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Unmoved By Atrocities
Axis Brutality Goes In Wholesale Lots

By Joseph H. Baird
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WASHINGTON
IT IS a peculiar commentary on human psychology that although the atrocities of this war have been far more shocking and brutal than those of the first world conflict, they have failed to stir the American people to the intensity of anger they felt in 1914-15.

From reading this literature, many people, particularly in journalistic circles, have unconsciously gone through a faint process of deductive reasoning: It has been established that some of the "atrocities stories" of the World War period were pure propaganda; therefore all such reports now are to be taken with a grain of salt.

But Americans who are now pledged to a war to the death against Germany and Japan, should realize that these two nations are inflicting upon the world a horror such as has not been known since the Mongol invasions of Europe in the Middle Ages. The Axis has, indeed, "turned the clock back" and nullified so far as the world is concerned, all the gains by International Law, mercy and justice during the last thousand years.

American Fever
Great Successes All Become Little Ones in the End

Back here at home the war news of the week-end looked good. Almost all the beaches of the fighting were being won. Many offensives were being stalled, new challenges were being made. In three giant theaters of battle, the United Nations were at least holding their own. At first sight, Americans would smile. But, above all the muffled echoes of the fighting, there was the shrill, knowing voice of one man.

Many a man, almost every man, has had his guess—most of them poor guesses, based upon dreams. Military men, masters of nations do not know, but they have ventured their own guesses. In the chaos of the fighting, there was the calm, knowing voice of one man. Ambassador Joseph Grew, back from ten years in Japan, could speak at last to the hearts of his countrymen, officially, what they should have known from an accumulating pile of evidence—that the Axis powers were on an up and on, and that the American navy and air force, if they are completely crushed, victory will be theirs.

Of The People
FDR Hears New Clamor for More and Better Government

Civilian criticism, we have long held, can and should have no effect upon decisions of military, economic and political high commands in wartime. The average citizen is simply a layman outside the pale; mechanics of national management are best left to those who are trained. But in the United States this Summer a great public feeling of resentment over our failures has grown up out of a vague unrest.

Preview Of NWF
A Brief Glimpse of Post War Prospects

With the ease that NLRB has become a fixture in war time. Wage-fixing in the U.S. could be done in a matter of a few days. It is almost inevitable, once the Government took labor relations under its wing, that sooner or later it would have to make room for wages. Wages are so large a part of labor relations that the Government assumes full control and up and up. No politician dependent on labor's favor is ever going to vote to reduce them.

Logicians Of Defeat
By Paul Mallor

WASHINGTON
A DISCOURAGING condition in some confused corners of the American public mind has been presented to me in reader reaction to my recent effort to clear some exceptions to my unreasonable anti-war thinking on the part of an anonymous correspondent in Philadelphia.

Apparently there are three groups of dissenters in this country who are repeating the same old story. The first need not bother anyone. There were a few who were not so enthusiastic persons, like the one who threatened me not only with a lawsuit, but also with personally to assure me an everlasting life in hell.

Platform Of The People
What's Wrong With Olin?

Editors, The News:
As reader of your paper may be permitted an opportunity to make a few remarks regarding an editorial I refer to the one in a recent issue entitled "Record and All" and subtitled "South Carolina Voters Know What They Want."

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT
Your investment of good deeds and good thoughts will never be stolen. God will always be solvent, entrust your treasures to him: He is able to keep that which has been committed unto him against that day.—1 Tim. 6:19

The Wisdom Of Solomon
By Herblock



Farewell From Paul Sheahan

Editors, The News:
I cannot leave my work with the Civilian Defense Council of Mecklenburg County without first expressing to you my deep and sincere appreciation for the fine cooperation you and all members of the Council have given me and the interest in our work that was necessary for its success.

Visitin' Round

But Who Preached It?
(California News-Record)
A nice sermon was heard by the Rev. Mr. Jess Shuford Sunday at the California News-Record Baptist Church.

The War On The Quiet
By Dorothy Thompson

WASHINGTON
WHAT I have called "the secret war" is the war that part of our struggle dealing with the signing of major international pacts and the propagandizing of them.

Now, actually, all the United States to go on, is the Atlantic Charter, and the Four Freedoms. As a document, it is pretty empty. For the world outside our shores has suffered too heavily to be interested in platonic formulations. If men are to be freed from want and fear, they desire to see how this can be done. If nations are to be independent, the people in those nations wish also to know how they can achieve that independence.

In August, 1941, it was also not foreseen whether Russia would continue to stand. And during the entire past year not only the politicians but the masses of the people in the war-waging countries have been forming a mind about the sort of future society they want here in the U.S. and the Poles, for instance, have some sort of federation. Great social changes are occurring inside the United Kingdom.

This manifesto, which is the fruit of at least two years of thought by scholars and practical statesmen who are Europeans rather than nationalists, sums up the case against Fascist totalitarianism and sketches the fundamentals of a future world order.
Now, it is impossible to conduct psychological warfare—which is a war of ideas—without ideas. And since our ideas have not even been clearly formulated, our Office of War Information is forced to plan a strategy and conduct a campaign without an objective.