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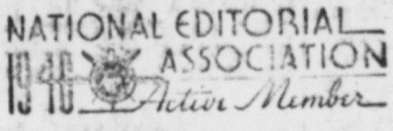
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EDITORIAL

The invasion of Great Britain, it seems, has been postponed indefinitely.

Democracy, according to the totalitarian boys, is on its last legs. Wanna bet?

The war is apt to develop into a contest to determine who can take the most without squealing.

When criminals, either men or nations, get together it is high time for honest folks to band together.

The Nazi scheme is to use military force to take what others have in order that Nazis may have more.

There is increasing evidence from abroad, notably the guarded reactions in Japan, Germany and Italy that the significance of conscription of the United States is well understood. Plainly, the message carried across the oceans to other lands, declares that this country, despite its love of peace, understands the nature of the challenge that is being made by democratic institutions and is preparing itself, if necessary, to assert and maintain its way of life by force of arms.

Of all the foolish statements attributed to foreign statesmen since the war in Europe began, the highest award, so far as we are concerned, goes to Foreign Minister Paul Baudouin, of France. Undoubtedly incensed because British warships, led by General de Gaulle, shelled the West African port of Dakar preparatory to landing troops, the French minister asserted, "Wounded as she may be, France still is capable of defending herself and, replying blow for blow." If this statement is correct, the French should begin defending themselves against German aggression and practicing the "blow for blow" technique against the soldiers of Adolf Hitler who have overthrown the French government and are the masters of France.

Some editors and writers take their views very seriously, which, after all, is their privilege, even though they are only fooling themselves. Every once in a while we are highly amused by the absurd seriousness of a few of the editors and columnists. To read them, you would think, if you did not know better that the entire world awaited anxiously for their daily, or weekly, slurs upon their superiors. We hope there are readers who like the stuff that we put in our columns but if there is anybody losing sleep over our deductions and elucidations, we feel sorry for them. Moreover, if we ever get the notion that it is our business to pass judgment eternal upon the President of the United States, we hope somebody will begin to laugh loud enough for us to hear them.

Recently complaint was said to have been voiced by Germany that the British aviators were dropping Colorado beetles on the German farms in a nefarious effort to destroy the necessary German potato crop. It is very unlikely that any official made such a complaint or that Germany regards the present deprivations of the bug as the results of British acts. Immediately after the complaint was voiced a famous scientist revealed that the Colorado beetle or potato bug has been a pest in Germany for many years. Accordingly, it is very unlikely that British aviators would bother to introduce a few more. The likelihood is that the war has so engrossed Germany that attention to insect pests has been neglected. Then someone suggested a popular explanation. A crop-eater was found in the British aviators. A lot of ridiculous stories like these must be expected to emanate from every war.

EVERY AMERICAN CAN BE LOYAL: There is little occasion for American citizens to lose their tempers over the presidential contest. In a democracy it is natural for men and women to differ in their political views but if democracy is to succeed we must learn to temper our emotions in spite of divergent views.

There is need, in this country, for a union of purpose, such as has rarely existed. The nation undoubtedly faces external perils that invite the services of every American in behalf of his, or her, country.

The great service that you, as a citizen, can render your country, between now and election day, is to resolve that regardless of the outcome of the election, the man selected by the majority of the people will be your President, regardless of how you may cast your ballot.

After all, the majority of the people have a right to name the Chief Executive of a democratic state. A minority has no right to stultify, or to deny the will of the people.

We have our choice, in the present election, but as a loyal citizen of a great democracy we pledge, here and now, our full cooperation to the victor in November. He will have a difficult task in guiding the destiny of this republic and we will give no aid or comfort to the enemies of democracy by hampering him in his work.

AN HISTORIC EVENT

No American should overlook the significance of Wednesday, October 16, when 16,000,000 men, between 21 and 35, register for a possible year's military training in 6,500 districts throughout the United States.

For the first time while at peace, the United States adopted conscription as a means of securing an adequate army. Thus the heavy hand of war is laid upon the young men of this country. At least, 5,000,000 men of the first registration are expected to be available for service and 900,000 will be inducted into service during the next twelve months.

