

Complacent?

By HARRY B. ALLEN

The charge of *Complacency* leveled at the American people by the Government at Washington, is far from the truth.

If they were complacent, would the American people be pouring out their money in record breaking amounts? Would our boys be enlisting by the thousands instead of waiting for the draft? Would everyone you talk to admit to a desperate fear for the future? NO—we're not complacent. We realize our danger to the fullest. To be plain about it, we're frightened. Not because we doubt the fighting ability of our boys, if they were properly trained; not because we doubt the ability of our country to produce the necessary equipment, if it worked at it full time, and not because we doubt the ability of our leaders, if they used it in the right direction. We are frightened because our boys are not properly trained. The reason they are not properly trained is because they have not had the proper equipment, and because the Government has played politics with selfish labor leaders who have placed the interests of themselves, not American labor, above the interests of our country. Complacency? Yes, there is complacency, but it does not lie at the feet of the people; rather it lies at the doorstep of our leaders.

If our leaders were not complacent, would we have had Pearl Harbor? If they had not been complacent, would we have a shortage in practically every necessary defense material? If they were not complacent, would we still have a forty-hour work week with time and a half and double time for overtime? If the government were not complacent, would men of acknowledged executive ability be sitting idly on the side lines when their services could be used to so much advantage in the defense setup? If our great President were not complacent, would he keep insisting on a St. Lawrence seaways project when it is so evident that we have neither the time, money, material nor labor to put it through? If Congress were not complacent, would it be preparing a billion dollar pork-barrel bill, the largest in history? Complacent? Yes, we're complacent all right—just about as complacent as a blind man who has stumbled into a hornet's nest. Enemies to the right of us, enemies to the left of us, enemies over us and enemies under us—yet Washington carries on politics as usual.

The social up-lifters are still up-lifting. Labor still is to lose none of its gains because of this emergency. Congressmen are still passing "special group legislation" designed to re-elect them next November, and dead limbs still hang on the Government tree. Is there no one in this broad land who has sufficient eloquence to awaken these sleeping intellectuals? Can they not see that our course is paralleling that of France almost step for step? We are taking some steps in the right direction but our strides are too short to cover the required distance in the time allotted to us. "TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE" is right on our coat-tails and it's been there ever since we started. Must we be actually invaded before our politicians—guardians of our welfare—lay aside their petty differences and buckle down to the job at hand?

To most of us the word "Politician" has fallen into low repute. When the word is mentioned it brings to mind one who temporizes with the truth and sacrifices principal to policy. There is a world of difference between a politician and a patriot. While our public officials have proven this true time and again, it was never proven more conclusively than last week-end when Congress voted down the Smith Amendment which would have suspended the 40-hour work week for the duration. If we are to even approximate the President's request for sixty thousand planes and other material in huge amounts, it is patent that labor must work longer days and more of them to do it. Surely the cost is high enough without adding time and a half for Saturday and double time for Sunday.

The Smith Amendment had excellent prospects of passing until the "LABOR LOBBY" changed the minds of congress by threatening political death for all who voted for it. When the vote was counted it revealed 226 politicians and 62 patriots in the House.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. HICKS, JR.

Beginning with the next issue of the Dallas Post, the management will give with each and every new subscription, up to and including the sixth, a striped kitten. This is a strictly good will offering, designed to increase circulation and to decrease the feline population in the Hicks household. The announcement seems a little premature, but Willie has never failed us yet. She is searching intently around the dark corners in the basement in a worthy effort to throw us off the track in regard to her real intentions. When the zero-hour approaches she will retire, as is her custom, into an upstairs closet, and produce offspring. Having never been able to sell her the idea of patronizing the basement, we gave up long ago and provided her with an apple basket in her favorite clothes-closet when the Blessed Event seemed to be imminent. When Willie gives a maternal yowl and disappears through the half-opened door, we close it gently and leave her to her own devices. Several hours later we open the door and there is Willie with a whole basketful of kittens.

Willie is quite unique, in that she never steals her kittens. Every other striped cat we have harbored—you can't actually own a cat, according to the best legal minds—has taken her children by the scruff of the neck and dragged them all over the house. One anxious parent, with more instinct than common-sense, got a firm grip on the front of the kitten's neck instead of the loose skin at the back, with the result that there was one less kitten to give away. She is the same cat who later distinguished herself by having a litter of half-Manx kittens. She grew so accustomed to the sight of the tail-less wonders that the next time she welcomed half a dozen little strangers to her maternal bosom, she was much upset by what looked to her like unnecessary appendages. She cleaned up one kitten quite satisfactorily, leaving him with a neat stump where once had flourished a small tail, but she grew discouraged when the rest of the kittens raised objections to the

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More Sweat, Less Blood And Tears!

