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Victory Key

Tunisia, Not Yet Won, Will Open New Theaters

As the armies rush toward a climax in Tunisia, it is almost apparent that the enemy is almost without hope in his African stand...

but not broken. It can sponger or later reappear... And, listening eagerly, too many will nod in agreement...

GOP Dream

Next President To Come From Live Issues of Today

The things that will elect the next President haven't happened yet.

Those are the words of Representative Joe Martin Jr., the House Republican leader, and though they are dipped in a thin solution of truth...

The Wedge

Nazi, Seeing Defeat, Still Hope To Split U. S. & Russia

The last chance of Axis victory in the war is the fomentation of trouble and mistrust between Russia and her allies...

Tax Happy

Some Day All Agencies Will Co-Ordinate Tax Programs

If ever we had an encouraging peek into the future of the affairs of common man in the United States...

BESIDES many other things, Raggles was a poet. He was called a tramp, but that was only an elliptical way of saying that he was a philosopher...

Raggles' specialty, had he been driven to ink and paper, would have been sonnets to the cities. He studied cities as women study their reflections in mirrors...

Through the ancient poets we have learned that the cities are feminine. So they were to poet Raggles; and his mind carried a concrete and clear conception of those figures that symbolized and typified each one that he had viewed.

Raggles' fault: He should have recorded his feelings in magazine poems. Pittsburgh impressed him as the play of the Old-Father, perched in a Russian language in a railroad station by Dockrider's ministers...

Boston construed herself to the poetic Raggles in an erratic and singular way. It seemed to him that he had drunk cold tea and that the city was a white, cold cloth that had been bound tightly around his brow...

Raggles landed from a ferry-boat one morning and walked into the core of the town with the blasé air of a cosmopolitan. He was dressed with care to play the role of an "unidentified man."

Prolific

By Dorman Smith



Next On The Program

Agreement With Russia

By Raymond Clapper

AS President Roosevelt has indicated, the next step is to reach the same accord with Russia that now exists with Great Britain as a result of the visit of Anthony Eden. And after that...

One course would be to try the same policy used at the last war and set up a new German puppet. That course is not favored on the basis of past experience.

The other course is to divide Germany up. That is what we favor. It is what the British favor. It is what Germany's neighbors, such as the Dutch, favor.

That was one of the big subjects of the Eden conversations here. As a result of the general consensus that this was the line of agreement to be followed, work can now go forward on tentative studies of how such a policy might be applied.

Instantly. What is to be done during the first three or four months after German resistance collapses? What is to be done about German heavy industry? Shall it be broken up, or allowed to exist under pooling in relation that it is not used at the end of the war...

While the postwar conversations and studies go forward, the United Nations' armies will march into Berlin.

No. Cooley

Farmers Not Red

By Samuel Grafton

OBSCURANTISM is life again, as thousands scream. A great big fight is being steamed up once more against the Farm Security Administration. This is being attacked as one of the boldest of fronts. What does the Farm Security Administration do? It enables small farmers to buy farms, if they have farms. It enables them to hold on to them and avoid being foreclosed out. It promotes private ownership of property among small people in a big way.

The Misalpaful delta is dotted with hundreds of one-family farms, and new farm houses, built with the help of the Farm Security Administration. What's radical about the one-family farm?

But the most conservative wing of the farm bloc, that which prefers the one-sided collection of the large industrial, and the shrewdly and the capitalism in the field, is out to bring the neck of this bureau. It is time city dwellers began to understand what is going on here.

This thing is being dressed up as a fight between conservatism and radicalism. It is actually a fight between large property and small property. It is a struggle to which city populations are exhibiting an almost total indifference. Yet it bears directly on that agitated march of city dwellers from market to market to find a bit of butter for their bread.

The Farm Security Administration, at present, has credit arrangements of one sort or another with 7.6 per cent of the nation's farmers. It lends them money for feed, seed and fertilizer, for machinery, and sometimes for doctor's care. These little farmers last year increased their milk production by 1,119,000,000 pounds, which was 32 per cent of the total increase in production by the whole country. I know the average reader is not fond of figures, but he is going to swallow these if I have to ram them down his throat. These small farm units produce one-third of all the farms in the country, produced one-third of the total milk increase of the whole country.

The Farm Security Administration made 1,419,000,000 additional pounds of milk blossom last year, most of it produced in the Midwest.

Dry beans are one of our shortest food items. The whole country increased its output of dry beans by about 110,000,000 pounds last year. The small farms helped by the Farm Security Administration produced 30,000,000 pounds of that grand total. These dry figures about dry beans ought to be of almost miraculous interest.

For we've all been talking about "releasing the democratic energies of the people from total war." And here it's been done. In terms of beans, loaf! What could be more beautiful? Not in terms of beans-meeting alone, or resolutions, but in terms of beans. And milk. And eggs and beef and chickens and peanuts. Now, it is hard to obscure a result like that, but the drive to obscure it is on.

Representative Cooley of North Carolina, who is about to conduct an investigation of the Farm Security Administration, backed by Mr. Clare Hoffman of Michigan, has already described this program as "Communist." He has written the dirty word on a handkerchief, and he holds it up and tries to hide his malicious intentions.

—And that is obscuration at its most obvious. A fight between large farm and small farm is being dressed up to look like something else. A program to save the property rights of the small farmer is being described as radicalism, so that it can be fought for what it isn't. A program which increases our food output is being fought as a waste of money; it is impossible to fight a waste of money, so it is being fought as an economic issue. Interests which hate this program, perhaps because they would rather have more farm labor than more family farms, will oppose the program. Mr. Cooley and they will drag everything from the path of the Kremlin to the spirit of Alexander Hamilton into the debate.

Quote. Unquote

To all Americans the ideal of a world peace is ever present. We have done a good job on the Western Hemisphere in establishing and maintaining peaceful relations. The underneath people of the world have looked to us for leadership. We must not fail them.

—All M. Landon.

The Allies have achieved notable victories recently, but to count on a quick conclusion of the war would only mean that we would only gain ourselves in the British Foreign Secretary's hands that we could lose the war.

In time of war we can never do anything that we can't do in time of peace. —Manpower Director Paul V. Maguire.

We glory in what we have done here, but what we have done thus far should not be what we could do if we were fighting with the idea that we were struggling against an enemy who would struggle against us. Right! There's a thing that would only mean that we would only gain ourselves in the British Foreign Secretary's hands that we could lose the war.