Local officials will register the men, classify them as immediately available or subject to deferment because of dependents or the essential nature of their jobs. The registration cards, shuffled and numbered haphazardly by the local draft boards, will go to Washington where they will be reshuffled and drawn by lot. The order in which card numbers are drawn will determine the order in which the men registered in each local board area are subject to examination for training.

When a registrant's number is in line for immediate service, a questionnaire will be filled out to provide basis for classification and if the registrant is called for examination, the initial physical examination will be given by a local medical examiner. Thus, to prominent citizens in each local area will fall much responsibility. They must determine the status of registrants, define "essential" jobs and, at this time, they are urged to be liberal in their definitions. If a registrant is not satisfied with his status, as determined by the local board, an appeal may be carried to the President.

American citizens beyond the age limit of the Selective Service Act should not underestimate the sacrifice that will be made by thousands of the men called into training. These young citizens will often be required to give up their place in the economic life of their communities and to accept less pay from the Government they serve. Of course, the reverse is true and some of the trainees will improve their financial situation by the operation of the draft.

Every employer should attempt to protect the employee who sacrifices income for patriotic service and, if possible, re-employ the trainee at the conclusion of his year's service. This may involve some difficulties but the inconvenience is not to be compared with the complications that disturb the even-tempered existence of the man who is jerked out of civil life into military training.

The adoption of compulsory military training by the United States, while at peace, indicates a profound understanding on the part of the people of this country of the world situation. Despite our past antipathy to draft laws, because of the danger that militaristic sentiment may develop, there is widespread approval of the Selective Service Act, even among the young men who will be called into service. They seem to realize that the existence and liberty of this country may depend upon immediate preparations for national defense.

NEUTRALITY IS OUT OF DATE

The idea that the United States should worry about observing "its own neutrality" is absurd in the light of the fact that there is no such thing as neutrality in the world today.

In former years, when two or more nations went to war, other nations proclaimed their neutrality, signifying an intention to treat both sides alike and putting belligerents upon notice to observe the rights of the neutral nations. The sole advantage of a policy of neutrality is to be found, if at all, in the observance of the complete rights of the neutral nations by the belligerent nations.

In the present condition of world affairs, the totalitarian powers, including Germany, Italy and Japan, have long since presented convincing proof that the rights of neutral nations have no standing with them unless backed by sufficient military strength to make it unwise for the totalitarian nations to infringe on their rights. There is no the slightest reason in the world to suspect that either Germany, Italy or Japan would respect any single right of the United States, in return for a policy of neutrality on the part of this country. The history of the past decade demonstrates conclusively that these nations will violate the rights of any country with impunity and that they have no respect for any power in the world except that which is upheld by ample military, naval and aerial strength.

In the present struggle between Germany and Great Britain, there is no use whatever in pretending that the United States, as a people or as a government, is neutral. In fact, our national policy toward the struggle now going on is indicated by the interests of the United States, which require, in our own self-protection, that we extend every possible assistance to Great Britain. This course is justified, not by resort to outmoded conventions of neutrality, but by common sense realization that Great Britain is our first line of defense.

Naturally, it is not to be expected that Herr Hitler and Nazi Germany will approve of the course taken by this country. If the time ever comes when Hitler believes that Germany is strong enough to take the measure of the United States, the people of this country will have to fight for their lives.

No observation of neutrality today would save this country from a German attack if Germany conquers Great Britain. The best insurance that we can have against becoming involved in a major war is a British victory and, as a nation, we will be extremely foolish to leave undone anything that we can do to bring about this result.

CHILDREN DO NOT DIE IN VAIN

Although more than three thousand children refugees had been evacuated from Great Britain to escape the murderous rain of bombs, death overtook 25 children this month when the ship on which they were traveling, was torpedoed and sunk six hundred miles west of England.

Nearly three hundred persons, including the children, went to their death when a torpedo exploded without warning and the ship sank in twenty minutes.

We will not attempt to describe the tragic circumstances, to recount the tales of heroism or praise the bravery exhibited in the face of sudden death. Rather, let us call your attention to the inhuman warfare that violates all rules of humanity and strikes blindly, without regard to victims.

