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LAST WEEK THE STATE HOUSE of Representatives by a vote of 199 to 0 passed a revised version of the teachers' salary raising and equalization bill, and has sent the same to the State Senate. Because the bill will need considerable more money to make these pay raises than Governor Martin cares to spend on teachers, he has voiced opposition to the measure. What will happen the bill in the State Senate, and whether the members of the House will recognize their measure or not, when and if the Senate makes some amendments, remains to be seen.

THE TEACHERS' BILL IS A "HOT Potato," to the Republican Administration, and legislative members of both parties are fully aware of the import adverse voting would have on their "political hides" back home. While the Republicans in the House naturally are loath to thwart the wishes of the Governor, they voted to the last man, along with the solid Democratic bloc, to support the bill, but did turn down more liberalizing amendments to the measure, which a few Republicans and all Democrats supported. Whether the teachers are really going to get "much" from their long over-due and justifiable demands

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remains to be seen. With the gossip going the rounds that the legislature will adjourn on Saturday of next week, the slaughter—if there is any slaughter—of the measure is soon to come. And if it does come, teachers can be assured it has been on order of the Governor's office.

WHILE THE WAR IN EUROPE IS undoubtedly in its last stages, the wishful thinker that the war there will be over most any hour, already has been given a let-down. Some of the ablest analysts seem to think that in the light of the tactics of the fanatical Nazis, the final mopping up of all pockets of resistance may take many weeks and perhaps a number of months. It all devolves on the policy apparently adopted by Hitler and his gangsters of "saving their necks" as long as possible. The Nazi mind has still the thought that maybe there will be some miracle happen to delay the punishment that surely and eventually is coming to them.

WE NOTE THAT THE CAMBRIA County Body of the American Legion asks that there be no wild celebrations of V-E Day, and that it be a day of prayer instead. And they are so eternally right about that. When Victory in Europe comes, only one phase of our global conflict has been eliminated. The other may prove a much more costly and a far tougher proposition—although we all hope it will not. Fanatical as the Nazis have been, recent weeks and months have shown that they pretty willingly surrender when in a hole. Not so with the Japanese. Practically every victory we attain over the Nipponese is a victory of extermination.

WHILE WE ARE SLOWLY BUT surely getting down to the means of devastating the homelands of Japan, from the air, the Japanese foot soldier is spread over China and in other parts of Asia and the Orient in numbers of millions. So long as he has ammunition, weapons and can rustle a little rice to eat, he will, if ordered by his superiors, carry on the fight indefinitely. We are fighting a nation whose soldiers have a mentality much different from what we can fathom. They "die for their emperor." To the Japs the "Emperor is God." Thus we have a religious fanaticism with which to contend that is not exactly to be fully comprehended. But they do die—our victories, some of them rather costly ones, demonstrate that. The Japanese prisoner problem with us is no problem at all, for we take so few prisoners. With the Germans, we now have so many prisoners they form the biggest problem of all for our victorious armies within the Reich.

THE FOLLY OF CELEBRATING A "Victory" day when final and complete victory may be still far off, has no sense. To the parents, wives and sweethearts of the men and boys in the Pacific theatre, it has no real means, and to the same loved one of the millions of boys now in Europe, who may yet wind up in the extermination of Japs, plus additional misery and loss of life, there can be no real meaning of complete victory. We can well afford to make V-E day a day of prayer. There will be lots of time for celebration when we have the final victory become fact.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN SEEMS TO be starting out with the confidence of the nation behind him, and is assured of a highly successful administration if all his actions are as sound and serviceable as his refusal to life the ban on horse racing and other restrictions appropriate to a nation up to its ears in war. No reading was more disagreeable, up to the President's announcement, than the gossipy, probably the propaganda of the race track and gambling interests, that the new President would relax the embargo on the race track and encourage the public to waste gasoline, line, rubber tires, other means

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN CAN AFFORD to lose, if he needs the support of those elements which insist that despite the war the night clubs, the race tracks and other frivoliery even of peace times must remain undisturbed. Americans in the overwhelming majority side with the President on such an issue. That action has commended itself to all patriotic citizens. One hopes that all his actions will be as sound and wholesome.

WILLIAM PLATT ON ROE AT BATTLE FOR IWO JIMA

Aboard the United States Destroyer, Roe in the Pacific, William Platt, seaman, third class, of 225 Magee Ave., was a member of the crew of this valiant ship when she stood toward Iwo Jima with four other destroyers and three cruisers in an historic engagement. With the conquest of bloody Iwo by U. S. forces, it is now possible to reveal that the little fighting ship celebrated last Christmas Eve by sinking a Jap trawler in the waters off Iwo and on the same day an enemy destroyer escort vessel after a dramatic chase almost to the Jap's home harbor.

The range was closed and bombardment of Iwo begun when a Jap trawler was seen close inshore. The Roe opened fire. The trawler burst into flames. Then, with challenging suddenness, a Navy plane, spotting an enemy destroyer escort fleeing northward, relayed the information to the task group. The Roe and another destroyer were ordered in pursuit. The Roe raced at full speed, and the accompanying destroyer gradually fell behind. This was to be a battle of ship against ship—the Roe against the Jap.

The Roe opened fire, alone now that Navy planes had turned back for lack of fuel. Her guns roared, sent a burst of flame halfway up the enemy's mast. They kept roaring, sent a steady stream of hot steel pouring into the ship, crippling it with mortal wounds. The fight was done. The Jap settled slowly, bow first, her guns firing until silenced by the waves. The next day found the Roe preparing for another bombardment.

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TIGHT-LIPPED MR. BOGART REVEALS 'PARTY SECRETS'

Humphrey Bogart, now starring in Warners' "To Have and Have Not," a Howard Hawks production at the Grand Howard and Monday, April 29 and 30—matinee Sunday at 2:30 p. m.—was never much of an enthusiast for parlor games either on or off the screen. But he has a couple to suggest when any party shows signs of unravelling. The first, explains Bogart, he called "hide the hat." Someone is selected to hide some other guest's hat. (He could hide his own but almost never does.) Then, hours later, when it is time to go home, everybody forgets about the hidden hat. "It's a good game to suggest at your own house," explains Bogart. "Through it a host, willing or unwilling though he may have been when the party started, usually acquires a new or at least a different hat. Hollywood people who wear hats usually wear good ones. If it doesn't fit the host on the 'morning after' it may fit him after a week has passed. "I have a chest full of excellent hats—some of which fit," he concludes. "It can be played with other articles of clothing, too. That makes it a bit more complicated."

NELSON'S NAME FIRST ON G. O. P. JUDGE BALLOT

The name of Judge A. A. Nelson, who is seeking reelection to the Orphans' Court of Cambria County, will appear first on the Republican ballot at the June primary as a result of drawings held last week in Harrisburg. Attorney Morgan V. Jones, who is serving in the Navy, drew second place on the G. O. P. ballot. Judge Nelson, who is seeking the nomination on both tickets, is unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

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