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Home Again

The Family Returns From Their Week-End a Bit Damp

"Well," said Papa, making a valiant attempt to sound cheerful, "here we are. Home again. Hey, honey, wake up the children. We're back in Charlotte."

Papa's speech was drowned out as a new wave of rain pounded against the top of the family car.

"I hope I really didn't leave that top left burner of the stove on," said Mama worriedly. "All right, Junior, you and sister wake up now, we're back home. . . . Wake up, I said."

"All I've got to say," said Papa as he tumbled on the floor for the umbrella. "It has been one more Fourth of July holiday. Rain, rain, rain. Look at it out there. Will you. We'll be drenched before we can get inside. And now I can't find that umbrella!"

"Oh George, I just happened to remember. It was left the umbrella at that little tea room where we stopped to get lunch."

"Mama, is that the place where the big rock came out and watched us eat lunch? Papa said he didn't want to buy the place, he just wanted to pay for a meal!"

"Never mind, son. George, I guess you'll just have to make a dash for it. . . . Oh, all right honey. . . . Well, here I go. . . ."

"Wait, George, just a minute, I forgot. . . . Oh, there he goes. . . . and I've got the house key right here in my bag."

"Roar from the front porch! 'Honey, I can't get in. You're not the key.'" "Well, not so loud George, you don't want to wake up the neighbors, do you?"

"Never again, I tell you. Never again. Don't ever mention Fourth of July week-ends to me again. Shut up that young Junior. Oh, all right, honey, open the car door, here I come back."

All-Out Death

It Takes a Total Drift To Win a Total War

For each enemy soldier killed in the present war, the nations involved have spent an estimated \$125,000. No other proof of the economic consequences of modern warfare is needed. And the cost is still rising.

Economists' estimates of the cost per soldier: casualty are tabulated as follows:

Table with 2 columns: In Julius Caesar's time, Thirty Years' War, 17th century, American Civil War, World War, Yilder War. Corresponding costs: 0.75, 2000.00, 25,000.00, 125,000.00.

"The difference between the \$25,000 spent for the death of each soldier in the World War and the five times as great sum now being spent is the difference between 'national' war and 'total' war."

waste gasoline, while at the same moment our State Department licenses the shipment of oil to Japan. President Roosevelt says he won't require us to give up any of our social gains under the New Deal; apparently he is wedded to the philosophy of guns and butter. But anyone who has bothered to investigate knows that we can't match Germany's military might unless we divert machines, now producing items for our comfort and pleasure, to the creation of more arms.

If the situation is serious enough to merit the drafting of a single American citizen, it is serious enough to demand the drafting of all.

The issue is no longer the immediate pleasure and happiness of our people; the national existence of the United States is at stake. We must have done with our stumbling, indecisive policy of hopefully waiting for the strategists to volunteer. There is a place for every one of us in national defense. Those who do not see their responsibilities must be made aware of them, by persuasion if possible, by force if necessary.

Otherwise the United States is going to lose this war. Nowadays, you don't lose a war but once.

A Plot?

Is Hitler Trying To Lull America Into Inaction?

Major George Fielding Elliot, the radio military expert, suspects that the Nazis are now purposely refraining from claiming big victories in Russia. Their idea, he infers, is to let Americans believe the Soviets are doing all right and thus be lulled into happy inaction until all of a sudden—boom! And there, woe, be any Red Army. By the time the United States comes out of its trance, according to the suspected plot, the Nazis would have wound up the war in the East and would be crouching in full force on your side of John Bull's meat.

Ever since the Major insisted that the Nazis couldn't crack the Maginot Line and then wrote that anyhow 7,000,000 French soldiers could stop those panzers, we have felt that his pronouncements are something less than infallible.

This time, though, Major Elliot sounds mighty logical. The last thing the Nazis want the United States to do is to take advantage of the Russian diversion by ordering our fleet to clear the Atlantic for shipments to Britain. If we sent every available American warplane—and pilots, if necessary—to join in the air attack on Germany and occupied territory, Hitler would be forced to divert thousands of planes from the Russian front. The dictator would be fighting on two fronts, perhaps against superior air power in both theaters of the war. It would be a squeeze play decisive enough to make him holler.

So maybe the Nazis are playing down to the Russian front, building us up to a big let-down after it is too late for us to get in a good kick.

Whether Major Elliot is right or wrong doesn't really matter. The opportunity is here, now. We have said it many times before and we shall continue to say it: The American Navy must clear the Atlantic of German raiders—now. The United States must send Britain every available military plane—now. The combined British and American air force should pound upon the weakened western Luftwaffe and destroyer squadrons should ruthlessly destroy every German factory, port, and railroad junction within flying range.

We wonder if President Roosevelt would do it if he thought he could get away with it.

Defense Housing

By Dorothy Thompson

A bill asking for an additional \$400,000,000 for defense housing appropriations for defense housing raises the question of how these funds are to be used—for what purpose of housing, with whom, and what kind of financing.

As the war effort goes forward, steps are being taken, and actions are being taken, which influence the whole social economy, and that have consequences extending into the future.

It is, as a result of a housing emergency due to the sudden expansion of the defense industry, the principle is established that the Government must subsidize the cost of housing that principle will not be abolished with the end of the war emergency.

A HALF-MILLION HOUSING UNITS ARE NEEDED. The war is creating a housing shortage calling for Government action is undeniable.

The Department of Housing and Urban Affairs estimates that there are five million workers engaged in the defense industry, with some 100,000 workers engaged in some half million dwelling units.

Congress has made all the appropriations for defense housing on the condition that private capital fail to supply the shortage. If it can be argued that as long as the predominant Government policy is to subsidize defense housing, private industry cannot possibly compete, and will eventually create a demand for subsidies on the part of workers.

