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EDITORIAL

By next March most of us will realize that defense takes money.

Japan is not quite sure which way to jump—consequently she tries diplomacy.

Things can always be worse—thirty years from now the speeders will crash in the sky and fall on pedestrians.

We don't care what philosophy the Red army soldiers enjoy; they are fighting for the best interests of the world.

Now that some bright Congressman has suggested that every member of Congress have his own foreign policy, we believe it would be a good idea for each one of them to have his own army, navy, mint and brain trust.

"GHOST CARS" AND HIGHWAY SAFETY

The Keystone Automobile Club believe the white or "ghost cars" of the State Motor Police encourage safety on the highways and wants more of them.

Police work would not be very effective if in all instances policemen rang a bell or detectives always dressed in white, but many a law violation is prevented by the fact that a policeman, however conspicuously uniformed, is close at hand.

It would be a mistake to confine all highway patrol work to "ghost cars" but as deterrents to motor law violations, they have proved their worth and if more of them will make the highways still safer, so much the better.

U. S. KEEPS OUT OF WAR—SO FAR!

The European war is two years old and while the United States has long since dropped all pretense to neutrality, in regards to the combat, the President has managed, thus far, to keep out of the shooting stage.

It is a question whether this will be possible if the war lasts another two years but there can be little doubt of the course, it is not working to keep us out of the war, if he can, but he admits that the decision may not be left entirely to us.

In brief, it seems that the President entertains the idea that this country, recognizing its fundamental concern with the outcome of the struggle and the grave effects of a German triumph, should do whatever is necessary to prevent that catastrophe. This is predicated upon our own best interests, as he sees them.

By giving prompt assistance in the form of material to the belligerent nations it is hoped that the defeat of Germany will be accomplished by nations now involved in the actual warfare. The fact that we are not in the war, now, because of this policy is understandable when we comprehend the Hitlerian policy of taking on his enemies "one by one." Just now, Germany does not wish to have us among her active enemies and it is possible that this condition may last throughout the struggle.

U. S. FARMERS MAY WIN THE PEACE

The important role that the farmers of the United States will play in the organization of the world which will emerge after the defeat of Hitler is emphasized by Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, who says that the influence of the United States at the peace table will be greatly strengthened if we are able to provide food in plenty.

The chances are, when the nations quit fighting, food will be as important as munitions today. The United States, and a few other countries, will possess enormous reserves of food and feed. Naturally, the prompt dispatch of our surplus to the starving peoples of other nations will exercise powerful influence upon the deliberations of the nations.

No one should lose sight of the fact that the Agricultural Adjustment machinery, which operated in the United States to restrict production, for many years, is now operating to increase production of important crops. Of course, it is not working to increase the yield of wheat and cotton, because the nation has a tremendous surplus of both. It is functioning however, to secure larger supplies of dairy products, poultry products and meat products.

The agricultural program has been misunderstood, especially by residents of metropolitan areas. These city people have been inclined to regard the AAA as a means of limiting production, solely with the idea of permitting farmers to receive exorbitant prices. The truth is that the farmers have not yet received prices commensurate with their contribution to the nation's economy. Moreover, production control is designed to adjust the probable supply of agricultural products to the probable demand, to the end that farmers will not suffer enormous financial loss through the unwise accumulation of unwieldy surpluses.

It should be academic to economists that a prosperous agricultural population is a necessity if the United States is to enjoy anything like sound pros-

perity. The interchange of manufactured goods and farm products is the revolving circle upon which all the business of this country rides.

It might be a good idea for the people who are interested in the welfare of business, finance and industry, to understand that the greatest available market for increased output is to be secured by gradually raising the standard of living for the agricultural population of the United States.

MURDER BY LOT

The civilized world will be shocked, if any Nazi atrocity can do the job, by the shooting of hostages in Paris.

Because German soldiers were killed by unknown persons in France, the Nazi military regime lined up prisoners, selected a number by lot and executed them in cold blood. The men shot were guilty of no crime, were neither accused, tried nor convicted.

