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EDITORIAL

Democracies are never prepared for war. They have to fight for their lives and get prepared for battle at the same time.

There will be many changes, after the war, but none of them will be dangerous if the people of the United States retain their intelligence.

Regardless of what you may think about them, the Chinese and Russians deserve the right to govern their own country in their own way.

Let us repeat, Buy War Bonds or wear bonds.

One effect of the war: We won't have to buy a new car just because we want to "keep up with the Joneses."

The surprise offensive in North Africa, the typewriter strategists and armchair generals looking rather foolish.

Up in Lawrence, Mass., the employes wanted to take a pay cut and the boss wouldn't hear of it. That's more news than if six men had bitten six dogs at the same moment.

"All able-bodied men of military age in this country, regardless of dependency, will ultimately be in the armed forces."—Paul V. McNutt.

BE HONEST ABOUT TAXES

Society, as we know it, could not be perpetuated without government. Whether it is the best, the best possible, or only fair, the continuance of peaceable lives, the carrying on of farming, business, and commerce, or any of the hundred and one necessary modern activities require law and order, established processes, protective safeguards, and the cooperation which is only possible through government.

Regardless of some waste, and it can't be entirely avoided, the fact remains that the average citizen gets more for his dollars paid in taxes than for any other expenditure he makes. The average family head doesn't pay as much taxes as his children cost the government for their education, if he has a moderate-sized family. All the rest of the benefits from government he gets beyond that!

Government can't operate without some money, and taxes are necessary. Every citizen should be willing to pay his proportionate share of the common cost of these beneficial services. The growing disposition on the part of many to "beat taxes" should be frowned upon. It is a little hard to grasp how an otherwise honest, upright man can defend in his conscience, for example, a successful subterfuge, or deceit, to cheat the government out of income, or other taxes.

On the other hand, every effort should be made by tax officials to equalize taxes, that is, to see that every citizen is fairly treated, that he is not called on to pay proportionately more or less than his neighbors have to do. Yet, the task of perfect equalization is hard to accomplish, just as hard to maintain after its accomplishment, in view of the changing factors involved.

Notwithstanding the many centuries during which various governments have collected taxes, the problem still calls for the thought and effort of good citizens.

SENATOR NORRIS

We have long admired the public career of Senator George Norris of Nebraska, and regret that in the evening of life he should go down to defeat.

Political experts, however, say it was largely his own fault. He repeatedly announced his retirement and, at almost the last hour, decided to offer again for re-election.

The 81-year-old veteran seemed to take his de-

feat to heart, saying he could not understand it and that the voters of his State had repudiated all that he stood for in his long and courageous public career. This is a mistaken view. The policies of the Nebraska have, in a large degree, become the accepted policies of the United States. He has lived to see the fruition of many of his political dreams.

MAY CHANGE COURSE OF WAR

The American offensive in North Africa, designed to secure control of French territory and to make certain the expulsion of the Axis army from Libya, opens a new phase in our war with Germany and Italy.

Planned for many months, the campaign was initiated with supreme skill and caught the Axis entirely unawares. Some French opposition occurred, but, in the main, the overwhelming American forces swept speedily to their objectives.

Obviously, control of the French railway from Casablanca, French Morocco's Atlantic port, to Tunisia, is of great value. Moreover, when General Rommel's forces have been liquidated, the United Nations will acquire the entire southern coastline of the Mediterranean. This will make available a much shorter supply line to the Near East.

Exposes Axis to New Attack

As experts have pointed out, the American maneuver has exposed to attack the vulnerable under-side of the Axis empire in Europe. This forces Hitler to rearrange his system of defenses because the way is open for our forces to by-pass his elaborately fortified zone in Western Europe.

The Nazi reaction, including the occupation of Tunisia and the desperate effort to seize Tunisian bases, reveals clearly Germany's realization of the strategic value of the American operation. Tunisia, in our possession, menaces Sardinia and Sicily, as well as Rommel, and places our aircraft in a position to control the Mediterranean at its narrowest span.

Move Influences Other Peoples

We should not overlook the psychological effect of the operation, either in regard to the French forces in North Africa or the people of Europe and the Near East. French opposition seems to have been largely avoided because American, and not British, soldiers were in the occupying force.

