

Turning Tide Japan Being Pushed Back To Dangerous Spots

The headlines have long floated over the Mediterranean that the war with Japan has become a secondary issue. That, of course, is not quite the situation with most Americans. Somehow, the hatred of Japan is much greater than that reserved for Germany.

There need not be that anxiety much longer. Already through largely unnoticed in the press, Japan has been flung back into a defensive position which is becoming very uncomfortable.

Japan loses in the battle of attrition, and at the rapid rate at which her planes and ships are destroyed, she may have to abandon the next ring of her bases, in order to hold the heart of her empire.

It may be expected that the coming months will bring several drives against Japan. Perhaps Rabaul and Truk, the key bases of the north, will next be razed to the ground.

In almost every report of the war in the Pacific, the ratio of Jap losses increases in our favor. Now there are more and more reports of Jap retreats without fighting to the bitter end.

Mo. Hum Rep. May Be Experting Our War Again, Poorly

Representative May of Kentucky, who already has as poor a record of guessing in this war as any man (he predicted its end in '42 and '43) jumps up and shouts that, with Italy having surrendered, we should induct no more men in the armed services.

What the veteran Congressman does not realize, apparently, is that the fall of Italy was only a two-day shot of good news, and that the news didn't mean a great deal, in the long run.

There is still a fight. There is no reason to stop drafting men, simply because Italy has surrendered. The battle will still be long and bloody. There are still two major foes to be defeated.

weakness for jumping suddenly into optimism in estimating the people themselves are in the homes left empty by boys going into service. Their joys and sorrows are real, and are not lifted and lowered by political consideration.

An Old Story Rome Won't Be Surprised To See German Conquerors

Once, in Rome, a man of evil watched flames consume The Eternal City and remarked smugly, "I am greatly delighted with the beautiful effects of the conflagration."

But, for ancient Rome, two conquests in such a short time will mean nothing. In the dusty past there have been uncounted conquerors: Gauls, Goths, Vandals, Germans, Spaniards, French, the House of Savoy.

If the treasures of Rome are destroyed, they will have been needlessly and brutally destroyed, without military purpose.

By occupying the city itself, a legitimate military move, Hitler made known his decision to fight it out in Italy. If clinging to his position in Rome is deemed necessary by his generals, then the cause of Rome is doomed.

The Last Stand Hitler Has Guessed Wrong So Often He Strikes No Fear

For six months, Adolph has been busy for nothing. He has been invoking his military intuition, and watching his world crumble. He came out of hiding to make a speech. He wanted to tell the world that the German home front could not be broken.

Adolph, strangely enough, was convincing to a London newspaper. The mighty Times considered his speech darkly, agreeing that he could make things mighty hard on the armistice negotiators.

He, his words were those of a man who is going to retreat from Italy and behind the Alps, from Russia to the Dnieper and perhaps beyond, from France to the Siegfried Line.

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Before Italy surrendered, President Roosevelt told one of his advisers that he would like to see a constitutional amendment in Italy. If it were really a constitutional monarchy...

Many high-up Administration advisers—though by no means all—think it would be a grave mistake to let the Italian people elect a kind of a government they should elect. If we start telling occupied peoples how to vote, it is argued, there will be no end to the trouble.

The name trouble may face the Allies in Italy. It is already reported that Gen. Di Nobile, Italian commander who crashed near the North Pole and was rescued by the Russians, is now forming a new pro-Russian Communist government for Italy.

Furthermore, the political pendulum normally swings from Fascism to Communism and will probably do so in both Germany and Italy. That is why some of the gentlemen around Secretary Hull were not anxious to have Russia in the Italian picture, and she was not consulted regarding the original armistice terms.

On the other hand, the liberal followers of Sumner Welles inside the State Department have been working on a plan whereby we would make an agreement with Russia that all the Allies should fight for a political breathing period during which the Italian people would be under non-partisan military rule.

Mrs. Roosevelt's Trip Friends of Mrs. Roosevelt say that one of the principal reasons which prompted her trip to the South Pacific was to prepare the public for the great number of disabled soldiers who will soon come back into civilian life.

This war is different from World War I in that medical science is saving the lives of many men who, while still wounded 20 years ago, would have been left under white crosses in Flanders fields.

Mrs. Roosevelt told her friends that she wanted to do the job in foreign hospitals which the President would like to do—the same sort of thing that President Lincoln did for wounded men during the Civil War.

Note: The gasoline consumed in Mrs. Roosevelt's flight to the South Pacific would have been used in any case. She had no private plane, but traveled with other passengers on a regular flight of the Air Transport Command.

Emmanuel's Future

One thing Italian experts are betting on is that if the Italian people are really given a free chance to express their will, King Victor Emmanuel will be ousted with as much vigor as the Nazis. Most Italians can forgive Victor Emmanuel for being poor judgment in permitting Mussolini to take over in 1922.

Give me a few regiments and I will clean up these Infantes in 24 hours," Badoglio urged. But the King said no.

He has had a deep-seated fear and prejudice regarding all agitators ever since his father was assassinated in 1915, but apparently considered Mussolini not in that category.