Final Day For Tomato Acres Is Wednesday

Increased Interest Shown Among Local Farmers This Week

With the farmers of this section showing increased interest in tomato growing the past few days, County Agricultural Agent Jim Hutchison has granted an extra week for the pledging of enough acreage here to establish a shipping center.

Owners of a hundred additional acres in this section have expressed willingness to grow tomatoes since last week, bringing the total tomato acreage here to 244 as of Wednesday night . . . only a hundred acres short of that required for a shipping center.

If the shipping center is established in this area, tomatoes will be weighed and graded here before being shipped to the cannery at Milton. Thus the growers will know the actual weight and grade of each load brought in.

Once the required acreage has been pledged, officials of the Chief Boyardee Packing Company will contact the growers and will give a definite contract guaranteeing the acceptance of all tomatoes grown contract price.

More than 66 farmers of northern Luzerne County, many of them from the Dallas Area, have already agreed to grow tomatoes, realizing the advantages of a cash crop to this territory and the future possibility of an eventual cannery in this section.

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New First Aid Course To Open Here March 12

Group To Train At Shavertown Under Dallas Expert

The opening of a new Red Cross First Aid course was announced this week by Mrs. Mae E. Townsend of Pioneer avenue, Red Cross instruction administrator of the Dallas Area.

Scheduled to begin next Thursday afternoon, March 12, at the Hose House of the Shavertown Fire Company on Main street, Shavertown, the course will be taught by Mrs. Mildred Johnson, R. N., of 32 Lake street, Dallas.

The training is open to all men and women of this area and will be held every Thursday afternoon from 1 to 3 for a period of ten weeks.

Mrs. Johnson, in addition to her experience as a nurse, has completed the standard, advanced and instructor's courses in First Aid at the Red Cross center in Wilkes-Barre.

The new course will bring to over 100 local persons holding First Aid certificates, and these will join an ever-expanding group of trained defense workers in this area. Other courses now in progress in Dallas and vicinity include training in home nursing and nutrition, and nearly 50 local women are already serving in Red Cross Canteen groups.

Those planning to take the Shavertown First Aid course are requested to phone reservations to Mrs. John G. Henninger of Druid Hills.

Vagrant Nearly Freezes

George Soos, 59, registered as an alien at Shickshinny, was discovered trudging through the snow at Harvey's Lake Tuesday inadequately clothed by Patrolman Fred Swanson. Soos, who has been staying on the farm of Peter Dragan at Alderson, was warmed and fed at the Lake police station before being released to Mr. Dragan.

World War Line-Ups Of 1942

Because of the confusion which frequently arises in digesting accounts of this largest of all wars, The Post this week publishes full rosters of both sides, the Axis and the Allies.

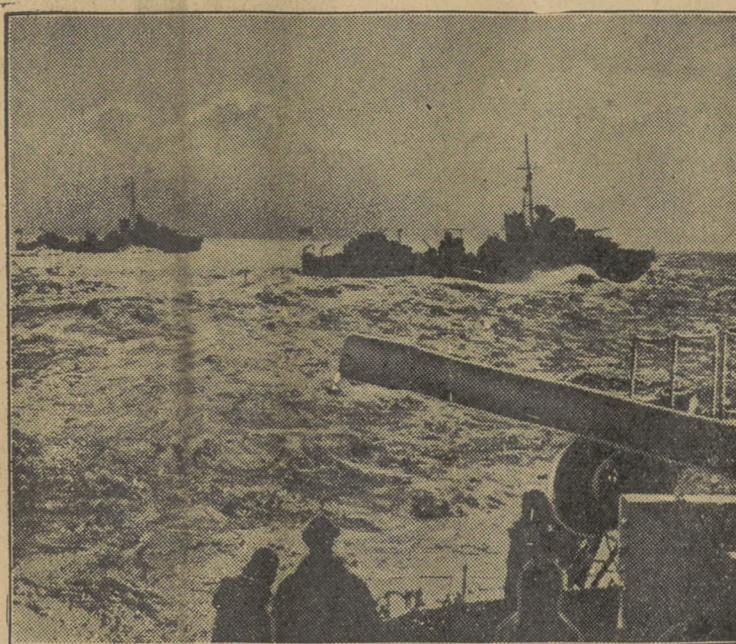
While the majority of the South American nations, with the exception of Chile and Argentina, are part of the Allied forces to all intents and purposes, none have declared open war to date and so are excluded from the list.

