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First Offensive

U. S. Pacific Fleet Gives The Japs a Sample Dose

The U. S. public still doesn't know exactly where the fleet is. But it found out yesterday where a large part of it had recently been. It had been carrying out the first large-scale naval offensive to be undertaken by an allied nation since the war in the Pacific began.

From the meager details released by the Navy Department, it appears that the fleet, through no fault of its own, failed to achieve what it had hoped for. Clearly, Admiral Nimitz had struck the Gilbert and Marshall Island bases expecting to find at least a few Jap capital ships there. He would hardly have picked that appears to have been the bulk of the Pacific fleet in an operation aimed only at naval auxiliaries, airplanes and shore establishments.

Dry Oasis

A Wet South Carolina Just Can't Look Long

From here it looks as though all that can save South Carolina's liquor stores is a speedy invasion of Columbia by well-heeled lobbyists for the distillery interests. Already accepted and passed by the House is an amendment that would outlaw the sale of liquor, wine and even beer. The appropriate bill, to which the amendment was tacked, is in conference committee.

There's no erasing the fact that every time the whole state has voted on liquor, South Carolina has gone dry. In last year's advisory referendum, held as part of the Democratic primary, it was the same story. If another referendum were held this week, the populous and predominantly dry Piedmont would swing the balance against the moderately wet Low Country.

Edifying Trip

Mayor and City Councilmen Should Inspect the Premises

It would pay the Mayor and City Council, some say, to take a business as light, to charter a bus and take a trip over their fair city. We would be glad to arrange the route, have in mind, for that matter, a few shell craters in some of our allee-paved streets which might tell the occupants of the bus more about something about them. At least they might imagine why said pits are not filled up or at least roped off and marked by red lanterns. But that is a private peeve.

Fels Plan For Trade

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON. THE White House is doing a little bit of footwork on a slow-witted general around the War Department. They are blocked upstairs where they will meet in the way of the war effort.

Labor Trouble

Will the Government Allow Inter-Union Defense Strikes?

It's past belief that at this critical stage of our wars, organized labor would allow shipyards to be struck over a purely inter-union dispute. Yet that is precisely what is taking place on the Pacific Coast—all places.

Late Dates

Rep. Wilson Would Deprive Gov't Gals of Them

For the women folks, this war is becoming downright annoying. No sooner do they beat off a threat to their glands than their night life comes up for criticism in the halls of Congress.

Senator Soaper Says

The trend back to the bare and buggy revives all the old ideas of progress, if you're honest.

Side Glances

It looks to me as though 'The News' is rendering a great service in publishing these articles and it is certainly going to be the duty of the citizens to help with a proper response.

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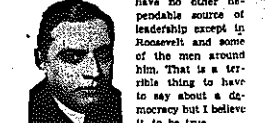
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No Leader But FDR

By Raymond Cassler

WASHINGTON. THE American people have the despair as never before. President Roosevelt continued health and success.



His leadership at this time is most essential to us. We have no other dependable source of leadership except Roosevelt and some of the men around him. That is a terrible thing to have to say about a democracy but I believe it to be true.

The other sources from which true leadership ought also to come seem almost bankrupt. The Republican party? What a pitiful thing it is. What is it offering us during the last nine years except stupidity, five-cent criticism, and complete misunderstanding of our main problems domestic and foreign?

Bankers, Industrialists Just Wanted To Go Back

That is about the story all over the lot. The bankers, the industrialists, the groups that have had the advantages of education and experience in affairs and who are efficient operators in the business, are the ones to whom we would naturally turn for guidance through this bewildering and violent revolution. But they have had nothing to offer except nostalgic pleas that we go back to the gay '90s back to a world that has disappeared without their knowing it.

So, as an American citizen who sees many day-to-day things to criticize in Roosevelt, I find myself in the fundamental picture which seems more than anyone else to know where the dangers are and to make an effort to grapple with them, whether they be at home or abroad. What worries me is that these dangers won't end with the war.

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THE compromise formula adopted on January 23 by the Foreign Ministers of the twenty-one American republics assembled at Rio De Janeiro recommending but not endorsing a diplomatic rupture with the Axis indicates that inter-American unity is impossible but that it can only be achieved slowly and with tremendous effort. The intransigence of the Argentine Government, which had tentatively agreed to the stronger force to repudiate if later, proved in the end the decisive factor at the conference. The developments causing the Argentine about-face have not yet been disclosed. There seems to be no doubt, however, that it was facilitated by a rash statement of Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, suggesting that the people of Argentina might change their President if he did not change his policies.

Choice Was Not To Split Hemisphere

Confronted by this disappointing situation, the North American representatives were forced to choose between a disastrous resolution unanimously adopted, and a more decided stand which would split the hemisphere into two blocs.

For his part, Acting President Ramon B. Castillo finally stated on January 24 that Argentina would not break off relations. Nevertheless, Argentina is endeavoring to adapt a series of less drastic but similar measures, probably in order to assure Argentine participation in the economic benefits of hemisphere co-operation. The Argentine Ambassador in Berlin has been elected to the office of Buenos Aires representative in the Argentine capital, it is about to leave the country for a permanent absence.

Restrictions have been placed on the movement of all units to non-American countries; a symbolic campaign has been initiated against local German leaders and the native Fascist newspaper El Pampas; and the Government has expressed willingness to supervise the activities of economic organizations directly controlled by Axis subjects. Whether these limited moves are more than superficial gestures cannot yet be determined. Before Argentina is permitted to share the full benefits of hemisphere economic interlocking, however, they should be carefully scrutinized and guaranteed of their extension secured. With the overwhelming majority of the Latin American republics co-operating in the utmost in the common defense, Argentina should not be allowed to stand with the hare and hunt with the hounds.

Side Glances



"When food rationing gets started, Dad, will they cut down on the things children don't like but have to eat because it's good for them?"