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EDITORIAL

The trouble with most open minds is that they are open at both ends.

In Germany the working men are put in a groove when they are seven years old, and they remain in it until they are carried off to the cemetery.

Wendell Willkie, Republican candidate for the Presidency in 1940, says: "The cure for a bad defense program is not more opposition, but more support." Please note, ye lukewarm patriots

In order that farmers may carry-on on a defense rating has been given materials necessary for the production of repair parts for existing farm machinery and the highest civilian rating has been assigned materials for the production of new farm machinery.

The "impatient driver" is just as menacing as the speed demon. Lest anyone wonder what an impatient driver is, these may be clues. Anyone who passes on a hill, crowds the center lane, passes on intersections, jumps traffic lights, executes a fast left turn in the face of oncoming traffic, races other cars, usurps the "right of way," fails to obey "stop" signs, and takes curves too rapidly. He's a menace.

Strange as it sounds, the only way to please some critics of the nation's foreign policy—and we have a few in Centre county—would be to enter into an alliance with Hitler for the purpose of defeating Great Britain. But thank heavens, the great majority of us have arrived at the conclusion that it is time for this nation to stand up, among the nations of the earth, and act like a man, unafraid of responsibility and ready to play a man's part.

DISGRUNTLED LEADERS

Recently a statement on the war situation was issued by a group of eminent gentlemen including former President of the United States, Herbert Hoover, a former Vice-President, Charles E. Dawes, and a former Republican Presidential nominee, Alfred M. Landon. The statement called upon Congress to "put a stop to step by step projection of the United States into undeclared war."

Under normal circumstances, it might be assumed that the publication of this document, carrying such an array of names, would create a tremendous stir in public opinion. Yet, it caused hardly a ripple. Many prominent newspapers carried the views of Messrs. Hoover-Dawes-Landon et al without caring to comment on them editorially. Those newspapers which did comment editorially were rather harsh in giving their appraisal. The public generally showed a profound indifference to what these worthy gentlemen had to say.

Ironically, the most scathing criticism of this Republican manifesto came from newspapers which in the past have been unfriendly to many policies of the Roosevelt Administration. Said the traditionally Republican New York Herald-Tribune, under the title "Misreading History": "Seldom has a more misguided action done a worse disservice to the Republican Party... All patriotic Republicans will agree to this and repudiate as hopelessly unrepresentative a document redolent of old grudges, designed to create a division, among those sponsors not one today can speak for the party."

The Baltimore Sun, Ind. Democrat, was even more caustic. Under the heading "It Doesn't Make Sense," the Sun said: "The statement on the war situation issued for former Gov. Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, with the support of Mr. Hoover, Mr. Landon and a number of other well-known men, reads as though it had been written for a session of the Saturday Evening debating society which was to give its attention to a war on another planet or, at least, another century. You take certain promises, from them you proceed to certain conclusions and you bother your opponents in a technical debating sense, regardless of the facts that are plain before everyone's eyes."

This unkindly reception of their cherished opinions must have come as a deep disillusionment to Mr. Hoover, Mr. Landon and some of their co-signers who have never been known to underrate their own importance in the nation's political life. Perhaps after all they invited such a display of hostile newspaper opinion and public apathy. The manifesto simply served to show how completely these gentlemen have lagged behind public opinion in appraising the current course of world events.

The vast majority of Americans, regardless of political affiliation, are pretty well convinced that President Roosevelt has done a man-sized job in directing foreign policy under trying circumstances. The upbuilding of national defense, the furnishing of needed supplies to England and her Allies, the refusal to be cowed by Hitler's bellicose rantings—these are the major steps in Administration policy which have come pretty close to expressing the real attitude of patriotic Americans.

The management of foreign policy should never be partisan in the political sense. President Roosevelt has kept this thought in mind since the present crisis got under way and has acted accordingly. The public must decide whether the signers of the Republican pact were motivated by the same lofty impulse. Thus far the answer is an emphatic "no."

Farmers should beware of inflation. In the end they will hold the bag and it will be filled with wind.