At present, some 30 Allied powers are arrayed against 11 Axis countries.

**AXIS POWERS:** Germany, Japan, Italy, Finland, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Croatia, Albania, Manchukuo, Occupied France.

**ALLIED POWERS:** United States, Britain, Russia, Free French, Canada, China, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Ethiopia, South Africa, Philippine Islands, Norway, Denmark, Greece, Belgium, Poles in Exile, Belgians in Exile, Haiti, Honduras, Panama, Cuba, Poland, Luxembourg, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala.

Ships Of All Work



British destroyers, engaged in their hum-drum but vital job of shepherding a convoy of plodding merchantmen with food and supplies for the far-flung battle fronts of the United Nations, skitter hopefully about the waves in search of an enemy U-boat. Occasionally they meet larger game—as recently, when British destroyers like these attacked and seriously damaged two powerful German battleships and a heavy cruiser during a Germany-bound sneak flight up the English Channel.

Eight Lehman Township Bandmen To Play In Northeastern Concert

Local Players Make Up Largest Group Invited To Join 150-Piece Orchestra

To eight students at Lehman High School will go the honor of playing with the Northeastern District Band at its annual concert the last of this month, it was announced this week by Joseph Clouser, director of the Lehman High School band. The local players, largest of any group invited to play in the concert will join with students from 18 counties and 35 schools in this section of the state to make up the 150 piece band, and are the only students to represent the Dallas Area.

The Northeast District concert, played this year under the direction of Capt. Taylor Branson of the United States Marine Band, will be held at Canton, Pa., on March 28, with practice sessions on the 26th and 27th.

The following students, three of whom will play as solo artists, were chosen from the Lehman band: Lenora Parks and Carol Crosby, solo cornetists; Betty Naugle, solo clarinet; Ted Parks, first trombone; Dorothy Cornell, first horn; Albert Agnew, first baritone; Roland Masters, bass, and Stewart Ehret, snare drum.

Of these, two—Betty Naugle and Ted Parks—were members of the Northeastern District band last year, together with Nancy Parks, who graduated in '41. Miss Naugle was also chosen to play in the All-State Band at Lock Haven last year. This year Miss Naugle has been advanced from third clarinet to solo and Parks from second trombone to first.

The Lehman players will be accompanied to Canton by their bandmaster, Mr. Clouser. All are eligible for places on the All-State Band, which is chosen from all the district organizations.

A practice session for the Lehman delegates and six students from Clarks Summit High School, who have also been chosen for the concert will be held at Lehman High School by Mr. Clouser on Sunday, March 15.

The score for the district concert at Canton is of professional calibre and will include such numbers as the finale of Tschaiikowski's Fourth Symphony, Rossini's "William Tell Overture", and Martin Gould's "Pavane" and "Jericho".

Brickels Battle Blaze In Kitchen

A serious fire was averted early Monday morning when Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Brickel of Main street discovered and disconnected their flaming refrigerator before the blaze could spread to nearby inflammable articles.

Black, acrid smoke, generated when the motor of the refrigerator burned out and broke into flames, spread through the Brickel home and awoke the couple before any serious damage was done. The fire was discovered about 1:30 a. m. Mr. Brickel called the Henry M. Laing Volunteer Fire Company and Jim Besecker arrived promptly to aid in quelling the blaze.

Eggs and other produce in the refrigerator were thoroughly fried by the fire.

Number Draft Cards

New classification cards—1800 in all—of the February 16th registration will be numbered Monday night by the officials of Local Board No. 1 at Wyoming, Chairman Joseph H. MacVeigh announced this week. Order numbers will be determined in the next draft lottery at Washington.

