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Jap Break In Morale

By Paul Mallon

NO news has been coming from the Atlantic up until lately.

Permanent conclusions are not warranted because of losses and German claims are ordinarily delayed a week or two.

One is that 30 German and Italian subs have been sunk by us in the last two weeks.

ANY FISH FOR SALE? Still another (this one is more unofficial) suggests an American fishing vessel, hard at work offshore was suddenly confronted by a Jap vessel.

While negotiations were in progress in the course of an imminent torpedo, the Nazis got some fish they did not expect, flying fish, patrol planes sighted the sub and sank same.

JAPS NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT THEM

"The painful silence of the Navy and the air force in Japan was not painful and unbroken."

Those two planes may be secrets to them, but they are not new. They have been in service a long time. Perhaps the Japs just did not know they had such range.

Another, they first announced and then the Axis, then from the Aleutians, next from the Philippines.

Part of this ethereal fuming may have been put out to smoke us out, but it was too ill-fired to make us anything except a confession of a break in morale.

ROOSEVELT SEEKS NEW WORD FOR INTENTION

Mr. Roosevelt is displaying a new interest in semantics.

Phonetically as good as any was coined by the search for an adequate adjective for the war did not work out altogether.

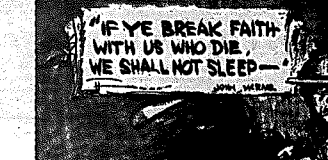
But the news that FDR is searching for a substitute for the word intention, just before the word intention is to be used to stop it, has aroused more than telegraphic interest.

PRICE INCREASES AFTER MARCH 25 TO BE VOIDED

Leon Henderson's organization is known to have prepared an order for the President to be signed between February 25 and March 25.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Let's Get Mad



"IF YE BREAK FAITH WITH US WHO DIE, WE SHALL NOT SLEEP"



Hopkins--FDR's Alter Ego

From The United States News

HARRY Hopkins is fast developing into the key figure in the nation's war effort.

Mr. Hopkins in London has just helped chart the plans for a British-American air offensive in 1942.

FINGER IN EVERY HOT PIE

The Hopkins finger reaches into every hot pie in Washington, and many others elsewhere.

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By this time, the war was popping so fast and the political campaign was hitting such a pace that Mr. Hopkins had forgotten about the state of his health.

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On May 10, 1940, the day that France started sliding downhill to chaos, he went to the White



"Private Baker—must you always wink when you salute me?"

The Laval Conspiracy

By Dorothy Thompson

Laval is the second of a series of articles by Miss Thompson on the significance of Pierre Laval's rise to power in France.

Laval is committed outright to either the Nazi victory or a Nazi peace.

Laval is not even a Fascist. Laval has only one political philosophy: He is a Lavalist. He is the only statesman I can think of whose name can be read from right to left or from left to right.

NOBODY EVER GOT ANYTHING ON HIM

Laval is the man on whom "nobody ever got anything." He entered politics in 1914 as a penniless lawyer.

When General Denis was appointed to supplant General Hering as Commander of Paris, Laval rejoiced.

Laval is not unlike Al Capone, who also could be sent to jail only on the plea of procuring himself in regard to his income tax.

NAPIS NEED LAVAL TO HURDLE THE FRENCH

Now, at first sight, one would think that the appointment of Laval would only inflame French resentment further—and, at first sight this is what has happened.

But keeping the Nazi game well in mind, let us think and predict what can happen.

Remember that the Nazis need Laval to handle the French people.

The division of France into two zones is distressing to all Frenchmen. Having divided France, the Nazis will have to divide Laval.

They will allow Laval to get back some of thousands of prisoners from the camps where they have been interned since the Spring of 1940.

MAYBE HE WILL MAKE A PARLIAMENT

Laval may even reconvene some sort of rump parliament on the Nazi Reichstag model.

And now it would be foolhardy to say that this policy won't work.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

Worst Is True

In the Japs We Have Realist

Hordes To Deal With

Henry Bough was Hong Kong correspondent for Reuters, British news agency.

From Chungking he sent a dispatch which was carried in The News yesterday.

"I can confirm the appalling stories of murder and rape which have been reported. Many of the worst dispatches checked out by the press of the Japanese officers. They are only too true. Many of the women, after being attacked, were shot."