Less than three months ago the most serious problem facing the United States and England was the success of the Germans in sinking ships, ships making up England's Atlantic life-line. In fact, the Germans were sinking ships over twice as fast as England and the United States together could build them.

Charles Lindbergh spoke at Cleveland the other evening. It was a long speech, its purport was that the President of the United States and other high-ranking government officials are engaged in a conspiracy to create war "incidents" and involve this country in war. Said Lindbergh:

"The greatest battle for freedom is being fought right here in America today."

The people of the United States, as Mr. Lindbergh views it, have nothing to fear from Axis aggression. There is no reason why they should concern themselves with the possibility of fighting the Axis Powers. In fact, one may read the entire transcript of his speech without receiving any intimation that such a person as Adolf Hitler exists. The fight is against the individuals who constitute the duly elected and appointed governing heads of this country.

"Since this country will not enter war willingly, they plan on creating incidents and situations which will force us into it," Mr. Lindbergh declared. "They" are President Roosevelt, the secretaries of State, War and Navy, the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Naval Operations—the men responsible for this nation's foreign policy and its defense. There is, in the entire text of the Lindbergh speech, a reference to any act of Adolf Hitler's. A visitor from Mars unfamiliar with world events, would suppose that it was Franklin Roosevelt, not Adolf Hitler, who had written "Mein Kampf," and proclaimed the Third Reich's intention to inaugurate a "new world order" in which the Reich would be supreme. He would suppose that it was Cordell Hull who had brought Italy and Japan into alliance with the Reich to bring about this "new world order."

He would suppose that it was Stimson who was forcing Vichy to permit Hitler to occupy Dakar, from whence he could menace the Western Hemisphere; that it was the United States Navy Department that was trying to force Vichy to turn the French Navy over for use against any power that refused to cooperate in Hitler's new world order; that it was Gen. Marshall who was in charge of the Nazi Fifth Column that is attempting to foment revolutions in South America.

That is the world situation, as the ex-flier views it. Fortunately, however, there are comparatively few Americans who have lived for the last decade—as Mr. Lindbergh has—in a self-induced vacuum.—The Chicago Evening News.

CAUSE FOR HOPEFULNESS

The pattern of the Nazi dream has been altered considerably by the stubborn opposition that the Red army has given the panzer units, and it is not too hard to say that, for the first time since Adolf Hitler began his remarkable campaign of aggression, the writing on the wall indicates tougher going for the Axis nations.

Not only has the campaign in Russia demonstrated that stout hearts and equipment reduce the Nazis from super-men to ordinary soldiers—but there are increasing signs of growing confidence upon the part of those opposed to the Axis philosophy in the increasing discontent that flares in occupied areas. In the sterner attitude adopted toward Japanese aggression and, significantly, in the prompt and energetic occupation of Iran by Russian and British armies.

Move Into Iran Shows Confidence

The situation in the Near East has been greatly improved for the British as a result of the occupation of Syria and the expulsion of German influence from Iran, the strategic center of the vast and important area between the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean. The oil fields of Iran attracted the covetous glances of the Nazi high command but the campaign in Greece and the occupation of Crete were not the preliminary moves of an all-out Nazi campaign to win the Near East and expel the British from their position in North Africa. Hitler chooses to attack Russia, where his armies are apparently bogged down and thus unable to counter the British occupation of Iran.

This country links British and Russian forces, opens up a railroad line of supply from the Persian gulf to the Caspian Sea and makes more difficult the expected German effort to burst the bounds of the blockade by cascading from the Caucasus overland to India and the open seas.

Many Other Encouraging Factors

There are other encouraging developments from the standpoint of those fighting the Axis:

- (1) The unflinching signs of rebellion brewing among the discontented peoples of conquered nations.
(2) The brightening outlook of the Battle of the Atlantic where British shipping is not suffering as heavy losses.
(3) The stiffened attitude of Great Britain and the United States toward Japan, especially evident in the shipment of war supplies through the waters of Japan to Soviet Russia.
(4) The increasing importance of supplies from the United States, which is fast reaching the point where it can ship huge volumes of needed material.
(5) The heavy losses recently suffered by Axis shipping which has been using the water route from the Baltic to the coast of northern Europe in increasing numbers.
Plainly the fight against Hitler is gathering momentum which represents the first results of the spectacular resistance that the Red army has offered to Nazi armies. Despite initial gains and the occupation of much territory, the Germans seem no nearer to a knockout decision than they were some weeks ago and British officers, who have visited the front lines of battle, give encouraging reports of the situation on the central battlefield before Moscow.

