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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

THE MINERS' HOSPITAL OF
 Northern Cambria, of Spangler, is now campaigning for funds for the erection of a \$150,000 addition to the institution, and the generous support of the people is solicited. The sum seems like a large one, but if everyone does his or her part, the sum can easily be attained. The present facilities of the hospital are entirely inadequate for the area in which they service. The time has come when plans must be made to place the institution on a basis where ALL can be taken care of promptly and comfortably.

THERE ARE FOLKS HERE IN
 the north of Cambria county who will "knock" the hospital, and its management. In fact ever since the day the hospital opened its doors back in 1905, there have been folks who griped about it. Many of the very ones who did that complaining, later, became the best boosters the hospital had. Usually this came about when an emergency came about by accident or health to the griper or some member of his family, and only through the hospital service was someone's life saved.

THERE ARE TOO MANY OF US
 who just simply take the Spangler hospital for granted. Few of us realize that the hospital is a non-profit organization operated for the good of all of us. Its financial support has come through all the years chiefly from the miners. The miners certainly have always done their part in its maintenance, but the hospital accepts all cases, charity or otherwise. If we were suddenly to be without hospital facilities here in Northern Cambria county, we would realize that \$150,000, indeed, would be a small sum, to have to facilities.

SO, GET INTO THIS CAMPAIGN
 by opening your pocketbook, and being generous with its contents. After all, it is a contribution to charity—a charity to alleviate human suffering.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO
 definite indication in the communiqué issued by President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Marshal Stalin as to the action, if any, Russia intends to take against Japan, significance is seen in this section of the statement: "During the conference there were meetings between the chiefs of staffs of the three governments on military matters of common interest." The only possible "military" matters of common interest which would concern the Big Three are those relating to Japan. It is certain the Japanese will take note of the official declaration. They know that the Pacific war must have been under discussion at the Potsdam conference. Even the fact that the Big Three made mention of the fact should send them shivering a bit more.

RUSSIA HAS A GREAT STAKE
 in the war against the Japs as has the United States and Great Britain. It is difficult to conceive that Marshal Stalin will not finally decide to enter the conflict. It is an opinion not based on wishful thinking, but realism. The Russians will certainly want a place at the peace table when the final peace terms are laid down for the Japs. For that reason alone it is to Russia's best interest to enter the conflict.

WHILE, OF COURSE, PARAMOUNT
 concern of the American people would naturally lie in any thing Russia might have decided regarding war in the Pacific, there will also be great interest as to the results of the discussion between the Big Three on the future of Germany. The fact that Russia, under the decisions of the Big Three, is to obtain reparations from Germany should give the people of that country something to think about. The action clearly indicates that there is to be no soft peace.

WHILE PRESIDENT TRUMAN,
 Prime Minister Attlee and Marshal Stalin stated that they have no desire to destroy or enslave the German people, the fact remains that the Big Three are determined to crush the Nazi party and all its affiliates, that war criminals will be adequately dealt with, that German education will be placed under control and that the German judicial system and direction of her administrative affairs will be reorganized.

ALSO OF PRIME IMPORTANCE
 is the fact that the Big Three have decided that for the time being at least there shall be no national German government. Sooner or later the Germans will realize that they are a defeated nation and those who do not accept this fact will be disillusioned.

THOSE MISGUIDED AMERICANS
 who believe that we should extend the hand of fellowship to the American people on the theory that only their leaders and not themselves were responsible for the slaughter of millions of innocent men, women and children will now realize that the Big Three have determined otherwise. To follow the thinking of those persons who believe we should forgive and forget would be to invite World War III. President Truman, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee are determined that never again will the Germans be able to strike a blow against civilization.

WITH EVERY DAY BRINGING
 us news from the Pacific of greater and greater air and sea punishment of Japan, and with all indications that we are daily becoming better situated to keep up indefinitely even far greater blows at the enemy, the question arises of how long the Nips can take it.

Naturally, even though we don't understand the Japanese mentality, the constant dangers that are inflicted on the Japanese people, and the inability of their government to do much about it, must have its affect on their nerves, and propaganda of how clever the government is to keep their planes hidden from the Allies, "to have them for the invasion" can hardly be too emphatic to the people who are seeing their cities destroyed in a systematic manner, and with a knowledge that there soon won't be any war-producing cities left.

THE ONLY FACTOR THAT CAN
 tend for a long war with Japan rests in the fact that their land armies are strong—practically untouched, as yet, on both the Jap home islands, and on the continent. Perhaps we will have to crush and destroy those armies. But it will be done, and if Russia should enter the conflict one can easily see how all hopes of any long war for Nippon would go glimmering.

