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The Disjointed Allies

By Dorothy Thompson

A MONTH of observation and contemplation did not contribute to peace of mind, but induced the disposition to look at the sum of the matter.

Any realistic mind must have known that Summer 1942 would be bad. Hitler would be on the offensive and would advance. That, however, was not the question.

Now, it seems to me that we have not been adequate on any of these fronts. The British and American people both feel it. One feels this in the talk about a second front.

We congratulate ourselves on our production, but are appalled to read that only one-eighth of it has been going to active theaters of war.

Only one front has been really active this Summer. The Russian. The setbacks there are understandable, the behavior adequate.

And after thirteen months of Russian-German war the Russians are fighting practically alone. We do not minimize the fact that they got some armaments under great shipping difficulties.

What conclusions can one draw from these overall observations? Not that we are lacking strength; not that there is fumbling and defeatism amongst the masses of the people.

And again on the political front: During the entire month of July we have been warring for a decision on synthetic rubber production and for drastic measures against inflation.

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"I don't see why you make such a fuss about Susan breaking a dish once in a while..."

Two Julys

There May Be A Subconscious Connection Between Them

For long years, one of the things which The News, horrified as it has been at the pains to call to the attention of the community has been Negro murders—the murder of Negroes by Negroes.

Once a local police official remarked that there was nothing to get excited about, that it was simply a case of rough characters bumping off other rough characters.

But in any case, it is axiomatic that in a city which places any sort of value on public order cannot suffer, much less condone, killings even among its worst elements, lest the habit spread.

It would be hard, we concede, to establish any conscious or subconscious connection. But it would be equally hard to refute the argument that murder in this city had been classified as something less than a capital crime.

Ragtime Ban

Petrillo Silences an Industry With a Band Edict

James Caesar Petrillo, as heavy-handed a Labor leader as ever ran loose in our tolerant land, has commanded the realm of national broadcast of high school music from the air on grounds of commercialism.

The Federal Communications Commission, headed by James Lawrence Fly, was on Petrillo's trail, but apparently lost it when he explained that he had barred it.

As we get it, the Petrillo argument is an old one, ever used by Labor. With the coming of inventions and mechanical wonders, men thrown out of work must be cared for in some way by the perpetrators of mechanical improvement.

A musician, having paid his fee for initiation fee to AFM, becomes a member in good standing. He plays his instrument for recording machines, and is paid for his work.

The gathering might of the RAP again recalls the remark of Bobby Clark, concerning a supposedly fake lion in the old Columbia when she said: "Godd! He even smells like a lion!"

A Race

In the Stretch the City Lags Far, Far Behind

All the credit-collection managers in town must have winced when reading Dick Young's story yesterday when the City's past due street assessments.

With less than two months remaining before the deadline, it is plain to see that extraordinary measures are being taken to have the last dollar of property-owners are going to avoid the payment of just debts.

The City, for prior lack of diligence or resoluteness, cannot afford to establish such a record as it did in October, 1932.

His claim was well supported elsewhere, that radio stations, 500 of which employ no musicians, are getting rich while his record-makers starve.

Discovery

Mrs. Roosevelt Finds Eggs Ceilingless, and Protest

Last week, and we have no apologies for the delay, believing such things immortal beyond time-passages.

"I must all come together," she said. "It can't come in little scraps." She was asked if she thought Congress would pass such a bill. She hoped so.

"This, on the day of one rude awakening. The Lady made it clear that she has other ones coming in the days ahead. She'll be knocking up on things at home. But how the mixed out on those roofless eggs, we'll never know.

The newspapers are thin-four pages. Store windows are either beaverboarded up, with a divy show window in the center, or criss-crossed with tape in fancy designs.

The Champion American-Killer

—By Herblock



The London Of Ireland

By Ernie Pyle

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND—Before I start in on the Army camps, let me give you some idea of what Belfast is like. There are no Army camps here, but the soldiers come here on leave.

There is still lots of traffic in the streets. They have awkward-looking double-decker trolleys that stack up in long lines of congested traffic just as the trolleys do in Washington.

A few autos have those fantastic gas bags on the roof to supply fuel. Brick shatters line the streets, and more are still going up. Downtown there are huge concrete water tanks for fire-fighting in some future blitz.

Last Gasp Of BEW

An Agency Dies

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON. VICE PRESIDENT WALLACE'S Board of Economic Warfare seems to be folding its wings—or the parts that remained after President Roosevelt clipped them in April.

BEW is certainly not flying as high as forecast in its prospect at the start of the war, when Mr. Wallace's devotees were saying it would be the big organization of the war and post-war world, eventually absorbing WPB and everything in between.

Speeches of Mr. Wallace, and his major demer, Milo Perkins, have been hearing down upon the further-reaching problem of making everybody happy after the war by giving them a quart of milk a day, and other things.

Some curtailment in personnel has been noticed in BEW this past week. On July 1, it had ordered its employees. Authorities there say they decided to curtail in the interest of economy.

PHA, however, said it was doing nothing about brass state rails, and was out-sold by old state rails as well as by ordering them up with a nice little bow of red tape.

This does not relieve you of your obligation to get in all the scrap from your house, where there is no red tape. Excellent public relations officer to drive by, but he was appearing, the argument is to telling citizens exactly what to look for around the house.

The Virginia Needle

Who Roused 'Em?

Editorial, Richmond Times-Dispatch. Colonel Kenneth Royall, the officer who was saddled with the dismal job of representing the eight Nazi saboteurs before the Supreme Court, and also before the military commission.

Those who will want him thrown in with the accused and made a little trial bit of the News in an amazing and, for it, unprecedented piece of rabble-rousing.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Call no man master, only God: He that opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, calling himself God: he is God.—2 Thes. 2:4.

Visitin' Round

Misourians, Ny Daugh! (22 Years Ago, Dave Record) Several Mockbillians went over to Winston-Salem last week to see the airplane.