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And Yet Again

Race Relations Demand the Cessation of These Attacks

From its defeat in the Civil War the South had thrust upon it one of the most difficult race problems of any people anywhere. And while progress has always been slow and at times has seemed to be lacking entirely, experience over the years has been remarkably creditable to both the white and Negro races.

The late Senator Borah, no great admirer of the South, said before his death that this was the one race problem in all the world in which a better understanding was constantly and conscientiously being sought.

For years the mission of conscientious Southern newspapers has been to raise the force of public opinion against lynching, to call upon officers of the law to protect their prisoners even at gun point. Public opinion and officers of the law have responded in this continuing campaign. The results of it are manifest in the almost complete extinction of both mob law and the mob spirit.

And the responsibility to see that they do not rise again is still a compulsion upon the white people of the South. But along with that responsibility goes a compulsion upon the Negro race to play clear of the sport of crime which in the beginning was the excuse for the white man's venting of the lynching impulse—specifically, attacks by Negro men upon white women.

In the last several months there has been an epidemic of such crimes in this community, hitherto commendably free of them. The most serious of these crimes has been assault with the motive of robbery, such as the brutal assault and robbery which took place in broad daylight yesterday. There has been one criminal assault and another suspected attempt at criminal assault, and of course the fear of rape is always present regardless of the motive for such assault.

The police have shown an ability to bring the criminals to the bar, and the courts have contributed heavy sentences for whatever deterring effect they might have. Evidently, from yesterday's occurrence, that is not enough; yet we say with apprehensive assurance that such attacks cannot continue without exacerbating relations between the two races.

The Hard Way

The Army Slips Back Into Arbitrary Rut of Induction

As yet we have been unable to unearth a single good reason why draftees should not be given their final physical examination several days before their induction into the Army. It seems only fair that these men who are to be called upon to make the greatest sacrifices should be treated with a reasonable amount of consideration.

Yesterday, however, the Army continued its return to the unfortunate system of waiting until the day of induction to give draftees their complete check-up. Most of the men come to the last examination in a state of uncertainty about their physical qualifications. Their worst worry is that if they pass the examination they will be inducted on the spot and shipped off to camp immediately. Only in special instances, the Army declares, are furloughs granted.

Perhaps the most imposed upon are those who will be deferred. Some of them have been given up their jobs expecting to be called for to go to camp at a moment's notice.

Yet, between the initial "screening" examination and the final Army tests there may be a wait of days, even weeks. If the final examinations could be given

sooner after the "screening," the Army would save so much time that it could easily spare draftees a couple of days to settle up their affairs.

If we could, we know, because it was being done, up until a few weeks ago. But the Army couldn't keep out of character for long. It just had to get back to doing things the hard way.

Competition

Three-Way Pull for U. S. Manpower Spreads Confusion

At first glance, it would seem that the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company, currently turning out freighters for the U. S. Maritime Commission at Wilmington, took high-handed action in "blacklisting" workers from nearby Duplin County. But, the company has a grievance, as stated by Personnel Manager O. M. Richardson:

"The draft boards in Duplin County have taken the position that it is easier to train a shipyard worker than it is to train a farmer. And we can easily replace any man now in our employ. Already they have called several of our most successfully trained men."

On account of this attitude... we have been most hesitant about employing any other recruits of that county. Here is a problem that is not peculiar to eastern North Carolina, one that continues to pop up all over the country. In this instance, the Duplin draft board, given a quota and specifically instructed to defer agricultural workers as well as those in necessary industries, could scarcely help displeasing somebody.

What it boils down to is that the Army, war industry and the farm are competing for a limited supply of manpower. The only equitable solution to that problem is the total draft, every man capable of bearing arms, working in a field of activity should be registered, classified and subjected to call to any place where what he has to offer is most needed. President Roosevelt was reported to be considering such a plan more than a month ago. The last we heard of it, several of the more powerful labor union officials were about to tell the President that the total draft would wreck their organizations.