SEN. JOHN J. HALUSKA INFORMS THAT:

Matters of Interest to Northern Cambria Folks As Viewed by Press-Courier Contributor

AS WE LIVE TODAY.
 It would be very interesting to many of us, if while walking down the long trail of life, we would stop occasionally to meditate and live with our memories for a short while.

We would find that our childhood days were very much different from the ones our children are enjoying today. The older generation was much content to find happiness at home with their neighbors, such luxuries as radios, automobiles, talking pictures, were not remotely thought of.

However, the older generation yet needs some type of decent entertainment since they cannot take part in some of the pleasures that their children do enjoy. One of these entertainments was the playing of the famous game commonly called Bingo. This game has stirred the ambition of thousands of our older folk here in Cambria county. Many a church and social organization received great benefits from this decent pastime.

So, just to bring back a few memories, this writer during the past ten years informed the public that some day some very mean person would endeavor to deprive our good people from engaging in this pastime, and being interested in the future welfare of our older folk, we introduced a bill in the legislature which definitely would define the game of bingo and make it a legal procedure in Pennsylvania.

Most of the people back in the county paid no attention to my proposal and therefore the bill was postponed in committee without any action. Today my thought is a reality and we find that our saintly District Attorney, Mr. Mayer, has issued orders that any person operating a bingo game in the county of Cambria will be arrested and prosecuted by law. Mr. Mayer finds no fault with the wealthy openly flashing twenty dollar bills on the golf course, he finds little fault, if any, with those engaging in the numbers racket; he finds no fault with certain people selling treasury tickets, and right in the courthouse, if you please! But he has found fault with ordinary men and women sitting down to a decent game of pastime. We cannot, for the love of things, understand his saintly actions—at least so pretending! We have been informed that Mr. Mayer has decided that he will not seek public office again, and for this reason he cares little of public opinion. That part of his future we are not interested in, but why penalize the many of his friends that have supported his candidacy on several occasions? We would like him to inform the

public as to what harm he finds in this game. Why can people go into Indiana, Clearfield and Somerset counties and engage in this game without being looked upon as gamblers—but here at home they are definitely looked upon as racketeers? Please, Mr. District Attorney, arise from your slumber, and have a change of heart. Let our good people enjoy themselves and permit churches to derive some good for a worthwhile cause. If you do find that some bingo operators are using this game for a racket, then penalize him, but do not take your revenge upon all the people of the county. And what we say about bingo goes also for the good clubs that have operated machines in the past. All of these clubs have always been very generous in their donations, but now, since you have decided that you also will run our social and fraternal clubs, all donations have ceased, and civic organizations that looked forward to receiving assistance from the clubs are now the unwarranted beneficiaries of your unwarranted actions.

"THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
 men that we can transport, supply and use on the Japanese front by the end of 1946 cannot be more than 7,000 men," he said. "Then why in the name of common sense must we maintain an Army of 8,000,000 men? I am told that the army has approximately the same strength today which it had when Germany surrendered." He added, "I challenge the war department to establish now the maximum number of men it can use by Jan. 1, 1947. The maximum number is, of course, determined by the adequacy of our supply lines, which in turn are determined by our ships. Supply lines 7,000 miles in length will require a tremendous shipping capacity and the War Department can ascertain precisely what it is."

OF COURSE, THE OPINION OF
 one Senator, one who may not even be in the "know" at all about military matters, isn't to be taken as too serious. But, we repeat, there are a good many honest Americans who can't help but wonder a bit about the size of the army needed to put the finishing touches to Japan. The War Department says that seven million men are needed for the job. Maybe they are right. We won't dispute their claims, but the War Department should be a little more explicit as to how they are going to get those men over across the far stretches of the Pacific, and whether or not men in vast numbers are required. In other words, the War Department might be asked "Is this trip for so many really necessary?"

IN DEFENDING ITS POSITION,
 the army asserts that to reduce its size below 7,000,000 would prolong the Japanese War and be more costly in American lives, and points out that it is discharging some men according to the point system. Under the present score

of 85 points, they say, 1,500,000 men will be discharged by next June 1st. Maybe things will happen in the meantime that will entirely change everything.

JUST TO FINISH UP THIS BIT
 of discourse, Senator Johnson adds that Selective Service, by its head, General Hershey, recently asserted that even after victory over Japan some 2,000,000 men a month will be drafted. He (Johnson) said: "Gen. Hershey should be awarded the Congressional Medal for letting the cat out of the bag. Congress has created a Frankenstein that will crush this nation unless Congress itself calls a halt. Gen. Hershey has put Congress on notice."

