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EDITORIAL

You can't fight a war without money and this is the people's war. Buy bonds regularly.

The fighting Americans in the Solomons know no eight-hour day and they are guaranteed no profits.

Any typewriter strategist can outline a way to win the war without a doubt, so far as he is concerned.

It is about time for some isolationists to explain how we could have prevented Japan from attacking Pearl Harbor.

When tax-paying time arrives next spring the average American will be inclined to agree heartily with General Sherman.

There are many reasons for us to be thankful in 1942 and so let us prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving as usual, even if a little more solemnly.

AXIS PEOPLE NEED A LESSON

There may be considered wisdom in the contention that the United Nations should seek to undermine the morale of the people of the Axis nations but we have no idea that the most effective method of convincing them of the error of their ways is to show them conclusively that crime does not pay.

The people of Japan, Germany and Italy are, to all intents and purposes, one and the same with their predatory governments. Despite sporadic opposition they do the fighting and they manufacture the stuff for war. Under strict discipline they carry the orders of their superiors and show little mercy to the unfortunate victims of their superior strength.

Just what is to be gained by advocating a policy of leniency to the masses that support Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito escapes us. It might be just as well to put a little fear into them, so that when the war brings defeat to their fighting forces they will be more than willing to call it a war. Let the people of these nations know that they will share the guilt of their rotten leaders and when the suspicion enters their minds that they are on the losing side, some of them will begin to think about saving their own hides.

THE SITUATION IN THE SOLOMONS

It is rather difficult to pass judgment upon the Solomons campaign up to this time without knowing more of the facts involved. While some critics have suggested that our losses, especially cruisers, have been due to the adoption of a defense-patrol strategy there are others who believe that caution has enabled us to exact a heavy toll from the foe.

With the Japanese throwing greater strength into the campaign, it is plain that what began as a local offensive has developed into major warfare, which may have a tremendous effect upon the entire situation in the Pacific.

Poster Hailey, writing in the New York Times from Honolulu, refers to the belief that a more aggressive policy in fleet operations may have paid a bigger dividend in enemy ships sunk but wisely points out that the same policy may have resulted in heavier losses than the Pacific fleet can afford.

"It is a tough situation," he comments, "for the admirals and generals in the Pacific, charged with the responsibility of 'holding the line.'" Our fliers are outnumbered, our ships are outnumbered and shore operations, as upon Guadalcanal are undertaken at heavy disadvantages.

LET EXPERTS RUN THE WAR

There have been constant references in the press and on the air, to what commentators described as a lack of an adequate war program and the inference has been rather freely promulgated that too much civilian control is hampering the military men in the conduct of the war.

We doubt if there is an official, in high public office today, either in Great Britain or the United States, who would attempt to tell the admirals and the generals exactly how the war must be won. The consensus of opinion is that this war must be left to the experts who understand strategy and tactics and that civilian officials have other functions to perform.

Much the same observation applies to helicopter efforts to hasten a second front, or any other venture on the field of battle. There was, not so many weeks ago, something like a persistent campaign to put the pressure on the Navy to "do something in the Aleutians."

There will be similar popular efforts to prod responsible officers and officials, in relation to specific objectives, but the average American will do well not to become "steamed up" over such issues.

BALDWIN ON THE FAR EAST

Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert of the New York Times, recently concluded a 14,000-mile flight over the Pacific to the Solomons and return and consequently, he now appraises the situation in the Far East.

Japanese domination "has not yet been seriously challenged," he says, adding that the United States, "aided by a clear-cut qualitative air superiority," has assumed the offensive in the "bitter, relentless 'no-quarter' war."

The Japanese have had "a quantitative air superiority" and today maintain "some quantitative naval superiority." The enemy has "the great advantage of the interior position" with shorter lines of communication and "our shipping shortage and the tremendous distances of the Pacific magnify this advantage."

We have, according to Mr. Baldwin, "a clear-cut qualitative air superiority" and a "qualitative superiority in some of the tactics and technique of warfare, particularly in carrier operations and in submarine commerce-raiding operations."

While the gun has been superseded "up until now" as the primary naval arm by the bomb and the torpedo "it still has a very important use" and the Japanese "put it to better use than we have done." Comparing troops en masse, the enemy is "clearly superior in jungle warfare" and the Japanese "are the best jungle fighters in the world," with more experience in "amphibian operations" than any other power.

These are the general conclusions of the "expert." Boiled down, they are that the Japs have more planes, more ships and more men than we have. The conclusion about jungle fighting is, in our opinion, not necessarily correct because the Japanese reputation in this respect has been gained in campaigns where they have overwhelmingly outnumbered their foes.

INDIA 'EXPLOITS' THE BRITISH

For many years, there has been a large number of American citizens ready to believe any aspersions upon the British people and anxious to say anything that might stir up ill feeling between the peoples of the two English-speaking nations.