Oversight

Patriotism Is Fine but Dependents Can't Eat It

One of the first jobs an ambitious young patriot of Class 3-A gets upon investigating the Army's new plan for making officers out of married men comes when he is told that he will draw only \$21 a month for at least nine months before he gets his commission. It is enough to quench the fire in the eye of many a young and impetuous husband—the chieftain between leaving his dependents practically destitute and giving up a chance to serve his country.

It is not a fair choice, either. The Army, realizing the bulk of its future officer material must be drawn from young married civilians, is saying in effect: Waive your dependency rights and join up. If, after five or six months as a private, you don't shape up as an officer material, get your number cons up. If you pass the course, you'll be commissioned and paid enough to support your wife.

About the twenty-one-dollar month, the Army is vague. The wife, we are sure, lacking other income or parents to depend on, could quite apply for relief or something. Under those circumstances, the Army need not expect too great a rush by 3-A men to the colors that's military information.

How to torture a wife: Get appointed an air warden, and blow it at 3 A. M. with the announcement, "Sorry, dear—that's military information."

U-Boats Multiply

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON DONALD NELSON is not one to let any situation lie around festering. He called in a press conference Monday for a quiet conference about his idea of a "more production unit."



Nelson said this was strictly a war measure. The committee should not take up the idea of a "more production unit" until after the war, he said. The committee should not take up the idea of a "more production unit" until after the war, he said.

Whether this, says Nelson's speech explaining his purpose will be enough to dispel management suspicions is the only remaining question. Everyone has confidence in Nelson personally. An auto manufacturer "took a dig" at him when he was up in his labor-management committee. The auto man said he would put two CIO men on his board of directors if he were elected. But he already had a joint labor-management committee. Nelson told him they would be satisfied with any arrangement which enabled it to get letters from the workers about expanded production. He went away satisfied.

NAZI MOVEMENTS REPORTED AROUND CAPE VERDE

Suspicious Nazi traffic has been noted around the Cape Verde Islands, off Africa, and the story is going round that the Axis is using them as refueling bases for their subs attacking our coast. Every previous search for refueling bases in the Caribbean or Atlantic has failed miserably. It is still doubted that the subs need close refueling bases, although they may be picking up fuel from merchant ships some-where outside Axis waters.

Germany is reported to have nearly 300 submarines, some of which are being built in the U.S. The Vichy French had 50 built and 22 building and the Nazis have built a possible Atlantic Fleet of about 400 undersea boats—enough to challenge any navy in the world.

ARMY ATTIC IS BECOMING CROWDED

The Army reorganization swept list, as promised. But so many passive officers have been swept up that the second story is getting a little crowded. The High Command shows a disposition to save the personal feelings of officers by avoiding the process of retirement. This is natural, but soon they may have to start dropping them if the roof of the attic is filled.

PRECIOUS METALS MINES PROHIBIT ORDER MODIFIED

The banning of gold and silver mines from priorities for machinery for the war has been modified. Preference rating order No. 561, apparently they were not considered essential. Now they are considered essential. It did not mean they would be cut off. It was then ordered that only mines whose production consists of gold and silver to more than 30 per cent of total output be considered essential. Lead and copper would suffer. But even these would get an A-10 rating.

Indecisive attribution the "major" allegation to Republicanism. The Carr of Colorado who burned the wires to Washington with accounts of that a complete reorganization of wires would do to his region economically.

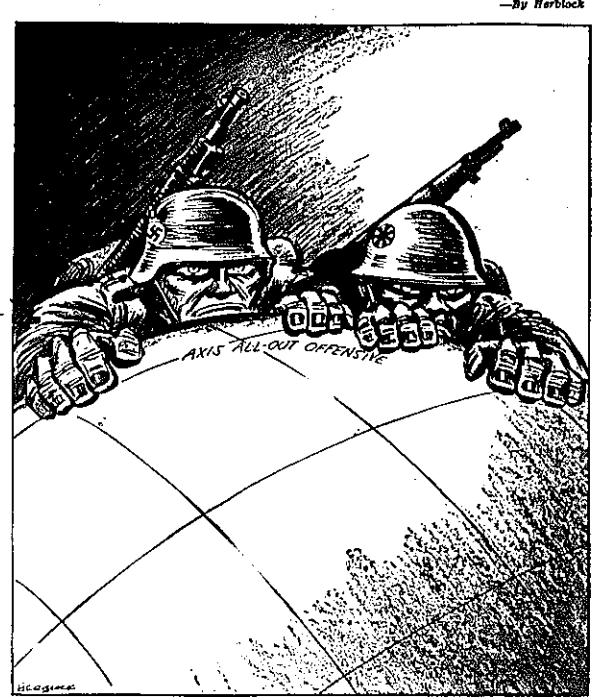
Another unique reason for a war in the oil business. The industry has been reported to a Government department. AFL workers at an Ohio beamer factory called a strike because the parking lot provided for them was not big enough. They were making under a Navy contract.