The Government ought, therefore, to set up a defense housing program of such a nature that it would be followed by private capital, and create a model for further housing activity. If an emergency has passed, in other words, the defense housing program should be such a nature that it can pave the way for grandiose plan clearance and housing projects in the future, in which the Government would be the creditor and capital might be engaged.

"CAMDEN PLAN" MERITS SPECIAL ATTENTION. It is in this connection that the Federal Works Agency's so-called "Camden Plan," or Mutual Home Ownership, is worthy of special attention. The plan is uniquely American; it is copied from the mutual insurance idea; it is excellent in its social and economic implications, and it does away entirely with the stability of ownership. The plan is approved by both the National Association of Manufacturers and the CIO commands it unopposed.

Briefly, Mutual Homes sets up a large housing complex of units of various sizes and rents, stock in the whole to the occupants, who agree to pay monthly a sum sufficient to cover interest, amortization, insurance, taxes, maintenance, repair, vacancy reserve and administrative expenses.

Initial monthly payments range from \$24 to \$39 depending on the size of the house. If the resident keeps up his place adequately the percentage for maintenance is retained back into the reserve; after the expiration of a year the occupant receives certain credits, and cannot be evicted from the property. In other words, the homeowner has what amounts to a policy, and can surrender the same for a paid-up insurance value.

This May Make You Feel Better, but We Doubt It



Letters to the Editor: God And The Purpose Of War

Editors, The News. In a recent "message to the world" from the head of one of the great church bodies, we are told that God has "let the hurricane loose for a moment on humanity."

There would be little wonderment in such a foolish declaration coming from certain of the theological small fry in our midst, but such blasphemy from such an exalted one is beyond all comprehension. If the theory of this distinguished Minister to be accepted, God, Hitler and Mussolini are partners in the last atrocity and therefore since the world has never recorded.

I think heaven I can conceive differently. Presumably recorded in the sacred books, the fact that God inspired writers of the Bible is a fact which is so clear that only three or four delicate persons in the world could possibly have doubted it. This is a fact which is as clear as the sun and moon.

Charge this war to sin if you must, for heaven's sake renounce any book or creed that influences you to believe the Creator is guilty of setting it off, or of having anything to do with its vicious course.

Additional Notes On Carolina Gold. Editors, The News. Prior to the discovery of gold in California, North Carolina and North Georgia were the principal sources of supply of this precious metal in the young republic. In fact, there were mines established by the Government in Charlotte, N. C. and Dahlonega, Ga.

Secession Talk In Georgia. Ralph McGill in The Atlanta Constitution: It so happened that at the time Tom Lanier, the commissioner of agriculture, was trying to break down state barriers against shipments of cabbage, cantaloupes and other Georgia fruits and vegetables, the Governor chose the same time to ask for a list of "farmers" in the state school system and the state government.

Even as late as 1905 there were one or two mines working within the city limits of Charlotte. It is estimated that the state's mineral wealth has not been thoroughly developed. The fact that gold mining has been going on when the ore is so scarce that only three or four delicate persons in the world could possibly have doubted it.

Florida folks and Alabama? They too is only heathen. Unless a man's born in Georgia he's got to hazzard breathin'. And don't let me Yankee (God sent the soul of Lee). We mustn't mix them Northeners 'Who hail from Tennessee.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT. God hath shown me that I should not call any man master or unclean.—Acts 10:24. G. R. M. MILLER Oakland, Calif.

Side Glances. CHAUNTLA. "He has a kind face, but Pa says if he starts using those long words we can't pronounce he must be a foreigner and we'll just leave."

Facing The Facts

By Raymond Clapper

HERBERT Hoover has shown judgment that will be generally appreciated in acting promptly to appoint any idea that he is trying to change the public office. It was a clear, decisive, public official. It was a clear, decisive, public official. It was a clear, decisive, public official.

But that doesn't give any more sense to what Mr. Hoover says about our foreign policy. Sincerity is proof only of good intentions, not necessarily of good judgment. Mr. Hoover's speeches reveal a refusal, as do Lindbergh's, to face the real conditions in this world.

"FOUR FREEDOMS" ARE NOT THE REAL ISSUE. He can't be anything more in the Administration policy than an attempt to establish the "four freedoms" everywhere in the world. He seizes upon a piece of Roosevelt window dressing and tries to make his kind of world.

Of course Colonel Lindbergh says we can make ourselves invulnerable. His idea is that of a "Western Hemisphere" armed to the teeth with men standing around waiting for hostile planes to appear overhead or hostile armies to scramble up on the beach. When you see them overhead, or see them coming up on the beach, then cut loose Lindbergh and his kind of world.

WE MIGHT BE OUTCLASSED BY AXIS SEA POWER. Lindbergh's doctrine is that what our situation would be with Hitler in control of the British Fleet, which added to present Axis naval strength would far outclass us. He assumes that our fleet would always be supreme on the ocean.

Lindbergh is heading straight for the Russian Army. Hitler is out to bust it. Because once he busts the Russian Army, then the Ukraine and all Russia are at his command. Similarly, Hitler would attack us, probably, when he had the entire force which he believed would be our main arm.

Lindbergh lives in a fool's paradise. Why doesn't Lindbergh discuss that? Why doesn't he discuss the whitening away of Latin America; even without direct military attack that would be possible if Hitler won completely in Europe?

Visitin' Around. A New Soda Jerker, Hey? (30 Years Ago Transylvania Times) Dr. Birch Allison has a very fine talking machine in his drug store and it is well worth hearing.