The King's Koistoo

Italians shake their heads at the judgment. But what they cannot forgive is the manner in which the King, after accepting Mussolini and discovering what he really was, continued to pay him abject obedience.

Italians know, of course, how the King had his heels tucked extra high, wore a tall pointed hat to conceal his disfigured stature, and even had the seat of his automobile raised so that he would appear taller.

But what they can never forgive is the manner in which he kowtowed and degraded himself before Mussolini even when he knew that Mussolini was dragging the country daily down to greater disaster.

You Have To Be Careful With This Joy Water

By Dorman Smith



Question Of Power Force Wins Battles

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON (UPI)—It wouldn't do us well to make a mental note that Italy's surrender is mainly a triumph of force and not something that happened by accident.

Once, as in the days of the Kellogg peace pact, we tended to believe that right made its own right. It makes us very pleased with ourselves to think that some are doing now, that Italy's surrender was a triumph of right and justice and all of these noble ideals of democracy and freedom.

he never would have had to obtain an unconditional surrender instead of the neutralization of Italy which he first tried to obtain.

What did the job in Italy was the force built up under Gen. Eisenhower, and the successful landing of it in Sicily, and beyond that, the destruction in Italy by the Allied air force.

Badoglio's telegram to Hitler explaining why he surrenders, probably exaggerates the extent of Italy's helplessness in order to make a better alibi, yet it goes to the heart of the reason why Italy surrendered.

On our side there has been some squeamishness about the place that force should hold in the United Nations scheme of things after the war. Force has a bad name perhaps because it often comes, and with such ruthless effectiveness, by our enemies.



'Let that murder story be a lesson to you—no more fingerprints on the wallpaper!'

Everyday Counselor

Love Or Power

By Rev. Herbert Spang

CAN one have love and power at the same time? Totalitarian rulers apparently think not.

Badoglio has been to the Italian people what old Field Marshal Hindenburg was to the Germans of World War I. He is 71 years of age, an Army career man, a graduate of Italy's West Point—the military academy at Turin—and is a monarchist.

One of these incidents occurred when Badoglio watched the march of the "Black Shirts" on Rome. He went to King Victor Emmanuel and said, "Give me two regiments, your Majesty, and I can wipe out these leaders in 24 hours."

The other incident goes back to an old Italian campaign in Ethiopia during 1890-1897. Badoglio was a young man then. One of his men had dug up a Latin inscription at a remote Libyan outpost.

Heisen thinks that Badoglio made the choice for power and not for love. But he is overestimating right when he says that this inscription was the only begotten son, that whoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The Answer Who's A Liar?

Immediately following the recent White House press conference which concerned me, I proposed writing a column setting forth in more complete detail the State Department's attitude toward the situation in Rome in response to requests from various editors, partly because I felt that the public would be expecting a further bill of particulars from me.

I was willing to bow to the decision of the United Press provided it was based upon journalistic judgment alone and not influenced by pressure from Washington. However, the editor convinced that the latter is entirely absent, and having received increasing suggestions from editors and readers that the State Department's policy toward Russia be explored further, I am enclosing a memo regarding it.

I am hopeful that the flat edict against publication of this or anything similar will be modified. I thought it important for you to know why I had not written more about the situation. No military secrets are involved in the enclosed memo and some of the Russian complaints have been published in their own newspapers.

Very Sincerely Yours, DREW PEARSON.

MERRY-GO-ROUND STORIES THE WHITE HOUSE DENIED:

Aug. 16, 1943—The U.S.A. will trade 50 over-sea destroyers for British Island Bases in Western Hemisphere, categorically denied by the White House. Confirmed officially Sept. 3.

June 6, 1943—Roosevelt has been calling Mussolini privately to advise him from entering the war on the side of Germany. "Fantastic" reported Steve Arac. But on June 10, Roosevelt, speaking at Charlottesville, Va., told in detail how he communicated with Mussolini.

Dec. 13, 1942—Secretary Hull's negotiations of \$100,000,000 credit to France Spain was stopped by Sumner Welles who went over his head to the President. Vigorously denied by Hull who sent letters to every newspaper editor publishing the column. Full corroborating details published in 1943 by Lt. Thomas Hamilton, USNR, in his book "Revelations' Child."

May 6, 1943—U.S.S. approval of permitting sale of air planes to Germany for the next year before Hitler knocked Poland out of the terrific new air force. This is violation of 1921 arms treaty and neutrality act. Hull denied violation of treaty, though admitting arms shipment.

Dec. 12, 1941—Pearl Harbor described as "worst NAVAL defeat in the nation's entire history"; details given how Navy was caught napping. Column suppressed on demand of White House. One year later facts identified by Navy.

Quote, Unquote

ONLY by realizing that we cannot win a proper peace unless the whole economy prospers are we able to fill our mission in a world agog for the new scale of economic convenience and plenty which business will provide.

—Sen. Ralph O. Brewster of Maine.

American labor must match every forward step by our Italian ally.

—Phillip Murray, president, CIO.

The money is steadily pouring into the South Pacific. We cannot afford to slacken even for a split second.

—Tolpyga, radio.

It seems utterly and unbelievably to assume that the morale of the Japanese is unbreakable.

—Foreign Policy Association.