One of the constant complaints relates to the imperialistic policies of Great Britain which "exploit" the colonies. The idea is advanced today that the British are taking advantage of the people of India, putting them into the war without their consent and milking them of their resources.

Consequently, it will surprise some Americans to read that Herbert L. Matthews, New York Times correspondent, has to say about Great Britain "being exploited by India." He points out that the British are "running more and more into India's debt" on account of increased purchases of the products of India.

The situation, he explains, is like the relations of England and the United States before Lend-Lease, when Washington exacted cash for British war purchases. It did not take London long to spend her available dollar-balances in the United States and, without Lend-Lease, the British would have been compelled to stop purchasing war materials in this country.

Much the same thing has happened in the financial relationship between Great Britain and India. London has spent all her rupee balances and now must give sterling credits. Consequently, says Mr. Matthews, "India is in a most favorable financial situation." The British are buying now and they will have to pay later.

Just where and how British imperialism enables the British to appropriate the products of India has never been explained. The British, in their relationship to India, cannot use the tactics of Hitler, and compel the people of India to sell their products for the equivalent of the "occupation money" that the German army uses in conquered countries.

ABOUT CONSCRIPTING WOMEN

Just to show what occupies the minds of some people, we report that Mrs. Harriet W. Wiley, chairman of the National Woman's Party, says that conscription of women, without first giving them equal constitutional status with men would be a "death blow to the rights of women."

Miss Vivian Kelliams, "an industrialist," reports that Congress has "a revolution of women right under its nose," and wants to know how women can say "we are fighting for freedom when we haven't got it at home." She reports one thousand discriminatory State laws against women.

Dr. Mary E. Woolley, president-emerita of Mount Holyoke College, adds to the symposium by declaring that women "as women have much to contribute towards postwar reconstruction." She wants them to have a part in the shaping of world policy.

The general purport of the National Woman's party is to link war service with equal rights and to denounce the conscription of women without a change of status. Personally, we would prefer for the nation to avoid the conscription of women in connection with war service, but if it becomes necessary the women of the nation have many reasons to support such a step.

Presumably, nothing but downright necessity in connection with winning the war, would persuade the male officials of this country to conscript women. If the necessity exists, the women of the nation, regardless of the National Woman's party, will endorse the draft and give it their cooperation.

The women of this country know that they have more to lose if the Axis conquers the United Nations than the women of any country in the world.

CARRYING WAR TO ITALY

Coinciding with the beginning of the battle in Egypt the British have delivered some stupendous aerial attacks upon key Italian cities.

Naturally, the objective is to disorganize Italian shipping facilities in order to prevent the dispatch of supplies and reinforcements to Gen. Rommel. The aerial offensive is apt to produce another result. Certainly it will tend to dispel the equanimity with which the Italians have regarded the bombing of German cities.

For some strange reason there seems to exist an idea, not altogether missing in this country, that it is good strategy to treat the Italians as friends. The belief persists, in some quarters, that we can eventually win Italian opinion and, maybe, pave the way for a bloodless victory.

This is a foolish idea, it seems to us. The best way to put the fear of God into Italian hearts is to give them a taste of the medicine they doled out to the Spaniards, the Ethiopians, the Albanians and the Greeks.

So far as we can see, successful strategy in war makes it necessary to take a declaration of war against us as a matter of business, requiring a business-like reply. The Italians decided to declare war upon the United States, in support of their allies, the Japanese, and it is our duty, just as soon as possible, to convince them that making war upon the United States is no monkey business.

While we regret to see young men below the age of twenty called for military service, we nevertheless believe that the lowering of the draft age would not have been requested unless those responsible for the successful conduct of our wars believed it necessary. As a layman, we cannot say that they are wrong and, as the nation must win both of its present wars, we have no choice but to support the President, the Chief-of-Staff and our Army officers in the creation of a successful army.

How would you feel if you read this news item: "Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands-The soldiers and marines postponed their attack today in order to attend a mass meeting, called to insist upon better tires, more gasoline and free automobile service during their leisure times."

The Japanese admiral who said he would dictate peace in the White House ought to be brought to the White House, after the war ends, in a cage.

Advertisement for Air Forces Heroes featuring an illustration of an airplane and the text 'Air Forces Heroes' and 'Army HEROES'.

Advertisement for Roy W. Hooe, Master Sergeant, Veteran of Bowling Field, featuring an illustration of a man and text describing his military and mechanical skills.

Advertisement for 'The Office Cat' featuring an illustration of a cat and the text 'A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men'.

Advertisement for 'Roller Skating Song' featuring lyrics about a girl named Nellie Tibbons and a boy named Jim.

Advertisement for 'Chiseling the Horse' featuring lyrics about a horse and a man named Pat.

