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No Solution Beer Bans Are With Us, A Weak Measure At Best

We do not think the Army, the County Commissioners or City Council has solved the soldier problem simply by stringing, passing and promising to pass a ban on beer for week-end Charlotte...

The war. New planes, like the seldom-mentioned B-29, reported as a super-flying Fortress, the improved Fortress itself, carrying ten tons of bombs...

The Champion A Workshop Inventor Turns Up With The Prize of the War

Mr. William C. Fox, of the Philadelphia Foxes, is not likely to become famous as a hero of this war; but for ourselves we reserve him the special admiration of a conqueror...

It was against the wishes of both City and County boards, we feel sure, that the bans came upon us. Most of the men who gave their votes...

More than one City Councilman believed that the Army did not have the soundest of positions in requesting the bans. Beer is sold in Army camps...

In that argument, it seems clear to us, the Army makes the tacit admission that the situation in Charlotte is one that calls for more control of soldier activities...

We share the view of Mayor Baxter on one point: It should be decided here and now whether these bans are to last longer than the duration...

A week-old infant in the news another drinks only a little more than he needs with two teeth. It's this tension that is ailing us.

New Planes Americans Set The Pace In The Air, And Aim To Hold It

The thrilling stories of the new American planes in action over the crowded Sicilian battlefields should be good news to folks back home...

There were the surprises caused by the twin-fuselage Lightning (P-38) as they roared into the sky against unsuspecting German pilots in Africa for the first time...

Designed on the field by men who fought the African campaign, the 36-fought the British lead of combining fighter and bomber in one ship. Fitted with bomb racks, it can operate dangerously at enemy concentrations or installations...

Apparently this ruse against the Government of Italy is all the help that the country is not for the general public. Mr. Fox, though he issues no warning, says that his trick is accompanied by the thorough knowledge of a practical mechanic...

Disbelief Many Italians Will Have To Be Shot In The Back

Now the men of Mussolini stride up to the microphone bravely, to give to the people of Europe the last line of talk they are likely to hear before the coming of the armies of liberation...

Nothing much. Allied soldiers can almost spit across the narrows of Messina. They look the other way, because the planes to darken the sky, there are Allied planes that are the most dangerous...

Toughest job in his experience, says retired circus superintendent, when founding up escaped baboons. Always in these cases, there is the danger of bringing back more than got away.

Air Force Job

Early Moments In Sicily

By Raymond Clapper

ADVANCED ALLIED BASE, NORTH AFRICA THE first few hours of the invasion were a test of how well the Allied air force had done its work. Landing on a defended shore is difficult...

Allied fliers returning from the first missions after the invasion started reported little or no fighter opposition. This undoubtedly was the result of the heavy air campaign which had been waged against the air fields on Sicily...

Air strength can dull the edge of any enemy counter-attack but cannot prevent it and the outcome will depend on the ground forces. But in the initial stages of invasion it is the air power that makes it possible to get ashore sufficient forces to establish a beachhead.

The purpose of our sustained bombing campaign against Sicily was to destroy the Axis air forces. Allied attacks have been going on day and night giving the enemy fields no rest, no time to repair runways...

The most spectacular fact of the war on this side is the rise in striking power of the Allied air force which insures its supremacy wherever its strength is applied.

wherever its strength is applied. The growth of the Allied air force in North Africa is shown by the fact that in the first ten days of June more bombs were dropped on Pantalaric than in the entire month of April on all targets in Tunisia, Sicily, Sardinia and Italy.

American air power, in the last few weeks, has begun to flow out in abundant strength all over the place. What the Allied air force did in March in North Africa was exceeded by some 40 per cent in April and by as much again in May. June shows a continued expansion of bombs dropped.

In the Tunisian campaign the Allied air force demonstrated great ability to do that. In the Cape Bon area which includes the numerous fields around Tunis and Bizerte the Allies found after surrender that 650 Axis planes had been destroyed on the ground or abandoned.

Time and Allied production have caught up with Germany. All her thorough advance preparation for air warfare, her secret training of an airforce under the guise of glider and sports flying, her unquestioned domination in air operations at the time of Munich have been overtaken by the slow starting Allies.

Now, Watch The Birdie! By Dorman Smith



We're Catching Up Attrition Does Its Job

By Colonel Frederick Palmer

WASHINGTON IT would be too good to be true. In these catch-up official reports of the heavy ratio of enemy losses to Allied losses in the air war over Europe?

Has enthusiasm led to exaggerations in the heat of action when accurate observation is difficult? If the reports are true, does not this augur the shortening of the war both with the European Axis and Japan—that is, if the German offensive in Russia does not strike a crippling blow at the Southwest Pacific, where also, in the naval battle of the Kula Gulf, we stepped up the ratio to nine Jap cruisers or destroyers sunk at the cost of one United States cruiser?

The Russians do not take us into their confidence in these matters, but I know that the reports of enemy losses inflicted by British, Canadian and United States fliers are put through a fine-tooth comb of a check and double-check upon their return to base.

Take the record of the United States Army Eighth Air Force in its year's operations over Germany and European-occupied territory. It claims to have destroyed four times the number of aircraft it has lost. Make an allowance of 20 per cent as a margin of error and the ratio is approximately three to one.