In Germany and Italy, the conquered countries and in all the area adjoining the United States, the knowledge that the United States is throwing important forces into action will have tremendous repercussions. After all, the consequences of American participation in the first World War have not yet been forgotten.

The fact that our program has proceeded far enough to enable us to arrange a large-scale invasion, more than three thousand miles from home, calls attention to the growing strength of the United Nations. It serves notice on all peoples that the forces against the Axis are steadily growing in power and that the Nazis are unable to crack. Russian resistance must somehow distribute their forces to meet this sudden challenge.

U. S. Action Reveals Efficiency

The campaign certainly refutes the idea, heard here and abroad, that our war effort has been hopelessly bungled. Back of the landing parties were many weeks of intensive training and months of careful preparation. For once, even pessimistic professional military experts cannot deny the effective coordination between the British victory in Egypt and the intervention of United States soldiers in Africa. The timing was excellent and the entire undertaking creates confidence in the ability of the British and Americans to undertake and carry through a major military operation successfully.

It will probably require several weeks to correctly assess the situation, both in Africa and France. Despite the initial successes, there is the possibility that heavy fighting will ensue before the Axis is expelled completely from Africa. This will create a new situation, with the Americans unable to crack. Russian armies consolidated. Obviously, all of the soldiers will not be necessary to police the occupied areas. Some of them will become immediately available to reinforce the United Nations position in the Near East in the event that the Nazis make a desperate lunge through Turkey.

Spain Was Advised of Plan

Then again, we must not overlook the possibility that Spain with her soldiers in Spanish Morocco and Spain proper, may join Hitler and Mussolini in a campaign to recover lost ground.

Along with the news of the African campaign, President Roosevelt explains that Premier Stalin was fully advised as to the intentions of Great Britain and the United States. He was informed, some months ago, that an invasion of Western Europe, with adequate forces, could not be undertaken until June, 1943, but that, in the meantime, the attack upon Africa would be carried out. While this may not meet demands for a "second front," there is, beyond doubt, the possibility that future developments may make an assault upon the Nazi fortified lines in Western Europe unnecessary.

PARTY OUTLOOK IN CONGRESS

The outcome of the Congressional election, is encouraging to those who cling to the Republican label in politics because the party made considerable gains, cutting down the Democratic strength to little more than a bare majority.

Leaders of both parties emphasized that international issues were not important. Practically every candidate was for vigorous, efficient prosecution of the war, as Herbert Hoover states, and, in most instances, Republicans attempted to outdo Democratic candidates by insisting upon greater efficiency and speed in the conduct of the war.

It has long been apparent in American politics that party labels mean little or nothing. A Republican Congressman, elected in Massachusetts, for example, rarely sees eye to eye with another Republican elected from a Western state. Similarly, Democratic candidates from Northern and Western states often differ materially in their ideas from those who represent the part in the South.

The prospect is that President Roosevelt will depend in the future as he has in the past, upon an appeal to progressive thinkers in both party groups. There will be, no doubt, many occasions in which Democrats and Republicans in the House will divide, with the winning side representing a combination of both parties. Insofar as the war is concerned, there will be little division in Congress.

Political statisticians report that the election records strong Republican gains in the livestock, dairy, poultry and grain-producing regions of the Upper Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and the Great Plains. This region turned Democratic in 1932, making possible the election of President Roosevelt. Consequently, it is presumed that the Administration will take cognizance of the dissatisfaction in the Farm Belt of the West. If we forecast the future by the past, this is a reasonable assumption.

No salaries are pegged, we suppose we will have to get along on what we get.

There are fewer accidents on the highway because there are fewer cars and less speed.

saw timber in Clearfield county, conducted by D. D. Stevenson and P. I. Wrigley of the Pennsylvania State College, shows that the drain from the woodlands is twice the annual growth. This type of depletion destroys forest values.

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A year ago many Americans thought that we would never go to war; today other Americans think we will never experience hunger. Who knows?

A survey of wartime utilization of

Ex Libris... By William Sharp



"AN OFFICER WALKED IN WILSON STREET, A GERMAN OFFICE SUIT AND SMAR... AND HE SMILED AND SOFTLY STOPPED IN HIS TRACKS AS HE SPOTTED THE STROOPED AND TRUBLED BACKS OF FOUR MEN READING THE WORLD 'FORWARD'."