APPARENTLY THE AIR FORCE
 which did a grand job in Europe isn't going to be hurried across to the Pacific, even though their equipment and planes even now are giving Japan headaches. Maj.-Gen. Anderson, assistant chief of air staff personnel said the other evening over the radio that only 20 per cent of the European fliers will go to the Pacific. Men who have not seen combat in the air will be the principal source of the personnel for the Pacific operations.

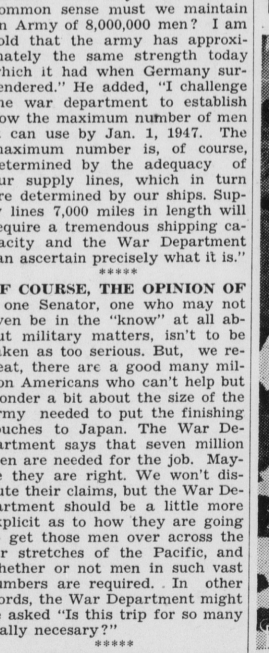
THE SHIPS ARE POURING MEN
 daily from Europe back on eastern coast ports, and many of these men are earmarked for redeployment to the Pacific. No one knows exactly, aside from the Army leaders, just which of these men will have to cross the seas again. The soldier, himself, and the public generally, naturally looks for fair answers. In this regard, the part of the army—and expects it. Not one G. I. should be discriminated against, outside his place. Some of the soldiers have never left the soil of the United States, and it is not fair that they should be the first to go toward the Pacific. Then, in turn, should come the G. I.'s who have had the least overseas time, and in that sequence all the way through. To hustle a soldier off to the Pacific who has been overseas two to three years in Europe, and let others with less or even no overseas service, remain for later shipment, is not fair. None think the Army will do that.

FROM WHAT WE READ, THE
 high-ranking Nazis whom we are now holding prisoners, are not just a crowd of such pleasant people. Reports say they are not normal human beings. Overseas Hermann Goering, Hitler's Crown Prince, who has a long record of abnormality, is in a bad way in his prison camp. He is a dope addict, and since his arrest he has been in a state of fear of death. He even cracked up the other night because of thunder. The most of the captured "big-wigs" of Nazidom, are in the one prison camp. They are watched and guarded at every minute of the 24 hours. No instrument that could be a tool for suicide is permitted them. Even their eye-glasses are taken from them when they are not in observation—and they are reportedly not getting along very badly, monotonously among themselves. So it goes. Even some of the Prussian general staff are showing signs of mental peculiarities, and go into hysterics over slight things. The sum and substance of all this is that the Hitler regime—Hitler, himself, Hess, Goebbels—the top Nazis in confinement, and some of the military minds, was comprised of such abnormal minds that one would have to search far to find proofs to controvert the psychiatrists' claims that the Nazi leaders had paranoic tendencies.

FROM OUR VIEWPOINT OF
 the Jap war lords, every last one of them are abnormal according to our own version of life. The very fact that they are committing their nation to mass suicide, is evidence of that. The Jap is a puzzle, indeed. He's licked, and he knows it. But we may still have to "stone him a long time" as we do a snake that continues to show signs of life.

BUT, MAYBE THE NEW AND
 terrible atomic bomb now surely dooming Japan will put an early end to army and civilian and congressional squabbles, and an end of the far can't come too soon to suit everyone.

Pfc. Trims General



TAKING time off for a haircut
 at the Potsdam conference, Gen. of the Army George C. Marshall scans a report of the General Corps while Pfc. Nicholas Totolo of Darien, Conn., winds the shears. Signal Corps photo. (International)

HITLER IN PATAGONIA
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INSIDE JAPAN
 Jap workers are now being drilled for home defense at noon hours, some even using pointed sticks as spears.
 The Japanese railroads are being torn to pieces by B-29s. Rail junctions are clogged for days before traffic can clear through them.
 Jap prisoners taken in Burma, Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies haven't the ghost of an idea as to what is happening in Japan. They can't believe that U. S. forces are steaming close to the Jap mainland, still believe the Jap navy will reopen supply lines to the South Pacific.
 There is considerable debate inside the U. S. high command regarding the necessity for landing in China. Some think a Chinese invasion is necessary to protect our invasion flank when we land in the main Jap islands. Others believe a Chinese invasion would only use tight shipping and result in unnecessary casualties. The easiest way to land in China, they argue, is to defeat Japan quickly, not get bogged down with a long fight on the Chinese mainland.
 The entire Jap administrative system has broken down. The Japs have now decentralized their government so every area has its own production board, its own local defense system, even its own local tax collections.
 We have also mined Jap harbors so Jap merchant vessels can hardly get through. . . . Despite the claims of clean-up operations for land-stiff fighting conditions. The Japs are beaten but they don't know it. They are still making things tough for MacArthur's men—despite official communiques.



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND
 DREW PEARSON

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