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EDITORIAL

HAVE REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED NATIONAL DEFENSE?

"The lag in the production for national preparedness is a matter for grave worry."

The above statement was made by Rep. Joe Martin, Republican leader of the House of Representatives.

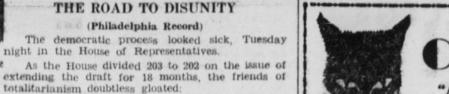
Nettled at this attempt to read politics into the defense effort, Rep. Luther Patrick, Democrat of Alabama, decided to "take a look at the record." He went back as far as 1935 to check the voting records of memoers of Congress on vital defense bills,

Rep. Patrick's survey showed that time and again a majority of House Republicans voted against essential defense measures which became law only because they were supported by overwhelming Democratic majorities.

"After fighting, holding back and obstructing the preparedness and defense program for years, said Mr. Patrick, "the Republicans now 'about face' and they are shouting at us Democrats for not having done a faster and better job in getting our national defense plans into full swing.

"Let us admit that we are not where we should like to be. But we should have been so much better off had the Republicans not been so heavy with the brakes all down the road."

Rep. Patrick showed that in 1935, the House



There was the sharp division which has par-

nlyzed other democratic nations. Party was placed

above national welfare in the minds of too many Congressmen. There was the effect of pressure

groups threatening the personal political careers of

those Representatives who care more for office than

for the liberties of themselves and their fellow citi-

frivolity on the floors as Congressmen forgot the high responsibilities of their office at a time when

the destinies of the nation for which they legislate

conclude that the division in the Congress reflects

any essential division in the will of the American

people to defend themselves and to join in the protection of other peoples who are fighting for their

edy-and a disgrace. But the draft has been ex-

tended. The immediate danger has been met. The

measure will receive the acceptance and support

of 90 per cent of the American people, who are 'way

ahead of Congress in their realization of the danger.

kindest comment we can make is that some of them

were deeply and sincerely disturbed by the impli-

cations of a 214-year draft service in time of peace.

We, too, are disturbed. It's tough on the men now

late to realize the very grave peril that hovers over

this country. If compulsory military training and a

national defense production program had begun

five years ago the necessity for a draft extension

exist and grows more grave every hour.

However, that's spilt milk. The necessity does

Congressmen who cannot see it may be merely

short-sighted-or they may be looking in another

direction. They may have turned their eyes away

from what is happening in France, Russia, the Far

East and be focusing all their attention upon the 1942 elections here. It is obvious that some of them

feel that a pressure group composed of the families of some draftees will be the determining factor in

pressure group, not with reference to the safety of

comparison of the vote by party affiliations. The Democrats divided 182 for the bill, 65 against, a pro-

portion of less than three to one. But the Republi-

cans voted almost as a party bloc, 133 against the

till, 21 for it, a proportion of better than six to one.

uished Republicans in the country, summed up the

Republican Congressional policy in a recent editorial

Republican game, on the foreign policy of this coun-try now for three or four years. Nearly every vote

you have voted has been a minority vote, Come to

ling route. Watch out for a record vote which you

can never explain if this country is in war in 1942,

and particularly if this country is losing ground in

the war because you have forn our armed forces to

all right to hold your job, but boy! take an old man's advice: When the folks know that you want

your jobs worse than you love your country, you'll

White's advice. Some of the same men who voted

against preparedness bills three and four years ago

-votes that make draft extension necessary now-

"It is all right to be good Republicans, and it is

But the Republican Congressmen didn't take

"You have gone as far as you can on the Quis-

tisans on an issue of national safety.

pieces because war was threatened.

G. O. P. Congressmen obviously voted as par-

William Allen White, one of the most disting-

"You have been playing the game, the partisan

They made their decision with reference to this

That this is true, can be seen clearly from a

in service. It isn't the best way to build an army.

Of the 202 who voted against the extension, the

But all of us, and especially Congress, began too

There were even wild scenes of disorder and

But the dictators will fool themselves if they

The close division of Tuesday night is a trag-

zens

hung in the balance.

wouldn't exist today.

the next election

the United States.

in his Emporia Gazette;

your senses!

lcse your jobs!"

independence.

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

His Driving Days Are O'er With Violet cuddling in his arms He drove a Ford-poor siny Where once he held his Violet He now holds a lily.

. . . .

Very Helpful

The young doctor sat down wearily in his easy chair and turned to his wife, affectionately,

"Has my wife been lonely without me?" he asked.

with my time.

"Oh," he said, "what's that?"

"I'm organizing a class. A lot of women have joined and we're teaching one another to cook.'

