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Heavy Price
Our Planes Fall Like Flies,
But Prove the End Is Coming

As the Continent takes heavier and heavier poundings from combined British and American plane fleets, the Germans are forced into a new tactic. From here on out, the raiders will be forced to pay heavily for their smashes at German cities and German industry.

Proof of that reasoning is to be found in the casualty figures of recent days. The RAF and the U. S. Air forces have suffered heavily in the past few raids. A total of three days' operation, for example, was 103 Allied planes lost—and all of them were big bombers.

Aside from the great loss in time and money when the four-motored planes are shot down in great numbers, the sacrifice in lives will be considerable and every man lost on the big raids is a highly-trained technician, hard to replace.

For a fashionable Summer tint, what's the matter with Von Arnim purple—suggested by the applelike general of the same name, on being told to come along quietly?

More Plans
City's Open Program Compares Favorably With Any Future

That flo opened this week by City Manager R. W. Flack looked particularly appealing, almost like a Christmas present opened before its time.

The street-widening program, the new library, the heart building, the sanitary, police and parks improvements, the construction of underpasses and a new airport are chief points of the program offered by the City government.

The Chairman
We Suggest Ben Douglas
To Head Aviation Body

If we're not out of order, we'd like to enter the nomination of Ben Douglas as chairman of the recently-named State Aeronautical Commission.

His wide experience in dealing with civic affairs, especially as regards aviation, fits him for the task of heading such an important agency.

An Error
House Committee Spurns NYA
Because It Knows No Better

When the House Appropriations Committee, by a one-vote margin, turned thumbs to the NYA, the Youth Administration and threw it into an uncertain fate on the floor, the national war effort suffered a definite setback.

If that comes to pass, the Committee will have been guilty of a national disservice by a vote of 17-16 merely because it declined to investigate.

We believe no man can be certain of the actual value of a sprawling agency like NYA to the nation, but we are morally certain that the House Committee had it all wrong, that it dealt with the problem carelessly.

NYA hasn't been a relief agency since war came, not at all. It has been, of its own volition, a war agency, and has operated as such.

Having sunk a hospital ship, the tireless Jap must think up some new depravity. Any resemblance of this charlatan to a human being is entirely in advertent.

No Soft Snap
Bombs Over Germany

By Raymond Clapper

AMERICAN bomber and fighter pilots operating out of England with whom I have talked while visiting several stations of our Eighth Air Force caution against taking Panfeller as a dangerous bulwark of future air operations against Germany.

Major-Gen. Ira C. Eaker reports that the Eighth Air Force is expanding rapidly and will double its size between now and October. Fuel, crews, bombs and maintenance are adequately coordinated.

The quality of American bomber crews is being demonstrated. I have met numbers of these men who are finishing the required number of missions, which means they will be relieved for instruction work back home.

These men in their early 30s take heavy ships out without flincher, protection suits what they think about on the way over, and they answer that they think about how to fight their way back to England.

are so compact that enemy fighters coming within range must stand the fire of many machine guns, sometimes more than a hundred.

I have seen many Flying Fortress and Liberator patched from the holes left by numerous bullets that did no harm to the crew and didn't hamper the return of the ship. But on some missions we have taken heavy losses in bombers, even though more enemy fighters were knocked down in the process.

Some Air Force men with whom I talked said they believed it would be better if our bombers had long-range fighter escorts to the targets and back. They say enemy fighters hover around to bait their attack while our bombers are freen on their bomb run over the target.

American bombers could be escorted on most missions by P-38s, the twin-engine Lightnings. These are the only fighters having sufficient range. But we are using most of our Lightnings in Africa now, leaving here on the new P-47 Thunderbolt, which is an excellent altitude fighter but lacks the range to accompany deep bombing missions.

If we are going to rely on bombing to break Germany's back in preparation for invasion, the case made by our airmen for more protection of this vital weapon seems unanswerable.

Side Glances



"We ought to keep the old town like it was when the boys went to war, so if the people want me, I'm willing to run for mayor again!"

Big Pinpoint
Is Sicily Next?

THE heavy bombardment of Sicily is similar to that which resulted in the surrender of Pantelleria and Lampedusa. Change in the course of Sicily would be no exception in the tumultuous history of the largest island in the Mediterranean.

The Straits of Messina, which separate Sicily from the mainland, are only 4 1/2 miles wide at one point, with a maximum of 12 miles, and at one time Sicily was obviously part of the mainland of Europe.

At the dawn of history the inhabitants of Sicily seem to have been the Sicani, probably an Iberian race. Then came the Siculi from Italy, giving the island its present name, then the Phoenicians.

With the disintegration of the Roman Empire, Sicily was occupied by Vandals who came from Africa, then by Goths. In the sixth century A. D. it fell under the Eastern Roman Empire but in the ninth century the island was overrun by Saracens, who enslaved many of the Christians.