"THE MURDER OF LOUISA by Edna St. Vincent Millay"

Query & Answer Column

F. F. J.—What is the rest of the quotation beginning "There is so much good in the worst of us?"

Ans.—"There is so much good in the worst of us. And so much bad in the best of us. That it hardly behooves any of us. To talk about the rest of us." This quotation was first printed in The Marion (Kansas) Record owned by Governor Edward Wallis Hoch and is assumed to have been written by him.

A. A. C.—Is it possible for an aviator to fly upside down without knowing it?

Ans.—The Army Air Corps says that it is possible. It can happen during night flying, or when coming out of a spin, or when there is something wrong with the instruments.

F. H. U.—Would President Roosevelt stay in office, in case he is not re-elected, if the war isn't over by election time?

Ans.—No, the President would be succeeded by the candidate who was elected, no matter what the status of the war.

P. E. B.—What is the capacity of San Francisco's new underground parking area?

Ans.—It has space for 1700 cars.

J. D. E.—Is England still producing motion pictures?

Ans.—Film Daily reports that the total production for the current year will be about forty pictures, compared with a total of about 250 in normal times.

B. K.—Was Governors Island in New York Harbor bought from the Indians?

Ans.—In 1637 the island was purchased from the Indians for \$1.65 by Wouter Van Twiller, a governor of New Netherland, and his council.

P. L. A.—Has Hitler named his successor?

Ans.—In 1939, Hitler announced if anything happened to him he would be succeeded by Hermann Goering.

C. A. V.—How did Admiral Nelson lose the sight of one eye?

Ans.—He lost his right eye during the Battle of Calvi; not long afterward, in an assault on Santa Cruz, he received a wound which made the amputation of his right arm necessary.

C. McD.—What were the last words of Socrates?

Ans.—Socrates' last words before his death were: "I owe a cock to Asclepius; do not forget to pay it." Critic replied: "The debt shall be paid. Is there anything else?" There was no answer.

G. T.—What is the path of a bullet fired from a rifle held in a horizontal position?

Ans.—The National Rifle Association says that a bullet fired from a rifle starts to fall as soon as it leaves the barrel. It falls in a gradually accelerated curve in accordance with the law of falling bodies.

H. C. E.—How did the game gin rummy get its name?

Ans.—Its originator, Elwood T. Baker, named it gin as a one syllable word which corresponds most closely to rum.

W. A. M.—What does the term "in loco parentis" mean as applied to a designated beneficiary under a National Service life insurance policy?

Ans.—The legal definition is: "In the place of a parent; instead of a parent, charged facetiously, with a parent's rights, duties and responsibilities."

T. O. B.—What was the highest price paid for sugar when prices rose after World War I?

Ans.—The highest average price for the entire United States was 26.7 cents a pound on June 15, 1920. The highest recorded price was 31.8 cents a pound.

F. S.—How many Americans are interned at Santo Tomas College in Manila?

Ans.—About 3,900 American civilians are interned on the 30 acre campus.

S. L.—Is it dangerous to keep an empty fuel oil tank in the basement? Will it rust?

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

It was about one year and five months ago that I met Johnny at a party. I fell for him hard. At first he made all the advances and then suddenly stopped everything. I asked him to explain, which he did by saying it was obvious the way I cared for him and that he did not want to get serious with any girl as he wasn't ready to get married. He'd come to see me when he wanted to. When he enlisted in the Navy he didn't tell me but said he was going away for a while. Naturally I was hurt and felt that he is running away from me.

I can't get him off my mind. I go out with others but I don't enjoy myself. I got his address through friends but I know he doesn't believe in writing letters. I am dying to hear from him but do you think I should write to him first or will it be too much like chasing him? GERMAINE—Conn.

Answer:

So many girls make the mistake of trying to be the pursuer instead of the pursued, and there is no surer way of driving off a suitor than to try to run him down or force his hand too soon. Your case is just such a one. If you had controlled your feelings and not let him realize right away that you were just like a ripe plum—ready to fall in his lap if he gave you a glance—he would probably now be worried about the state of your affairs rather than trying to run away from you.

