, and spread on slices of brown buttered bread.

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