Vision of Victory Delights Axis Enemies

For the first time since Hitler menaced the world there is in sight an abundance of supplies and sufficient manpower to thwart his plans and eventually overthrow his regime.

The millions of soldiers available to the Soviet, plus the abundance of supplies from the United States, provide the basis for the better picture that appears. Unless some startling German coup nullifies this combination it will be enough, with the brave determination of the British empire, fighting hard with its fleet and air force, to prevent Nazi domination of the earth.

The increasing aerial attack upon German transportation, industrial and manufacturing centers, and the effective bombing of military and naval bases, represent a new phase of the war to the Nazis. There is every reason to expect intensified bombing as nights lengthen and American bombers get into action.

Upon the high seas the British blockade continues to exert inexorable pressure. Slowly, but surely, its coils tighten the economic grip upon the importation of supplies that must arrive if the Nazi effort is to be long maintained.

Many events can happen to shatter this bright outlook for eventual defeat of Hitler, such as the full-fledged participation of France, the entry of Japan into the war, the collapse of Russian resistance and, last but not least, the resurgence of isolationism in the United States to seriously interfere with the flow of supplies to the nations fighting aggression.

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

The Loser Lost
Nuweed looked dazed and weary. His neighbor inquired the reason. "My wife," said Nuweed. "She told me to take our old tomcat and lose it. So I put it in a basket and tramped in the country for about six miles." He paused for breath.

"Well," put in the neighbor, "did you lose it?" "Lose it?" gasped Nuweed, "if I had not followed it I should never have found my way home."

Just Feeding the Kitty
Mrs. Johnson had gone away from home, leaving Mr. Johnson behind. "So busy" to be able to leave town just then. On arriving at her destination she missed a gold pin, and wrote to the servant asking the girl to let her know if she had found anything on the dining room floor.

From the servant she received this reply: "When sweeping the dining room floor this morning I found 30 matches, four corks and a pack of cards!"

A Long Time Between Drinks
Eskimo Papoose—"Baw-w-w, I wanna drink." Eskimo Mother—"Shut up, it's only six months 'till morning."

The First Lap
A diner at a restaurant sat at another table a man he thought he had met before. He went up to the other.

"Excuse me, but are you Dunn?" he asked. The other put down his knife and fork and gazed in amazement.

"Done!" he said. "No, I ain't, I'm only started."

If Tony Could Hear This
"Did you give the penny to the monkey, dear?" "Yes, mamma."

"And what did the monkey do with it?" "He gave it to his father, who played the organ."

No Waiting
Boss—"Now look here, why hasn't this job been done? It's more than a month since I told you to do it."

Clerk—"I forgot it, sir." Boss—"Forgot it!" Suppose I forgot to pay your salary, what would you say?"

Clerk—"I would tell you at once, sir, not wait a month and kick up a fuss about it."

Family Names
A four-year-old boy, on being asked by a lady what his name was, replied, "Bunny."

"Have you no other name?" asked the lady. "No," came the answer.

"What is your father's name?" "Daddy," replied the child.

"Has he no other name?" asked the lady. "No," said the boy.

"Then what does your mother call him?" the lady said at last. "Fathead," piped the youngster triumphantly.

Both Came Back
Quack—"I don't like to bring this up, but that check you gave me came back."

Patient—"I don't like to mention this either, but so did my rheumatism."

They Just Grow
Visitor—"I see you raise hogs down here almost exclusively. Do they pay better than corn or potatoes?"

Farmer—"Wal, they don't but hogs don't need no hoein'."

Permanents
Young Son—"Mother, isn't your hair permanently waved?" Mother—"My dear, what makes you ask such a question?"

