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EDITORIAL

The Lone Eagle is getting lonelier every day.

Democracy suffers more from its loud-mouthed so-called friends than from its enemies.

The USO wants to raise \$10,000,000 for service work in connection with the boys in service at \$21 a month.

A long-range bomber can fly from Iceland to Berlin in less than seven hours.

John Cudahy, United States ambassador to Belgium in 1939-40, has recently returned to this country after a three months' sojourn in Germany.

The British aerial offensive against Germany, especially the daylight raids, are deeply significant and of long maintained will force the Nazis to withdraw some aerial units from the eastern front.

Yes, defense is costly. But it is not as costly as war. To date this country's expenditures for defense represent less than 10 per cent of the current national income.

The time has come for us who are Americans, to stiffen our backbone and launch a militant fight in support of President Roosevelt's great leadership in world affairs.

The people of the United States of all the world should be the last to complain of taxes in this dark hour in history for a twofold reason.

We are spending hard over fist for national defense solely because Hitler has an ambition to rule the world, and has set out to conquer.

NAZI BLITZ IN LOW GEAR

Despite important gains against the Russian armies defending the territory acquired by Stalin, as a result of his pact with Hitler, the Nazi blitzkrieg has failed to operate in high gear against the Red Army.

While it is useless to speculate upon the resistance that the Russians will be able to offer to long-continued German pressure, which is a distinct threat to the Soviet, up to this time the Nazis have failed to deliver a knockout punch.

Certainly, during the fighting of the first three weeks, the Russians have resisted everywhere, with the Germans admitting the desperate character of the fighting, but the Red Army has managed to maintain itself as an efficient fighting force.

The Fortified Stalin Zone

As the third week's fighting began the Germans had come up to the highly-fortified, but little known, Stalin line, which runs from the Black Sea to the waters east of Leningrad.

Nobody knows much about the Stalin line. Construction was begun around 1930, after the war with Poland, and it consists of defense in depth rather than impregnable chains of the type of the French Maginot structure.

With the fortification of this zone the Russians began, long before other nations, the mechanization of the Red Army, with emphasis upon the mass production of tanks and the use of motor vehicles to transport infantry.

Germany Not Yet Defeated

Russian resistance has been encouraging to those interested in the defeat of Germany but the outcome of the far-flung battle may depend upon the ability of the Russians to overcome transportation handicaps and bring fresh troops into the battle areas.

Despite indications that the Red Army has done better than most experts expected, when Hitler launched his great gamble, and in spite of patens that develop as advancing German units get together for fresh assaults, it is still probable that the Russians will lose much ground before the Teutonic legions are definitely stopped, if they are to be halted at all.

The appeal of Joseph Stalin to the people of Russia to institute guerrilla warfare in areas occupied by the enemy does not bespeak great confidence in Russian ability to stem the advancing tide.

Aerial, Naval and Syrian

Other arenas deserve some attention in this review of the course of the present struggle between Germany and Great Britain—the main bout in the clash of arms that threatens to spread into Asia and America, as well as Africa.

The British aerial offensive against Germany, especially the daylight raids, are deeply significant and of long maintained will force the Nazis to withdraw some aerial units from the eastern front.

Moreover, the United States, through the occupation of Iceland and the widened scope of its naval patrol, looms more definitely to challenge Hitler by making good its pledge to deliver the goods to the British fighting men.

Meanwhile, the British campaign in Syria seems to have assured the safety of the Near Eastern area for the present, at least, and the transfer of General Wavell to India, as officially reported, is taken to indicate that extensive preparations will be made for any eventuality in the event that Germany succeeds in overwhelming the Soviet armies.

Gen. Wavell's transfer has been widely discussed, with some observers taking it to be a result of recent reverses in Cyrenaica, Greece and Crete.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Spring 1933: "Neither I nor anybody else in the National Socialist party advocates proceeding by anything but constitutional methods."—Adolf Hitler.

Spring 1941: "Neither I nor anybody else in the America First Committee advocates proceeding by anything but constitutional methods."—Charles A. Lindbergh.

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RANGE EQUIPMENT MAY OR MAY NOT BE MOVED

Many Centre county poultrymen make it a regular part of their work on the range to move feeding and watering equipment frequently.

Failure to move the equipment may result in destruction of the sod and the necessity of reseeding after the fowls have been housed.

When the fowls have ample green feed about them and no disease contaminates the range, there is little value in moving the shelters or brooder houses to new ground.

