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### Supermen

#### Faced With Cold Steel, Jerry Still Likes To Quit

There goes the New Order with its tail-between its legs. Invincible above all in bettle or in peace, its soldiers have quit in the ancient tradition of German warsettle or in peace, its soldiers have quit in the ancient tradition of German warriors when the grim face of deteat isoked upon them. They were given up as lost by their supreme commander when the armies of freedom hemmed them in; and they gave up by the thousands though equipped to make a flight to the bitter end. When the great test eame, it was apparent to the world that the German flighting man, from general to private soldier, didn't like the picture of the bitter end.

It is not that the German soldier is cowardly; he has made his fierce charges cover the whole of Europe, and has confounded history in great maneuvers against Rusia. No, the German soldier is a fine flighting man, while the victories are coming his way. He functions as part of a beautiful machine while that machine is in working order. It is with him as it was with his ancestors; when the battle goes against him, he can flight he was the settle goes against him, he can flight he was the settle goes against him, he can flight he can flig

machine is in working order. It is with him as it was with his ancestors; when the battle goes against him, he can fight

the battle goes against him, he can fight no longer.

An English Army would never have shandoned Tunis and Biserte, regardless of pressure applied or pressure about to be applied. It would have fought until the clites were in ruins, and still hung sn-as did the Russians at Sevastopol and Stallingrad. Perhaps no other Army in the conflict today would have given up no easily and quickly as did the Germans on Cap Bon. They tumbled out of hiding to surrender faster even than the prison-loving Italians. They had no taste for more shot and steel.

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It is a strange phenomenon, but it goes back through German history (the end of the last war is a case in point). Not the high-flown insanity of Nazi idealism, not the belief in the Fuehrer could step for one moment the old inhred step for one moment the old inhred italiant of the German lighting man. He flights well, but when resistance is apparently useless, it is time for him to guit, and he quits without hanne. It is not in his blood to hang on, doggedly. The great sieges of history would leave him cold. He who so happily those surrender on Cap Bon could laugh in derision at the glowing story of The Alamo, Zea, the New Order was a temporary thing, even with its goods stepping disciples. Hiller had years to a temporary thing, even with its goods stepping disciples. Hiller had years to at its process of the provider of the heavens, for all his conditioning of German youth, he went to war with solders, who were many outh, he went to war with solders.

heavens, for all his conditioning of Ger-man youth, he went to war with soldiers who were unfit for war. Modern battle has not changed things. The nature of the German is not such that he can were outlast lighting men of other races. Under, his Iron Cross beats a small heart, and under his tight belt, is no stomach for close, hard-fought battle. He is not only the professional soldier. He is the professional soldier. He is the

### Signposts

#### asion Looms, and With It Brings the Bill for War

The signs of coming invasion are about again, and growing by the day. With the sudden collapse of the Axis

about again, and growing by the day. With the audden collapse of the Axis smiles in Tunisia, Winston Churchili and his staff looks up in Washington, needy to Jun 1900 per plans. There is the division arriving in the Middle East, wheelen reports U.S. troops on Cyprus. There is speculation about a drive on Burna, with General Wavell's appearance in America. There is a big power between Admiral Halsey and General MacArthur, hinting at the coming of big combined operations. There is great air activity in Burna.

And there is also the greatest raid of the war on Duisburg, in which 34 bombers were loss—a great toil. So there is perhaps an attempt to saturate the defense of German industrial towns, and pay a great price for hammering down defenses, in preparation for the landings to come. From Sweden, Raymond Clapper writes that the Germans superication of the ward on the control of the ward on the control of the sandings to come. From Sweden, Raymond Clapper writes that the Germans superication for the landings to come from Sweden, Raymond Clapper writes that the Germans superication of the sandings to come from Sweden, Raymond Clapper writes that the Germans superication of the sandings to come from Sweden, Raymond Clapper writes that the Germans superication of the sandings to come from Sweden Raymond Clapper writes the Lowlands, no more superication of the Middle Sweden Raymond Clapper writes the Middle Sweden

there are continued guesses on both san old Axis trick and a new ed mimlery—as to where the blows lail sendon and Washington have the street and the sendon and washington have

fusion. All men in both camps now know that the thrusts cannot be long in coming, and both sides prepare with all the energies at their command.

