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Staff Talk

The President Confers With 130,000,000 Generals

Before President Roosevelt and the American people lay the whole world—with its battlefronts, its two-way ocean highways, its vast distances, and as the President spoke, the globe became the greatest arena of the struggle mankind has ever known.

There in the White House, the President, out across the nation, the people bending over maps and globes. It could only happen in America.

Germany? In Germany Hitler calls in his generals and admirals to look at maps. Can you imagine Hitler discussing world strategy with his people? Or Mussolini? Or Tojo?

But in America we are all, in a sense, generals and admirals. We are the free people, the people who do things because we understand why they should be done, not merely because the state or the leader will it.

This is why we, the American people, having the war explained to us by our Commander-in-Chief, is not that, in itself, enough to fight for?

Resolution

With Single Purpose, To Drive Back The Enemy

The President talked to his people last night, straight from the White House. He laid out all the little threads scattered throughout the land. He did not tell them a great deal not already known in some degree or other, and he spoke of encouraging progress in bringing them.

But in his message there abounded that of which the people of the country stand most in need, and that is resolution. Our war is left no doubt, are going badly. The heroic defenders of the Philippines, desperate as is their position, have only their own heroism on which to rely for their survival.

In that will we must be unified. Criticism there may be, for it is an American heritage. But it must be criticism voiced in the interest of unity, not of disunity. Repulses there may be, but they would be must take renewed oaths of vengeance.

And in the end, given this wholehearted devotion to the single purpose of driving the enemy back with all the might of America, it will be we, not the enemy, who will be the victors.

Spring, 1942

For Stalin and for Us All It Holds The Great Decision

It was a plaintive note that crept into Joseph Stalin's victory speech yesterday. The German, he said, have allies fighting beside them, while "so far we have not been in that position." Nevertheless, he urged his people to fight on to complete victory and liberation.

It is almost the daily fact that the Reds have fought unaided by the troops of their allies. Save for a sort of token RAP unit, the campaign has been Russian alone pitted against the German hordes, plus the Finnish plus reluctant reinforcements ordered out from Italy, Rumania and Bulgaria, and the least of Stalin's worries is manpower.

His primary needs—and they will become more acute in the Spring—are tools, equipment and protection from the Japs at his rear. Nobody knows what quantity of supplies he has received from Britain and the United States, but the disposition in both those countries is to supply the Russians even at the deprivation of their own defenses.

Cripps Is Promoted

By Dorothy Thompson

NEW YORK WHEN Winston Churchill went to pick one of the best brains in British political life, although his own views are far removed from Mr. Churchill's.



BRITISH POLITICS IS NEVER FROZEN

Now following Singapore, Cripps becomes the second most important man in the British Cabinet.

There is this to be said for the British system in contradiction to the American system. Mr. Churchill has been forced to make a change in his Cabinet by the pressure of the situation.

Under a system like ours it is therefore extremely important that the Administration should be sensitive and responsive to public opinion.

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We could learn something from the way in which the country has moved about the country.

The French upper middle class did not use the Popular Front Government. So did they do?

Jap Threat To Siberia

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON THE Chinese have been burning up the Burma Road the last two weeks with doubled traffic to the Indian Ocean.

Lead-Lease goods go off to the wharves at Rangoon, and move these up behind Ledo, beyond reach of the oncoming Japs.

They did not have enough trucks to bring up as far as Chungking in line, so they rolled out on the Burma Road.

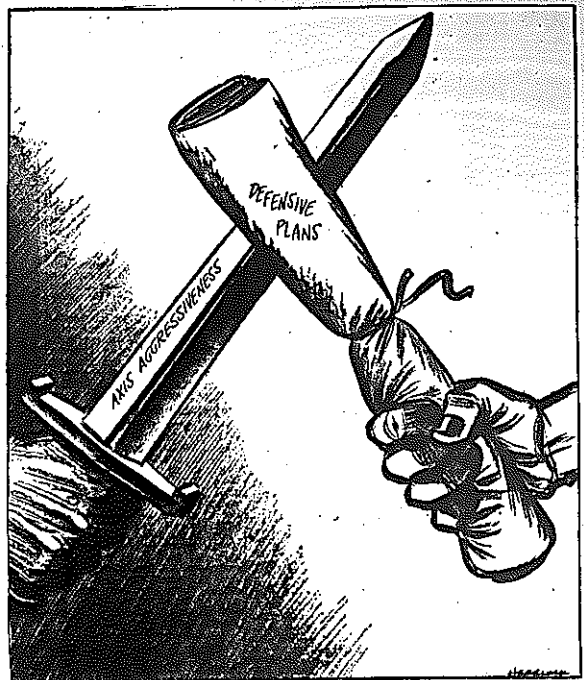
Unmistakable signs are accumulating to indicate the Japs are preparing for a strike at the Japs' back door in Siberia.

Men and material seem headed for the Japs' back door in Siberia. What would be an obvious and simple drive to isolate Vladivostok?

No one ever knows what the Japs are up to. They are not official grasping reports that they have kept 80,000 troops on the border with the Soviet Union.