Put 3 2 and 3 2 Together . . .

The Chicago Sun. Deep in the heart of Texas—where if he'd not cut those days—there is a category for 3 2 beer. In 3 2 clothes. A card up, in case you don't know it, is a more or less of the same. The beer is a 3 2 rathskn is too much of a wallow, then, to serve, to serve a Texan all at once.

Coming Up in the Spring

—By Herblock



Letters to the Editors: We May Expect Atrocities

Editors, The News:

Anthony Eden's report of Japanese atrocities at "Loos Hong King" is enough to fill every American's soul with horror, but not with surprise. Long ago we were treated to the fearful treatment of peaceful and helpless Chinese civilians and non-combatants by the Japanese along with the decline of the Sempaur and the Shogunate, combined to hold all Japan into a united nation of Mikado-warriors.

Politically, Germany and Japan have been climbing the path of most resistance—like brother gangster—ever since Emperor Meiji. In fact, Wilhelm II had begun to do here before he had begun to do there. In the Occident, not long after the outbreak of the First World War, Germany had begun to do there. In the Occident, not long after the outbreak of the First World War, Germany had begun to do there.

A Couple of Blood-Brothers

Editors, The News: Since we are at war with Germany and Japan, it might be well to realize that we are, essentially facing a couple of blood-brothers. This consciousness relationship is so striking that one wonders why war had to come before many of us could discern the profound similarities.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Forget your failures and do your utmost from now on. Have only one aim: Forgetting the things that are behind, and stretching forward to the things that are before, I press on toward the goal.—Philippians 3:13.

Starting almost from scratch, and contemporaneously, they both became within the space of two generations amazingly transformed into two of the most blustering world world conquerors in history. The British marked the bleeding little barons, princes and kings of the many German states into one Gross-Deutschland; while all a world away the size of the western "barbarians" along with the decline of the Sempaur and the Shogunate, combined to hold all Japan into a united nation of Mikado-warriors.

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There was a time when Nippon showed friendship for the Allies both before and during the last war.

Of course, good might be made for their mutual virtue, or for the fact that the points of difference between the two blood-brothers outnumber the similarities—but when a skunk enters a rose garden, the powerful stench of the one completely pollutes the lovely scent of the other.

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World War—and for a while afterwards—but even during that precarious holocaust most Japanese officers were cheering for the Hun. "Hippies" is lacking the wrong hood" was their constant banter. Such pussyfooting has always been characteristic of these drag-comic little souls. Just as Japan has habitually blown with the wind before and since the peridy of Pearl Harbor, so did she likewise as far back as the Franco-Prussian War. Her then newly colonial empire had been toppled along French lines due to the post-Napoleonic halo—and then, immediately after Sedan, Nippon hastened to lick the Russian boot.

Socially, the two have some of the virtues and all of the faults of the traditional parish who thinks himself persecuted by everyone and understood by no one. Their commonality of inferiority-superiority complex has been the bane of the two vandals recent everyone cause of their barbarian haughtiness, mankind ever since the birth of the gospel. Newly arrived among the nations, and most exterminable nations and largely unbecome because of their right to live, including every whomever they cannot enslave.

And as they may be multiplied and multiplied—these myriad ways of their inferiority-superiority complex has been the bane of the two vandals recent everyone cause of their barbarian haughtiness, mankind ever since the birth of the gospel. Newly arrived among the nations, and most exterminable nations and largely unbecome because of their right to live, including every whomever they cannot enslave.