The same thorough checks held for both Army and Navy planes in the Southwest Pacific. There the Jap airmen have been inviting suicidal losses. It is a sign of weakening Jap air power that they have centred on against our late types with obsolete planes and even obsolete biplanes.

Our offensive has been blessed by a naval master as complete as our air mastery. Through before the war we did have reason to believe that Jap warships and guns were good and their seamanship trusted, we were all wrong in our estimation.

For defense of our island conquests they must depend upon both superior air power and naval power. They cannot achieve either. Even if they are holding back their latest type of planes for a greater emergency, what chance has their navy, outnumbered in ships and ships and operating with ineffective gunnery?

This is bound to shorten the war with Japan once we hit her with full force after we are through with the war with Germany. Of course, if the German offensive should decisively cripple the Russian Army—and I do not think it can—that would lengthen the war with Germany.

Platform Of The People Of The Humane Society

Editors, The News: In connection with the letter which I read to our City Council last Wednesday, with reference to the dog law, I am enclosing a copy of the same, for your consideration.

dog laws, going so far as to tell Mr. Ballard (at that time the dog catcher), that he could fire him at any time, any employee and his salary... Mr. Ballard was a city employee and his salary was being drawn from the taxpayers and not from the Humane Society.

Goodman, Mrs. Onruh, an official of the Humane Society, and some gentlemen, openly sneered at those who were doing good jobs... The main slogan of the Humane Society is the protection of children, but check up and see how many children have been bitten by pet dogs, many by stray dogs.

Fortunately this got into the hands of Mr. Ernest Deane, Collector, who investigated it and found the truth, which was not as reported. Then, when the Trust Office carriers went before the Council, asking for relief from being bitten by pet dogs, Mr. Ballard...

When the Humane Society took over the dog pound, which they immediately dignified with the name "animal shelter," Mr. Goodman took the attitude that they were not empowered to enforce the dog laws...

—BURTON H. SMITH Charlotte



Everyday Counselor Army's Faith

By Rev. Herbert Spough

SKEPTICS may scoff, critics may cavil, the soldier may still down the job, but when a soldier looks down the wrong end of a gun barrel, and a flier faces death from 30,000 feet, there is some serious thinking done about something. But doesn't take the Pharisee experiences to convince many Service Men of the reality of God's Willingness to direct their lives.

Now Magazine, house organ of R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., which reports this incident, suggests twelve "Biggest" things: Forgiveness of sins (John 10:43); Deliverance from Judgment (John 8:24); Parking of the Divine nature (1st Peter 1:4); Absiding Presence of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16); Relationship with God (Rom. 8:17); Possession of eternal life (John 3:36); Freedom from worry (1st Peter 3:7); Christian fellowship (1st Timothy 2:22); Opportunities of worthwhile service (1st Cor. 15:58); Good-breathed literature (1st Timothy 2:16-17); A blessed hope (Titus 2:13); A forerunner in heaven (Heb. 6:20).

Some people, even our soldiers, are drunk, disorderly, immoral. Others report them to be honest, courageous, deeply religious. There are both kinds, but more of the latter and we find that the latter are more than a chest on religion. Agreement can be had from another observation of the Chief of Chaplains, that "There is more religion per square mile in an army camp, than in any civilian community."

Merry-Go-Round Congress-Hater

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON DURING his seventeen years in Congress, veteran Representative J. Fred Johnson of Oklahoma has made a practice of calling on the incumbent President at the end of each one-term or two-term five matter. A significant thing about these visits is that Johnson usually found the Chief Executive in an unhappy mood about Congress...

President Roosevelt didn't entirely unsettle this tradition when Johnson visited him the day the 78th Congress recessed for the summer. Roosevelt also was liked about Congress wily-mammy about the price concessions made by the Administration to the belligerent. The President said that too many Congressmen were concerned about the property of their own districts, instead of looking at the whole picture. This was true of both the farm and labor bloc in Congress, the President said, although the farm bloc was more strongly entrenched.

Repeal the current price ceiling on corn is \$1.07 a bushel while cotton is selling for about 18 cents a pound.

There is more than meets the eye behind the backstage grooming of Senator Guy Gillette of Iowa to be President of the United States. Despite the denial, Jim Farley left part of the cat out of the bag when he called him an "old-time lunchbox" Senator in the Capitol the other day to push Gillette's nomination.

But there is a lot more than Jim Farley behind the plan. Real fact is that Gillette's candidacy was first inspired and privately pushed by a group of prominent Chicago men who sponsored the America First Committee. Jim Farley wasn't in on the ground floor with Gillette at first. He leaned toward Senator Edward Bruce of Virginia as the Democratic candidate for the Republican vote and defeat Roosevelt. However, when he saw the Chicago support and money for Gillette he was glad to go along.

Biggest chuckle Capitol Hill enjoyed just before the recess was over the efforts of Republican leaders to disavow complete percentage of the Rural pay-as-you-go income tax program. They wanted it discredited, but Congressmen who had been in the legislature for months ago, sitting, popular Representative Joe Martin of Massachusetts, House GOP leader, was all-out for the Rural plan. However, they could smell victory in the air and the vote on the program was by far incomes have sunk below, Martin and his associates had not been so enthusiastic.