"What do you do with the things you cook?" asked the young doctor. "I give them to the neighbors," she replied.

"Dear little woman," said the doctor, kissing her fondly, "Always thinking of my practice."

Tummy Tale

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A fellow loose in his upper story firmly believed that all his trouble was due to a cat in his tummy. The feline, he told doctors, scampered around inside and caused no end of agony and discomfort.

Came the day when he really became ill, a bad appendix.

While operating, the surgeon had a brilliant idea, Now was the time to end this cat business for once and all.

He sent out for a black tomcat and when the patient struggled out disaster for you and the baby later of the ether, the surgeon proudly held up the wide-eyed tom and said: on. If I were you, I would give my husband one more chance and Your troubles are all over now. Look what we took out of you."

he could either straighten up and The nut hugged his tummy and moaned, "You dopes got the wrong cat. The one that's been bothering me is a white one."

. . . .

A Mystery

Mother-"Helen, do you know what happened to the canary? It isn't is his business. No one can reform its cage.

Helen-"No, ma'am. It was there a while ago when I cleaned the ever he makes up his mind to give cage with the vacuum cleaner."

. . . .

Not Accommodating

One day during the past season an old angler stood along the banks If he is not willing to do this, you of Fishermen's Paradise, gloomily casting without results, when a mother are young and have only one child and her small son came by

"Oh," cried the boy, "let me see you catch a fish."

Addressing the discouraged angler, the mother said severely, "Now, don't catch a fish for him until he says 'Please'."

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Swat This One

First Mosquito-"What are you so happy about?" Second Mosquito-"I just passed my screen test."

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Nonsense

There was once a fisher named Fisher Who fished from the edge of a fissure, But a fish with a grin Pulled the fisherman in. Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher,

-Froth

Scratch Over This One

A wise guy shuffled into the office the other morning, "Say," he says. "tell me something. Is a chicken big enough to eat when it is two weeks old?"

"Don't be absurd." we grinned. Of course it isnt." "Then how does it live," he yelled, "Tell me that."

other person to go with him over to you and present him.

LOUISA'S

LETTER

a drunkard. He seems like he is

he doesn't care anything about us

WORRIED-Missouri.

Either course you take will be

hard for you but you will do well to

follow the one which promises more

happiness in the end, even if it

be a man or he would find himself

alone. While every child needs a

father, a drunken father is often

worse than none and if he prefers

his drink to you and the child that

a drunkard but himself. When-

needs friends, and it is not fair for

Good luck to you and the baby.

There is something I want to ask

that you don't know or not Sup-

know, what are you to do? BLONDIE-Texas.

LOUISA.

you to do without them.

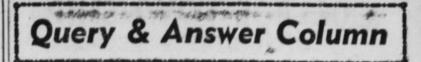
Dear Louisa:

ANSWER:

means temporary heartbreak.

Dear Louisa

ANSWER



F. W .- How can the enamel be removed from a porcelain enamel sink?

Ans .-- It may be removed by one of the following methods: (1) sand-I am the mother of one child. blasting, (2) soaking in hot, 10 per cent mineral acid, such as sulphuric have been married about three or hydrochloric, if the enamel is not acid resistant. If the enamel quickly years. My husband and I should be loses its gloss on contact with cold acid, it is not acid-resistant. Continued very happy but we are not at ala. soaking in hot, 10 per cent lye solution. The trouble is that my husband is

B. D .- Which Pharaoh of Egypt honored Joseph?

Ans .-- It is not known, Some scholars believe it was one of the Hykcrazy about the baby and me exsos or "shepherd kings," but no Egyptian record of a seven-years famine cept when he is drinking. He comes home and gets angry about the least during the period has been found. little thing and fights me and says

T. M .- Does vitamin B restore the original color of gray hair? Ans .- Scientific experiments have not produced any conclusive evi-

Then, after it is all over he says he loves us and could never live without us. I love my husband with dence that the color of gray hair in humans can be restored by taking vitamin B. C. R .- What is the Federal Communications Commission? all my heart and do everything I

Ans .- An independent Federal Agency charged with licensing and can to please him. I've tried to taik "Has my wile been ionery without mer ne actual "Oh, no," she said, "at least not very lonely. I've had something to worse than ever. He doesn't want worse than ever. He doesn't want me to have any friends at all and telephone, telegraph, and cable. never go anywhere unless I'm with

G. W .- I have a new leather briefcase which has an obnoxious odor. What causes it, and how can it be remedied? What shall I do? I would leave

Ans .- The odor may be caused by rancid cod oil used in dressing the him if it wasn't for the baby. He leather. Some leathers tanned in Mexico have a strong odor, probably loves his daddy so much and 1 think every child needs his parents. caused by a fermentation of some of the materials used in processing. In most cases these odors will dissipate of their own accord in time. We do not know any method to deodorize leather, but a light dressing of

some essential oil, such as birch oil, often improves the odor.