#### The Issue

Judge Aims To Make Town's New Name One: We're for Him

So far as we're concerned (though e suspect the public view will be difwe suspect the hubbic terw will be dif-ferent? Judge Walter Blier his picket as pectage of the suspect of the suspect of the generatory of State that of the formation of Generatory of State that is well-night perfect. He's against changing the name of Hemp, Moore County, to Robbins. He's been fussing and joking about the switch in monikers almost from the first, and now that he's busy about stinging Thad Bure whenever possible, he threatens the use of that incident in a campaign. The Judge, properly we think; chal-lenged the wisdom of changing the name of the little town so that it might bear

use or that incident in a campaign. The Judge, property we think, challenged the wisdom of changing the name of the little town so that it might bear the name of the community's most important business man—the Mr. Robbins in question is owner of the town's largest industry. It has been suggested in some quarters that, if the Supreme court upholds the change in names, almost no town is sale.

We saw somewhere the auggestion that Raleigh might be changed to Ickes, a particularly in the change of the control of th

#### Standered

We're Attacked By A Leading Curmudgeon

For the City of Charlotte, we would advise a course of deliberate caution. It is not every day that a community is slandered by a curmudgeon, and the fact that he is the foremost of his lik in this country should not permit garold Ickes to goad us into hasty, ill-advised action. We need time for a reply. Often

action. We need time for a reply. Often before have we mused upon this Harold The Ick, and often used him badly, belaboring him in print. Perflaps the community was, in a sense, even with him before he cast the slur upon us. He has spoken, for the benefit of those who have not followed breathlessly his words, of Chariotte as a "plous community" which talks a good game of war sserifice, but spends its time beefing about restrictions. That in answer to the stinging questions asked by Coleman Roberts—all, we are assured, backed up by amazing facts. We by Coleman Roberts—all, we are assured, backed up by amazing facts. We want to warn the curmudgeon that, however he delights in exhibiting his keen wit at a press conference, he is now arousing the her of one of America's toughest communities, by the history book. Hereabouts, we've dealt with tyrants and invaders, harsh critics and low criminals. Taking on a recognized curmudgeon will place no strain upon the populace. Really wanted to constrain the propulace. Really wanted to constrain the same thing to public understanding in the matter of

low criminals. Taking on a recognized curmudgeon will place no strain upon the populace.

If H. The Ick really wanted to contribute something to public understanding in the matter of rationing confusion, he might have attempted to answer the complaints of Mr. Roberts (and several Southern Governors: on a rational basis. The Ick could not; the curmudgeon in him rose to the surface, he threw every consideration of unity to the winds, and attacked feliow Americans. He who has often urged understanding and co-operation in the fuel rationing program has abused us with Information of the control of the co

### Falling Star

# Germany Loses Hope

By Raymond Clapper STOCKHO! M

ous sources inside Germany REPORTS from numerous sources inside Germany
agree that Hitler's failure to take Stalingrad,
after boastful promises, damaged his prestige considerably, and for the first time brought open doubts from the people on the Fuehrer's infallibil-

people on the Fuehrer's infallibility.

If defeat at Stalingrad shook the German public to a limited degree, it must follow that loss of Tunis and Blerter is reacting most un-favorably inside Germany. I find no one here expecting Germany. If find no crack soon. The best guesses as to length-of-the war range from the end of this year to the end of next year—which is the longest time anybody gives Germany.

There are many here with soon contacts in Germany.

There are many here with good contacts in Ger-ny-people going in and out all the time, refugees many—people going in and out all the time, refugees excepting constantly from occupied areas, and underground contact which is continuous. So all shades are reflected in what one hears here. Persons who have recently come out report that people in Germany no longer expect Hilter to invade Snajandermany no longer expect Hilter to invade Snajand but, instead, are constantly speculating on where 'the Allies will strike.

Altles will strike.

German milliary people expect invasion of the continent and have worked on all possibilities; including the Bulkans, Nerway, and Denmark. No sparticular grumpolling is reported among the German people over failure of their alr force to retailate for Alieled bombings, because they realize their air force must be saved for defense against invasion. There are supposed to be several thousand planes held in Germany or Peland, awaiting training to meet invasion from any direction.

