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### Golden Chance In Italy, We Might Win the People of Germany

Now that Italy lies sprawling, with the battles raging over her, the United Nations have their first promising opportunity to speak to the captive people of the world, and to address themselves with dignity to the future. There is one course which will shorten the war and provide a guarantee against the swift return of conflict. There is another course which will shorten the war—and end the World War certain.

We want only to demonstrate, in the weeks ahead, that we intend to give Italy a severe punishment for her part in the criminal acts of aggression. We must show that we do not intend to encourage the little people of Italy without mercy, but we must not permit the mass numbers of the Fascist Party to escape scot-free. Mr. Herbert Hoover, Assistant the King of Italians, struck a note of great humanity. He wants, apparently, that Italy be punished. He wants a course would doubtless put ideas of peace in the minds of Germans—but it would also provide an escape hatch for the guilty, so that another war could be plotted before the peace agreements were dry on parchment.

There is only one way in which this crisis of practical politics may be met. We must immediately seek out the guilty leaders, and make sure of them. They may be saved for later punishment, but there must be a definite separation of sheep and goats, immediately the military situation permits. And the little people must be given quickly the fruits of liberation. Our economic control must be heavy, but there must be good and clothing and freedom. The jails must not remain closed with lovers of freedom—as did the miserable jails in North Africa.

The eyes of the world will be more sharply focused upon us, after the battles, than they are now that the cause of liberty is being won. For the men and women of Europe who have battled Fascism so long know all too well how easy it will be for the guilty to escape, and for the innocent to suffer. None easier than any other case, of course, will be those of the German people. They will want to know if little Italians are punished like the leaders, or if the whole saboteur goes free and unpunished.

And, as the economic and political arrangements are imposed upon Italy, it must also be remembered that the little people bear a certain guilt of their own. They have permitted this Fascism to rule them without a whimper. Most of them have been stupid. They must be taught a lesson. But that lesson cannot be taught with whip or prison. The little people must be saddled with a burden of debt, to pay through the years. Being that, and that only, the German people can decide in favor of the Allies. They can see quickly how much cheaper it will be to pay for their mistakes to the victors, than to have everything taken from them by the Nazi overlords. Our course in Italy, during coming days, is of greatest importance to all.

Watching De Gaulle and Giraud perform, the wonder grows that the Nazis didn't take France that time by long-distance phone.

### The Children Washington Still Speaks To Us in Simple Terms

During the war the U. S. Government has steadfastly clung to the view that the people of the country were children, all of them. Every bit of news permitted to reach through every bit of established propaganda was pointed at the mentality of a child. The object was to keep that there was precious little death and destruction for our men and materiel. At the same time, the impression was built that the war could not be won, short of five or ten years of heroic sacrifice at home.

For example, the first words of Henry Stimson at the fall of Italy were that the country could not become a second front. There was a second warning of public reaction again. We'll see how these things turn out. It is interesting to note that Germany overthrew the Weimar government today and is now reorganizing its state.

led commanders. Upon hearing the news, the Japanese government, pressed on all sides by Allied arms, likewise capitulated. The occupation of both countries is proceeding. All resistance has ceased.

Word from Morgenthau: Citizens must not be overconfident. There is a long, hard peace ahead. Keep on buying war bonds. Don't let the enemy fleece the peace. Germany and Japan have surrendered, but the work must be left to the victors. We must continue to work, save and buy bonds.

An eerie experience for a wife is dipping a routine hand into the old man's pay envelope and finding Morgenthau's there first.

### The Jest Adolph Put 'Em in Stitches With His Plaint of Treason

In the Valhalla of the valiant, Mecca of the murdered, there must be shrieking, unceasingly laughter this week. The great belly laugh of the little man, of the departed Dolfus and Boris must resound. From the rubble soil of Warsaw and Rotterdam and Ladic, from the desecrated spot at Compelgne, rise the echoes. There is laughter. Adolph Hitler, driving the departing spirits of the dead to distraction. Only in the ears of Der Henker Heydrich, does the laughter grate. He, almost alone, does not understand.

