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Good Friday

The Day is "Good" Not of Itself, but of Its Promise

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him . . . Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment and cast lots . . . And it was about the sixth hour and there was a darkness over all the earth . . ."

It was on a Friday that a handful of self-seeking men, scheming to rid themselves of a dangerous agitator who threatened their vested interests, stirred up a mob in the city of Jerusalem. When the temper of the mob was sufficiently inflamed, they led the way to the quarters of one Pontius who represented the civil authority of Rome in that country. There the mob demanded that Jesus of Galilee be delivered into their hands. Pontius protested; he had judged Jesus and found him innocent. But the mob persisted, and after disclaiming any responsibility in the matter, Pontius knuckled under.

So it came to pass that, after a few preliminary tortures and humiliations, the mob marched Jesus to a nearby hill and there nailed him to a cross. Thus mankind put Christianity to the supreme test.

Now, nearly two thousand years afterward, Christianity is being tested again. This time the blow falls against the Christian religion's greatest contribution to mankind—the concepts of freedom and brotherly love.

In our time brotherly love has been soured upon the earth, and crucified. In our time, now, the freedom of men is in deadly peril. In our time there is "a darkness over all the earth."

And yet the day is called Good Friday. For on the third day the stone at the sepulchre was rolled back and Jesus walked upon the earth. And this we know: That so long as His sweet spirit lives, freedom and brotherly love shall not perish utterly from this earth.

400 Minutes

That Is the Width Of the Atlantic Ocean

The distance across the Atlantic Ocean is measured now in minutes. It is 2,200 miles from Newfoundland to Britain. Miles, did we say? Beg pardon. A mile is nothing—the tick of a clock. Measured in time the Atlantic is 400 minutes wide.

An American bomber has flown the ocean that Lindbergh conquered in almost the same number of minutes that it takes a fast passenger train to move from Charlotte to Atlanta.

Conceivably, President Roosevelt might make a journey across with Winston Churchill, eat breakfast in the White House, keep the appointment, and be back in Washington for dinner.

Distance has become a trifling thing, but living in a congested community such as the world has become is far from an unmitigated blessing. So we Americans are at last beginning to understand.

ly. They refuse to see what has been demonstrated over and over again: that the Axis nations consider all nations who are not their active allies to be their enemies. Even nations that throw in with the Axis are treated pretty much as conquered countries if they are too weak to protect themselves. Look at Bulgaria, Rumania and Italy.

So Argentina and Chile could not save themselves from the Axis even by joining it immediately. Even nations that do not save themselves by remaining neutral. Let them remember Norway, Denmark, Hungary. And they are unwilling, for the sake of immediate expediency, to become full members of the United Nations.

The American Republics do not believe in making friends by coercion. No United States battle fleet is going to invade her to join our side by shelling Buenos Aires. But when the war is won against peace conferences begin, the nations who are not their friends in blood and treasure will not forget those faith-fair-hearted governments that tried to play both ends against the middle.

Charlotte

To the ABC Board It Hath An Oasis-Like Appearance

Chairmen of the State ABC Board, when they are about to retire or to be retired, seem to give in to an impulse to talk freely about the liquor situation as between wet and dry counties in North Carolina. Recently Chairman Robert Grady Johnson expressed himself upon a number of controversial matters. One thing he said was, "A man in the dry counties can buy all the liquor he wants, and that's all the man in the ABC counties can buy."

As for Charlotte, he said it buys more liquor than any city in the state, wet or dry, not only because of its size but because of the ease with which liquor is obtainable.

Cutler Moore, when he was about to be retired as head of the ABC Board, made the same point in a more pointed form. Charlotte, he said, bought liquor illegally in such a quantity that the revenue from its sale through ABC stores would net Mecklenburg County somewhere between \$500,000 and \$700,000 a year.

As well, whether or not it's true what he says about Charlotte, there's nothing, apparently, to be done about it. The town is devoted to its liquor and its prohibition, and evidently is able to go through whatever mental contortions are necessary to reconcile those twin irreconcilables.

Spring

We Who Resisted Autumn Find Her Irresistible

Last autumn we heard the West Wind blow; we saw the leaves of the children at play, taking a last graceful glide before bidding a fond adieu. 'We saw the leaves change from their tired Summer's green to a dying galaxy of red, yellow and orange, to drift wearily to the place in the guttwork of Winter's blanket. The farmer with stooped shoulders and weathered face had gathered the last of the season's harvest.

We in the city plodded on—quite certain that we mortals would escape this omnipotent transition.

Days were followed by weeks as time passed through the Winter months. And yet the change in us, if any, was unnoticeable. We were masters over it, we mused, as we surveyed a last Summer bird's nest couched in the skeleton of a tree that swayed crazily in the winter blast opposite our window.