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New Dallas Tunkhannock Highway To Be Designated As U. S. Route

Local Artery Will Replace Sullivan Trail In National Highway Network

New vistas of commercial and real estate development in the Dallas Area were opened this week with the announcement of the redesignation of the Trucksville-Tunkhannock highway as a U. S. Highway. According to an advice from the State Department of Highways, the new highway will be designated U. S. Route 309, replacing the old river thoroughfare

from Tunkhannock to Wilkes-Barre via Falls and Pittston in the national highway chain.

This move of the Department of Highways, assuring Dallas and vicinity a permanent position along the east-west traffic lanes of national commerce, will, as a matter of course, bring many new homes, business and other real estate and industrial developments to this area in future years.

Together with all other national routes, the Trucksville-Tunkhannock highway will be enlarged to four lanes throughout within a few years, according to Norman Johnstone, secretary of the Wyoming Valley Motor Club. Traffic, estimated to reach more than 500,000 vehicles this year alone, will be constantly increasing. Future construction on the highway will be financed more than 40 per cent by the federal government, after the new designation becomes effective.

With the change in route markings, the highway will lose its identities of State Routes 29 (Lutes' Corners to Tunkhannock) and 92 (Lutes' Corners to Dallas), and will replace in importance the Sullivan Trail, along the Susquehanna River. The old U. S. Highway 309, which ran from Tunkhannock through Falls to West Pittston, and from Pittston to Wilkes-Barre on the east side of the Susquehanna, will gain the Route 92 designation.

While the exact amount of the loan has not yet been announced, borough indebtedness is about \$9,000 and at least \$5,000 will be required to carry out the road repair program, according to Councilman Joseph H. MacVeigh, chairman of the loan committee.

While the borough is not in critical financial shape, between eleven and twelve thousand dollars in property and personal taxes are still due, and without this anticipated income, the borough needs additional funds to continue normal operations. Within the past half year two extra financial burdens have been added—the rental of four fire plugs and the lighting of the new highway intersection.

If approved, the new bank loan will replace a \$10,000 bond issue proposed last September to amortize debts and finance road work. Consideration of the loan tonight may be shelved for lack of a quorum, since some of the Councilmen are participating in the fire company minstrel show.

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Manslaughter Case Dismissed By Jury

Brought before the Grand Jury Tuesday on charges of involuntary manslaughter, Richard Williams, 19, of Alderson was exonerated of all blame in the death of James Stagan of Harvey's Lake. Stagan was fatally injured Sunday, December 21, when he stepped in front of Williams' automobile on the highway at Alderson. Police Chief Ira C. Stevenson of the Lake force told the jury that Williams was unable to avoid hitting Stagan when the latter stepped abruptly into the path of his machine. The deceased suffered from defective eyesight.

Sugar Rationing In Dallas Still Mystery As Deadline Approaches

The processes of sugar rationing in the Dallas Area are still about as much of a mystery to the County Rationing Board in Wilkes-Barre as they are to storekeepers and consumers in this section.

When contacted early this week, all the Rationing Board knew was that trade outlets are to be registered at local high schools on Monday and Tuesday, March 9 and 10, and that consumer registration has been set for March 17 through the 20th.

Though the rationing books are now at hand, still a moot question is whether registration for both stores and consumers is to be made according to geographic location or legal residence.

Local school officials, through whom registration will be conducted have the following information at hand:

All local sugar dealers must register at the high school nearest their location Monday and Tuesday. It is possible that trade outlets in one municipality may legally register at the school nearest them

Laketon Girls Defeat Dallas

Close Game Decides Back Mountain Crown

By defeating Dallas Borough, 20-16, in an exciting game Wednesday night at Kingston Township High School, the Laketon High Girls carried off first place honors in the Back Mountain Girls' Basketball League.

At the end of the regular season last week, the two teams were tied for first place, with seven wins and three losses apiece. Wednesday night's game automatically puts the borough sextet in second place. The standing of other clubs in the circuit:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Dallas Twp.	5	4	.556
Kingston Twp.	4	4	.500
Lehman Twp.	4	6	.400
Harter High	1	8	.111

Tie games: Dallas Twp., 1; K. T., 2; Harter, 1.

Conference To Be Held At Ruggles Tonight

Fourth Quarterly Conference will be held in Ruggles Methodist Church this evening, Friday, for Alderson, Noxen, Kunkle, and Ruggles Churches by Rev. David R. Morgan, pastor. Supper will be served at 6:30 and the conference will start at 7:30. Reports will be given from organizations of all four churches in preparation for the annual conference which will be held in the First Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre, April 23.