Reaction to the sinking of the British refugee ship in Berlin, reported by the Associated Press from official circles, is that the story of the disaster is a "tear jerker" designed to get the United States into war on the side of Great Britain. While denying that any passenger vessel had been torpedoed, the Germans point out that if such a ship has been sunk "due notice has been given to all nations of a total blockade around Britain."

Such formal explanations from Berlin to justify this attack will not influence many Americans. Public opinion in this country will be affected, and if German torpedoes make many successful attacks, involving the death of little children, the demand for help "short of war" will become a demand for action regardless of consequences to avenge brutality and uphold human rights.

THE OFFICE CAT. "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

Looney Lyrics: The saddest words / Of tongue or pen - / "We just sold Johnny Buggy—when."

No Time For Foolin': A certain noted temperance worker was strolling through one of Washington's parks and noted a man stretched out on the grass, his hair tousled and face flushed. Concluding that the man was under the influence of liquor, he paused to chide him gently.

Mother Goose: A little baby duckling / Was born with a frown. / When he felt himself and found out / His first pants were down.

Page the Smith Brothers: "For Lord's sake give me something to stop me from coughing; I've just about shaken myself to pieces the last two days," wailed a haggard looking individual as he rushed into the corner drug store.

Tommyro!: A little boy had been absent from school. The teacher sent him home for an excuse. He came running back with the following note: "Tommy was absent from school because he got wet in the A. M. and had to be dried in the P. M."

Game For Anything, Eh Wot?: At a social function one evening it was decided to hold a Scavenger hunt. Many and sundry articles of clothing belonging to various persons were put on the list, as well as other articles difficult to obtain.

Political Note: According to an old rheumatic friend of the Office Cat, he has about arrived at the conclusion that some of the politicians are like knotholes—you can't tell which side of the fence they're on.

And That Was That: It was three o'clock in the morning. The car stopped in front of the apartment house and out stumbled two lads, both beautifully boiled. Between them they held a young lady who was also well boiled.

Slips That Pass in the News: "Mrs. Janice Florian suffered a painful injury Saturday when she tripped over a rug while moving the furniture and fell fracturing her kneecap and demolishing her whinot."

Return Ticket: The train was just pulling out of the Bellefonte station when a breathless lad dashed to the ticket window.

Think Hard: What was the nationality of the man who entered Murphy's 5c & 10c store the other day and asked for the furniture department?

Not Far Wrong: A Bellefonte mother sent her little boy after some extract of beef the other day and he came back with a bottle of milk.

The Way We Heered It: As we've often heard it said, it's much better to have a big bad wolf in front of the house than a little bitsy bear behind.

Kind of Careless: Suspicious Husband—"Who called this afternoon?" His Better Half—"Only Aunt Sophie." Suspicious Husband—"Well, she left her pipe."

Well Defined: Teacher—"Give a sentence containing defense, defeat, and detail." Bright Boy—"When a dog goes over de fence, de feet goes over before de tail."

If You Really Want To: Son—"Mummy, is it correct to call a man born in Poland a Pole?" Mother—"Of course, my dear." Son—"Then I suppose a man born in Holland is a Hole?"

Start Over Again: Laborer—"Hey, chief, there's a big leak in No. 16 levee." Boss—"Well, dam it. Don't bother me about it." Laborer—"Aw, this is no time for cussin', chief; what shall I do?"

60 Years After: If you refuse me, he swore, "I shall die." She refused him. Sixty years later he died.

Positively Right: Little Pokey Hantius declares that a girl's father who comes into the parlor at night and sandwiches himself in between his daughter and her boy friend is a ham.

That's all, folks. No accident insurance in the world will protect a girl's interests if she pursues the wrong policy. —"SCAT."

LOUISA'S LETTER

LOUISA'S LETTER: From a middle-aged woman comes this distressing letter: "I have just discovered that my husband is untrue to me. What shall I do?"

MRS. X. Y. Z.: Unfortunately, some men who have been model husbands and fathers kick over the traces as they approach middle age in a seeming effort to sow one more patch of wild oats.

Who Knows?: 1. How many men will register under the selective service act? 2. How many planes are produced monthly in the U. S.?

The Answers: 1. About 16,500,000. 2. Estimate: 1,000. 3. Donald McNeil, 22, of Oklahoma.