It is important for people in this country to realize that this brutal and barbaric policy represents the calculated and methodical application of German might. All over Europe, German firing squads are shooting to suppress the steadily growing opposition to their occupation.

In the United States and in other civilized countries, there is a natural repulsion to indiscriminate killing of innocent people, regardless of provocation. We have an idea that a man, or woman, is entitled to a trial and subject to punishment only for his, or her, crime. To execute helpless prisoners in cold blood is abhorrent to us.

The murder of these hostages by German military authorities should make plain to some Americans that there is a vast gulf between the way of civilization that we have adopted and the practices of Hitler's so-called "New Order." The wonder is that there are freedom-loving Americans who are unable to see this contrast clearly.

THE JAPANESE SITUATION

Negotiations for the peaceful settlement of issues which have arisen between Japan and the United States are getting nowhere and there seems to be no reasonable hope of any successful adjustment at this time.

The Japanese, in a show-window exhibition, played up a letter from Prince Konoye to President Roosevelt, but Tokyo's idea of peace is one based on bargaining, largely at the expense of China.

The Japanese have given no indication whatever that they are willing to abandon the "New Order in Asia," or to give up any of the territory that they have acquired by aggression.

U. S. Must "Give" For Peace

Reports indicate that Japan seeks to maintain control of the Chinese treaty ports and the four northern provinces of China and to maintain "token" military garrisons in other parts of China. In exchange, Japan would withdraw from French Indo-China and give up any idea of southward conquest. While these terms are not official, they are believed to represent the Japanese position.

In brief, Japan asks the United States to recognize her special position in the Far East and to acquiesce in her seizure of Chinese territory. In return, Tokyo offers nothing more than a verbal agreement in regard to further expansion in the Southern Pacific.

This means that Tokyo expects the United States to abandon her policy of the Open Door in China and non-recognition of territorial acquisitions in China for an indefinite promise of very doubtful value.

News From Tokyo Not Reassuring

The news that comes from Japan is not reassuring. The Japanese Foreign Minister speaks of "Japan's firm determination" to establish a new order, pointing to Manchukuo as an example, of what he means. The newspaper of the Japanese Army, talking about negotiations with the United States, stresses "respect for accomplished facts," which apparently means the recognition of the position won by the Japanese Army in China.

The Japanese Foreign Office recently protested to the Soviet Government against Soviet-aided floating mines in Japanese waters, resulting in the sinking of Korean sailing vessels. This apparently innocent protest may be intended to pave the way for an explanation of an "incident" resulting in the sinking of some American ships passing through Japanese waters.

Jap Promises Would Be Worthless

The United States would make a mistake to believe that a comprehensive settlement of the issues between this country and Japan will result in peace. Just now, Japan finds herself in a tight spot, unable to make progress against the combination of the United States, Great Britain, and Russia. Our economic sanctions are having a disastrous effect. For the time being, Tokyo is willing to talk peace in the hope of securing concessions from the United States.

Japanese aggression for the past ten years, however, points very clearly to what Japan will do in the future. If the situation improves, there is no reason to believe that the Japanese will abide by any agreement. Certainly, the United States should not fall for any Japanese stratagem which involves our recognition of a large part of the spoils that Japan has gained through wanton aggression.

The suspicion that Japan is motivated by a desire to gain time, seeking to draw out negotiations as long as possible, in order to take advantage of any change in the situation in Europe, is based upon much more than fancy. The fact is, Japan would have moved upon Singapore and Siberia if the militaristic regime in Tokyo believed that the attacks could be safely undertaken.

Fearing to Move, Japan "Negotiates"

Just now, Japan is afraid to make an overt move, Singapore and Siberia are too formidable. Moreover, the United States, arming as never before, looks more threatening than ever. China continues to fight and the Western powers are slowly increasing their assistance. Japan is in the position of the little fellow who had the bear by the tail. There is no use to buy her off; she will turn loose in time.