Nazi Spy Net Clicks

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON THE surprising discovery of two American ship survivors that a Nazi U-boat commander knew the routes and destinations of their ill-fated freighter was a no surprise within officialdom here.

This Government has known for some time the existence of a German spy system reporting to Berlin specifically and efficiently on American ships.

The system is working in such an open field and was organized with such usual German thoroughness that it has been found difficult to smash.

"DIATHERMY MACHINE" MAY BE USED AS WEAPON The FBI raided the German Seaman's Home in Hoboken last Saturday and found a machine which was being sent out. What was described as a "diathermy" machine was seized, along with 71 tomatoes.

This is a piece of common electrical apparatus, capable of creating high frequency oscillations, which could be heard as far away as Germany if proper reception, through a similar set, had been provided there if it no doubt was.

The apparatus which can make intelligible short wave vibrations, under expert handling, has been sold commercially throughout the country for therapeutic treatment of skin tissues by heat. You could buy them anywhere.

A number of Japs on the Pacific Coast seem to have suffered the same rash as the Nazi seamen. These machines were first discovered in their hands. But the problem would be difficult to meet, even if there were not so many of these machines in private hands.

The Maritime Commission here operates our ships, but the private companies and the hiring halls employ the seamen. The Government therefore has no control over who is to be employed.

NAZI AGENTS WOULD HAVE EASY PICKINGS Before a sailor will sign for a voyage, naturally he knows where and where the ship is going and a good idea of the nature of his work. With such information freely given on the water front, it is not much of a job for a Nazi agent to pick up a sailor with his special sending device. It has not been much of a trick either, his information out of the country.

THE NEWS COMES BACK IN THREE OR FOUR HOURS Certainly Berlin has been intelligently glomming on to communications system from this country. Our short wave listeners have realized that domestic news developments, not sent out of this country by any of the normal commercial communications avenues, have come back within two or three hours from the Berlin radio.

That this system will not last long can be expected from the knowledge of its workings and the ease with which it is set forth here. But some closer Government supervision probably through the Maritime Commission, if not Naval Intelligence, is in order as the next step.

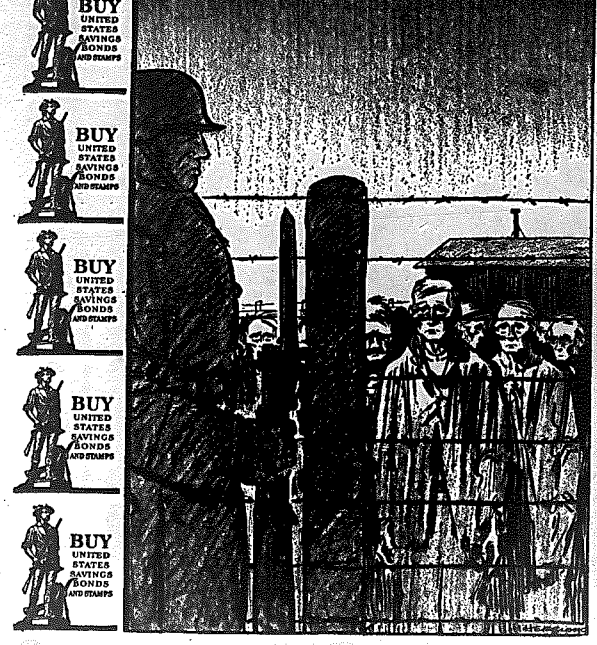
Meanwhile, it is evident these people are not content with "Don't talk. It may cost lives." They are not addressing the case too strongly. If we are to avoid such a thing, talking in these spots could mean defeat for our allies.

Some publishers who claim our sinkings are two ships a day, counting foreign and coastwise. The "total figure has approximated that recently.

From the start of the war to the present, we have lost a sunk or damaged, an average of less than one a day, and that with the aid of the "Don't talk" law. The "Don't talk" law has done the most few weeks, since the "Don't talk" campaign blossomed out fully.

They Wish They Had Your Chance To Fight the Axis

By Herb Block



The Time: Now--In Russia

By Dorothy Thompson

NEW YORK BACK seat driving in a war is not the function of a layman. Nevertheless, grand strategy can be understood by everyone with imagination, a grasp of geography and some knowledge of the essential nature of the war.

It is not even true that war, as an art, has changed because its instruments have changed. The German school of war goes back to Clausewitz—a century and a half back, in an age without tanks and planes. Hitler again in his last speech, mentioned his German master.

But one can go still farther back—25 centuries, to the eminent Chinese General Sun Tzu, who, in an 800-year-old work called "THE ART OF WAR" laid down first principles that would hardly be deleted in any progressive war college today.