As the spatula yell in wild delight at the colossal joke they must cry for Adolph to stop; they can stand no more. 'Wha, wha, wha, ho, ho, ho. What a card, you Adolph! Cut it out, ha, ha, ha. Treason, he says! Treason! Wha, wha, wha! The little man betrayed him! Ho, ho, ho! Get a load of that; he says ole Italy double crossed him! He squeals. Ha, ha, ho, ho! We can't stand any more. Take that guy away, ho, ho, wha, ho, he!

### That For You Argentina Gets Needed Slap From a Neighbor

In the rush of news, few have paused to consider that we have felched Axis-leaning Argentina a sharp slap with the back of a powerful and horny hand. Some months ago, we would not have dared take such a step, for fears of upsetting the solidarity of the hemisphere. But now, mighty with global power and well on the way to victory, we can give Argentina a push and a face without fear. That Cordell Hull refused Lend-Lease to that sniveling Good Neighbor is enough for cheering.

This rebuff, understand, was not at all because Argentina is a strong competitor, especially in the production of beef and grain. It was only because that country has refused to take its fascinated gaze off the strutting Germans. Even the ersatz revolution left great admiration for dictatorship. In Argentina, the people need a lesson on the ways of government for free men. If they are given a chance, they will understand that very well, from the blow struck at them by Cordell Hull.

### Whose Offensive? U. S. Aid To Russia Enough To Cinch Drive

In order that the continued cries from Russia for a second front might be properly evaluated, a short list of figures released in General Marshall's recent message by publicists. Since Lend-Lease aid was started to Russia, the Soviets have been given the following items:

- Over 3,000 planes.
  - 2,400 tanks.
  - 109,000 sub-machine guns.
  - 10,000 mps.
  - 10,000 trucks.
  - 7,000 motorcycles.
  - 130,000 field telephones.
  - 75,000 tons of explosives.
- When next the complaints are heard, make sure that the spokesman is either speaking with tongue in cheek, or else is badly confused about what nation is mounting what offensive against what enemy.

"Deficit financing." A system in which the taxpayer is confronted from time to time by deficit savings. "And it's sicker to lend myself at this stage!"

## The Merry-Go-Round

Of the last things Big Bill Jeffers did before announcing his resignation as rubber administrator was in an article in a hot and very important magazine, published by the rubber manufacturers over the question of constructing more tire factories.

United Rubber Workers President H. E. Delorme came loaded with facts and figures. He said the rubber companies had tons of idle-making equipment stored away. All they had to do was wipe off the dust, put to build new plants, using latent strategic materials. Spokesmen for the rubber companies admitted they had a lot of the equipment but claimed it was not enough to manufacture 2,000,000 passenger tires needed for 1944.

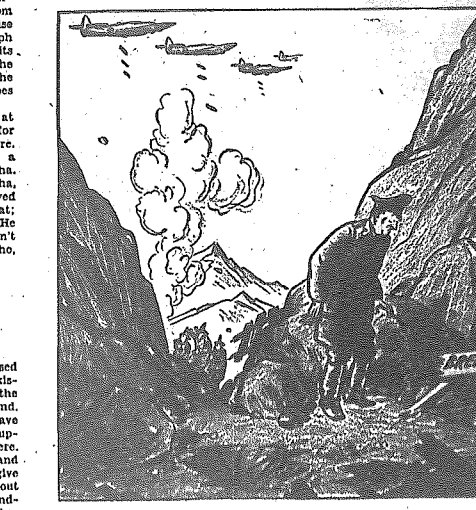
Jeffers stomps, slanting, then swings his weight vigorously on the side of labor. He put his foot down categorically on the industry's expansion program in the South. "Some plants will have to be expanded," he said, "but do it in existing locations. Furthermore, some of your plants now doing war work will be converted to peacetime."