Advertisement for 'Nothing to Worry About' featuring lyrics about a boy who looked anxious as three airplanes flew overhead.

Advertisement for 'Yes, Sir-r' featuring lyrics about a man shouting with joy and a woman shouting with a sneer.

Advertisement for 'The Widow's Mite' featuring lyrics about two tramps standing at the gate of a widow's cottage.

Advertisement for 'Paste This in Your Hats, Boys' featuring lyrics about a man who said that counts—it's what the woman answers.

Advertisement for 'Reliefers' Troubles' featuring lyrics about a few of the actual letters received at the office of a large city's relief agency.

Advertisement for 'Phonic Transcription' featuring lyrics about a man who had a heart murmur and a woman who had a hot mama.

Advertisement for 'No Cause For Tears' featuring lyrics about a man who had a very awkward recruit and a woman who kept on crying.

Advertisement for 'Seated Subjects' featuring lyrics about seven hundred people who had been painted on their seats, so still were they.

Advertisement for 'An Idea' featuring lyrics about a man who went out with the boys one evening and before he realized it, the dawn of the next day had broken.

Advertisement for 'A Bum Joke' featuring lyrics about a headline that says Serb guerrillas killed 4,000 Nazis and Italians in the mountains.

Advertisement for 'So They Say' featuring lyrics about a man who says that it is invariably the rule when a gal goes crazy over love, sooner or later she gets a little buggy.

Advertisement for 'SKAT' featuring lyrics about a man who says that a lot of people these days need a kick in the seat of their pants.

SCHOOL TEACHERS LOST BY SELECTIVE SERVICE

Public schools are losing too many of their most efficient teachers through selective service, says Dr. M. R. Trabue, dean of the School of Education at the Pennsylvania State College and also chairman of the Wartime Committee on Teacher Education appointed in May by Dr. Francis B. Haas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Dr. Trabue maintained that under present conditions it is short-sighted to permit wholesale interruption of the technical training of high school youth as is now taking place, because we must face the possibility that this war may not be won in 1943, nor even in 1945.

He stated that citizens of a community should attempt to hold their teachers who cannot be replaced and whose instruction is necessary in preparing children to meet heavy responsibilities created by the war.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: I knew my husband for only a few weeks before we were married and he was sent away by the Army about three months after we were married. We were very happy and at first when he went off he wrote to me every day but now I hardly hear a word from him.

Your great trouble was in too hasty a marriage. People who have known each other only a few weeks have no business getting married, even in normal times.

Answer: In your case, I should not consider a divorce yet. Go on being loyal and a good wife, regardless of your suspicions. When he comes back he may fall in love with you all over again and you may also find that what you feared was not true.

Dear Louisa: I have recently moved to a new place and I am very lonely. How do I go about meeting people? I always knew everybody when I lived before. Would it be all right to call on my neighbor before they call on me?

Answer: One usually waits for the neighbors to call if they are new in a place. A good way to meet new people is to go to your church and enter into the various activities. The minister will also help you to meet other people.

254 CO-EDS EARN EDUCATION AT PENN STATE COLLEGE Although it is considered a menial job, 254 co-eds at the Pennsylvania State College earned their education in part-time work last year, according to Miss Ruth Zang, assistant dean of women.

While they carried a full schedule of college courses, the co-eds earned \$31,925 for doing part-time work. Miss Zang reported. The average compensation was \$125.

More than 120 women did stenographic or secretarial work under the N. Y. A. program, while others earned their board or room by doing housework in private homes and waiting on tables for town restaurants.

The dean of women's office also furnished employment for some women by hiring them as "checkers" to register co-eds coming into dormitories at night.

Relief Shows Slight Drop Direct relief funds distributed in Centre county during the week ending Friday, October 30, totalled \$555.40, according to G. Harold Wagner, State Treasurer. This amount was paid to 144 cases. Last week 144 cases received a total of \$566.40. Payments aggregating \$28,701.50 were mailed to the twenty counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania served by the Treasury Regional Office in Scranton during the current week. This amount was paid to 6,043 cases.

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Query & Answer Column

E. Y.—How large is a new-born opossum?
Ans.—It is so small that twelve could easily be held in the bowl of a tablespoon.

W. M.—How bright is the light of a firefly?
Ans.—The actual light from a single firefly is very minute, averaging little more than 25 thousandths of a candle power. The insect will sometimes glow steadily with a light as low as two hundred-thousandths of a candle power in intensity.

K. D.—Do wedding presents belong to both the bride and groom?
Ans.—Wedding presents are all sent to the bride, and are, according to law, her personal property.

J. E.—Where did the Amazons, the tribe of warlike women, live?
Ans.—They lived in Scythia, the Caucasus region of southern Russia. An Amazon was not considered adult until she had killed a man in battle.