Confirmed smokers are more generally underweight, and subject to colds and other respiratory troubles than the non-smokers.

The habit of cigarette smoking has never yet served a useful purpose, but it has done much harm.

Money talks but bill collectors say that they find it hard to hear it.

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

Gnuts to Hugh
Once upon a time there was a gnu named Hugh. And Hugh was a blue gnu. And he was married to a gnu named Sue.

There was only one thing that kept their marriage from being perfect. They both longed for the patter of tiny feet—the happy laughter of a little one.

Gradually they began to quarrel—just a little bit, did Hugh and Sue. Hugh would say, "Foo to you, Sue, you blue gnu—foo to you, Sue."

But one day—ah, beautiful day—Hugh came sadly home from work. He was in a nasty humor and was just spoiling for a fight.

But when there was something different about Sue today, The frown was gone from her face. There was a happy, bashful look in her eye, as she stood there in the doorway.

And she smiled a lovely smile and said, "Yes, Hugh, I have gnu for you—"

The young lady visitor was spending her last evening in State College. Along about the seventh or eighth fraternity house, she saw above the fireplace, an elk's head to which designing brother had added the work like traffic lights, neon antlers, a van dyke beribboned beard, buck teeth, and a sneer.

Our girl was equal to the occasion, no one having put anything over on her that evening. She quietly examined the trophy from all corners and angles of the room, finally asked to be introduced to the hero who had bagged it.

He was, her escort said, the handsome girl-surrounded fellow over there. Boring her way to the center of the circle, she threw back her head, looked up with a clear eye and a disarming smile, and said:

And she smiled a lovely smile and said, "Yes, Hugh, I have gnu for you—"

Nervous Passenger—"Don't drive so fast around the corners. It frightens me."

It was nearly time for the soldier to leave the hospital, but he was too comfortable to want to go. So when the nurse wasn't looking he dipped the thermometer in a cup of hot tea.

Well, Why Not?
Diner—"Two eggs and a slice of ham, please."

Much Worse
A little girl was spending her first night away from home. When it began to get dark she commenced to cry.

Blond or Brunette?
Fastidious Diner—"I'll have a portion of chicken; it must be a cockerel, and this year's bird, and nothing but the leg will do."

End of The Line
A gentleman slipped on the top stair of the subway and started sliding down to the bottom. Half way down he collided with a lady, knocked her off her feet and the two continued the journey together.

Oh, You Were?
Cop—"Who was driving when you hit the car?"

Often Needed It
"Dear Sir," wrote the indignant mother to the school teacher, "you mustn't whack my Tommy. He ain't used to it. We never hit him at home except in self-defense."

Two of Them
Father (to youngster just put to bed)—"Now, what are you crying for?"

Out of Shape
Boss—"Rufus, did you go to your lodge meeting last night?"

Hot Bath
Doctor—"What you need is an electric bath."

May He?
Patient—"You remember when you cured my rheumatism, doctor, a couple of years ago and told me I shouldn't get wet."

We Presume
A minister remarked the other day, "As you think, so you are."

That's all, folks. One of the worst things about summer dog days is the cat naps.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:
My daughter lacks a year of finishing her college course. She is engaged to a fine young man who will probably be financially able to get married in one or two years.

Arizona.
ANSWER:
Send your daughter back to college to finish her course and get her diploma.

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Query & Answer Column

PROBLEM—An aviator is poised at North Cape, Norway, ready to hop off for Chicago. If he takes the shortest air route, in which direction will he take off—West? Southwest? North? Northwest? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

M. H.—Why does Hitler always talk from a beer hall?
Ans.—Dunno. Probably he wants the rest of the world to think he has something on tap.

J. S.—What do you think of a fellow who comes to a draftee's farewell party, drinks his beer, gorges himself with all the good things to eat, makes a date with the poor boob's girl for the next week, and then presents him with a package of corn plasters?

T. D.—Why are so many members of Congress called "Solons"?
Ans.—Solon was the name of the greatest legislator of ancient history, and was one of the seven wise men of Greece. He was born in 638 B. C. and died 558 B. C. Because of his great wisdom, the name "Solon" is applied to Congressmen or other high legislative bodies.

G. L.—I would like to ask in your good paper what is the "Southern Cross"?
Ans.—A very interesting group of stars in the Southern Hemisphere is named by astronomers "the Southern Cross." The four principal stars form a cross—two of them pointing directly east and west, while the upper and lower ones point to the South Pole. Fairly good views of it may be had at the Tropic of Cancer, but it is seen much better farther south.