Incidentally, Jeffers was taken because the rubber companies sent their third-string men, instead of top executives. He felt strongly that for such an important meeting the industry should be represented by such men as Harvey Firestone Jr. or J. W. Thomas, president of Firestone, or F. W. Litchfield, president of Goodyear. But they were absent. With a second of the industry's representatives, Jeffers made a crack against the practice of driving workers hard by something like the infamous Bedout methods.

"What you fellows need," said Jeffers, "is less stopwatch and more common sense."

Then he shook a warning finger at Rubber Workers' Delorme. "But you fellows have got to stop your stuff if we are going to produce those 20,000,000 tires."

### Memories By Herblock



### Still In Danger Victory Brings A Lag

WASHINGTON  
ALTHOUGH the war is going well, our military and people expect that the future months will be harder than the past ones. The deeper we go in, the harder the fighting may be. Likewise, the coming months may be much more severe on the home front.

Because the war is going well, it is natural that we should expect relaxation of shortages and restrictions at home. But the outlook is not favorable for that. To be sure, President Roosevelt lifted the restrictions on coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and face without fear. That Cordell Hull refused Lend-Lease to that sniveling Good Neighbor is enough for cheering.

War production seems to have accelerated that miracle which skeptics once said would be necessary to meet President Roosevelt's schedule. We are producing airplanes at the rate of 90,000 a year and this month it may jump to a rate of 100,000 a year. In spite of manpower shortages, probably will not be needed in a few months. More combat planes were produced in August than ever before.

As Gen. Marshall says in his biennial report we are reaching the end of the spectacular army expansion. Many training installations are being closed as a matter of course. The Geneva Hotel in Chicago is being sold back by the Army for private use again. Training equipment, such as training planes, probably will not be needed in such quantities from now on.

But for every jet up that is possible, there will be an added burden somewhere else. If the Government can ease the war burden at any point, it should be encouraged to do so without the risk of public war morale letting down.

Gasoline supplies for the East are not likely to be sufficient. This year the amount of gasoline in ration. Submarine sinkings have almost disappeared, and that, plus tanker construction, puts us back toward the face without fear. At the beginning of the war, we had demands for fuel, especially aviation fuel, and we had to develop the Pacific theater. That will tax our fuel shipment capacity from the West to the Pacific coast. And Big Inch pipeline will be needed for the long haul to the Pacific coast. And Big Inch pipeline will be needed, led by itself even for military needs.

So gasoline is bound to remain tight in the East. Neither are early hopes in rubber too good. William Jeffers has retired as rubber administrator

## FDR's Dilemma

Some of the turmoil regarding Sumner Welles and the appointment of a new Undersecretary of State can now be explained by the following events inside the White House.

When Secretary Hull stayed behind after a Cabinet meeting in mid-August and Secretary Welles immediately sent for Welles and took the news, he was one of the toughest things he had had to do in his office. But he argued that Welles go to Russia with Anthony Eden to do some long-needed patching up with Molotov and Stalin. Welles, terribly upset by this abrupt dismissal, was unable to give the President a definite answer. He resigned immediately, but was insisted to feel that anything he did in Russia would be undercut by Secretary Hull, partly because of Hull's dislike of Welles, partly because of his lack of enthusiasm for Russia.

Secretary Hull, however, assured the President he would be delighted to have his former Undersecretary of State undertake the Russian mission.

All this controversy, however, was looked out that Welles was being ousted. Since that leak, with the accompanying press reaction, Mr. Hull has changed his mind. He has felt more bitter than ever toward his ex-Undersecretary, and it upset over the severe criticism hurled at the State Department by James LaRoon and by editorial comment.

More recently, therefore, Hull has indicated that he, not Welles, is the one to confer with Foreign Ministers Eden and Molotov. That is the dilemma in which the President is caught. Presumably the President has felt that the younger, more vigorous Welles rather than 72-year-old Hull was the man to meet on a difficult mission of this kind, which may entail several thousand miles of air travel. That is the reason for the agonizing silence regarding Welles' resignation and his successor.

