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EDITORIAL

Every American can help win the war but not by finding fault with everything that officials and officers attempt to do.

If the Nazis fail to take Stalingrad, what becomes of Hitler's boast that no human power will ever drive Germany from that great city?

Out in Kansas they are rationing doctors on the basis of one of them for each 1500 civilians. If we don't get too much sugar, too much coffee, etc., may be we can get along on that basis.

When a motorist speeds by you, driving more than 35 miles an hour, give him the victory blast—three short blasts and one long blast. If enough responsible drivers use that sort of sarcasm on reckless motorists the latter may realize the evils of their ways and reform before they are penalized.

OUR STRATEGIC PLANS

The President of the United States, in his latest freddie talk, referred to the "strategic plans upon which all military operations are based" and assured the fathers and mothers and wives of men in the service that "we will continue to leave the plans for this war to the military leaders."

Mr. Roosevelt took a healthy swing at the experts, declaring that our plans "are not being decided by the typewriter strategists who expound their views in the press or on the radio."

Of course, no sensible American wants our battle plans determined by public opinion or that of the so-called experts. It is impossible for the general staff to consult the writers, or to take them into their confidence, and hence we have heard a lot about the absence of a plan of campaign for the United Nations.

This is a variety of hokum, resulting from the necessity of writers having certain space to fill and radio speakers having to take the air for so many minutes. They must say something. If they have nothing to say they become experts and tell the people what is wrong with the leadership of the United Nations.

It is silly because it may fool some people who are not too smart and thus dampen the morale of the people. There is nothing to be gained by lambasting the only men who can win the war for us, the generals and admirals who must plan our active fighting. There is no reason, on the basis of results thus far secured, to doubt their ability to do the job.

YOUNG PLUMBER NAMED JOE

A very interesting document for these times is a letter printed in the Congressional Record by Representative H. Carl Anderson of Minnesota. It was written home, the congressman says, by a young plumber

named Joe, who had left Minnesota to work on a federal project at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It reads as follows:

"Am working here and like it. Am getting \$131.75 a week.

"Come out, Dad. We do not do as much work here in a day as we did in our own home town in two hours. Due to union restrictions, we cannot drive a nail when we have to have a few boards nailed in place to hold our pipes, so we have some so-called carpenters with us. (We would never call these carpenters back home). All these carpenters do for the \$12 a day that they are paid (or about that) for an eight-hour day is to nail up a few boards to hold the pipe. (We always did this ourselves back home). I'll bet some of these so-called carpenters do not drive 12 nails a day some days."

Now, making allowance for some exaggeration, isn't this a fine state of affairs for a time when the nation and the world are in such a tragic fix? If you take a straight look at such situations—which are more plentiful than anybody wants to admit—don't they make you mad enough to say and do something about it?

TO KEEP OUR STATE IN THE UNION

(The Philadelphia Record)
"Let them eat cake."
That was Marie Antoinette's answer to the Paris mob's cry for bread.

"Let them sell apples."
That was Herbert Hoover's answer to the anguish of the jobless.

"Work or starve."
That was Arthur James' ultimatum to the unemployed.

The issue is not clouded. The Republican party has made little pretense to human sympathy or understanding, least of all in Pennsylvania.

While in other parts of the country Republicanism has somewhat modified itself to meet the challenge of the New Deal, in this citadel of reaction the conservative party has not deviated one iota from its original position—property rights before human rights, government for the few at the expense of the many.

Contrast this with the New Deal under Roosevelt, which has never deviated from its original purpose of a fair deal for all; of striving towards Jefferson's "vision of a people living in comfort on the fruits of their industry."

After 10 years of Republican selfish misrule dragged us into the worst depression in our history, it took 10 years of the New Deal to bring us back to prosperity and the greatest social progress in our history—old age pensions, unemployment insurance, decent labor relations, bank deposit insurance and a score of other measures which have worked for the betterment of the average citizen as well as the strengthening of our nation.

In other States there may be some excuse for a voter's confusion on the issue, because the Republican party has taken unto itself much of the New Deal program.

But in Pennsylvania there is no room for doubt or question. For here the Republican bosses have refused to accept anything of the New Deal or to cooperate in any way. The record is one of continuous, bitter opposition, so extreme that Philadelphia even refuses to avail itself of Federal funds to give work to the unemployed.

Philadelphia is the only great city in the Union which turned down Federal Housing.

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Some Republican candidates personally might be inclined to follow such a course, but, fortunately, they have been trained in a school of strict political discipline.

We know their political bosses won't allow these candidates to follow their honest convictions. Especially is this true of the Republican candidate for Governor, Edward Martin, who was broken to GOP harness early in life, who has never yet balked at orders from the Machine. He has expressed the pious wish that he will be "half as good a Governor as James."

For Justice of the Supreme Court—Judge Grover Cleveland Ladner, another life-long Democrat, whose fine record at both bar and bench has proven him eminently qualified for this higher judicial post.

For Lieutenant Governor—Elmer Kilroy. For Judge of the Superior Court—Judge Michael A. Musmanno.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs—Warren K. Hess. For Congressman-at-large—Inez B. Peel.

And for the straight Democratic Congressional and Legislative delegations.

There is plenty of cabbage, but "pack sauerkraut in barrels," is the advice of the United States Department of Agriculture, to save tin. Tin is too valuable to load with sauerkraut and, like oil, is ammunition. There still must be householders who know the art of "putting down" cabbage for sauerkraut. If there are those who would like to learn they can be shown it is not difficult. Because tin is a scarce and necessary ingredient of vital war material is why the people are asked to salvage empty tin cans and put victuals up in glass and sauerkraut in tubs. By using kegs to put up the kraut, people can have their kraut and the tin will go to help knock out the Japs.

This, in a way, means having your cake and eating it, too, which is something always thought to be impossible, but in wartime we learn a lot of things are impossible.

The President spoke a mouthful when he said that there was no use to win a war unless it stays won.

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THE OFFICE CAT
"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"
Believe It or Not
Women's faults are many, Men have only two; Everything they do, And everything they do.

Man Found Shot Near Emporium
Lives in Reverse
My, Oh My
Some Job
How About Yours
That's all, folks. We consider it silly for the WPB to shorten men's shirts, because the tax collector will take them anyway. —"SCAT."

Brilliant Candidate
INEZ B. PEEL
This year, for the first time in 30 years, a Representative-at-Large will be elected to represent all of Pennsylvania, in addition to the Congressmen to be elected from each district.

Query & Answer Column
E. L.—Please give some information about the bulldog that was the Eli mascot.
Ans.—The Eli mascot was Handsome Dan, owned by Andrew B. Graves of the class of '92. Handsome Dan was the official Yale football mascot for over ten years. He was a big, white, brindle bulldog and when he died his carcass was stuffed and it now adorns an important position in the Yale trophy room.

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