If you feel that you must write to him, make it a nice friendly letter. Don't mention the fact that he ran away from you or upbraid him about it. Tell him the news and let him know that all the home girls are trying to help keep up the morale of the boys in service by writing to them. If you confine yourself to friendliness and cheerful news, you may get a reply. Good luck. LOUISA.

To a Broken-hearted Mother—W. V. A.

I can see by your letter that you realize that you went about your problem in the wrong way. To begin with, you now say you were just a jealous fool to accuse your husband of things he did not do. By your nagging you have driven him to the point where he doesn't want to come home any more.

Why don't you tell him what you have written me? That you have made his home an unhappy place by your suspicions and that hereafter there will be no more nagging. Make home a cheerful, pleasant place again and that is the surest way I know of getting him to come back.

After all a man of 50 wants a place that he can go after work hours and relax. He doesn't want to be worried with all sorts of imaginary fears and accusations. Feed him good food and be cheerful. Good luck. LOUISA.

MY FUTURE

Under the heading "My Future," Lieut. William G. Farrow, 23 of Derlington, S. C., gave to every American, especially the youth of our country, a guide to follow in shaping our lives.

It was written by Lieut. Farrow in 1940 when he took up aviation after spending two years at the University of South Carolina, and was obtained from friends of the Lieut. after the Japanese claimed that he had been one of the aviators captured during the Doolittle raid on Tokyo.

Lieutenant Farrow wrote as follows: "The time has come to decide what rules I am going to set myself for daily conduct. My aim is decided—I am going into some branch of aviation. I have only to apply myself daily toward this end to achieve it. First I must enumerate my weaknesses and seek to eliminate them. It's going to be hard, but it's the only way. Work with a purpose is the only practical means of achieving an end. First what are my weaknesses?"

"1. Lack of thoroughness and application.
"2. Lack of curiosity.
"3. Softness in driving myself.
"4. Lack of constant diligence.
"5. Lack of seriousness of purpose—sober thought.

"6. Scatterbrained dashing here and there and not getting anything done—spur-of-the-moment stuff.
"7. Letting situations confuse the truth in my mind.
"8. Lack of self-confidence.
"9. Letting people influence my decisions too much. I must weigh my decisions—then act.
"10. Too much frivolity—not enough serious thought.
"11. Lack of clear-cut, decisive thinking.
"Second, what must I do to develop myself?"

"1. Stay in glowing health—take a good, fast one hour-workout each day.
"2. Search out current, past and future topics on aviation.
"3. Work hard on each day's lessons—shoot for an 'A.'
"4. Stay close to God—do his will (Continued on Page Four)

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

Ole, the night porter, was testifying before the jury after the big bank robbery.

"You say," thundered the attorney, "that at midnight you were cleaning the office, and eight masked men brushed past you and went into the vault room with revolvers drawn?"

"Yah," said Ole. "And a moment later a terrific explosion blew the vault door off, and the same men went out past you carrying currency and bonds?"

"Yah," said Ole. "Well, what did you do then?" "Aye put down my mop."

"Yes, but then what did you do?" "Veil, Aye say to myself, dis bane hell of a way to run a bank."

That's Right, Henry A young colored couple were sitting at the foot of the Statue of Liberty. Henry was holding Mandy's hand.

"Henry," said Mandy, "does you-all know why dey has such small little lights on de Statue o' Liberty?" "Ah dunno," replied the black boy, "unless it's because de law light, de mo' liberty."

Why, Of Course The girl walked briskly up to the meat counter in one of the local stores. "Give me a chicken," she said. "Do you want a pulled?" the clerk asked. "No," the girl replied. "I want to carry it."

Absolutely Necessary Boss—"Rastus, I'm sorry to hear that you've buried your wife." Rastus—"Yassuh, boss. Ah just had to; she was daid."

Very Absent-Minded Absent-Minded Professor—"Lady, what are you going in my bed?" She—"Well, I like your bed. And I like your neighborhood, and I like your house. And furthermore, it's about time you remembered that I am your wife."

So That's It M. P.—"Who was driving when you hit that pole?" Private Smith—"No one, sir. We was all in the back."

