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## So Sorry

Tokyo Gets a Taste of What Chungking Had To Suffer

Today our thoughts go back to a certain evening several months ago—before Pearl Harbor—when President Roosevelt and his closest advisers sat grimly in the White House while they watched moving pictures of Chungking reeling helplessly under a Japanese air attack. After a particularly bloody scene, it is reported that the President turned to the man who made the movies, an old hand in the Far East, and asked:

"And what would happen if bombs should fall on Tokyo?"

"Mr. President," came the reply, "Tokyo would burn like a torch."

As this is written, it seems certain that Tokyo has been bombed. If it were not so, the Japs would be foolish to admit it. Australia, Britain, America — and especially the much-strafed China—are jubilantly gleeful. The collective morale of the United Nations took an instant upsurge.

The Japs say that the raiders were the American planes bearing the American insignia. And, because no official confirmation of the attack can come from their side until all units involved are out of danger, they are unable to get away with all sorts of ridiculous claims.

Naturally, they deny any damage to military objectives. They say our bombs fell only on grammar schools, hospitals, and cultural establishments.

Our pilots are also accused of sweeping down on peaceful villages. They say our planes were passing over square miles of mountains, factories, just to hit a hospital built by the donations of some American churches.

The Jap jawbreaker too loud. He rushed in to take advantage of the only circumstance in his favor—the delay in confirmation by the attacking forces. We suspect that if so many hospitals and schools were destroyed, the damage to industrial areas between these scattered establishments must have been terrific.

As to how the raid was brought off, we are content to walk for an official report. It could have been launched from advance bases in China, or, perhaps, one or two of our carriers hovering in close enough to do the job. (The Japs say the planes shot down were Navy craft.)

The important point is that American planes can get at Tokyo. To the Japs, this must be the most unnerving blow of the war.

## Violated Right

The End Is Worthy but the Means Are High-Handed

It is, no doubt about it, a flagrant infringement upon personal liberty for the police, working in conjunction with the Health Department, to go around the street picking up white and Negro women who they have reason to suspect of being venereally diseased and holding them in jail until they may be examined. No matter if there is a State law delegating this authority, it is explicit in the persons in the Constitution of the United States.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons — against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the persons to be seized.

It may be argued, with entire validity, that the results so far of the examinations of women picked up because they looked unwholesome or were out late at night or were in the company of men clearly justifies the procedure. It clearly shows that venereal disease is a fearful pestilence, so is not a crime and misbehavior of all kinds, and perhaps we ought to have a curfew. But we haven't.

The cure and the prevention of venereal disease comprise so worthy an end that perhaps a warrant without any means, no matter how summary and goodness knows that with a war on and with thousands of soldiers in the neighborhood, we cannot continue to exalt above all other considerations the old rights and privileges and sacredness of peace times. But we should not throw them overboard without careful consideration, at least.

Look at it in this way. In two-week-end past, the police have rounded up 40 Negro women on suspicion of ven-

## Indian Flypaper

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON  
Whether the Japs will accept the invitation implied in India's weakness is a matter for reconsidered speculation.

From a political standpoint they have about as much chance of sundering the whole of India as the ants have of reducing the Rocky Mountains.

From a military standpoint they could get a temporary measure of control by the occupation of a few road entrances leading into the endless interior. Occupation of Calcutta, Madras, Cochin and Bombay would give them at least a hold on the pulse of the country.

If they had to go into the interior they would encounter problems several times as extensive as those which they have not yet conquered in China.

They can get the industry of the country by an even simpler process of occupying everything around Calcutta.

THEY CAN GET CITIES, BUT NOT THE PEOPLE.

But they cannot get the people. The Indians are great passive resistors, the best in the world. The British will be nothing to what they will bring to the Japs.

Their passivity can be expected to be even more devastating against the kind of oppression which the Japs will bring them than against hegemony which the British exercised.

Certainly one good thing the Japs need now is to be stuck on two boundless flypapers, instead of one in the middle. That is what they will get if they go in. And the Japanese general staff cannot be unaware of it.

## Reckless Criticism

By Dick Young

(Note: For a difference of opinion, see editorial "Violated Right.")

WHAT burns me up is vehement criticism from citizens who "cuss out" police officers and public officials without any facts or appreciating the objective of the complained-of action.