## Everyday Counselor A Testament

By Rev. Herbert Spangh

"THE Bible being read as much today as in times past? I don't know, but I am certain that many men in uniform are reading far more than they did when in civilian life. Recently I had a letter from a young business man to whom I gave a Testament when he entered the armed service. In the course of his remarks he really thanked me for the Testament, saying that he was reading from it 'every day.' As I know him here, I think if he found time in his civilian life to read it more than once a week, if he did that, well, up to the young man of my congregation in service indicate that much Bible reading is going on. This is not speculation on my part. I can back this up with letters now in my files. This same is found in other letters coming back from service men that are being printed in religious magazines.

One of my Salvation Army friends has sent a clipping taken from the *Spangh* in New York City giving a letter from a Commando Corporal written to one of the English Salvation Army officers:

"Today I received your welcome parcel. When it came I thanked my fellow-soldiers 'The Daily Bible parcel has arrived!' I carefully examined it, shaking out to all and sundry the different things I had received. 'They have even sent a Testament, I thought. There was a host of laughing and mine was the heartiest.

"This afternoon, having nothing else to do, I had a look at the Testament and what I saw filled me with amazement. I am just trying to be dramatic. It was as though I was slowly solving something that has been puzzling me for many a day.

"I have just returned from overseas and have been in some queer situations. I have always been a religious man, but I never have felt there was something lacking. I do not know as yet what it is, but the queer thing is I feel that I have had it all the time, something beyond my limited intelligence to grasp, and I am beginning to see the truth.

"If a man by the name of Jesus could inspire men like John Mark, etc., to put into print the things they have written down, their surely men like myself can read and learn.

"The thing that got me most, were the words, 'Suffer little children to come unto me.' In knowledge of my God I am a little child. In everything to learn, I have now accepted my God after an interval of nearly 20 years."

## In Charlotte The Negro Aims

LEADERS of the local group of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, claiming some 100 members of the 25,000 Charlotte Negro population (among them 30 to 40 white), recently made a statement to us of their goals of their people in Charlotte. A Summer school session for high schools. A course in business education. Auditoriums and gymnasiums in schools.

1. A technical high school for Negroes, to eliminate the blind alley in Negro education (liberal arts graduates can find no good jobs). A Summer school session for high schools. A course in business education. Auditoriums and gymnasiums in schools.
2. Better housing conditions, elimination of the slum areas in Brooklyn, Second Ward and Blue Heaven. The present housing project in Blue Heaven has done much good; more remains on every hand to be done.
3. Recreational facilities. One park will not answer the need. Pools are needed. At present, the only recreational areas for Negroes are temporary arrangements during Summer months on bare school grounds.
4. More community centers. One exists at present, Bethlehem Center, and is doing a fine job. The field is immense.
5. Better jobs for Negroes. Higher wages on merit and not on race. Open city government jobs to Negroes, on a merit system. Negro mail carriers and clerks at Post Office, as in several other Southern cities. Finding the Negro policeman on a regular basis, removal of special police, and elimination of possibility of using them as political football.
6. Membership on future study groups for City problems, as policy-makers, not honorary members.
7. Eliminate outward show of racial differences. Take down signs on busses referring to race, same at defining formations. Negroes should be provided with rest rooms downtown (there are none usable to, except for inadequate facilities in one regular hotel). The representative said, she only a few of the objectives. Conversation was on a pleasant, rational basis. The parting word from the Negroes was:

"We know these things can't be hurried, or accomplished overnight. But we ask in co-operation, in the name of democracy, humanity and Christianity."

We are happy to present this resume of the Negro desires—Editor, The News.

## Platform of the People Yea, Charlotte!

Editors, The News:  
I noticed by a recent editorial in your fine paper that from time to time various outstanding men have made blowing remarks about Charlotte and I would just like to say a few words in response to these remarks are made by people in other communities, don't you see? The representative said, she only a few of the objectives. Conversation was on a pleasant, rational basis. The parting word from the Negroes was:

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## Today's Bible Verse

Be useful not a parasite. Make the world better by your living in it; be no strong therefore of it. (1 Peter 4:10-11)