BETTER TO SURROUND ARMY THAN TO DESTROY IT Sun Tzu knew, for instance, that it was better to surround an army than to destroy it; that deception—keeping the enemy guessing—is a first principle; that psychological warfare must not be neglected; that the concentration of the enemy must at all costs be prevented; and that fifth columns could be used to undermine the enemy's fighting strength.

Anybody can understand Sun Tzu, and anybody can understand Hitler. Mr. Malley, the Soviet Ambassador, who had a few measured words to say in London last week. Mr. Malley thinks that 1942 and not 1943 is the year The Place in Russia, the time is now, and the strategy is not to let the enemy concentrate and strike him where we have in the place he least expects it, while he is tied up in the place where he is compelled to be.

Mr. Malley points out that we know the situation now, the in-



Nehru's Psychosis

By Raymond Clapper

ALLAHABAD, INDIA THROUGHOUT my talk with Nehru, the independence leader, his was struggling between contentment over past grievances against British and India's best interests now.

One might think the answer would be easy for a patriot. But you have to remember that Nehru got out of jail only a few days before Pearl Harbor, after surviving part of a sentence for alleged subversion.

Hence tangled human emotional struggles complicate this whole situation. In fact, resentment toward Britain causes some Indians almost to rebound into Axis sympathy, even when common sense tells them Japan would be a far more brutal taskmaster.

INDIANS ARE SCHOOLED Indians, beaten by the police during a dependent demonstrations, have schooled themselves to non-resistance. Nehru says they often want to strike back, but knew it was more effective to continue rigid non-co-operation.

Yet Nehru and his group must supply leadership if Indians are given control of their own affairs. "We had plans for developing industry in India," he said. "Several years ago the province set up an Indian-wide planning committee of which I was made chairman."

He had set subcommittees to study every question regarding modern development. This included surveys for improving agriculture, for control of floods and soil erosion, irrigation, finance, social services, cottage industries, heavy industries, such as shipbuilding, manufacture of machinery, automobiles, and such.

VESTED INTERESTS OBSTRUCTED PLANNING "But we met with obstruction by vested interests, and when I was put in jail the work stopped. Certain interests did not want Indians to develop industry. Yet those very industries would have been most useful in the war effort now."

Nehru cited several instances, showing how industrial projects were blocked by vested interests—for example, automobile and plane factories. "Out of such a background, Nehru comes into the present opportunity suffering from complexes like a child who has been mistreated. The result is that one finds an apparently irrational quality in the Indian leaders' position. Anyway, there is suspicion of Britain's present effort, although this is somewhat dispated by Sir Stafford Cripps' handling of the readjustment question."

Everywhere in India there is good will toward the British. Nehru says they are close personal friends. Probably much depends on whether Indians are convinced that the British Government is fully behind Cripps. For instance, Nehru commented bitterly that even to this moment, American minister for Indian affairs in London, is talking in the same old vein.

Once Indians are convinced that the British are sincerely ready for a new deal, probably they will be ready to go at it in a more wholehearted spirit.

AMERICAN MISSION DOESN'T EXCITE NEHRU

The American mission, coming here to help develop India's war effort, fails to awaken the enthusiasm from Nehru that I expected. Again he saw in it the danger of some new attempt to exploit India. He cited American industry—another evidence of his psychosis. "I have seen and never abused the American people. Other weaker nations, he reported, there was always such a tendency when a powerful nation came into contact with a weaker one.

I go into these matters because, to the extent that India is to run its own affairs, Nehru will be in the forefront. He is the most influential figure in the Congress Party. Although he was educated in England and is widely traveled, with contacts all over the world, absorption in India's cause has narrowed his ability to see the whole picture in the present effort. He apparently causes him to brood over the past instead of making a fresh start to face the present challenge.

Perhaps he is merely showing cautious reserve in conversation. But at no time does he seem to drop rapid fire development of India under the present opportunity. Rather, he goes back to the point that he tries to get no encouragement from Britain.

Visitin' Around

Broth Before Their Eyes (Big Mouth News-Week) Marshall News-Bureau) We have been having several cases of measles on Laurel for the past while. Well, The Role Girls (Adv. Rutherford County News) WANTED—Country Home, Washburn Service Station, Rutherford County, N.C. Let's forget the union; let's forget ourselves. Let's join together with all sides who are for and back anything that will get them a little public notice, whether it is right or wrong. Let's forget the union; let's forget ourselves. Let's join together with all sides who are for and back anything that will get them a little public notice, whether it is right or wrong. Let's forget the union; let's forget ourselves. Let's join together with all sides who are for and back anything that will get them a little public notice, whether it is right or wrong.