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Worth Saving Our Side Needs MacArthur

It is time for the nation to become concerned over the personal safety of General Douglas MacArthur. Reports radiated from his headquarters in Washington indicate that he is unshakable in his determination to fight on until the last man falls in the Philippines.

Some Washington officials take it to mean that MacArthur will fight, like General Custer, until he is killed. From the General's standpoint, such a will to die rather than surrender in both noble and understandable. His task is to keep a large Japanese army occupied in the Philippines and thus divert from the even more important attack on Singapore.

Of course it is by no means certain that there is a means of evacuating MacArthur. If there were one, it would have to be undertaken in strictest secrecy. On the face of it, a retired MacArthur would be an invaluable asset to the United States when the time came to redeem the Philippines.

Phenomenon Mother's Love for Herward Child Has Parallels Here The Public Weal is about to encounter at first-hand a phenomenon of Mecklenburg government which has long puzzled all observers.

Not, mind you, that the County Commissioners deliberately favor the largest tax payer. The Public Weal would be well warned against over-confidence that its campaign is getting anywhere. As long as the record of no foreclosure stands to give the delinquent courage, taxpayers in Mecklenburg County are going to make a goodly number of tax payers. And there is nothing to indicate that this board is any tougher than its predecessors.

Solidity The People of Italy Are Sand Without Cement How, one might ask, will Italy's Fascist Party leaders go about carrying out Duce's latest order to convert Italian into a solid block of will and energy?

Italy's every humbling effort, Italy has been rallied and defeated so often that her people are no longer cohesive. Of course if the Fascist Party men could offer the half-starved populace food, promise to return to mothers and wives the tens of thousands of young men whose bones rest in Greece, Libya and the bottom of Mare Nostrum.

Peace Feeler Finland Should Have Put It Out a Little Sooner Delays have dangerous ends. Two short months ago, Finland might have wrung from Russia an advantageous peace. It was as easy well for the Germans and the Finns. Baron Mannerheim's armies had taken back all Finnish soil handed over to Russia by the treaty of 1939.

On November 8, Britain declared war on Finland. Shortly thereafter the great German tidal wave broke on the plains before Moscow and began to recede. There were rumors of German withdrawal that left Finnish regiments outflanked and ripe for slaughter.

As the German situation became less advantageous, there were stories of clashes between Nazi and Finnish soldiers in Helsinki. The Germans, being supplied with more food than the Finns, were reported to have been offering it to starving Finnish women with intent to seduce. Several dozen of Hitler's troops were reported to have been shot by Finnish soldiers outraged at such poisonous conduct.

Now comes the announcement in a Helsinki newspaper that now might be a good time for the Finns to break off military operations with the Russians. It will not be so easy as all that. First they must have to convince the Russians that the time had come to call quits. The Russians might, however, insist that last October would have been a better time.

Transformative Can the Dimmycats Change Their Spots? If there was ever a documented case to be taken with several states, it is the North Carolina Dimmycats. Under the terms of the recently signed constitution, no senatorial nation has to conclude a separate peace with an Axis nation or Axis satellite.

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Put your dollars on the firing against Japan. Buy Defense Bonds Stamps today—and buy as many as can.

Nazis In Sardinia

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON. The Führer has been striking a blow into Scandinavia as well as Greece in preparation for Winter. The Sicilian Italian side is halfway through the Italian Alps.



The preparations in Greece have a single apparent purpose. Since Turkish troops are being sent to Greece, it is clear that German airfields were being strengthened. Nazi infantry has been ordered to move into Greece.

WATCH THE NUMBER OF GERMAN MADE PRISONERS The unexpected report comes from the Russian front, the only one planned. In fact, Hitler was fool enough to announce he was withdrawing in a Winter line, the most disastrous of all military operations.

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Ideas To Win The Peace

By Dorothy Thompson

NEW YORK. The agreement of 26 anti-Axis Governments to prosecute the war in collaboration and for the common purpose expressed in the eight points of the Atlantic Charter is a unique event in the history of mankind.

It is noteworthy that all, including the Soviet Government, agree to seek no territorial or economic advantage in the vanquished, but rather collaboration with them for a solution of the world economic problem, and agree "to defend the liberty, independence and religious freedom of all peoples, to serve human rights and justice in their own and other lands."

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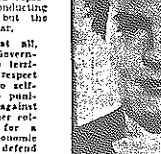
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Restricted War Pact

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON. The Declaration of Washington, which binds 26 nations to full effort against the Axis and not to make any separate peace, will serve to emphasize the solidarity of the nations by fighting Hitlerism.



The signatories pledged themselves to the principles of a free world, and down in the Atlantic Charter. The Declaration of Washington is a pledge to achieve the victory over the Axis which is necessary before the aspirations expressed in the Atlantic Charter can have a chance anywhere.

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Violent Good Neighborliness

From Sintonia, Buenos Aires. Dear Mr. Fairbanks: How do you go, Mr. Donald Fairbanks? I hope you are well, since we want to be nice to you, and should we meet you in Spanish speaking countries.

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Book-Making On the Draft

Wall Street Journal. Will you be in the first big draft survey of 4,000,000 men now being rated?

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Give That Gentleman Twenty Silver Dollars!

—By Herblock



Visiting Around

Household Hint (Dave Record) There are complaints about the palled, staid stuff currently passing for clever, but that's a goodly collection. Merely pour the apple juice into one of the cube trays of an electric refrigerator, put it back into the box, and let it stand overnight. What freezes wasn't worth bothering about anyway. What doesn't will melt into a puddle, and you'll have an income tax collector. If it all freezes, you were robbed in the first instance.