A compromise settlement of the issues in the Pacific will mean their reopening at a later date. The only way to permanent peace is to be found in the vindication of ancient American policies in regard to China. Certainly, there is no excuse for appeasement now and, we believe, no danger that the United States will "sell out" China at this stage of the great conflict in the Far East.

MISUSING FREE SPEECH

The problem confronting every American today is not whether they like or dislike the British but whether they choose to support the government of the United States in defending this nation from the aggression of Germany and her allies.

The conquest of Great Britain, sad as it might be to millions of Americans, is not the concern of the government of the United States unless the fall of the British Empire aggravates the danger that besets this country. This is the conclusion officially arrived at by the Congress and President of this republic. It is concurred in by three-fourths of our people.

The prevalence of free speech in this country ceases to be a virtue whenever it permits recalcitrant minorities to openly conspire against the success of national policy.

Surprising as it may sound to some Americans the right of free speech is relative, as are all other rights, and should not be permitted to hamstring national defense or sabotage other rights of a free people.

It may be, when the time comes to write the terms of peace that the nation with the most wheat will be as well off as the nation with the largest army.

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

War is H---
Keep your temper, gentle air,
Writes the manufacturer,
Though your goods are overdue,
For a week, or maybe two.

Putting on the Dog
Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein were entertaining a ritz cousin from New York, and they absolutely had outdone themselves in an effort to do the best. After the meal, the party drifted into the living room for coffee and brandy.

Getting It Straight
At the baptismal service in Rum River near Anoka the clergyman, in taking his handkerchief from his pocket to wipe the water from the face of the convert, pulled out a number of playing cards.

Parlor Pick-up
Deacon Miller's wife was paying a long deferred visit to a member of the Ladies' Aid. The two were chatting as women will over their tea when a tiny tot came in holding a doll tightly in her arms.

Life Saving
"Did you ever save a life?" asked Bobby.
"Yes," nodded Uncle Zeke. "Once my grandfather's house caught on fire, I dashed inside and went all through downstairs, then upstairs in every room. Nobody at all, so I jumped out of the window, just in time."

Double-Crossed
First Soldier—"What's up, Bill?"
Second Soldier—"I sent my girl two letters every day I've been gone, and now she married the mail carrier."

Social Item
Mr. and Mrs. Martini of 10 S. Sycamore street, have named their new baby "Cocktail," but friends who have held him say he's no dry Martini.

Health and Beauty
WHY IS CANCER OF THE BREAST INCREASING
A doctor was standing in the hall of the hospital when he saw one of his former patients being wheeled from the operating room. He immediately interviewed the surgeon and was told that it was an advanced case of cancer which necessitated the removal of the breast and large portions of the contiguous tissues.

and cured in the early stages by surgery, X-ray, or radium.
Let no one suffer in silence from fear, telling himself or herself that it is no use to go to a doctor when a suspicious sore appears.

LOUISA'S LETTER
Dear Louisa:
My daughter is planning to be married in a few weeks. She seems very happy and the boy appears to be a very desirable fellow.

MOTHER—Penna.
ANSWER:
Times change and, of course, your children haven't the same ideas that we had when we were young.

DAMAGE \$286 IN FOUR ACCIDENTS AT COLLEGE
In a series of four motor crashes at State College last weekend, total damage to the eight machines involved was estimated at \$286, but no one was injured.

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Cornerstone Laid
The cornerstone for the new Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital at Wellsboro was laid at ceremonies at 2:30 p. m. DST Friday at the site of the new building on Central Avenue.

CONTAINS NO ALUM, THEREFORE LEAVES NO BITTER TASTE
ATLANTIC LUBRICATION SERVICE
NEW MOTOR OIL
WHITE FLASH PLUS

Query & Answer Column
E. W.—Who holds the speed record for aeroplanes?
Ans.—Francesco Agello of Italy holds the record for seaplanes with a speed of 424 miles per hour, and Jimmy Wedell of the United States holds the record for an airplane (land plane) with a speed of 305 miles per hour.