New Foods Specialist Assumes Duties in State: Lois I. Frank, Hibbing, Minn., recently has been appointed nutrition extension specialist at the Pennsylvania State College to replace Jean Flood, nutritionist at the College for five and a half years, announces Margaret Brown, in charge of home economics extension.

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: When a grocer told a customer that the price of his eggs was 25 cents a dozen the customer said "give me a half dozen." The grocer complied. How much did the customer pay for the half dozen eggs? (Answer elsewhere in this column.)

J. O.—Sometimes we read of fish or bones of animals being found imbedded in rock in mountain tops. How did they get there?

B. W.—What is the highest temperature of the weather ever recorded in the United States? And where was it?

A. L.—How do bananas grow on the plants? Am.—The bunches hang downward, similar to grapes on the vine, but the bananas on the bunch grow upward.

P. K.—How did the famous British for "Gibraltari" get its name? Am.—When the fast-conquering Saracens (Mohammedans) had subdued Cyrene, Tripoli and Carthage in A. D. 710 they crossed the Straits and landed on the huge rock which they named "Gibraltari" (mountain of Tarik) in honor of their leader Jebel Tarik, and held it to the close of the Middle Ages.

T. Y.—What kind of people are the Rumanians? Are they Gypsies and Mohammedans? Am.—Most of the Rumanians are supposed to be descendants of the inhabitants of Dacia. Their language is derived mostly from the Latin.

READER—Will you please print in your Query and Answer column, the marriage laws of Maryland. Age, length of time you must have license, also if physical examination is necessary. Thanking you very much.

TAX PAYER—To settle an argument will you please answer the following questions in your question and answer column: (1) Did Wendell Willkie ever hold a government job, either Senator or Congressman or Governor of any state in the United States? (2) Is it true his parents came from Germany, and was he born in America? (3) Can a man become President of the United States if he never held any of these offices? (4) How would he know anything about our country at this critical time? (5) Can a boy past sixteen and passed out of the eighth grade, and does not want to go to high school get an employment certificate to work in the woods if the parents are satisfied, or is it unlawful?

G. B.—Can wood shavings be made fireproof so that they may be used as insulation? Am.—Wood shavings may be made fireproof by using a solution of borax in water. About two pounds of borax in three gallons of water is a good proportion. The shavings can be either dipped or sprayed, and should then be thoroughly dried before used as insulation.

E. S.—What kind of a berry is the youngberry? Am.—The youngberry is a vigorous, half-hardy, thorny vine bearing dark purple berries of the blackberry type that turn black when thoroughly ripe. The plant originated in Louisiana as a cross between the Phenomenal berry and the Mays-Austin dewberry.

A. A.—Please compare the salary of a professional baseball player with that of a professional football player. Am.—A professional baseball player's salary may range from a few thousand dollars to \$80,000 a year. A professional football player's salary may range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year.

A. B.—I wish to know how many Christian denominations there are in the United States. Am.—There are more than two hundred Christian denominations in this country at the present time.

O. G.—Which bird makes the longest flight? Am.—The Arctic tern is the world's greatest traveler. It breeds in Arctic Canada and Greenland, and winters in the Antarctic, so that its winter and summer homes are 11,000 miles apart at the extremes. Furthermore, it flies circuitously, by way of western Europe and Africa, or eastern South America, and covers at least 25,000 miles each year. For an individual bird, the longest flight known was accomplished by a tern which flew from the coast of Labrador to the coast of southeastern Africa in three months.

J. H.—Please give the origin of sausage. Am.—Sausage is one of the oldest forms of processed food. It was popular with the ancient Chinese and with the Greeks, being mentioned in Book 20 of Homer's Odyssey. The word sausage was probably derived from Salamis, a Greek city destroyed about 448 B. C.

J. H.—Please give me the dimensions of the standard high school basketball backboard. Am.—The backboard for a basketball court should be six feet wide and four feet high. The basket should be ten feet from the floor and one foot from the bottom of the backboard.

D. R.—What is the proper time to present a wedding gift? Am.—A wedding gift should be sent immediately upon receipt of a wedding invitation. If there is some delay, it is permissible to send the gift after the wedding.

Answer to Problem: He paid nothing; the grocer "gave" him the eggs.

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