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All Out

Hitler Uses His Full Power In Desperate Victory Bid

Adolf Hitler is now hurling everything he has into the war to press for a quick decision. In Egypt he appears to have been temporarily stopped, but that he will move heaven and earth in an effort not to remain stopped is shown by the boldness with which the convoy, sunk yesterday by the British, was proceeding on its way from Sicily to Libya.

There will be many more such convoys, beyond question, and the probability is that some of them will slip through. Even if the cost of landing a sufficient force is tens of thousands of fighting men drowned at sea, Hitler is probably ready to pay it.

And if it is humanly possible he will spread on land in Greece and Africa. The dispatches from Tobrukh say that the Germans have already paid with thousands of lives in the attempt to take that town, but there is no indication that the attack is slackening. And in Greece he is cutting forward in a series of staggering losses.

What happened to London last night—described as the worst raid of the war—probably only the beginning of what is to come. And it would be rash indeed to rule out the possibility that he may now be about ready to launch the last effort of attempt to invade England by sea.

In the Atlantic, where his activities have lulled somewhat during the last few days, a renewed outburst of destruction is certainly to be looked for. His wholesale bombing of Northern Ireland is probably an attempt to frighten England and to bring about a change in British policy. He is thought of killing England and her base to counter that attack.

The stakes, as Hitler well knows, is his own neck and those of his gang, the life or death of the German nation, which has put itself outside the civilized world as well as its own boundaries for more and more evil news.

A Record

Which Throws Some Light On A Number of Things

Last Saturday in Chattanooga the partially nude body of Mrs. Jane Oathey, wife of the president of the Chattanooga Traction Company, was found in her living room by her eleven-year-old daughter. She had been clubbed to death by a heavy instrument.

Monday a 40-year-old Negro, who had served as gardener to the Calhouns, confessed to the police how he had killed her with a baseball bat while she begged for mercy. He hadn't liked her reprisals for coming to the house drunk.

What makes the case — of a relatively common type — interesting is the Negro's police record.

He had been arrested and acquitted for the slaying of a Negro youth.

Served a sentence in the penitentiary for the murder of his wife.

Served a workhouse sentence for stabbing a Negro woman and her daughter.

The case seems to furnish pretty clear evidence as to what it costs white people to assume that crimes of Negroes against Negroes are of so little moment that they need not be punished only with nominal sentences.

A Protest

It Is Cotton Ed Smith, Not Son, Who Is Attacked

Cotton Ed Smith, whose own tongue is barbed for his opponents, usually turns plaintive when he is on the receiving end of criticism.

Now he complains that the uproar about the attempt to get the son expelled from the draft on the preposterous ground that he was indispensable (as a clerk) to the Senate Agriculture Committee is an effort to crucify the son for political purposes.

He goes on to growl that in April, 1939, the son tried to enlist as an aviation corps cadet, got turned down. And proceeds:

"Unable to enter aviation, Elliott entered . . . law school . . . needs another year to complete his course."

In point of fact nobody at all has "killed" the son. That is the young man who wants to go forward with his personal plans and should desire exemption is understandable. Thousands others feel the same way.

What is under attack is the fact

And Conserves Piquant Berkeley By A Cris—JOHN BROWN

Louisburg Sunday

A Letter To The Editor

The Editor, The News, Louisville, Ky. Dear Sir:

Sunday moving picture shows are permitted here in Louisville for one hour that does not conflict with church services. We have no local evidence covering this matter but we have found that we have much better order on Sunday than on any other day. I do not believe that our church attendance has been lowered by the picture show.

I am not familiar with your problems in Charlotte and am therefore unable to express an opinion.

Trusting that this is the desired information, I am

—W. C. WEBB, Mayor, Louisville.

Russo-Jap Treaty

By Dorothy Thompson

In order to understand the Russian-Japanese pact of non-aggression, one must see the situation of Russia in the world.

Germany, it has steadily worsened since the Germans invaded Poland. It is an area of vital interest to the Soviet Union, and giving the Soviets any advance in Germany would mean a direct move into Bulgaria.

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Murder

Bit These Agencies Are Still Tolerated Over Here

At Chicago John F. Arena, 43, of Italian extraction, published an Italian language newspaper, *Lo Tribuna*. Anti-Fascist, he published editorials lauding the Fifth Column activities of the Italian Embassy and consulates in this country.