Young Son—"I've been thinking, why can't I have my neck permanently washed?"

Woman's Way
Said one girl to another: "Let's cross over to the other side of the street, so that we'll meet Jack. I want to ignore him!"

Sarcastic
He—"Last year the doctor told me if I didn't stop smoking I'd become feeble-minded." She—"Well, why didn't you stop?"

She Didn't Know It
St. Peter was interviewing the fair damsel at the pearly gate. "Did you, while on earth, indulge in smoking, necking, petting, or dancing?"

"Never," she retorted emphatically. "Then why haven't you reported sooner," said St. Peter. "You've been dead a long time."

Not His Direction
He (on phone)—"Hello, what are you doing?" Feminine Voice—"Getting ready for church."

He—"Sorry, wrong number."

Yeah, We Know
Teacher—"If your mother is shopping and finds she has left her purse at home, she may ask the clerk to send the parcel C. O. D. What do these initials mean?"

Sonny Boy—"Call on Daddy!"

What Did He Say?
Aunt Jane—"Well, Billy, did you see Santa Claus during Christmas?" Billy—"No, but I heard him when he hit his foot on the bedpost."

The Doctor Knows
"Did the doctor seem to know what you had?" "He seemed to have a pretty good idea. He asked me for ten dollars and I only had eleven."

Much Easier
Old Lady (witnessing a tug-of-war for the first time)—"Wouldn't it be easier, dear, to simply get a knife and cut it?"

That's all, folks. Yoo-hoo, Summer. Come on back. We didn't mean what we said about you. —SCAT.

So-That's the Law
(Continued from page one)
by the publisher. By this decision, the Judge did not take it upon himself to rule as to whether or not there were scientific errors in the Bible. His decision was based on legal technicalities.
Peaches to Patriotism—In 1942, Georgia's automobile license plates will be red, white and blue. At present there is a picture of a peach on the plate. This fruit will be removed because of the opposition of the growers of peanuts, cotton, pecans and watermelons in the state.
The Case Against Dictators—Hitler and Stalin were defendants in a law suit in Brooklyn, N. Y. last year. It was an action to foreclose a mortgage on a six family house. This strange case arose when the owners of the property transferred title to Hitler and Stalin and re-

Is there anything you have not told me? Prisoner: "Only one thing—where I hid the money. I want that for myself."

LOUISA'S LETTER

Answer to "Worried Brown Eyes," Alabama.

Your father sounds like a most unreasonable man, and although I rarely advise any girl to leave home, I am sure that if you could get a good job somewhere and a nice place to stay, you would be much happier than you are now.

If your father ever expects you to know any young men, you are certainly old enough to be meeting them. I can't understand his behavior unless you have been in trouble before or because he wants your help and doesn't want to lose a good hand about the place.

There is absolutely no excuse for him to whip a girl of your age and I would see about that job as soon as possible.

Good luck, LOUISA

Dear Louisa:

I have tried to get along with my mother-in-law, but she is just as mean to me as she can be. Her other daughters-in-law say that she treats me so badly because I won't talk back to her. I have gotten so nervous over the whole affair that it is affecting my life with my husband, whom I dearly love. He doesn't realize that his mother treats me as she does.

What must I do? ANXIOUS—Vermont.

ANSWER: Don't let the situation get you down. The very worst thing you can do is to get nervous about the whole thing. Don't "take" everything, as you express it. If she says that a trip you and your husband want to take costs too much, just tell her pleasantly that, after all, you two are the ones to decide that, as you have to pay the bills. Don't let this friction with his mother disturb the relationship with your husband, and for goodness sake, don't get jealous! That is one of the best ways to drive him away to get sympathy from Mamma.

Try to keep cool and pleasant and make it happy home for your husband. I can see how you resent his apparently taking his mother's side in this situation, but remember that, after all, he is in a pretty bad position, torn between his love and loyalty for the two women he cares for most.

Good luck, LOUISA.