What Did the Wife Say? Mad Wife (to late husband)—"What time does the clock say?" Quite Plastered Husband—"It shays 'tick tock' and doggies shay 'bow-wow' and cows shay 'moo-moo' and little pushy cats shay 'meow-meow.' Now you satisfied?"

Hey, Fellers, How's This? What's the difference between a radio and a clothesline? Give up? Well, a radio draws the waves and a clothesline waves the drawers.

Even the Hearts Are Doing It If this V for victory campaign doesn't drive Hitler nuts, it will us. For instance, We know a heart specialist who was examining a woman whose heart beat passionately, and erratically, for Briton, and he came dazed near having swooned himself when the machine started registering three dots and a dash, three dots and a dash. He named her complaint "Churchill's murmur."

Something Like That Rastus was trying to explain to Mandy what he'd been doing during the three years that he'd deserted her. "I've been a lion tamer," he said. "I'd get into the cage, snap my whip, and all I had to do to get that yare lion to eat outa my hand was to look at him."

"You ain't been no lion tamer," answered Mandy, "yo was and still is a lyn' bum."

Good Yoke, By Yiminy Ole got into the mine elevator, chucking out loud. "What's the joke?" asked the mine foreman. "Ay bane have good yoke on Steve. Ole replied, "Ay just found out Steve pay my wife five dollars to kiss her and I do it for nothing."

Must Be a Son-of-a-Gun The army has a new rifle which fires so rapidly, they say, that it shoots eight times before you realize that you didn't know it was loaded.

Rommel May Take It Lieutenant (looking at map)—"Here's a town in Greece that Hitler didn't relish taking."

Instructor—"What was that?" Lieutenant—"Kastoria."

Coming to This? Goebbels has demanded more babies for the Reich. Now that the Nazis have admitted insufficient production, the world tensely awaits the appearance of a synthetic product.

It Wouldn't Work A dusky boxer was to fight a deadly champ. When the colored boy reached the ring, it was noticed he hung back. "It's all right, Sam," soothed the manager. "Just say to yourself, 'I'm going to beat him' and you'll win."

"Borry, boss, dat won't work. I knows what a big liar I is."

Testimonial Dear Doc Peters: "Before using your medicine, I could eat like a horse. Now I can only eat a little bit. UNCLE IKE."

Legal Distinction The Judge looked sternly down at the old darkey before him. "Are you defending this case?" he asked. The darkey shook his head. "No, suh," he replied, and pointing to his lawyer: "Dat's de defendant. Ise de gen'man dat stole de chickens."

Might Work Gas Station Attendant—"This high test gas will stop all knocking in your car, sir."

Motorist—"Thanks. I'll put a spoonful in my wife's coffee tomorrow morning."

They're Both Right He—"You women only go to the seashore to see what the women are wearing." She—"And you men only go to see what they're not wearing."

Very Small, Indeed She—"Is your kitchen small?" He—"Small. Why it's so damned small we have to use condensed milk."

That's all, folks. Since women have demonstrated their independence and adopted one-piece bathing suits, they have shown the men a few things. —SCAT.

81 STUDENTS AT COLLEGE TO TAKE ARMY'S COURSES Eighty-one students of the Pennsylvania State College have been accepted for enrollment in the Engineer advanced Reserve Officers Training Corps, it was announced today. The students, who will have joined the Army Enlisted Reserve before January, 1943, will receive second lieutenant commissions upon successful completion of the course. The E. O. T. C. at Penn State, one of the largest in the East with 2800 men, is comprised of the Engineer Corps, Signal Corps, and Infantry Corps. Penn State already has 1335 students and graduates

...serving on active duty. Among the new enrollees are these sophomores from Centre county: Julian, Henry K. Mattern, chemical engineering; George H. Cohen, mechanical engineering; James M. Lawther, chemical engineering; Lawrence A. Portnoff, mechanical engineering; Norton Portnoff, mechanical engineering; Howard Steidle, earth sciences; Quentin E. Wood, petroleum and natural gas engineering. A year ago many Americans thought that we would never go to war; today other Americans think we will never experience hunger. Who knows? A survey of wartime utilization of

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