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Side Glances



"You're wrong, stranger. This isn't a sleepy little town anymore! You ought to see the excitement when we get word from one of the boys in Australia, Ireland or Africa!"

Time Is Running Out

Too Late For Second Front?

By Colonel Frederick Palmer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The decision in the Caucasus, at the rate the Germans are forcing their offensives, will be made within the next few weeks. Russia will have to fight its own battle for survival...

Advocate of an immediate second front thought Hitler would have to divert forces from the Russian front to meet it. Moscow insisted that he would. But elements of military opinion which have been proved singularly right take a contrary view...

Exhausted first line German divisions are regularly sent to rest and reform with fresh replacements in France and the low countries to get fit for shock battle again.

As soon as Hitler decided to attack Russia, the Germans began to move captured guns, machine guns and ammunition from the Maginot Line to the French Coast.

Altogether, there are thirty to forty German divisions in the west within reach of any possible area of invasion.

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LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND (AP) - A fellow traveling around the way I do never knows an hour ahead of time how things are going to work out.

Major Dugan of the Marine Corps happened to be standing at the door of the officers' mess when my taxi drove up. He grabbed my typewriter and took me back to a small extra room with a cot and said that was my room.

I got out my war correspondent's credentials and showed them, just to keep the record straight. After a while dinner was ready, and we all went downstairs to the dining room.

Then Major Dugan said, "We've been wanting to see what would happen when you two got together."

Yes, of course, we were schoolmates at Indiana University twenty years ago. I might have known it.

John Reed Phillips is from Michigan City, Ind. He was a doctor in France in the last war, and has been in the Naval Reserve several years.

The people along the coast will not be allowed to evacuate any invasion center. They will be held as hostages in the same kind of grip as the desperado who holds a woman between him and a policeman's revolver.

This will put them under the fire of both sides. If they rush into the street at the sight of the Allied soldiers' who have advanced from the shore they may impede the soldiers' movements.

As long as Hitler thinks he has need of all his punches in Russia and they are enough to win the oil fields, he will spare no punches for the west.

The truth is that we know more about the German situation in the area of any possible second front than we do about the rest of the line.

His allies are not informed what proportion of Russia's huge manpower is armed and mobilized for battle.

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That's how things turn out when they're perfect. If I didn't have work to do I think I'd just stay here for the duration and let Dr. Phillips and the Navy support me in the manner to which I am becoming accustomed.

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Red Dugan used to play professional football, and he does leather tooling as a hobby. He has his tools with him now and many of his articles, bands and other beautiful things.

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Synthetic Rubber!

-By Herblock



The Rep. Isn't Hep

Our Planes Pass

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON (AP) - Representative Lyndon Johnson tipped a few high officials' chairs over backwards when he came back from the Far East battlefield and criticized our planes as well as our fighting leaders.

His criticism came forth the same day it was announced that American flyers had used British planes in their first raid on the continent, instead of their own.

The inference from all these and other similar murmurings is that our fighting ships are inferior to both the Japs and the British.

You cannot have maneuverability, fast climbing and speed in planes without neglecting armor, firepower and self-sealing gas tanks.

Now no cautious reporter will attempt to do anything more in the current argument among aviation technicians than report the full facts, without expressing arbitrary judgment.

The Jap Zero is superior to our Navy fighters in climbing ability and speed, but it is very vulnerable. An A.P. dispatch recently claimed new Jap models are sacrificing their speed to put on more armor.

The Army started off with planes similar to the light firepower and protection of the Zeros, as did the British, but these were soon abandoned.

As for the Americans flying British ships in their first raid, it is said that British production has concentrated on pursuit ships which they cannot easily get from us.

For these reasons, little official notice was taken of the Johnson chatter or other critical murmurings. The men in authority seem to condescend, by their explanations cited above, that all our ships are not the best in the world.

Platform Of The People

No Hate For Bob

Editors, The News: Not that you need the help, but I thought we'd like to get on the anti-Reynolds bandwagon.

Enclosure: High Point Enterprise editorial: Senator Bob Reynolds' propaganda sheet, "The vindicator" starts off its main article as follows: "Editor Carey Dowd of the Charlotte News has spent the past ten years writing about Senator Robert R. Reynolds..."

When that day comes, and it should not be far off, there will be more of our kind and broken up. The war will be no need, however, of roundabout collection of news.

Visitin' Round Yeh, Bus Look Ah! P. Frickler's Shift Gie (21 Years Ago, Daily Record) Sheriff Sprinkle and J. T. Bally were quite a pair. Frickler was injured last week and killed nineteen squirrels.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT This is the key to great deeds and great responsibilities. When God gives you a deep concern for the national welfare. The trouble, Bob, is that you are not fit for your job.

Stretchout

Col. Kenneth Royall Makes Light of U.S. in Saboteur Trial

Any American with a concern for his own future and that of the nation must admit with a sinking feeling that the state of Washington is not being won. That the latest skirmish thereof has been almost completely to the enemy.

On The Side Government's Wage Policy Effective Only in Disputes

If unchecked wages are an inflationary factor--and Mr. L. Henderson, at least, appears to consider that they are--and if the War Labor Board is going to stand on its formula of a fifteen per cent limit on wage-increases from Jan. 1, 1941, to the present, then it is plain that the Administration's anti-inflationary policy needs implementing in some way so as to have general application.

Consolation Desert-Wise Rommel Is Driven To Defeat By Allied Bombers

The lone cheerful note in a cheerless week comes home from Egypt, spanning blow and counter-blow. That the crashing sound is itself lost in the rumbling of our munitions, from whence it may be amplified for interpretation half a world away.

Roundabout If Story of U.S. Raid on Japan Isn't True It Soon Will Be

There could be a little more truth than usual in Tokyo's bland statement that an American bombing raid on Japan from Chinese bases had been announced and reported. The report is roundabout, goodness knows. It came from Tokyo to the U. S. via the Berlin radio, which is like having Baron Munchausen embellish one of Ananias's tall ones, and Tokyo got it in the first place from "rum" and "gossip" officers.

For with the U. S. Air Force operating in support of Chinese ground forces over a vast and mysterious country hostile to its conquerors, it is only a question of time and broken up. The report is roundabout, goodness knows. It came from Tokyo to the U. S. via the Berlin radio, which is like having Baron Munchausen embellish one of Ananias's tall ones, and Tokyo got it in the first place from "rum" and "gossip" officers.

When that day comes, and it should not be far off, there will be more of our kind and broken up. The war will be no need, however, of roundabout collection of news. Those attacks will not be beaten off, and the evidence of China-based American air power will be found in the crumbled homes and factories of busy Japan.