Two letters from Connecticut, which were probably written by the same person, are indeed, heart-rending. J. H. is allergic to the color, red, and its such a nice, bright, warm color, too—

Lucifer is concerned with the caste system. What a world! LOUISA.

YOUR HEALTH

From the Education Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, of which the Centre County Medical Society is a component.

Herewith is a combination of supposition and facts. Suppose you are driving happily along a highway some sunny afternoon with only beautiful thoughts in your mind.

There is a car up ahead, but you are so content in mind and relaxed in body that you do wish to pass him. In this car up ahead, are other persons when we are to suppose are similarly happy and relaxed.

Suddenly appears a car from an opposite direction careening over the brow of the hill and smashing into the car ahead of you. There is a contortion of lines as machines buckle, police a moment—then reel drunkenly over and over into the field.

You realize there are people in these automobiles. Your first thought is to do something for them. No doubt they are severely injured, bleeding—perhaps dying. It is up to you to do the correct, the right thing. What is the right thing to do? Are you experienced in the handling of the wounded? Do you know how to handle a person with a broken back? Have you ever before moved a person with a broken leg?

What would you know about applying a tourniquet to stop excessive bleeding from a severed artery? Injury has been added to injury done by excited, hurried, improper handling of injured persons. Rushing a person to a hospital or doctor often increases the shock of the original injury and may cause death. Your purpose is noble and humane. Your unskilled handling of an injured person may kill him. Be cautious and restrained in applying aid and call doctor or an ambulance to the accident victim.

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Query & Answer Column

E. P. A.—What is the meaning of the word filicide? Ans.—One who murders his child; murder of one's son or daughter.

E. C.—Please give the origin of Roquefort cheese. Ans.—This cheese is said to have originated when a shepherd of Cevennes, near Bordeaux, France, accidentally left his lurch of barley bread and fresh sheep's-milk cheese in the mouth of the Roquefort cave. Returning some time later, he found that mold from the bread had permeated the cheese and imparted a delicious flavor. A nearby convent commenced developing the industry about 1070.

M. L.—Was the mother of John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet Home," a Jewess? Ans.—The mother of John Howard Payne was Sarah Isaacs Payne, whose father was a converted Jew. Payne came from Hamburg, Germany, before the Revolutionary War. A memorial to him reads "An Israelite indeed in whom there was no guile."

S. A.—Which has the right of way on the ocean, a large boat or a small boat, if one is going one way and one another? Ans.—If two steam vessels meet in the ocean, one going north and south, the other going east and west, the vessel on the right has the right of way. This is the rule generally for ocean-going craft. However, if a steamship and a sailing vessel meet, the steamship is supposed to keep out of the way of the sailing vessel because of its greater maneuverability.

M. T. K.—What are "bleeders"? Ans.—The blood of some persons will not clot. Such persons are commonly called "bleeders," and they may bleed to death from slight injuries when blood vessels are cut.

H. M. S.—How many people were killed during the building of the Golden Gate Bridge? Ans.—Eleven lives were lost during construction—ten of them on February 17, 1937, when dislodged wood and steel tore open the safety net underneath the span and carried the men into the water.

A. J.—Do bats drink water? Ans.—They drink by skimming over the surface of a still pool or open water and dipping down repeatedly, scooping up the water as they fly.

M. F.—How large does a blue whale grow? Ans.—Blue whales may weigh as much as 115 tons and equal in length and surpass in weight even the gigantic extinct dinosaur.

A. M.—What is the roughest inland body of water in the United States? Ans.—The Salton Sea in California.

M. C. D.—How large are the Midway Islands? Ans.—The Midway Islands, which are located just north of the Hawaiian group, have an area of one and one-half square miles.

R. L.—How large an investment in United States Government Bonds is held by life insurance companies? Ans.—Total holdings in 1941 amount to \$6,000,000,000.

E. P.—What is a gourmet? Ans.—This is a French term for one who takes a refined and critical pleasure in good cooking and the delights of the table.

E. K.—How many cigarettes are used in the United States? Ans.—In 1940, consumption amounted to 183,000,000,000 cigarettes.