The War to Date

—By Herblock



Letters to the Editors:

The Value Of Dive Bombing

Editors, The News:

One of your editorials of Feb. 20 quotes an AP cabled report as follows:

Some informed sources ascribed the failure of the RAP and the fleet air arm to duplicate the Japanese Air Force's success against the Prince of Wales and Repulse off Malaya.

The editorial proceeds to lambast the English, who have been lambasted enough in all conscience whatever in the press reports of being behind the times in aviation.

Quite overlooked is the fact that the report contains some of the most accurate notices that have yet been attributed to "informed sources."

The "informed" and the "informed" sources were sunk by a combination of torpedo-bombers and high-level bombers. There was no mention of any dive bombers.

England and this country assuredly don't have enough planes at the right places, but if we are to be the "informed" and "informed" sources, we must be.

Today's Bible Thought: We never forget a mental picture, a parable, but your life is a mental picture to others.

Maybe dive bombing is the answer. But it would be hard to convince a) the Poles, b) the French, c) the Greeks, d) the British, e) the Americans, f) the Mediterranean, g) the defenders of Singapore, h) the American forces, i) the Japanese, j) the Japs.

Steam Power Vs. Water Power: A friend sent me a clipping from a "London paper" and which is purported to have been published by you.

There is much in this article that is interesting. But one statement that seems to be wrong prompts me to write you this:

It is awfully hard to decide which one to marry—one of them is terribly handsome and clever, but the homely one lets me do all the talking!

Studying The Globe

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON FOR weeks people have been running around Washington asking each other what could be done to wake up America to the danger of losing this war.



One effective answer, turns out to be a simple and obvious one. The White House urged that every one have a globe handy to study.

As President Roosevelt made his radio broadcast last night, that the most sensible bit of advice that had come out of Washington for some time. It also forecast that Mr. Roosevelt at last was going to talk turkey.

Until we study the globe, we fool ourselves. A map is as deceptive as a seed catalogue, as I discovered while talking with a friend from Minnesota the other day.

He was describing their air-raid protection organization. I asked if there was any point in taking precautions against air raids out there in Minnesota. It was too far inland for air raids, I insisted.

But my Minnesota friend had been studying his globe. And he gave me a lesson in geography. For he had found by going over his globe that a flight of German bombers, coming in around the northern route or up from Latin America, could hit Minnesota as easily as New York.

It would be no farther, coming down from the north or up from the south, to hit at our supply of iron ore. Instance, along the Northern border, Congress is being urged to act quickly on an authorization to protect the Duluth Locks on the Great Lakes. They are vital in transporting ore for our steel industry.

They are no farther away for German bombers than munitions plants in New York and New Jersey.

INDIAN OCEAN TRAVERSED BY VITAL SUPPLY ROUTES: We think of the Japanese drive in the Far East as something concerning the Pacific. But the Japanese are now moving into the Indian Ocean.

Never before has the Indian Ocean meant anything to us. But as across the Atlantic back to around Africa destined for the Middle East, Russia and China. If Japan blocks off the Indian Ocean, we are cut off from helping that whole half of the world.

Right now that if one of the most dangerous possibilities in the whole war is Japan's drive to control the Indian Ocean. It is the most urgent task of the United Nations now—that and saving Egypt from its imminent danger.

If that effort fails, we are driven back into the Atlantic. The Axis would control water routes from Hawaii on around to Gibraltar.

By opening up Germany and Japan would join hands in the Indian Ocean and until their resources to one common pool. China would be isolated. Russia would be isolated. The United States and Britain would be left hanging on the fringes of the old world.

In both oceans the guns would be pointed straight at the Western Hemisphere.

Insteads here know this. But they can't get the rest of us to realize it.

HOW TO KEEP WAR FROM OUR SHORES: A pack of German submarines already in hiding around close to the Panama Canal. Once having closed up the Indian Ocean, and secure in the Western Pacific, the Axis would be in a position to press its advance pinners against various parts of North and South America.

Former isolationist Senators, Walter of Massachusetts and John of California, already are yelling to have portions of the fleet sent to the Indian Ocean, block Germany in North Africa. They are beginning to see that there is actual danger of attack on our own shores.

But the control points are on the other side of the oceans. The best way to keep the fighting off American soil is to block Japan in the Indian Ocean, block Germany in North Africa. They are beginning to see that there is actual danger of attack on our own shores.

Wants Japs Interned, Removed

Editors, The News:

Japan is bombing Australia, which means she may strike elsewhere. Hawaii and California are next in her announced plan. She counts on her huge fifth column for success, so Japs here must be interned. Italy measures are fatal. All American-born Japs are taught to obey the Emperor at their language schools. Half of Hawaii is Japanese. We can rid America of this unassailable menace for good.

Separate the sexes, or in five years every family may emerge with five children, so what of 1960?

Your sons will be saved a prolonged hard and costly struggle to regain what may be saved if you and your friends will write Congress to act now to intern all Japs at once.

It will interest you to know that out of nearly 700 newspapers on this list, more than 50 per cent. of actual count are giving the Army advertising preferred positions of

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Side Glances



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Visitin' Around

Anything To Take The Place Of The G.A.S. Business (Adv. Southfield Herald). WANTED: WE WANT HENK, here's all kinds here, also any kind chickens. Prices are high here. Albert Bullard, 6141 Service Station, Southfield, N.C.