P. B.—If President John Tyler was not elected President, how did he get that office?
Ans.—John Tyler was nominated as a candidate for Vice-President as a running mate to William Henry Harrison in 1840 on the Whig ticket and succeeded to the Presidency on the death of President Harrison on April 4, 1841.

N. F.—I find toads in my garden. How can I get rid of them?
Ans.—By all means do not get rid of them. Toads are worth their weight in gold in the destruction of insects, grubs, worms and bugs that are so injurious to garden vegetation. You would do well to place a number of toads in your garden specifically for that purpose.

J. B. O.—When did Italy enter Albania?
Ans.—Italian troops entered Albania on April 7, 1939. King Zog fled and a provisional regime was formed by Mussolini.

E. S.—Who discovered the importance of the silkworm?
Ans.—It is generally believed that the importance of the silkworm was discovered by Si-ling, the wife of a Chinese emperor who reigned about 2637 B. C. She is believed to have invented and taught the art of silk spinning and weaving.

R. M. P.—What was the date of the Berlin Decree to blockade the British Isles?
Ans.—This famous decree which laid a paper blockade about the British Isles was issued on November 21, 1806. It forbade all trade in British merchandise.

W. C.—What is the largest elephant in the United States?
Ans.—Ziggie, a male Indian elephant of the Brookland Zoo in Chicago is now considered the largest elephant. He stands 10 feet 1 inch, weighs 10,996 pounds and is about 21 years old. This elephant was given by the late Florenz Ziegfeld to his daughter.

T. O. W.—What is the origin of "Sinkus," meaning commander-in-chief of the fleet?
Ans.—The title of commander-in-chief, was abbreviated to "C in C, U. S." which in popular terminology became Sinkus.

I. J.—When was Frances Perkins' appointment as Secretary of Labor confirmed by the Senate?
Ans.—Miss Perkins' appointment as Secretary of Labor was confirmed by the Senate on March 4, 1933.

G. M.—Is it possible to get a passport to visit Russia?
Ans.—No passports are being issued to citizens of the United States to visit Russia or any other European countries, except in the most imperative cases.

M. F. T.—What is a chickaree?
Ans.—It is a red squirrel, named from its cry.

T. W.—Who were the Three Furies and how were they represented?
Ans.—The Furies, Alecto, Tisiphone and Megaera, were three goddesses who punished the crimes of those who had escaped or defied justice. They were shown as frightful creatures with their heads wreathed in serpents.

S. C. T.—When did wartime prohibition go into effect?
Ans.—The Wartime Prohibition Law, designed as a measure to conserve grain, was enacted in November, 1918, and became effective June 30, 1919.

E. I. M.—Why were covered bridges built?
Ans.—A great many of these bridges were built before the Revolutionary War and their builders followed the methods used by the old European bridge builders. The object of covering the roadway of the bridge was for the purpose of protection against the weather, against possible riots and primitive weapons.

E. M. P.—From what does the word private in the Army originate?
Ans.—Private was the name originally given to soldiers hired by feudal barons in their private wars.

W. W. T.—Please give the origin of the expression "Meek as Moses."
Ans.—This expression apparently came from the Biblical verse, Numbers 12:3, "Now the man Moses was very meek, above all men which were upon the face of the earth."

D. A.—In how many homes in the United States are kerosene lamps still used?
Ans.—It is estimated that 2,000,000 homes in the United States are still lighted by kerosene lamps.

J. B. B.—How many silver dollars will be minted this year?
Ans.—There will be no silver dollars coined during the year 1941.

E. R.—What industry pays the highest salaries?
Ans.—The broadcasting industry leads, having paid its 21,646 employees and executives an average weekly wage of \$47.13 in 1940.

E. Y.—How many different colors are the small silk threads in the United States currency?
Ans.—Only two—red and blue.

W. S.—Was Pius I, Pope of Rome, murdered? If not, how did he die?
Ans.—Very little is known of Pope Pius I. It is certain he was Pope of Rome from A. D. 142 to A. D. 157. It is thought he was born at Aquileia, Italy, and that he suffered martyrdom during his reign as Pope.

Health and Beauty
CIGARETTES.
"Will I was in hopes that Susie would not take up the habit of cigarette smoking," said a distressed mother.

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