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Finland

Despite War's Pressure We Have Admired Her

One of the contradictory relationships which have endured throughout this war, despite the pressure of mighty forces, is the good will of the American people toward the people of Finland... Little Finland, we have called her, remembering warmly how she had always met her war debt installments on time...

This persisting regard for Finland is wholly in keeping with the traditional American sympathy for the under dog and the Yankee appreciation of a good credit risk... Never mind the moral embargo... Never mind the unfavorable balance of trade with the U. S. Never mind the evidence that Russia invaded Finland in the beginning because of a mere whim...

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WASHINGTON. DON'T be surprised if spoiled, wise old ex-Governor Herbert Lehman soon steps down as head of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. His resignation is expected soon.

Officially, Lehman will probably resign in order to campaign for New York State for President Roosevelt's reelection. But actually, there are personal reasons. He has been very much upset by the death of his son in a plane crash in Italy. Also, he is still handicapped by the broken leg he suffered when he fell down the marble stairs in the British Embassy in Algiers last Winter.

In addition, Lehman has been disappointed over the limited scope given to UNRRA. So far, one important area where relief is badly needed, namely Italy, has been denied to his organization. This is because Italy is an ex-enemy country, and was previously agreed by the 44 nations which established UNRRA that no relief should be distributed to an ex-enemy country without the consent of the 44 members of the United Nations Council.

And on that council are such enemies of Italy as Yugoslavia and Greece, whose territory has been occupied by Italian troops and who do not relish spending any part of their money or even Allied money to aid Italy.

It is and when Lehman steps down, it may not be easy to find a successor. Most people don't realize it, but the ex-New York Governor is not the representative of the United States on UNRRA. He is the representative of all countries. Actually, Assistant Secretary of State Dean Acheson is the American representative, while Lehman was elected to be the impartial, neutral Chairman for all the United Nations.

Hillman-Dewey. It happened, but was not reported, at the Congressional probe of the CIO-PAC. Congressman "Took" Gallagher of Arkansas, "is it true, Mr. Hillman, that your organization, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, contributed \$5,000 toward the election of Thomas E. Dewey to the post of District Attorney in New York in 1937?"

Hillman: "That is correct." Gallagher: "Your attitude toward Mr. Dewey seems to have changed since then." Hillman: "Oh, not at all. I am ready to support Mr. Dewey again. I would support him with another \$5,000 if the job of District Attorney."

Robot Ordeal. British officials don't air their feuds in public as officials do in this country, but there has been a long and bitter struggle in British circles over the arrogant, short-sighted policy of British Information Minister Brendan Bracken. On his shoulders rests much of the blame for the unpopularity of British prestige in this country in recent months. Especially Bracken is blamed for the refusal to let the American public know the terrible sacrifice that British people are making to defeat the robot bombing.

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Since Dunkerque, obviously, the British public have not been punished. They have stood up to change in 1944 exactly as they did in 1940. But thanks to the secretive policy of Brendan Bracken, the American public has no conception of it.

American newsmen in London have been anxious to write the story, but they have been rebuffed by the censor. But Minister of Information Brendan Bracken has put his foot down. Apparently he doesn't think the story of eight million people standing up to night-and-day bombing, with the largest city in the world being demolished all around them, is news.

Brendan Bracken, when called before Parliament, always has a safe explanation. He can quote the number of laudatory articles published in this American paper or that. But privately he speaks contemptuously of the American press, and quotes to the British Cabinet President Roosevelt's derogatory remarks about American newspapers as justification for his muzzling of the correspondents.

Giddap! —By Norman Smith. The beautiful dawn of a new day which beckons us to rise joyfully and enthusiastically to new achievements. Yet how many of us approach the dawn with the opposite feelings.

Christie German Smile. By Marquis Childs. It is good reason to believe, that if Britain and America could seem to first, the changes were better for escaping full retaliation.

Quote, Unquote. THE joy that entered the hearts of all civilized men and women at the news of the liberation of Paris can only be measured by the words which settled there one June day four years ago when German troops occupied Paris.

Capital Chaff. Before every White House press conference, a crowd of newsmen presses against the velvet rope outside the President's office, awaiting the signal to enter. When Secret Service men let the barriers down, the rush is terrific. Cracked and perspiring Secret Service men "it's worse than a New York subway."

Mental Casualties. Col. William C. Menninger, head of the Army Medical Corps neuro-psychiatric division and brother of the famous psychoanalyst, Karl Menninger, has recommended that service veterans discharged for mental reasons be given lump sum settlements rather than life-long pensions, unless their disease is one rendering them wholly unfit for normal civilian life.

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Smooth Tom Dewey. By Samuel Grafton. THE unsmiling astuteness of Governor Dewey is a constant source of wonder to me, one of the most gifted politicians of our day. Those who underestimate him are sure to be disappointed.

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By ROGER GREENE (Substituting for Hal Bayle) WITH THE BRITISH EAST OF THE SEAS. Aug. 22 (Delayed) 09—Jeeping around battlefields you keep your eyes peeled and after a while you develop a kind of sixth sense that warns you of danger. Always you watch two things: 1. The landscape, not for its scenic beauty, but for the ugly rearing spouts of black earth that mean you are entering a zone of enemy shell fire.

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