Repeatedly he was warned, by anonymous telephone calls, to "change the tone of his editorials" — himself had no doubt as to the source of the warnings.

Tuesday evening he escorted a young woman to a movie. When he left, a man appeared, shot him twice, killed him, fled.

This is not the first time this has happened. Repeatedly, exposes of the activities of the Italian and German embassies and consulates in this country have appeared in the most reputable American publications — exposes including evidence of cold-blooded murder, ordered from Berlin and Rome.

These agencies are, in fact, agencies of subversion existing among us for the purpose of spying, carrying on sabotage, spreading poisonous propaganda to the end of breeding distrust of our Government, and intimidating the nationals or ex-nationals of Italy and Germany now living in this country. Their staffs are many times as great as could be imagined for a country of this size.

They are a source of legitimate diplomatic immunity. The marvel is that we go on tolerating such brazen insolence.

Eire's Stand

Old Cult of Hate Blinds Her To Her Interests

Yesterday the dispatches reported that Nazi planes had heavily bombed northern Ireland, causing fatalities. And yesterday also the Washington Merry-Go-Round as published in *The News*, reported that Irish Minister Frank Aiken, in this country on an arms-buying mission, says that "the Irish (in Eire) are as adamant as ever against turning over their urgently desired bases to the British."

Perhaps Americans do not get on to criticize Eire too harshly. We ourselves are doing a good deal of wish-thinking and trying to dodge the obvious implications of the Eire stand. And yesterday will bring down Nazi bombs on the heads of her citizens when she hands over these bases — as certainly as they now fall on the heads of the northern Irish.

For all that, Eire claims that all Ireland is rightfully of a piece, that there should be no north and south but only one nation. And proves it by refusing to come to the aid of the north Irish by an obviously indicated move.

The Irish bases on the north and south coasts, extending westward to British naval defense forward 300 miles in the Atlantic, might well be the decisive factor in winning the Battle of the Atlantic.

And it is manifest that Ireland's fate is bound up immediately with that of Britain. Some of the vitalistic people in Eire growl that the Nazis will give them good terms if they aid in betraying Britain, but the record shows that they are mad, that Eire will be enslaved as certainly and as fully as England if the latter falls.

In view of all that, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that what is really moving Eire is the old cult of hatred for ancient and now non-existent British wrongs.

Stalin Feared Nazi Drive on Turkey

Stalin is not the least interested in defending the British, or in aiding "democracy." But he is vitally interested in defending the integrity of the Soviet Union. He wanted to keep war out of the Balkans because he wanted to see Germany turn its back on the Balkans.

Now the Germans are on the Black Sea in Germany and Turkey. And for a drive on Suez, Germany must go through Turkey. And for a drive on Suez, Germany must go through Turkey.

Every indication in the last weeks shows that Stalin is preparing for trouble on his western borders. The best informed people here seem certain that the Soviet Union will not enter the war against Germany, unless she is allowed to strike Japan in any case.

From Moscow do indicate that she is preparing to give what aid she can to Turkey in any case. She violated a nation in the Balkans.

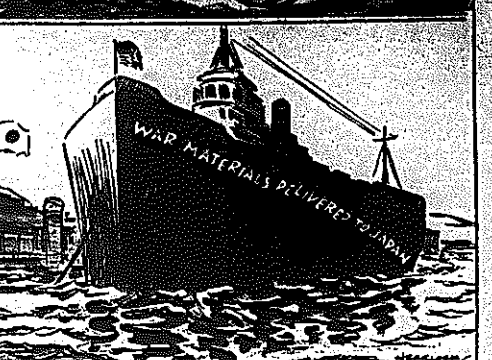
Naturally, she wants to be sure that Turkey is not engaged in war in the west. Japan will not attack her in the east. The pact between Turkey and the Japanese is the pact of a very little bearing on the world situation. Russia cannot attack Japan in any case.

And I doubt whether the pact will release a single Japanese soldier from China. And the Japanese have plenty of their hands full with China. As it is.

Pact Adds Up To A Loss For Germany

If Japan decides to move against the British, and eventually against American positions in the Far East, it is her navy that will be involved, and in this respect Russia can give Japan any aid. But, of course, would the Japanese be able to do so, upon whether she decides to do so. For Japan knows that Russia will be too pre-occupied in the West, to choose this moment for embroiling herself with Japan.