L. G.—Is Goebels deformed? Ans.—He was born with a club foot.

R. L. H.—How many parts has a cow's stomach? Ans.—It consists of four divisions—the paunch, reticulum, omasum and abomasum.

T. K.—Are there many arrests for drunkenness in Washington? Ans.—According to police records of 1939, 17,792 men and 1521 women were arrested last year.

L. T.—In what way do the functions of a district attorney differ from those of a prosecuting attorney or a county prosecutor? Ans.—District attorney, prosecuting attorney, county prosecutor and states attorney are different names for officials having the same functions.

C. A.—Why did Sen. Millard Tydings of Maryland oppose the confirmation of Robert H. Jackson as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court? Ans.—Senator Tydings told the Senate Judiciary committee that he opposed confirmation on the ground that the Department of Justice, under Jackson, had refused to prosecute two newspaper columnists for stating that he had called upon W. P. A. to construct a roadway and yacht basin on his estate, whereas the road only went to his estate and the yacht basin adjoined it.

R. S.—How many tons of bituminous coal will the average freight carload contain? Ans.—54 1/2 tons.

T. T.—Why are scientists sure that the earth is not made of rock all the way through? Ans.—Because it is too heavy. The heaviest known rocks weigh less than 200 pounds to the cubic foot. The earth as a whole weighs 345 pounds to the cubic foot. There must be, therefore, a heavy central core of some kind. Many geologists think that it is a core of iron.

B. W.—What was the purpose of Stonehenge in England, and when was it built? Ans.—The purpose of this assemblage of huge, shaped stone circles, one within another, will probably never be known with certainty; nor when it was erected. The widely entertained theory is that it was a burial ground or temple connected with burial ceremonies, for some ancient people who once inhabited the greater part of Great Britain and either emigrated from or to the shores of France and Scandinavia. The date is tentatively assigned to the Bronze Age, based on the character of the contents found in the surrounding barrows, and upon the evidence of toolwork upon the stones. The Neolithic period is held to have merged in the Bronze Age about 2000 to 1500 B. C., and a date between these years has been given from time to time as implements were found.

K. M.—Are W. P. A. workers covered by the Federal old-age and survivors insurance program? Ans.—No; employment on W. P. A. work is not "included" employment within the meaning of the Social Security Act.

A. G.—Is Adolf Hitler married? Ans.—According to Wythe Williams, noted journalist and author, Hitler is married to Evi Braun, daughter of a Bavarian professor. There is no official confirmation of this.

L. D.—Will the eclipse of the sun in September, 1941, be visible from any part of the United States? Ans.—Only in the extreme western part of Alaska.

G. P.—Can water be boiled without heating it? Ans.—Yes, by putting it in a vacuum. The less air pressure the lower the boiling temperature of water, or any liquid. In an ordinary vacuum, air pressure is reduced so much that water will boil at about 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

P. W.—Is a doctor's certificate required to get a marriage license in Maryland? What is the waiting period before a couple can be married? Where may a person get a summary of the marriage laws of the various states? Ans.—The waiting period in Maryland is 48 hours. No doctor's certificate is required. Send ten cents to The Williamsport Sun, Washington Service Bureau, 1013 Thirteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and ask for Marriage Laws booklet.

F. T.—How much baggage may be checked free on each railroad passenger ticket? Ans.—The maximum allowance is usually 150 pounds on a full-fare ticket and 75 pounds on a half-fare ticket.

C. T.—Was any U. S. President a citizen of France? Ans.—George Washington was an honorary citizen of France. In 1793 the French convention conferred on him the title of French citizen on the ground that he was "one of the benefactors of mankind."

M. M.—At official functions at Washington and elsewhere, do governors of the states take precedence over United States senators? How do their ranks compare? Ans.—Governors take precedence over Senators. There is no comparison in rank. A governor is the highest state official, while senators are not state but federal officers.

R. D.—What is the origin of the expression "to run like Sam Hill"? Ans.—Probably its resemblance to Hell, used by "nice people" in place of the stronger expression. The old locomotive named Sam Hill was probably named from the phrase, as the phrase is older than the locomotive.

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