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"Well, if they must ration traveling, then I hope they start it before it's time for the usual annual visits from all your relatives!"

Platform Of The People
Two-Dollar Profit

Editors, The News:
There has been brought to my attention personally a letter that you directed to The American Vindicator at No. 1 Second Street, N. E. address, enclosing your check in the sum of \$2 for one year's subscription to The American Vindicator.
This letter was particularly brought to my attention, I assume, because of the fact that the July, 1942 issue which comes off the press tomorrow carries in full the correspondence between us of recent date in regard to issues in the Caribbean.
Of course you know I wouldn't let you pay \$2 for a subscription as you are a fellow newspaper man and entitled to the rates of the Fourth Estate, so I am having your name placed on the mailing list to receive a copy from month to month.
Hopng that you will enjoy these issues from time to time, and calling your particular attention to our five objectives on page 8, and trusting that you will agree with me in reference to same, I am,
Yours very truly,
ROBERT R. REYNOLDS,
Editor, The American Vindicator.

Washington, D. C.

Last of the Lucifers

Editors, The News:
Lucifer Hitler's doom was foretold by the prophet Isaiah in the year 700 B. C. I quote the highlights from Chapter 14:
'Thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon and say, how hath the oppressor ceased? The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked and the scepter of the rulers. He has smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger is persecuted and none boldereth.
'Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, the worm is spread under thee and the worms cover thee. How art thou fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer? Son of the Morning, how art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations? For thou saidst in thine heart, I will ascend into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the North (meaning Russia).
'Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall look narrowly upon thee and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms, that made the world as a wilderness and destroyed the cities thereof. . . For I will rise up and against them, saith the Lord, and cut off the name and son, and remnant.
Charlotte, C. R. CHAMPION

Thanks From Old Friends

Editors, The News:
Please accept our sincere thanks for the splendid story by Mr. Pete McKnight in last Friday's issue of The News. We appreciate this more than you can imagine. We have been subscribers to your paper for 26 years, but just had to buy several extra copies that day to send to out-of-town relatives.
We have been receiving congratulations continually since the paper came out, and numbers of our friends bought Life magazine after reading your article.
We are still at a loss to understand why Clarence was selected for the interview. He registered in Atlanta Tuesday, and the following Thursday he was called out of anatomy class and questioned about 30 minutes. At that time he was told by the gentleman (he was a war correspondent) that he had gotten his name from the draft board, and that he had interviewed a number of boys from several North Carolina towns.
They told him the two best interviews would be selected and published.
With every good wish to The News,
Charlotte, MR. and MRS. C. N. SHERRILL

Two Lynchings Per Year

Editors, The News:
Concerning lynchings for the first six months of the year, I find, according to the information compiled at Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Record and Research that there was one lynching recording in the first half of 1942.
The person lynched was a Negro. The offense charged was: Suspected of criminal assault. The state in which the lynching occurred is Missouri.
A reported case of a lynching in Texas is now under investigation.
Tuskegee, Alabama P. D. PATTERSON, President Tuskegee Institute.

No End To The Stuff

By Ambrose Bierce
A Chief of Police who had been seen an Officer beating a Thug, was very indignant, and said he must not do so any more on pain of dismissal.
'Don't be too hard on me,' said the Officer, smiling. 'I was beating him with a stuffed club.'
'Nevertheless,' persisted the Chief of Police, 'it was a liberty that must have been very disagreeable, though it may not have hurt. Please do not repeat it.'
'But,' said the Officer, still smiling, 'it was a stuffed thug.'

Today's Bible Thought

We should grow up mentally and morally. Put away childish attitudes and joy hold of the great realities that are eternal! Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou my soul. Psalm 119-37.