R. T .-- Do sheep-killing dogs work singly?

Ans .- They work both singly and in groups, but usually in twos or threes. They do not limit their attacks to the flocks of the immediate vicinity in which they are kept, but travel for miles in all directions, You love your husband dearly, but spreading destruction in any flocks with which they come in contact.

you realize that his drunkenness is L. K .-- What does "strafe" mean? getting worse instead of better, and

Ans .-- It is from the German word strafen, meaning to punish, and that promises nothing but grief and war it means a heavy bombardment,

B. C .- What does P. F. C. stand for in front of a soldier's name? Ans .- Private first class.

R. W .- Is it a fact that three U. S. Presidents died on July 4?

Ans .-- Yes; Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1926, and James Monroe died July 4, 1831.

A. M .- Does the Ukraine, republic of U. S. S. R., have mineral as well agricultural resources?

Ans .-- It is rich in coal, iron ore, and manganese.

C. R .- Aside from the colors red, white and blue, what is the last trace of the British flag on the Stars and Stripes?

it up-when he acknowledges that Ans,-Probably it is the field. The Grand Union Flag used by the drink is too much for him and he Continental Army around Boston, Jan. 1, 1776, had St. George and the has to let it strictly alone-he has St. Andrews crosses on a blue field, the remainder of the flag consisting the habit practically licked. But he of thirteen red and white bars. When the American Flag was adopted by has to do this of his own accord. Congress, the crosses were replaced by stars, but the blue field remained.

G. F. A .- How many Negro publications are there in the United States which the law will make him pro-

Ans .-- A Department of Commerce publication entitled Negro Newsvide for. If you keep putting off your decision you may have more papers and Periodicals contains the names of 339 newspapers, magazines children and leaving will be a hard- and bulletins published in the United States by Negroes. er proposition later on. Somehow I feel that your hus

T. W .- Who said 'We shall be ready when fueled?"

Ans .- This was the reply of Admiral Joseph Taussig to the British band will do better if he finds that Vice Admiral in command at Queenstown, Ireland, on May 4, 1917, in you mean business. But whatever answer to the question, 'When will you be ready to go to sea?' you decide, don't keep on staying by yourself all of the time. Everyone

M. S .- What is a coddled egg?

Ans .- A coddled egg is one cooked slowly and gently in water just below the boiling point

E. R .- Has the Army increased its hospital facilities?

Ans -By the end of 1941, the United States Army will have nine new general hospitals, bringing the total to thirteen. In addition, there are 133 post hospitals

W. F .- What is the unpardonable sin?

E. P .- Where is the Shades of Death swamp?

you. Is it wrong to dance with boys Ans .- According to Mark 3rd Chapter, twenty-ninth verse: "Whosopase someone cuts in that you don't ever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin."

F. D .- Is "In the midst of life we are in death" found in the Bible?

Ans .- The phrase is from the Book of Common Prayer. It is stated to It is really not proper to dance have been derived from a Latin antiphon said to have been composed by with anyone you have not been in- Notker, a monk of St. Gall, in 911, while watching some workmen build a troduced to. If a boy wishes to bridge at Martinsbrucke, in peril of their lives. It forms the groundwork dance with you, he should get some of Luther's antiphon.

nad before it a bill authorizing the construction of new naval vessels. This was several years before Hitler started waging war but the Roosevelt Administration was already building up the American Navy. Yet 52 Republicans voted to "recommit" the navy construction bill, that is to kill it, while only 43 voted in favor of the bill. In other words a majority of Republicans went on record against expanding the Navy.

Again in March, 1938, the Administration brought in a naval construction bill. It was passed by a vote of 294 to 100. And of the 100 members against it, 30 were Republicans. A few months later, the House passed the naval appropriation bill. There were 58 votes against it and 55 of them were Republicans.

In August of 1939 came a bill to provide more adequate defense for the Panama Canal, Events since then have showed that this was a far-sighted measure, Yet 127 Republicans voted to kill the bill while only eight voted to sustain it.

Perhaps the great turning point in defense and foreign policy was the repeal of the neutrality act by Congress after hostilities had broken out in Europe. By this repeal, it became possible for the United States to supply arms and ammunition to England and the other nations which were battling against the tyranny of Hitler. Yet Rep. Patrick's survey showed that only seven House Republicans supported the embargo repeal.