H. K.—What is meant by the term "plus cost" in contracts?
Ans.—The expression "plus cost" is often used in contracts which provide that the contractor shall receive cost, plus a certain percent, as which will be his profit. Not only labor, but all costs are counted.

G. L.—How many metals are there?
Ans.—There are at least seventy kinds of metals.

D. C. J.—What is the motto of France?
Ans.—"Country, Family, Work."

D. C.—How much did long-distance telephone calls increase last year in Washington, D. C.?
Ans.—Long-distance traffic during 1941 was nearly 60 per cent greater than in the previous year. In the week following Pearl Harbor, toll traffic was 110 per cent more than the year before, and throughout the country the heaviest in history.

R. C. B.—Please give a brief history of kites.
Ans.—According to tradition, kites were invented by Archytas of Tarentum four centuries before Christ, but they have been used by savage tribes of Asia from time immemorial, and kite-flying has been a national pastime of the Chinese, Japanese and the East Indians.

M. V. C.—Which is the longest highway across the United States?
Ans.—The longest route across the Country is U. S. No. 6, which is 3652 miles long. It runs from Providenceport, Mass., to Long Beach, Calif.

L. M.—What is the origin of the term kowtow?
Ans.—It is derived from the Chinese ceremonial act of prostration as a sign of homage, submission or worship. The word is formed from ko, knock and tou, head. To the Emperor the kowtow was performed by kneeling three times, each act accompanied by touching the ground with the forehead.

N. B.—Which of the moon's phases form the waning crescent?
Ans.—The phase between full moon and that between last quarter and new moon is called waning crescent.

F. K. L.—What kind of tree is the smallest?
Ans.—A dwarf variety of willow is the smallest tree. It grows one inch or less in height and is found only at high altitudes in the Rocky Mountains, in Idaho, Montana and in a limited area in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

O. R. A.—Who was the General ordered by President Hoover to clear Washington of the bonus marchers?
Ans.—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, while holding the office of Chief of Staff of the Army was ordered by President Hoover to clear the Capitol on July 28, 1932 of the bonus marchers.

P. B.—Have the Germans and Italians lost more or less planes in battle in Europe and the Middle East than Great Britain?
Ans.—In three years the number of German and Italian planes lost in battle, probably lost, damaged, or destroyed on the ground was 3,965, compared with Britain's losses of 6,231.

W. J.—When did Brigadier General Doolittle lead the American expedition which bombed Tokyo?
Ans.—April 18, 1942.

M. A.—What was the weight of the largest gold nugget ever found?
Ans.—Among the largest on record are the Blanche Markley nugget, which weighed 143 pounds, and the Welcome Stranger nugget, valued at more than \$40,000, which scaled 210 pounds. In New South Wales, an immense nugget was unearthed, weighing about 600 pounds, which was sold for \$148,000.

J. R.—Which is correct, Woman's Club or Women's Club?
Ans.—Both are widely used, as Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Women's Bureau (U. S. Dept. of Labor), Women's City Club of New York.

W. H. N.—Why is it unlucky to spill salt?
Ans.—The superstition is based upon the tradition that Judas Iscariot spilled salt during the Last Supper.

E. K. N.—What is the Printers Bible?
Ans.—"The Printers Bible" was an edition issued prior to 1702 in which the word printers mistakenly occurs, making the 161st verse of Psalm 119 read: Printers (printings) have persecuted me without a cause.

S. S.—Who was the first surgeon to wear rubber gloves in the operating room?
Ans.—Dr. William S. Halsted, a noted professor of surgery who died in 1922, is said to have introduced the practice.

W. P.—Please explain how Alvino Rey talks and sings through his electric guitar.
Ans.—The tones are entirely those of his guitar. The use of the Sonovox creates the weird effect. Louise King, his wife, holds the sensitive gadget on her throat and acts as an amplifier for Alvino's guitar articulating but not actually uttering a sound. The tones from the guitar are transmitted through the Sonovox gadgets and the articulation gives the effect of the "Talking Guitar."

A. G.—What is the greatest distance from the ocean of any point in Florida?
Ans.—No point in Florida is more than 100 miles from the sea coast.

C. N. J.—What is the amount of money in circulation?
Ans.—The total amount of money in circulation July 31, 1942, was \$12,739,478,258.

P. N.—Are women eligible to serve in the Civil Air Patrol?
Ans.—Women are accepted in the Patrol to serve as student pilots, radio operators or mechanics. The minimum age limit is 18.

S. A.—What do the Chinese mean by Yang and Yin?
Ans.—These are the names of the positive and negative principles, which the Chinese believe exist throughout the universe.

N. N.—What percentage of light is transmitted by window glass?
Ans.—Ordinary window glass transmits about 90 per cent of light, the remainder being reflected.

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