

# NEWS of the WORLD in PICTURES



A view of the demonstration staged by French war veterans in the Place de L'Opera to strengthen the vets' demands for higher pensions. Spokesmen for the demonstrators said the veterans cannot survive on the pensions they now receive. The big banner carries the legend "So that France can live must the ones who fought for it die?"



PRESENT WHISKERS —

The New York water shortage makes the Army do an about face about faces. On waterless Friday clean-shaven faces mean gigs for GI's in the New York area, like these at Brooklyn's Port of Embarkation. Maj. J. F. Buckley (pointing) and Capt. A. M. Fragala (at left), both with patriotic stands of beard, mark down a gig for Sgt. Ludwig Gardner, who showed up for inspection with smooth cheeks.



Stanley M. Wedd, president of Toronto's 91-year-old Canadian Bank of Commerce, saw "no basis for pessimism" about Canada's future in his recent prediction of things to come, in a meeting of shareholders. "The Canadian situation in this respect has been much the same as in previous years. We sell more to the U. K. than we buy from her. And conversely, we buy more from the U. S. than we sell to her. We are still faced with the problem of bringing into proper balance our trade with the sterling area and the so-called hard currency countries," he said.



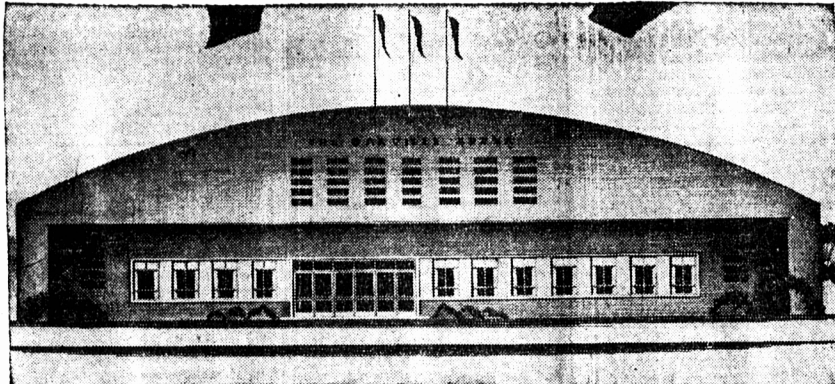
FAST COURSE—Joseph Nelson, 17-year-old former Bronx, N. Y., resident, breezed through four years of college in 30 hours by his score on 14 placement tests at the University of Chicago. Nelson will go directly into graduate work in his field, mathematics. He studied at a Bronx high school and a Rome, Italy, prep school," he said.



KNOWN OF SPYING—Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, wartime chief of the atom bomb project, tells the House Un-American Activities Committee that he learned within a month after he became chief in 1942, that Russian spies were trying to steal U. S. atomic secrets. Groves was called to testify regarding Maj. George R. Jordan's charge that Russia obtained uranium in 1943.



With the Hydro-Electric Power commissioner of Ontario legal department since 1937, Cecil Carrick (above), has been made general counsel of the commission. Native of Brandon, Man., Mr. Carrick was a teacher before he entered Osgoode Hall. He was called to the bar in 1914.



Oakville, Ont., has voted \$100,000 towards the building of a recreation centre for town's children. Proposed new arena will cost approximately \$200,000. The remainder of the \$200,000 must be raised by Dec. 31, 1950. If it isn't the town's promise of \$100,000 is withdrawn. Goal of those who have worked for centre is this building, shown in an architect's drawing. It would serve as community centre and artificial rink designed to provide ice and roller skating, other recreation, with seats for 2,000 room for 1,500 more.



Chairman of the arena committee is Gov. James A. M. Bell of Appleby College.



LI IN CHINATOWN—Acting Chinese President Li Tsung-jen (right), with Mrs. Li, chats with Albert Chow, "Mayor of Chinatown", in San Francisco. Li arrived in San Francisco from China and said his trip was solely for purposes of his health. He hopes to obtain medical treatment for a gastric disorder.



"LINDY" HONORED—Charles A. Lindbergh, above, the famed "Lone Eagle" received the 1949 Wright brothers memorial trophy for outstanding public service in aviation over the past 22 years. The award was made at the annual Wright brothers memorial dinner in Washington, December 17.



IT GOES IN HERE . . . AND IT COMES OUT THERE —

New Yorkers may be fretting about the water shortage, but it doesn't worry the ingenious Brooklynites who live in the Kienedeville section. They take rain water directly from their roofs. Picture at left shows the gim-



mick—a rain pipe leading down from the roof to a big storage drum. From the drum a hose goes into the house and connects up with the kitchen faucet. Mrs. Wilhelmina Peppers, centre, is seen drawing a gallon of rain water



—and laughing at New York's water shortage. Another Gothamite who has found a novel way to beat the drought is the comely blonde at right. She gives the city's "bathless Friday" edict a big ha-ha as she resorts to an age-old beauty rite—a milk bath.



REMINDER OF NAZIS' SATANIS DEED — This Satanic trumpeter is a student marching in the International Students' Day procession through the West End in London. The event commemorates the murder of a Czech student in Prague by the Nazis in 1939, and the internment of 2000 students in a concentration camp following a protest demonstration. The procession has been held annually since 1941.



AMA'S EDITOR—Dr. Austin Smith of Philadelphia, above, is the new editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, succeeding Dr. Morris Fishbein, who retired. Dr. Smith was named at the AMA meeting in Washington.



STALIN IS SEVENTY; MANY HAPPY REFILLS, SAY FRENCH REDS —

If Josef Stalin drank all the liquor that his French comrades had gathered as presents for his 70th birthday, Dec. 21, they'll probably have to pour Joe in and out of the Kremlin for the rest of his life. The lone bicycle in

the layout of gifts from French Reds, left above, was tagged "to be given to the youngest metal worker in the U.S.S.R." At right above, French atomic scientist Frederic Joliot-Curie photographed as he addressed the Reds who



came to the Paris exhibit of gifts for Stalin. Chart in background at right purports to show industrial production curves of Soviet Russia, the U.S., Britain and France. The skyrocketing curve at top shows—you guessed it — Russia production.



"FUR HEVVIN'S SAKE"—A fallen angel is haloed Cary Wilmer, Jr., seen strumming his harp in an Atlanta, Ga., hospital. Playing the role of a Heavenly messenger in a stage show, Wilmer suffered a broken arm and leg when the cable supporting him above the stage broke. Strictly down to earth now, Wilmer vows never to act the angel again—not in this world, anyway.