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Washington's Words

Yesterday, in the House and Senate, the 79th Congress of the United States went through the ritual of having Washington's Farewell Address read aloud.

They must have thought, as the reader intoned Washington's warning against permanent alliance, of the Big Three, settling the future of the world in an obscure and faraway port on the Black Sea.

There are other misconceptions concerning the Farewell Address which abound among citizens as well as Congressmen.

Instead, the Hamilton Edition rewrote it entirely, and Washington then suggested a few changes.

So the Congress, solemnly listening to accepted words of wisdom out of our past, must not only proceed with caution when they attempt to apply Washington's principles to problems of another day.

Off The Track

When Mississippi's Bilbo insisted upon examining Aubrey Williams as to his belief in the divinity of Christ, we assume millions of Americans frowned, sensing that "The Man" had gone far afield.

Senator Austin pointed out that any such requirement as Senator Bilbo and two protesting churchmen had in mind would have deprived the country of President Taft's services.

No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.

The history of religious tolerance in our land is not bright, despite the fact that its founders fled from an intolerant Europe.

Today only three of our states require that their office-holders believe in God.

Statesmen At Work

DURING Senate debate on Henry Wallace, Senator Taft (Ohio) was charging the former Vice-President with being a Communist, or Communist sympathizer.

And North Carolina, it so happens, is one of these. The others, as reported to us, are Tennessee and South Carolina.

Gas Warfare?

Are the Germans, with their backs against the last wall, finally preparing to use gas? There are Swedish reports that the Nazis have ordered their civilian population to prepare for gas attacks.

To this moment the Nazis have not used gas (at least in the West) because they are sure the Allies were prepared to retaliate in kind.

If Germany is preparing to use this last resort, the war will end in a climax of horror, for it is inevitable that almost all of the German civilians population will be subjected to gas attacks.

Sap Doesn't Rise

Spring, we said to a fellow on one of those recent nice days, is about here.

Not wanting to become involved so close to lunch time, we granted an "um" and retired from the scene.

A tree is composed mostly of liquid, just as is the human body. If the sap fell, it would be the same as the liquid in the human body all dribbling into the limbs below the knees.

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But well have no more saps running around saying, "The saps' rising! The saps' rising!" It stays risen.

There is a certain wild logic about the new rumor that Von Papen has outwitted Hitler, as Von Papen has the well-known trouble-shooter and Adolf a well-known trouble.

With the post-war walkie-talkie, a man strolling along the street might be called by the wife at home. Is this progress?

WASHINGTON

ADVISERS who sat at FDR's elbow at Yalta tell a colorful inside story about what happened between Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill during the negotiations.

They were tremendously impressed with Stalin—his simplicity, directness and modesty. He was the only one who remained seated, seldom seemed to get aroused. A big-necked interpreter seated next to him at beside him, translating with skill and effectiveness.

One during the Polish conversations did Stalin rise from the conference table to argue vigorously.

For three years Stalin has contended that the Curzon line, fixed by Lord Curzon, then Foreign Minister of England, and agreed to by Clemenceau, should be the new boundary between Russia and Poland.

Then, rising from his chair, Stalin said dramatically: "Do you want me to tell the Russian people that I am less Russian than Lord Curzon? Do you want me to tell the Russian people that I am less Russian than Clemenceau? Do you want me to accept less than they proposed for Russia?"

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Stalin Wins Point

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Based on the meager news reports that have reached Europe, one gets the impression that the decisions of the Big Three have been reported in America with something like accuracy.

That is understandable. The statements they issued at the end of the conference had in it the seeds of hope for the future. The three leaders talked further toward reasonable solutions of thorny problems than most thoughtful observers had believed possible before the meeting at Yalta.

But it seems to me important to remember that it is a hope, an ideal, a goal, rather than an achievement in itself. The problem of Poland is not settled because three men sitting around a table have agreed to try to settle it.

I say this because I feel that for the continent of Europe, shaken and shattered by war and disfiguring from cold and hunger, the document of Yalta seems more, unconnected with any real or tangible solution of what they must face next, next month and next year. It may even seem somewhat irrelevant to people in the throes of the sixth winter of war.

I have just come from seeing ruined Aachen and the smaller towns around it that have been razed. The destruction of Aachen is difficult to believe unless you've seen it.

Our Funny Little World

By Samuel Groffon

ARGENTINA seems to feel a little cold these days. A rather left out of things. It is going through that blue mood which comes to those whose telephone never rings.

Capital Chaff

It was a night club just outside Detroit which first aroused War Mobilizer Jimmy Byrnes against night club dancing after midnight.

Battle and Czech members of the diplomatic corps lose no sympathy over Poland when they recall what the Poles did to Czechoslovakia as Hitler invaded, the Sudetenland in 1938.

Purple-Heart Dogs
New Hampshire's crossing Senator Bridges has sent a letter to War Secretary Stimson protesting against the award of Purple Hearts to dogs.

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Quote, Unquote

It is my long-held conviction that no matter how adequate a woman may be as a politician or a doctor or a teacher or a secretary, she can look with an unimpaired eye at the kitchen sink and the after-dinner dishes.

It is, of course, a fact that the enemy has a bigger war potential at his disposal but only from a material and not from a moral viewpoint.



"They are watching for the mailman—in their last letters my brothers promised to send them some cigarettes!"

Foxhole Flashes

By Hal Boyle

IN GERMANY—(P) - Noninoc for the toughest minded soldier—Pvt. Frank A. Razzano of the 8888th Central Postal Directory.

A Vank and a German played catch with a box of soap from the front. Thomas W. Kennedy of Moravia, N. Y., got the last toss.

The best cold weather story from the front. A German soldier from the 84th Division. It was so cold that even the Nazi inmates wouldn't pay for the heat.

A jeep can catch as well as any prisoner of war. Pete Syllas of Wheeling, W. Va., delivered some ammunition and then backed his jeep into some bushes.

People's Platform

Those opposing him.

This is reminiscent of a few months ago when we were told that if Mr. Roosevelt is elected, the CIO and the "Communist" following would be in charge of the Government of the United States.

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