

The bombs, falling among the sacred shrines of ancient Rome, herald a new turn in the war. The Allied nations, for almost the first time, have declared themselves plainly against any and all timidity; henceforth, a savage, but business-like, aggressiveness will mark our efforts at war.

It is likely, however, that the objectives gained in the precision bombing of military objectives on the Seven Hills will be greater than anything we have achieved up against us. Whatever Mussolini may tell his people now, they will know that the end has come.

Perhaps there are logical and sincere arguments against the bombing of Rome, but the military view, clearly expressed, and which has been harbored in Italian war industry and has been sending troops far against the Allies.

We do not believe that the OPA, as vigilant as it is reported to have been, has even touched the surface. Without a sliver of proof, we will venture the guess that hundreds of filling stations have winked at the rationing laws—and that many other kinds of businesses have done the same.

Hospital Board With Great Chance For Service, It Begins Work

Governor Broughton's united board of control, which is charged with the great responsibility of looking to the needs of the State Hospital, does not appear to be off to a good start, and is surely presented with an opportunity to render a real service in replacing Dr. J. R. Saunders, resigned. The members of the board, until now, have been connected with State Hospitals as board members in the past, during the years of neglect, must realize that every effort must be made to replace Dr. Saunders with the finest executive available.

An Axis Split?

The Merry-Go-Round

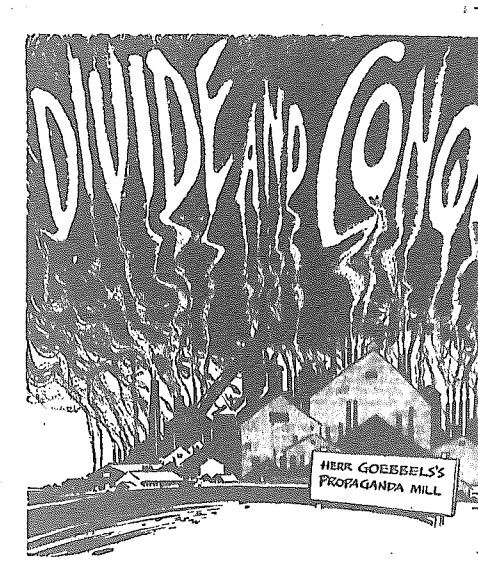
WASHINGTON (By Drew Pearson) Finally, there is the matter of funds. Originally "Happy" Chandler informed his colleagues that the Senate Military Affairs Committee had \$2,000 to spend for the trip's expenses.

On the night before the interned Americans left Rome to return to the U. S., a group of the internees, including Richard O. Hasbrouck of the Associated Press, visited a restaurant called Biblioteca, which had been a favorite haunt for most of them before the days of internment.

This prompted another Italian to come to Messock, the first American he had seen for months. With an affectionate embrace he said, "Please give my kind regards to President Roosevelt!" United States officials who know Sicily suspect there may have been a Sicilian fifth column operation in favor of the Allied invasion forces.

The meat shortage is giving rise to backyard slaughtering of cattle and hogs, which is about as safe and sanitary as production of prohibition "bathtub gin." War Food Administration is trying to force observation of livestock permit order by making lurid examples of persons caught slaughtering without permit.

One Plant Still Unbombed



Sicily Down

The Broken Fortress

NEW YORK (By Samuel Grafton) What does the invasion of Sicily mean? It means that there is no fortress Europe any more. What can be done at one point can be done at another. It means that a year of Hitler propaganda about the European front in the trenches on the Western front of the fortress has leaked for a long time. Now we see that its doors fly open when kicked.

Side Glances



Everyday Counselor

Men Of Faith

"YOU can't see it now," is the title of a suggestive article in the July American Legion Magazine, which tells of the journey of James H. Shupe, a member of the Philadelphia Legion. It took his first journey at the time of a great national conference on the 12th of December, 1916. Congress was in an uproar. A motion picture was shown before the House. Several members were on their feet in favor of the bill.

"The speaker recognized Samuel Adams. The Massachusetts member spoke with forced calmness. 'I grant you the American cause seems well-nigh hopeless. It is true that for months we have been preparing for the day when we shall have to defend Pennsylvania. In Jersey within a day's march, are the British should this bitter cold strengthen the ice, the Delaware Bay will freeze and the British passage into Philadelphia. This is the situation—seemingly.'"

Air Hounds

OUT at a dusty air field I arrived just in time to see an squadron of A-30 fighter-bombers come in from south. The formation, led by a pilot in a dark suit, was in a loose V-shape. After another they landed on the converted golf park. They were in the extent of having a few field tents put up for quarters. The small, trim, deadly American fighters were lined over the rough ground, settling to a stop amid clouds of African dust. Every time the American flyers drove around a corner, a couple of hundred feet above the surface, a great deal of dust was thrown off their fat Mess West life jackets, rub the dust off their eyes and the squadron leader, a lieutenant colonel, was seen to be shouting and giving orders. The biggest thing in their lives at the moment is an American Red Cross girl under an olive tree serving coffee and doughnuts. Only after the second cup of coffee and the third doughnut do you begin to hear about what happened over thirty days of air action.

The most popular man in the squadron had had his plane shot up by an intruder fire and had to bail out. The formation, by at only 300 feet, saw their past land in a town and start running up an alley, followed by several Italian. The squadron followed to a date. Every time the American flyers drove around a corner, a pair, 300 feet up, would get on with their machine guns on pursuing Italians.

They are the boys who are doing some of the most hazardous casualties can be more than defeated, changing the whole balance of forces in war: More than that, the weapon which they are now demonstrating here to use against the Axis is a weapon of peace in the physical that none has existed before. The men climbed out of the plane from this mission unscathed with two days' growth of beard, uniforms grubby, generally looking like workmen at the end of a day digging ditches. They are the men who are doing some of the most hazardous work of any country in the world today. They are the men who are taking so many chances to make the war shorter for everyone else and their own people.

Quote, Unquote

WE HAVE seized the initiative, the most vital factor in the war. Our George C. Marshall, after the war Europe will have to be completely self-sufficient in industry. History shows that when the Axis creates and becomes profitable jobs their increased production will make a demand for goods—foreign and domestic.