On the other hand, the pact is a definite gain for Russia, for it keeps her out of the Japanese camp. It is therefore, it would seem, a gain for Germany. Most pupils every interest in keeping Russia very weak and occupied elsewhere than in the Middle East.



Letters to the Editor

UNC Men Protest Reynolds

The citizens of a state usually contemplate with satisfaction and pride the elevation of one of their Senators to the chairmanship of an important committee. Many North Carolinians, however, will be alarmed and shocked rather than gratified if the present vacancy in the chairmanship of the Senate Military Affairs Committee is filled by the selection of Senator Robert R. Reynolds to that important post.

This selection seems probable since the Senate has a high regard for the claims of seniority, and Senator Reynolds happens to be a Democrat who has been longest a member of that committee.

The virtue of such a procedure is the defense policy. A man who has chosen to oppose this policy in some of its fundamental features.

Although we completely disagree with Mr. Reynolds in his personal ideas as to American defense, we do not question the right of property of his expressing them in the Senate, in the committee, and before the public as he has done. They do place him, however, in opposition to the settled policy adopted by the majority.

Reynolds is a man who is devoted leadership is required if it is to be effectively carried through. Eire is an occasion in which common sense, not precedent, should be consulted. A Senator elected to support of the policy of the majority party should accept the responsibility of the leadership of that party in the Military Affairs Committee.

—W. L. WILEY
—R. M. WILSON
—M. T. VAN HECKE
—K. C. FRAZIER
—D. G. MACMILLAN
—G. R. ROBSON
Chapel Hill.

Wants Old Song About Sailor's Sweetheart

Dear Sir: Will you please print this request for me? I want the words of the song called "Jackie Went A-sailing." It is a real old song about a boy going off to war and leaving his sweetheart, and the fellows him. It goes something like this:

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Ho, Lucy, ho! As far as you will, my dear!
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Anyone that has the words of this song, won't you please get in touch with me, or better still, send it to *The Charlotte News* so they may print it, for it is much too pretty a song to be forgotten.

—ANNIE LEE GURLEY,
General Delivery, Monroe.

He Wants To Help Paul at This Job

Dear Sir: Your paper is getting better each week. I like it. Say, do you

Protests Absentee Check by Students

Things having gone just a little too far, I'm forced to express myself.

In regard to this new rule at Beaufort Ward High School, if a student is absent other students are taken from the class and sent to the home of the absentee, regardless of where they live, to find out why the absentee was absent.

If I think our faculty is quite efficient but this move I do not consider sound judgment. Most pupils are not so brilliant that they can afford to miss from three to four classes looking for someone else

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The Great Illusion Of Democracy

Dear Sir: The great illusion of the democracy is the belief that Moscow dears their victory more than Berlin, Rome or Tokyo does. It is to be sure that the logic of the world situation makes Hitler's success as deadly a danger to Russia as it is a crushing defeat for Italy.

But the peril to their countries is overshadowed for the dictator by the danger to their personal power and the knowledge that they will all be wrecked, either if the forces of freedom win over the forces of despotism. It should never be forgotten, moreover, that Hitler are all out to destroy the order, the economy, the culture, the basic assumptions by which we live.

Today's Bible Thought

The children gather round, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

—Jer. 7:18.

Side Glances

WE NEED STRENGTH. Already in the last few years a notable transformation has taken place in the American diet. The enormous increase in consumption of fruit juices, tomato juice, green vegetables and milk is having its effect in improved national health.

What is proposed now is to step up that trend by more intensive and more conscious education and by incorporating the same health-building vitamins in other staple foods.

The fight, early in this century, against pellagra in the South showed that it could be done. Apparently we have barely begun to utilize the possibilities of improving the health and vigor of the American people. For what lies ahead we must be a tough people physically, and fortunately science has come to our assistance.

Visitin' Around

Ball, Dear, Dr. Lamb? (Frustrated Item, Hendersonville, Times-News)

Wesley Rogers visited the stock market in Asheville Friday.

The War Situation Or Just The Jitters? (Handy Hint, Lexington, Dispatch)

Mrs. James Smith is suffering from nervousness, we are sorry to learn.

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No. 2 — A Separate Court District
No. 3 — An Uptown East Room
No. 4 — Street-Widening

"I have enough gas to go around the block a couple of times—or should we park right here and discuss things!"