On the selective service measure, Rep. Patrick said that 112 Republicans voted against it and only 52 for it. The measure became law through Democratic support. On the lend-lease bill, 149 Republicans voted to "recommit," that is to kill it, while only 16 Republicans opposed the recommitment mo-

Said Mr. Patrick in reply to Rep. Martin: "You gentlemen handle your party as you wish. Tell the people you were for preparedness all the time if you think you can get away with it. But we Democrats cannot afford to sit here while the minority leader stands up with a straight face and be-haves as if Mr. Republicans and Miss National Defense had gone on a honeymoon about the year 1930 or whereabouts. The record tells the true story."

WAR COMES CLOSER TO U.S.

War moves much closer to the young men of the United States as a result of the new alliance between France and Germany,

There can be no mistaking the significance of the startling reversal of French policy that has endured for nearly sixty years.

The virtues and values of freedom are challenged anew and, unlike the French, the United States will make no deal with Hitler and his Nazi regime. When this country awakens to the full import of the menace around it, there will be an end to weakness and the beginning of hell-fire.

Certainly, The Centre Democrat is not pleased with the prospect ahead of us. We want nothing in the world so much as peace. We are quite willing to leave other people alone if they will let us be ourselves.

We abhor war but we understand that peace has its price, no less than war, and a willingness to fight for the right and the nation's interests is the price of peace which, it seems, must be paid, regardless of the silly belief that dominated our foreign policy for so long, that we are not concerned with what happens elsewhere in the world.

LINDBERGH'S NEUTRALITY

Here is Col. Lindbergh's neutrality:

The United States is wrong, Great Britain is wrong, the Russians are wrong, all the little nations that opposed Hitler are wrong, and all nations who do not see the wisdom of cooperating with Adolf are wrong.

So far as his public utterances go, Col, Lindbergh knows of nothing wrong about Germany's course or Hitler's program.

It must tickle Hitler to see the French goosestepping with Germany.

voted against the draft extension Tuesday night when an Administration leader tried to tell them what was happening in Vichy.

They didn't want to hear about the end of the road along which they are traveling. They didn't want to be reminded of what happens to a nation whose leaders divide it for selfish, factional purposes.

So they cast a vote to break up the U.S Army in the face of aggression from the East and fum the West.

The End of the Road

The selfish and reactionary forces which, before and during the war, sabotaged France's defense and prepared her ruin spoke yesterday through the mouth of Henri Petain.

JAPAN'S COURSE IN THE FAR EAST

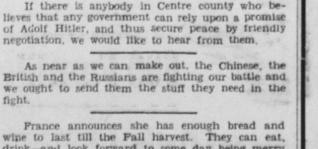
There is the possibility that Japan may attack Siberia, in an effort to take advantage of Russia now engaged in war with Germany.

This would be in keeping with Axis honor, Japan signed a non-aggression treaty with Russia only a few months ago, but if Russia is fighting Germany then Japan has a chance to cut-down her friend. What is a treaty to stand in the way of booty?

There is some concern in this country that Japan may strike southward, forcing an issue which the United States cannot avoid without war. There is some hope that Tokyo will direct its attention toward Siberia, rather than the Netherlands East Indies, with the idea that such a move would mean peace for the United States.

No peace is possible, upon a permanent basis in the Far East, until Japan is defeated in her efforts to take the territory of all other nations. A move toward Siberia, if successful, would aggravate the risk of warfare in the southern Pacific, Japan may move northward but this will only postpone the crisis in the south

If Japan attacks Siberia, there is every reason why the United States should give aid to the Russians, just like we give aid to the British and the Chinese. In battling Germans and Japanese the Russians fight our battles, and this, as any statesman will tell you, is a cheap way to have your battles fought.



drink-and look forward to some day being merry again.

There are people in Centre county so neutral that they denounce the President and defend Hitler. They are likely to get their ears clipped if we get into the war

Russia can't yet estimate the amount of German motorized equipment captured. Perhaps they should just say, "Tanks a million."

Mussolini reviewed an Italian motorized division about to leave for the Russian front. Hhe should have kissed 'em goodby

The war certainly will reach the average citizen if he is prevented from buying on the "dollar down, dollar a week" basis.

Every once in a while we suggest that our readers go to church; the idea is still a good one.

The time has come to choose up sides and declare whether you are for or against America.

The Pinch

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during school hours, and calling one of the small boys, she gave him 10 even if he has not been formally cents and sent him out to the store.

introduced. "Before you buy the plums, Willie," she cautioned, "you had better pinch one or two to make sure they are ripe."