Take the recent round-up of Negro women by case workers of the City Health Department. From prominent residents came storms of criticism because Negro servants were being detained. And the ladies were hot with the verbal explosions and dire threats were hurled. One man was particularly virulent. He said that one girl, the daughter of his servant, was sick and under a doctor's care and his business looking her up. Well, if he was so sick what was she doing in his home? He said that with a crowd after midnight? She should have been home in bed, if she was ailing.

OUT OF 30 EXAMINED, 34 WERE INFECTED.

In two raids, 80 Negro women were picked up for medical examination. And by the way, the law is clear on the authority for such detention. It gives the health officer or his authorized agent authority to take into custody any person reasonably suspected of being infected with venereal disease.

Out of this number, 34 were found to be suffering with either gonorrhea or syphilis. One was a servant who had the care of an infant and a pre-school child. She had chills, fever, and was in a health crisis. But she had been cured, so therefore she was not a health threat. But she was a health threat. But she was a health threat.

And so criticism in such situations always burns me up and I would like to tell the trait critics to go jump in the lake. They're cussing out somebody who's trying to help them.

CITY ATTORNEYS DECLINE A "CASE"

City Attorneys have to do a lot of legal work but they'd be moved under sure enough if they did what one feminine telephone caller to the City Attorney's office did. She had a case she wanted handled and she called up to turn it over to the City Attorney. She was surprised as all get out when she was informed that because they were City Attorneys they didn't do the legal work for all citizens of the city.

City "Food Inspector" worked out a scheme to keep the cops from picking up parking. He has a large found card on which is printed, City of Charlotte, Food Inspection Division, when he parks his car he puts this card on the steering wheel in plain view. City of Charlotte, Food Inspector, when he parks his car he puts this card on the steering wheel in plain view. City of Charlotte, Food Inspector, when he parks his car he puts this card on the steering wheel in plain view.

Latest quoted price for wives in Nigeria is \$30 apiece. This would be for the chassis only. The Easter lily is an extra.

Donald Nelson doesn't care for the term "streamlining," because "it doesn't mean anything much." Hence, we suppose, its remarkable versatility.

## New Fashion Designer

By Herblock



## Letters to the Editors:

## Political Suicides Wanted

Editors, The News:

With the fall of Bataan the time is at hand for the American people to "call for political suicides," men who will give up ambition and hopes for a career, men who will relinquish political aspirations and who are capable and willing to make the necessary sacrifices in order to prosecute the war to a successful conclusion.

It is obvious now that the politicians and labor leaders and their sympathizers are incapable of winning a war. Men in Congress and other high offices who put self-interest ahead of duty to their country should be asked to resign.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their war, a war the American people did not order, but a war thrust upon them by the Japanese.

Yes, sir, political suicides are in order.

—J. LEE POLEY,  
1410 Belvedere Avenue,  
Charlotte.

## 'Twixt the Cup

And the Lippard

Editors, The News:

Let it be accused of lese-majeste, or contempt of court, I disavow any intention of criticizing the Court for the penalties recently imposed upon Mr. Lippard and his associates.

Nevertheless, one cannot help but feel shocked by the severity of the punishment meted out in this case. And one cannot resist the wish that in some legal way the cruel conditions of the law might have been softened.

Some impalpable alibi would argue that a \$500 fine and a promise to be good for two years, is not such a crushing penalty to be laid upon a man who is engaged in an outlawed, nocturnal adventure.

Such people fail to take into account that an estimated \$5,000 worth of goods, Federal-taxpaid liquor, was taken from the Lippards and, so far as we know, has not been returned to them.

The same over-astute people will say that the venture was probably underwritten by unscrupulous financiers to whom the Lippards are only a white chip.

To which? I answer, no evidence was adduced upon which to base such an assumption.

The Lippard case causes us to realize how cold and cruel justice can be. The circumstances of the law rarely ever permit complete representation of the defendant's plea.

There was nothing in the evidence to indicate that the Lippards are Communists or Fascists. On the contrary they seem to be rugged individualists and outstanding exponents of free enterprise and, at the worst only Republicans.

prescribe for Mr. Lippard an extended period of rest, and for his stalwart helpers exercise in the United States Army.

A bulletin has just been handed me. It says the U. S. Army will not accept convicted criminals, suggest we appoint them parking meter wardens.