Hitler is Vulnerable
Slam-Bang Second Front

By Paul Mallon
WASHINGTON
The only second front which goes unmentioned in the news is a straight-way military onslaught against the occupied European coast nearest Britain, from Denmark to France.
Quibbling over such other more interesting methods. Seizure of Norway and Sweden for air bases, for instance, would put British and American bombers right on top of Berlin.
The Nazis have not well defended their late northern battle front. Invasion there would end their sympathetic co-operation of inhabitants and put the first battlefront about as far away from German as from British home bases.
However, Hitler might thwart such a step by throwing sea divisions into Norway and there is some reason to believe he is prepared to do just that.
A simultaneous thrust through the Mediterranean at Rommel's rear base of supplies in Libya is likewise one of our star imaginations. The movement of a strong naval fighting force to head large convoys of American troops into that area, fighting its way as it went, is good mainly for pectoral distensions.
If a landing could be effected in Sicily and at Tripoli, in sufficient force, Rommel could be smashed in short order from two sides, and the way cleared for invasion of sleepy Italy. The rub about this seems to be acquiring the sufficient force.
The west coast of France, below Brest, also has been talked (all this is unofficial, of course) as a place to strike. The idea behind this suggestion is that Hitler's transplanted Magnet Line along the Channel coast might be taken in reverse.
But this portion of the French coast is fartherest from British bases, and the Germans would command nearby airfields, while the British planes would have to come a much greater distance.
So, when all speculation is boiled down, you are apt to come back to the simplest, most difficult and most obvious prospect—an overwhelming battering-ram blow straight across the Channel, with planes blasting the defenses and clearing the way for tanks and infantry.

A Change of Leadership
Unofficial surmises are being made of a change to come, sooner or later, at the top of the Army. Some of these suggestions have reached print and radio circulation.
The most common speculation is that General

George G. Marshall will be elevated to lead this second front. From his past unified command of all Allied forces outside of Russia, and that use of Harry Hopkins' right-hand men will take over in the War Department.
Mentioned for Marshall's post as chief of staff has been General Brehon B. Somervell, who served four years as WPA Administrator of New York, under Mr. Hopkins, after a notable Army engineering career.
To replace Somervell as chief of supply, General James H. Burns, the Hopkins assistant in charge of lend-lease reports, has been suggested.
No confirmation of official talk along this or other similar lines has been offered. It is unlikely there would be any until an announcement is made in the War Department.
Both Generals Somervell and Burns have had long Army administrative careers, but a comment on their appointments would center around their close friendship with Mr. Roosevelt's most intimate associate in the Government, the man who has been referred to frequently as "Assistant President."

Somervell was an engineer in France in the last World War, and distinguished himself as a peace-time engineer on Mississippi flood control and other projects before entering the WPA relief organization. He is classed by his associates as a strong New Dealer.
General Burns, while associated with Hopkins, is less identified with the social political reform aspects of Administration policy.
With Somervell as chief of staff, the Army would be only one degree removed from the White House, bringing it closer even than the Navy.

Slower of Necessity
The printed suggestions that Marshall might head a unified command reflects the urgent need of a single-headed military control of all Allied Armies in the field.
Tactics now must be decided by negotiation. Plans of attack and defense grow out of consultations between us, the British, the Canadians, the Chinese, and the Australians. Separate Army leadership is functioning in Australia, Egypt, India, China, Britain, the United States and Russia.
Quick daring decisions are hardly possible under such a set-up.
We are fighting against single-headed military systems which, bring to bear sensational and unorthodox innovations, possible only when one man makes decisions.

The Mountains of Yugoslavia



Model For Berlin

Danzig Was Cheering

By Colonel Frederick Palmer
WASHINGTON
The raid on Danzig is most cheering for a number of reasons. It is a very intimate for all of us who hope for more sugar in our bowls, gas fuel oil to keep us warm this winter when the rationing is largely due to the sinking of cargo ships and tankers.
For the raid on Danzig was a blow at submarine building ways in its extensive yards timed with another on those at Flensburg in Denmark. Both raids swiftly followed the one on those at Wilhelmshaven. The Axis submarine base at Saint Nazaire, France, has been hit with one heavy naval and air strike, and probably that is not the end of its troubles.
Axis submarines which are smashed before they can be launched, or any curtailment of Axis submarine production, means fewer which will have to be fought with depth charges off our Eastern seaboard or to protect overseas shipping. It will help if the bases on the other side of the Atlantic are damaged, and help more if we can prevent submarines refueling and refitting there while with supplies on our side instead of returning to their bases.
Compared with the raid on Danzig in 1940 this one was with full bomb loads within the range of the latest type of big British Lancaster bombers. Thus all the main German ports on the Baltic Sea, as well as on the North Sea and on down the coast of Occupied France are in effective bombing range—and all the big German cities.