Little Willie flitted away. Soon he came back, and smilingly put the bag on the teacher's desk.

"Oh, thank you, Willie," said the teacher, taking up the bag. "Did

you pinch one or two as I told you to do?" "Did I?" was the gleeful response, "I pinched the whole bagful and here's your 10 cents."

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That's Different

Traffic Cop-"Hey, you, didnt you hear me yelling for you to stop?" Speed Fiend-"Oh, was that you yelling? I thought that was just somebody I had run over."

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Chicken and the Egg

Rastus-"Sambo, what am de usefulest animals der is?" Sambo-"Chickens is."

Rastus-"Why chickens?"

Sambo-"Cause yo' can eat 'em befo' dey is born and after dey is dead."

on her legs.

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Ans -It is located twenty-three miles east of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., not However, if the dance is at a prifar from the scene of an Indian massacre. vate home where most of the guests

know each other there would be no The teacher wanted some plums in order to give an object lesson harm in dancing with another guest ain

In answer to "Jealous-N. C." Your friend is too young to be a steady. Why don't you go with other boys and not try to limit your- of War, made the plea in defending Gen. Daniel Sickles who had killed self to one. He is probably going Bartin Key, son of Francis Scott Key, for attentions to his wife. Sickles was acquitted. with other girls but there is no ne-

cessity to "kick" him for that, as you put it. LOUISA.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Sampsell-Williams

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Sunday, August 10 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Corman of Pleasant Gap, where Miss Betty Ann Williams, daughter of Mrs. Anna Shuey of Axe Mann, became the bride of Bud Norman Sampsell, also of Axe Mann. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. That's all, folks. A dumb girl counts on her fingers—a smart one her legs._______SCAT.______SCAT.______ "BCAT._______SCAT.______ Corman. The bride wore a Copenhagen blue street dress with harmonizing colors and a corsage of talisman roses, delphinium and baby breath. Mrs. Corman wore a accessories and a corsage of cor-

responding roses, delphinium and baby breath. Mrs. Sampsel is a graduate of the Spring Township Aps. The High School and at present is employed at The Rote Market at Pleasant Gap. Mr. Sampsell attended Bellefonte High school and twenty-five years ago? now employed by the Federal the present they will be at home to

their many friends at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Shuey, of Axe Mann,

Here is one thing that the people Bellefonte can do, without outside assistance: Develop their own children into god men and wo-

M. C .- Is Palm Beach cloth made of cotton or wool? Ans .-- It is a combination of cotton and mohair. J. C. J .- Of what city in the United States was it said. "This will be the gate of empire, this the seat of commerce? Ans .- This was LaSalle's prophecy concerning the city of Chicago.

Ans .- Edwin M. Stanton, afterwards Attorney General and Secretary

H. P .- Are many applicants for the Air Corps found to have poor

Ans .- Approximately 80 per cent of the applicants for the United

Ans .- The smallest bond is priced at \$18.75. If held for ten years it

C. H .- What is the smallest Defense Saving Bond I can buy?

States Army Air Corps are rejected because of faulty vision.

will be redeemed by the Treasury Department for \$25.

E. L. T .- What are the four freedoms mentioned by President Roosevelt?

Ans .- "Freedom of speech-freedom of worship-freedom from want -freedom from fear.'

H. L. M .- How many met their death in the first World War? Ans .-- Military casualties were estimated at approximately 8,538,000.

T. J .- Are there many cattle in Brazil?

Ans .- There are 40,864,000 head of cattle in all Brazil.

M. J .- How does an oyster get its food?

Ans .- The oyster obtains its food by filtering vast quantities of water. baby breath. Ans. Comman wore a lit has been found that an oyster may strain as much as twenty-six quarts an hour through its gills.

B. R .- How does Major Bowes select the cities to be honored on his

Ans .- The selection of honor cities for Major Bowes' program is made on the basis of listening facilities, population and geographical location. L. F .- How does the number of circuses now compare with that

Ans .- There are now twenty-five circuses in business compared with Match Company of Bellefonte. For seventy-five a quarter of a century ago.

R. M .- Why is twenty-one the age of majority?

Ans .-- It is supposed to have originated in the completion of three periods, infancy, seven years; from childhood to puberty, seven years; from adolescence to manhood, seven years:



B. G .- Please give us an estimate of the war casualties in Great Brit-Ans .-- Recent figures from Great Britain show that in the first twentyone months of the war 18,627 members of the army, navy and RAF were LOUISA killed in action. There were 35,756 civilians killed in air raids.

vision

R. L .- In what murder case in the United States was the plea of

temporary insanity first made?