In the latter part of the eleventh century Normans conquered southern Italy, including Naples, and in 1072, under Count Roger, undertook the conquest of Sicily.

The Peace of Utrecht in 1713 assigned Sicily to the Duke of Savoy, Naples to Austria. Spain reconquered Sicily in 1718, gave it to Austria in exchange for Sardinia in 1720, and became independent ruler of Sicily and southern Italy in 1734.

In 1860 Sicily revolted against Bourbon oppression, and an expedition under Garibaldi, setting out from Genoa, drove out the Neapolitan troops. Garibaldi's force then crossed over to the mainland, conquering Naples and Sicily and southern Italy, and ending a vassal of Napoleon.

La Maeterlinck
An Inspiration

NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM... and this United States is the only heaven left in the world today!

Thus with a jingle-jangle of costume coils that circled her slim waist, an emphatic shake of her titian curls and a special tender pat for Pellicca, her Pezinese dog, the Countess Maeterlinck discussed the matter of refugees in the United States.

The Countess and her husband, Count Maurice Maeterlinck, world-renowned playwright, dramatist, mystic, poet, philosopher, author, lecturer, fled to this country in 1918, when Belgium was being shelled by the United States army.

"We are really week-end guests in heaven for I believe that when things are all settled we no doubt will go home to Europe. Many wish this, but many like us will return to their native land after this glorious time in the United States.

"There are two things that warm the hearts of refugees in this country: We are made to feel, oh, so very welcome here; we realize the fate of all European and European countries is in America's hands.

"Only one thing makes me very sad. In Florida I saw a billboard with all the flags of the Allies on it and the flag of France was missing. I felt that was not right. The Government may have changed some, but the French people, the brave heart of France, and the French nation have not changed. The spirit of Joan of Arc is still there."

Count and Countess Maeterlinck returned recently from a four-month stay in Florida, and are at home again in their suite at the Hotel Plaza. While in Florida, Count Maeterlinck was analyzing his memoirs, which will be published in the Fall. It is titled Life of the Blue Bird, Blue Bird being his most famous play.

"I trap my husband into writing that book," and the Countess' voice tinkled merrily. "I trap him as a cat would a mouse. I ask him questions, he makes him answer me. Then pretty soon he's writing a book. Since we came to this country, my husband has written four plays. Two books, his memoirs, which will be published in the Fall. He is now 80 years old. But, oh, he is such a young man in spirit."

Quote, Unquote

The armed forces will get as much oil and gasoline as they need. There is no use in anyone kidding anyone else about it—supplies available for civilians will be light for the time being.

About Time To Use Dynamite

—By Dorman Smith



What's Truth?
There Is No More

By Samuel Crafton

AH, TRUTH, truth, what is truth? Truth, say a number of commentators, is that air power, say I win the war; look at Panfeller. They write their stories from Tunisia, which was overcome by land and sea and air power.

What is truth? Truth, says the New York World-Telegram, is that Mr. Hoover handed the food program better in the last war than we are handling it today; there was "no black market" in that war. He neglects to mention that sugar is sold for 25 cents a pound on the white market, during the last war; or, rather, that the whole country was one black market.

Ah, truth, what is truth? Truth is the argument that we ought to let food prices rise, instead of having Government food subsidies, because the public pays "anyway." In other case, Always beware of the word "anyway." It is the most dangerous word in the language.

We would only have to pay subsidies to the perhaps five or ten per cent of hard-up marginal producers in each field, whereas a general price rise lifts the prices obtained by all the producers, whether they are already earning a profit or not.

How Much He Put
In The Tax Books?
"Shady Grove Item, Lexington Dispatch"
Jerry Clodfelter has purchased a very fine team of sorrel horses and will help produce food for victory.

What is truth? Truth is the renewed isolationist alliance on the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms, as a lot of "star-gazing" moonshine. The world isn't ready for these ideals, say they, in a hot radio and press campaign.

Truth is the same commentator, bemoaning the lack of unity among the French in Africa. One French says, holds up the war effort. But here he delicately avoids giving credit or blame to our policy. Here he looks blindly over the top of his spectators, as at a natural phenomenon in which we had no share.

Truth is a startled American reporter, putting in a single sentence, without comment (as if he were a little afraid of it), his discovery that the bulk of the French soldiers in Africa are pro-de Gaulle. The truth that we needed Giraud has been living on Page 1 for six months, but this last truth is a single sentence on Page 4.

Ah, truth, truth! What is truth? Truth is everybody who believes, five years ago, rebound with a thing on its cover. Truth is a free ride on the back of the events. Truth is a fool, wagging the book. Truth is the thing you save in the morning.

Forerunners Of Henry Kaiser
(Twenty Years Ago, Lexington Dispatch)
Miss Lela Ware, home economics teacher at the high school, announces an exhibit of articles made by her students tomorrow afternoon.

Visitin' Around

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Bible Thought

God loves us beyond all words. But He does not want to spoil us. He is a wise as well as a loving Father.