The Rubble of Tomorrow
Berlin is bound to have its turn, and more than one will say Danzig and Wilhelmshaven in precedent of London and the Ruhr. When the RAF calls on Berlin next it will be a mass retaliation. If Berliners think of Cologne it will be like probably any rest of the world. Plans are being made heading toward Berlin Saturday.

High School For The Army

Maneuvers, Having Taught Defense in '41, Begin To Shape the U. S. Army for Attack

The three-month scramble of Army maneuvers over the Carolinas marks no simple wartime training period. Instead, it brings to the U. S. Army its first drills in modern offensive warfare on an important scale. A year ago, commanding officers opened maneuvers with grave words. That was a time of building for defense. America, unattacked, must be prepared to defend her shores. And the maneuvers of '41 trained our soldiers in defense against mechanized warfare.
This time, words were graver still. Because Pearl Harbor and its world-wide aftermath intervened, Major General J. Danley made a far different opening speech than any that had gone before. He warned that this was the last rehearsal before real shooting and wholesale death came. This time, having graduated from the elementary school of modern war, the Army was learning offense. That, obviously, is considerably higher learning.
Until we have built an offensive Army, any second front is out of the question. We are prepared now to defend

Strike Three

On New Gas Rationing, Someone Struck Out

We had long ago allotted space, in the little book, Things To Come (Ivory Tower, \$3.50), for errors committed in Washington. We had drawn up our resolve, even to permit a generous percentage of bobbling to pass by without comment.
Now, however, a large section of the population is about to suffer because a big cog slipped in the capital as gas rationing was shifted into high gear.
The ruinous effects of the new gas program upon traveling salesmen, it seems to us, must have been so obvious from the start that the slip can only have been intentional.
There were, to be sure, thousands of complaints from high and low that the Eastern states were rationed while others went free; but by and large that was accepted as part of the war burden. Now that men whose incomes are entirely dependent upon travel in this area are permitted only cupsful of gasoline, the complaints are louder, more genuine.

We have a feeling that, first of all, the non-essential four-gallon users of gasoline in this section should be quickly removed from the roads before traveling salesmen are cut off. We are certain, further, that the great gas-burning public of non-rationed states has no right at all to drive while Eastern salesmen are staked at home to suffer.
In the entire program the most headless must have seen stumbling inefficiency. With the new regulations, or lack of them, bungling has reached its peak. So long as there is gasoline for any automobiles at all, there should be plenty for the men whose lives depend upon it. To us, that seems a very simple premise.

Last Days Of A Dictator

Georgia Prepares To Junk Gene Talmadge In a Tussle for Democracy at Home

It is almost, but not quite, time for a rousing hail to Georgia, land of the Cheekie Rose (Motto: Wisdom, Justice, Moderation). For there, in the largest state, East of the Mississippi, almost state and a half million people are ready to emerge from the shadow of a home-grown dictator, once and for all. Because the campaign is not yet fought, cheers should be subdued. The battle progresses voraciously, but the decision is not yet ours.
For old Gene Talmadge, now only a caricature of the old fire-orator of other campaigns, the number is up—or appears to be. He started in the rain, before a poor crowd, read a piece of poetry at the end, pleading pitifully for help no longer is there a snap to his red gaiters, for old Gene has outlived his time (many a man will say he never saw a day of his life).
The issue in Georgia is stated as Dictatorship vs. Democracy. Whether or not that is true, it leaves Talmadge backed to the wall, waging a defensive war in behalf of his own curious, zig-

zag, stumbling record of public service. The history of Georgia politics is none too pretty a thing at best; it was at its worst during the latest reign of Talmadge.
As people decline of the stato school year to happen, the biggest hurdle in the Talmadge path, but from here it seems that the loss of his own Cracker congregation is the real key to the campaign. Gene has lost his touch, losing his following, almost, lost everything. Barring miracles, Ellis Aron will give him a kicking in the two-man field.
At the very moment when America (including Georgia) battles for all the freedoms, it seems very appropriate to recognize in the passing Talmadge, a foolish luxury no people can afford, and an evil they should never cherish.