This confirms the bestiality of the Japanese soldier-hordes as it was exhibited in Nanking, and about these conditions, the barbaric nature of the Eastern enemy. Surely, if there is anything which we are falling to do to get the top hand over these little ferrets in the shortest possible time, the rape of Hong Kong should give force to our will and strength to our hand.

That Was That

They Use Directors To Set A Membership Drive Record

They organized the Charlotte Y.M.C.A. membership campaign along military lines this year and the thing turned out to be a blitzkrieg.

Credit for the achievement is due in small measure to an idea that popped in several months ago.

Members that the organization wasn't making full use of the talents of a certain group of men.

Directors—every one of them—were busy men. When they sized up the job and saw how much of their own time would be required by a long campaign, they decided on a two-day drive.

The moral in this, we suspect, is that if you want to get something done quickly, get busy men to do it.

A King Reviews

War Turns Cotton Surplus Into A Cotton Scarcity

The yarn seems to have supplied, for the moment, at least, an answer to the old tough question of what to do about cotton.

There never has been, as a matter of fact, an overproduction of American cotton. High Republican tariffs acted to prevent the free and profitable movement of cotton in world trade, and Democratic manipulations to keep its price above world prices encouraged overproduction in foreign countries.

As a result, the market for American cotton began several years ago to be limited to two principal customers: American mills and the Government.

The war has not only relieved the Government of the necessity of warehousing its surplus cotton, it has increased its demand for its accumulated stocks.

Quitting Winner

We're Not Quite Ready To Stop Shooting Yet

In our neighborhood there used to be a boy named Chester Whipple. The name is not a real name, but it will do.

Chester had a trick thumb and all the boys in the neighborhood knew it. But it was only after his thumb began to tingle that its accuracy became spotty.

Anything, Chester knew what he was doing when he got first shot. His whole strategy depended on sending his shooting tar, or "toy" as we called it, into the bunches of marbles.

One thing about it, though, if you could keep the match going until Chester's thumb began to weaken, there was a pretty good chance of recouping your losses.

The Germans and the Japs sort of remind us of this match game. Now that our side's production is outrunning theirs, Chester comes from Washington to beware of a great Axis "peace offensive" this Summer.

Den Of Thieves

State Revenue Officials Hid Each Other's Thefts

The confessions of Clarence W. Sneed are remarkable for a number of reasons, not the least of which is their striking resemblance to the plot of a classic French short story.

His minor public official; the temptation; the surrender to temptation with intent to paying back the stolen money; the realization that only by another theft could the first embezzlement be covered; the inevitable chain of crime leading to financial ruin.

Common speech and common thought is along the line that rising prices and economic factors mean inflation and that it should be met by stopping those economic factors that are even more important in making decisions.

His legal division is supposed to have decided it has the power to go that far, but does not possess the legal mechanics for handling interest rates, wages, hourly rates of pay without legislation.

THE ONLY THING CERTAIN IS THAT CHARGES TO ANIMATE THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ARE apt to be wrong.

God's infinite love and kindness deserve a whole-hearted response from us: For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed.—Isaiah 54:10.

Side Glances



CAN'T BEEN POST OFFICE

Roll in majesty seaward, singing child of the west.

Born in the cradle of mountains, lullied by the sea into rest.

Catawba the fresh rushing river will roar as it falls from its height.

And Santee, the plentiful giver as it flows in its pride and its might.

Roll in majesty seaward, bearing your heart on your breast.

With the legend and lore of your country where warriors are taking their lives under the same roof with the President, watching him day in and day out.

Roll in majesty seaward, shining your heart on your breast.

For they buried this soldier by moonlight.

And his ghost is yet untold: And his like a Carolinian, And his heart was the throbbing drum.

And the price of his conviction, Paid the score for those to come.

Roll in majesty seaward for this soldier by his side. Heard his country's call for Freedom and he heeded it.

And hearing, fought and died; And they left him in his glory. Beneath the great stars and. With the angel hosts beside him, And his soul at home with God.

Roll in majesty seaward, shining your heart on your breast. (To Be Continued Tomorrow)

Visitin' Around

Born 36 Years Too Soon (36 Years Ago, Transylvania Times)

We learn that C. B. Deaver has secured the position of assistant cashier in the revenue office at Asheville at a salary of \$100 per month.