Persons recently inside Germany report that German military experts consider the French and Belgian coasts the most likely spots. They are prepared for surprise landings, and to hold for two or three days while a counter-attack is mobilized. Reports from inside Germany are to the effect that, in resisting invasion, Germany will count heavily on

a Clapper
cutting off the Allied supply line to the bridgehead.
After two or three days the defenders can have
masses of submarines working, and with sirpower
concentrating to isolate the bridgehead.
The German military belief is that the Allies
must be within 24 hours anysigation from their bases
to hold the bridgehead—which, in the German mind,
narrows down the possibilities to the Channel coast,
Normandle and Bretagne coasts, as the best piaces.
Whether the Germans are correct in their estimate
only time can tell.

Information out of Germany seems definite Information out of Germany neems definite that her leaders are operating now on the conviction that military selecty aver the Allifes is impossible, and that statemate, is her only hope. There—war. a determined campaign to indoor Stalln to a separate peace. The Pelith affair as used as part of it, and also the argument that already the military deadlors it eleas—the selection and German armies soon will have been flighting two Summers and two Winters without annihilating coach other.

anninusing eeen sures.

There are many reports of the Germans mounting a new giant offensive in Russia, but these are being more and more discounted. It is now believed that any such German campaign would be weeker than the one last year. It is obvious to the Germans that they cannot annillate the Russian army, which was their real aim.

which was their real aim.

Salih brought such German peace hopes to an end with his May Day speech, pledging war until the unconditional surrender of Hillerite Germany. This now leaves the Hillerite Germany. This now leaves the Hiller region standing before the German people as the obstacle to peace. Hiller (called in his gauletters a few weeks ago and gave them a grim pleture it hald defeat was certain unless the occupied countries took most drastle measures, along with Germany, for more men and more production.

many, or more men and more production.

Such are samples of information out of Germany.

To me such reports emphasize that Germany is on
the way down, that the war is slowly but inevitably
turning our way. But every judgment I get is that
we must not underestimate the fight still left in
Germany.

# How Long, Japan?

The War Alecad

"I made these sergeant stripes for Sonny's uniform while he's been sleeping—I thought it would be a nice way for him to please his captain!"

Side Glances

By ALEXANDER KIRALFY

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In Predictions of Things to Come
IF Germany can be defeated by the end of 1943, then I would estimate
that we can beat the Japanese by 1946. Should it take longer to
overcome the Nazis, this date would have to be set back, though not to
the same extent, for in the meantime we shall have been wearing the
Nipponese down.

This forecast presupposes an all-out offensive on the part of the
United States, the British Empire and China-but an offensive without
the undue expenditure of human life. It contemplates a drive through
of the Japanese from the mainlands and many blands of southeastern
Aria. The latter operation is regarded primarily, not as a liberating
of the conquered regions, but as a means of opening our sea lanes to
Chinces ports.

This restimate is based as laterative.

Editions ports.

This resilimate is based only in part on what I would cail "combat time." We face delays caused not only by lengthy life-lines but also by numerous recognible obstacles. In this part of the world the arrangement of the waterways, the nature of landing beaches direction from which the Japantese came. Our offenders must generally follow the reverse and hence less favorable direction or advance. It could almost be said that the Japantes gargesion was rapid because they were (furnatively remning downstates) whereas our makes an investment of safety of the part of

whereas aur moves will have to be of an "up-stains" nature.
Fruthermore, besides "jumining" our stiffelds, the Japanese invasted regions which we held by strong police forces rather than armies. By the end of 1943, Tokyo will have had two years in which to "dig." in. Japan has been intrenchinge herself in China for over the years and in Indo-China shire: 1940. This sensey has hed joese-sain (si feel the weight of our blows and is undoubtedly making such dispositions as he hopes will soften the impact of our driture pounders. our Jish China shire to the strength of the weight of the strength of the s

Before considering the various fronts on which we shall meet Japanese in large-scale fighting, it may be well to ponder the significance of the first property of the property of the state of the first property of the fir

According to some estimates of the strength of Tokon's righter field and the loses they have suffered, the war in the Pacific would be over today. Yet we find the Japanese sending fresh strings of ships—and big ones at that, into the front lines. It would be unwite to consider the Japanese spronnt and stupid. The firereness with which our fighting men have had to struggle with them is proof to the contrary.

much our fighting men have had to struggle with them is proof to the contrary.

Bened on my calculations, Tokyo began the war with four million tons of shipping available for war purposes. During the first year of hostilities Japan lost about a million tons to our airmen and submartnes, but built about haft this quantity; leaving her with a net official of 500,000 tons. In the case of vessels damaged but not surk, what counts is the number continually in the hands of repair crews. In the final analysis, those are the equivalent of actual aintings. Conservatively I would recken that of 250,000 tons. On this basis Japan could hold out until 196.

old out until 1946.