—LOUIS A. SMITH,  
Charlotte.

## Advice on

Blank Petitions

Editors, The News:

Enclosed please find clipping from editorial page of the Nashville Banner, Nashville, Tenn. This is being run daily. Why don't you catch on?

—A. A. HOGIN,  
Shelby.

## A FORM FOR PETITIONS

Post Office

To the Members of the Senate and House from

Gentlemen:

We are deeply concerned, as must be all true Americans, that production of war equipment by the United States should be placed, with all possible dispatch, upon a basis of 100 per cent of capacity.

Our needs and those of our allies are pressing. To meet these is imperative to victory; and victory is imperative to preservation of our liberties and those of mankind.

It has become evident that the full production of the implements of war will not be obtained without expansion of work hours and the protection of production from interruption from which means sabotage of our defense program.

We urge, if it being in our firm judgment, your patriotic duty—one which we are confident is approved by the overwhelming sentiment of this community and

state—to advocate and support legislation of the following nature and purposes:

To suspend the 40-hour work week for the duration of the war. To declare illegal all strikes, or lockouts, in war industries for the war period.

Respectfully,

(Address)

## "Mother . . .

She Understands"

Editors, The News:

HER SON

With imagination gone. All excited, he hears about The Fall of Singapore.

And more and more About the stand at Corregidor—

Mother . . . she understands There are marbles in his bulging pockets.

Fishhooks, kite-strings and matches.

All the joys of swimming holes.

Bird eggs and rare Indian arrow-

And the birds that Summer brings.

And his pet wooden gun—

Mother . . . she understands These treasured things:

Some day a grown-up man.

Some day America.

Some day a battle is won.

Somehow, always her Son!

—JOHN ALEXANDER,  
729 Hawthorne Lane,  
Charlotte.

## TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

There always is some one listening: About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns unto God, and the prisoners were listening to them.—Acts 16:25.

## Side Glances



## New Deal In Far East

By Raymond Clapper

CAIRO, EGYPT  
Prior to the failure of the Cripps mission in India, a high Chinese authority told me at Chungking that the weakness of the British proposal for India was that it did not provide a sharp and dramatic break with the past and therefore would not stir up enthusiasm among the Indians.

His suggestion was that there should be an "Indian Premier," and that the British Viceroy should become a Governor-General presiding over the kind in order to dramatize the fact that a new day had arrived for India.

ALLIES MUST REMOVE SUSPICION OF IMPERIALISM  
The failure of Sir Stafford Cripps would seem to make a new effort all the more urgent, not alone for India but for all Asia, in order to remove a suspicion among the populations of Asiatic countries that the Allies are at war merely for the purpose of saving the old imperialism which the Asiatics are determined to remove.

Undoubtedly one practical immediate step could be taken by the United Nations in renouncing extra-territoriality and other forms of outside control over China.

Particular mention should be made of Harry E. Yarnall of the United States recently urged such a step. The Chinese are determined that such foreign influences shall go when the war is over. It would be better if the United Nations made the move now.

My feeling, after a month east of Suez, is that throughout Asia new forces are rising that will insist on control of their own destinies. The rise of Russia in one generation encourages these aspirations. Also, it is plain to all that one nation in Asia, Japan, is able to defeat western powers. These factors accentuate a long-developing ferment.

## NEW DEAL IN FAR EAST

EAST SEEMS CERTAIN

Even Americans, in some instances, wonder what purpose will be served if there is only to be a return to the status quo when the victory comes.

Those factors affect morale, and therefore become important along with military force in determining the outcome of the war in the East.

## AMERICA MUST NOT SEEM IMPERIALISTIC

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## Visitin' Around

Well, a fellow'd have To Have Some Reason for Goin' To Tennessee (Middlesex Item, Lexington Herald)

Mr. Wilson Manning has gone to Tennessee after a mile.

Stars Fell Upon Fort Benning (Silver Hill Item, Lexington Dispatch)

Misses Sarah and Helen Starr motored to Fort Benning, Ga., over the holidays to visit some of their soldier boy friends, and had a nice trip.

Outing (Shut-In Item, Lexington Herald)

The Rev. Hubert Lamb, the pastor at Shun-In Church of God, has gone to Canton Springs to be in a revival. We hope him good success.