They are continuing unhampered. They are increasing. They are continuing the Justice Department police as an all-out invitation to cast off all restraint.

FASCISTS CONSIDER BIDDLE AN HELPFUL

Although Mr. Biddle is himself one of the most conscientious liberals and honest and faithful public servants in the Government, he is being accused by the American talk-the-war-drama Fascists as a helpful ally. A beautiful pamphlet distributed at a Pacific Coast rally proclaimed it this way:

"Remember: the U. S. Attorney-General says we have a perfect right to talk—and we will!"

And talk, they do. And write, and print, and publish, and circulate, and hamper in their methods of undermining American morale by the fact that their nation is engaged in a struggle to preserve its very existence.

Major Betts Enjoyed Stay in Charlotte

Editors, The News: The Public Relations Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in presenting the concert from the Army - Audubon Society. The program went well, and a great deal of its success was dependent on the flag arrangement made locally. It was a pleasure to be in Charlotte, and to work with you Charlotte people in the friendly relationship between the civilian and military personnel.

Major, Infantry, Public Relations Officer, Fort Bragg.

Indicting Subversion

By Roscoe Drummond

(The Christian Science Monitor)

WASHINGTON THE United States is, the only big power in World War II willing to harbor an active, aggressive "Fifth Column" movement.

It is run by pro-Fascist Americans openly doing the work of the Axis with the Nation. It is defunct. It accepts the low line of the war. Its whole program of domestic Fascism is premised upon the loss of the war.

It is acting to undermine the morale of the American people and thwart the war effort.

MOVEMENT IS STILL GROWING

It is a growing movement. The Christian Science Monitor estimates authoritatively that there are pro-Nazi, pro-Japanese subversive publications being published in the United States today with a total circulation of several millions.

Nothing is being done about it. Numerous of these publications emanate from New York and Chicago, two great centers of population, but are hardly a state without one or more. Four of the most violent are published in the Midwest. Two are edited by clergymen.

These magazines, pamphlets, and mimeographs, flowing unchecked through the United States mails, and reaching every section of the country, are waging the war-time "party line" of American Fascism. Boldly and bluntly, they are urging Americans to throw out the elected Government—by force, by mob action, by bloody revolt, if necessary—and to be ready to take advantage of every military triumph, every defeat of the war as the occasion to direct their attack from within.

These publications are edited and directed by the long-identified American Fascist agitators—former Bundists, Silver Shirts, former Christian Fronters, and different brands of Coughlinites.

THOSE WHO USED "AMERICA FIRST" DISCLOSED

Many who were once actually working through the America First committee to achieve ends the leaders of America First genuinely disapproved, at least in the open. While strict isolationists are today working to help America win the war, these groups do spend little time and few words in concealing their purpose and are engaging in a nation-wide, unswerving propaganda which can have no other effect than to help America lose the war.

The Department of Justice is tolerating it. It is aware, of course, that these publications exist. It knows what they are up to. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is watching them. Justice officials frequently examine their content.

Nothing is being done at the present and carefully weighed decision of the Attorney General, Francis Biddle, who does not wish unnecessarily to impede free speech and who is holding to the legal principle that unless sedition utterances plainly produce seditious acts, then the utterances should be allowed to continue unhampered.

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Visitin' Around

Luby Mrs. Bernardi (Churchland Hill, Lexington Dispatch).

Mrs. J. H. Barnhardt is at home this week; she went to Moxleyville Monday morning taking a morning train and came home in the evening ill. She chose a good time to be ill, since her school will be closed today due to snow.

That's All We Want To Know Except Who, When, Where, Why and How (Nowhere Item, Daily News & Press).

Mrs. and Mrs. James Avett entertained guests.

Not Only Beautiful But Useful (Hot Springs Item, Marshall News-Record). There could be no school Tuesday because of the beautiful snow.

Side Glances



"Look at that! After we had him in the station on our treads all Winter, he buys a bike the minute I suggest using his car a while!"