We next come teithe strictly naval front. Sea power is primarily built to best the enemy on the high seas, With adequate any other team of the strict and stack and defend outlying positions. The same evidenced by our inwaston of the Solomons and the defenses of Midway stained. But until the Japanese mainland has been dealt shattering blows from the air, and until Nippon's armies have been badly battered, we cannot expect to repeat the Solomons invasion on the shores of the foe's main islands.

been badly batiered, we cannot expect is e-peal the Selemona invasion on the shores of the fee's main islands.

We next come to the Japanese air force. Our qualitative superiority is an established fact. White Tokyon under the control of the selemonal process of the selemonal process of the selemonal process. The selemonal process of the selection of the

the alert in China.

In view of the above factors it would not be possible to
anything approaching a blittkring tempo on any of the 13
fronts. Before considering attacks against such fronts it
necessary to dispose of the Mandated Islands in the Pacific

necessary to dispose of the Mandated Islands in the Pacilite.

By the end of 1986 Generalization Chinar Kai-Shek should repasses his southern ports from Canton to Amoy. There he would
meet our eastern pinners which had worked their way toward him
from New Guines. If, in the meantime, we had been able to improve
the Burma Road in a radical anamer, it could be used by American
and British expeditionary forces without interfering with a great
of supplies. These, together with a vertex of the power might bring the Guine with a vertex
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(Big Branch Hem, Marshall News-Record)
Everyone on the branch was so giad to learn that Mr. O. M.
Jarvis is working in the J. P. Aumons Dry Goods Store at Mars HillMr. Jarvis face a number of wears of wearts.



Angelic Quatity

# Charles The Stubborn

By Samuel Grafton make for London, not Africa. It is Giraud, not de Gaulle, who backs away from stainding on the same platform with the other man in the larger cities of North Africa, before all the people, and who proposes a meeting in a small, quiet place.

NEW YORK CANNOT get over the feeling that in our dal-I liance with General Giraud we are building up within the future French government something

within the future French government something like provincial and reactionary interest, which has made trouble in the Polish overnment-in-exile. The words provincial and reactionary apply with at least fair accuracy to Ginuid, and with absolute accuracy to his rriends.

No solid fact has yet come out of North Africa to show that our elevation of Ginuad was necessary, or implicit in the situation, or anything more than an invention which we made up out of our own heads.

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Tyines that when twin recruiting stations were set
up in liberated Tunisia, one for Giraud and the other
for de Gaulle, de Gaulle obtained 412 recruits on the
first day, and Giraud free man whom they were supposed to prefer so heartily to de Gaulle that any
other arrangement was conceived to be dangerous.

Giraud's lieutenants in Tunista find it necessary to pate copies of his specches on the walls
and to scatter leaftes in order to spread his
fame 'hmorp' a populace which aircady knows
the name, and the face, and every tone in the
voice of de Gaulle. It will be and that such comparisons militate against attainment of unity
between these two French leaders. But it is
those who created this problem of unity by
creating one of three leaders, who take refuge
behind that argument. If they had assod in
problem.

All genuine lines of political forces radiate to

in two wars, was always acceptable as a millary leader for the Allted cause. That is the position he wanted. He has forever described hisself as by preference non-politicals. But now the handkerchief is pulled aside by those who made him, and, behold, he is in politica as dre Gaulle never was, abolishing laws, creating laws, effectable places from the property of Giraud, a brave and dashing officer, captured in two wars, was always acceptable as a military

soss a meeting in a small, quick place.

If the popular hase of de Gaulle's position is as broad in metropolitan France. North Africa is notoriously France's outpost of anti-democratic sentiments. If was the place to which anti-democratic meeting the property of the pro

Yes, there must be unity between the two, now that there are two, but one would like to set those who have made the problem make the cencessions. Ever in the background, there is that whispering danger that what we have done in North Africa, is not to build unity, buil to plant the danger of ultimate disunity oparard; but the center of French affairs. One thinks of Siltorah and his unhappy wrangies with his own government, a government based on a marriage of im-

Yes, there must be unity between the two, no

I write this piece for a special reason. We have for three years basked in the annihant of de Gaulle's inspired stubbornness against the Germans. Perhaps he has learned that some of us shall be a wes