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World Events

- [Hitler](#) marches into [Austria](#); political and geographical union of Germany and Austria proclaimed.
- [Munich Pact](#)—Britain, France, and Italy agree to let Germany partition Czechoslovakia.
- [Nazis](#) destroy Jewish shops, homes, synagogues in [Kristallnacht](#) riots; 20,000-30,000 sent to [concentration camps](#).
- First oil strike in [Kuwait](#) transforms the emirate's economy.

World Statistics

Population: 4.378 billion

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U.S. Events

- [Orson Welles](#) broadcasts his adaptation of [H.G. Wells's](#) *War of the Worlds*, creating a nationwide panic as listeners believe that aliens have landed in [New Jersey](#) (Oct. 30).
- [Fair Labor Standards Act](#) establishes [minimum wage](#).
- Unexpected hurricane wreaks havoc on Long Island, N.Y. and in New England. See [U.S. Hurricanes](#).

U.S. Statistics

President: [Franklin D Roosevelt](#)Vice President: [John N. Garner](#)

Population: 129,824,939

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Economics

Federal spending: \$6.84 billion

Consumer Price Index: \$14.1

Unemployment: 19.0%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.03

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Sports

World Series

NY Yankees d. Chicago Cubs (4-0)

Stanley Cup

Chicago d. Toronto

Wimbledon

Women: Helen Moody d. H. Jacobs (6-4 6-0)

Men: Don Budge d. H. Austin (6-1 6-0 6-3)

Kentucky Derby Champion

Lawrin

NCAA Football Champions

TCU (11-0-0)

World Cup

Italy d. Hungary

Entertainment

Events

- [Roy Acuff](#) joins the [Grand Ole Opry](#) and brings national recognition to the Nashville-based radio program.
- [Information Please](#) quiz show debuts on radio.

Science

- [Chester F. Carlson](#) produces the first [xerographic](#) print.
- Teflon is developed by [Roy J. Plunkett](#) at Du Pont.
- George and Ladislav Biro invent the ballpoint pen.
- U. Cerletti and L. Bini introduce [electroconvulsive therapy \(ECT\)](#), or shock

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Entertainment Awards

Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction:

The Late George Apley, John Phillips Marquand

Drama: *Our Town*, Thornton Wilder

Academy Award, Best Picture: *The Life of Emile Zola* (Warner Bros.)

Nobel Prize for Literature: Pearl S. Buck (US)

Miss America: Marilyn Meseke (OH)

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therapy, for the treatment of mental illness.

Nobel Prizes in Science

Chemistry: Richard Kuhn (Germany), for carotenoid study and vitamin research (declined)

Physics: Enrico Fermi (Italy), for identification of new radioactivity elements and discovery of nuclear reactions effected by slow neutrons

Physiology or Medicine: Corneille Heymans (Belgium), for determining importance of sinus and aorta mechanisms in the regulation of respiration

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