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Italian Peace Discussion

By Dreis Pearson

WASHINGTON FRIENDS of the President are suggesting a plan whereby prominent Italo-Americans and friends of Italy might bring an early peace with Italy, thereby saving loss of life on both sides. The plan was to send the following message to Sicily of a nearby neutral country to negotiate with the Italian and those in touch with Mussolini, possibly Count Ciano.

(1) Judge Ferdinand Pecora, Italian-born Supreme Court judge of New York, a close friend of the President's who staged the sensational case of Enkeleide G. ...

(2) Col. Charles Poletti, former lieutenant governor of New York, now in the Army. ...

(3) Major Frank Capra, Italian-born motion picture producer who has made history with some of his epochal films, especially his latest training films for the Army. ...

Actually the President need not need much urging regarding such a move, for he has worked on a plan somewhat similar in the past. Once he sent St. Steve's Myron Taylor, U. S. Ambassador to the Vatican, on a special visit to the Pope, and the envoy lauded on Italian soil the Archbishop Spellman. ...

It is significant that Mussolini visited his son-in-law, Count Ciano, as Ambassador to the Vatican. This at first was considered a demotion, since Ciano was formerly Foreign Minister. ...

It is indeed a proud and fond of his daughter, Countess Edda Ciano, and the diplomat she reports that while he recognizes his day of splendor may be over, he is anxious that his daughter should live in comfort. ...

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ly the Italian did not blow it up and Allied forces also agreed it. This means that we now have access to an important harbor on the east coast of Sicily. ...

(2) The capture of Sicilian air fields was easier than expected and U. S. engineers are already at work repairing them. ...

(3) Though the German counter-attack did not come within the expected time, the enemy has 300,000 troops on Sicily, which is no military secret. ...

Gen. Henri Giraud made a slight slip in geography when he called the Washington headquarters of his Free French rival, Gen. Charles de Gaulle, but the commander-in-chief of French forces in North Africa and all know that he's still bluff. ...

"In Tunisia," replied the aide. "Whom were you talking about, General?" "The forces of Gen. LeClere, sir." "Then you couldn't have been in Tunisia," demurred the protocol clerk. ...

Every housewife in the United States is conscious of what she believes to be a food shortage. But what she does not realize is that the recent collapse of submarine warfare has contributed to the food shortage. ...

Russian ships are sailing at Pacific ports, and the ships of all Allied nations are waiting at Atlantic ports for that great universal weapon of life and warfare—food. ...

From there is no actual food shortage. It is only the supply of some foods is inadequate to meet the unprecedented purchasing power of the American housewife. ...

Viewed against this complex of practical difficulties, our blithe assumption that we "bring democracy" with us is seen as the five-dimensional thing it is. ...

We need an operational method, as well as a motto. That is what we lacked in Africa, and that is why we lost. ...

I make the shy and almost sinister suggestion that we begin in Sicily by instituting free speech. ...

WHAT connection is there between the sale and use of beer, wine and liquor and general disease? ...

"The general disease records set at the Navy Preflight School may be equaled by other military establishments, but it will never be bettered. ...

"Commander John P. Graff, commandant, has an explanation for the phenomenon. ...

We see the liquor situation growing steadily worse around us. Last year's drink bill was the largest in the history of the nation. ...

We'll never do very much about it until thoughtful Christian people take to heart the words of St. Paul: "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but I will eat no flesh while the world stands, lest I make my brother to offend."

Where's Your Necktie? (With Margaret News-Herald) ...

Oh-Far Drinking, That's Different (North Wilkesboro Hustler) ...

For President

Willkie Sets A Great Many Watches Forward To '44

Wendell Willkie does not care to keep his secret any longer. The endorsement of the candidacy of Colonel Bertie McCormick is enough to sting him into a hot reply. ...

It is a relief of sorts to have Wendell Willkie declare himself, for though his candidacy was almost a foregone conclusion, it took an announcement to make it a fact, and to mark the line of battle. ...

Under Haegs, the Swedish running flash, is a fireman back in the home town. Probably superseding the old-fashioned motorized apparatus.

Faster, Faster

Invasion Pace Stepped Up Hearteningly On Sicily

In Sicily, we are ahead of schedule. That is no guarantee that we will keep that pace, but it is, coming after the great Africa and Pantelberia, an omen for good. ...

There is the news (permitted to pass by General Eisenhower's censors) that the Axis is showing signs of abandonment in Sicily, of simply fighting a rear-guard action, while the main body of troops retreats to the Italian mainland. ...

It will not always be so easy, this business of rolling up the Axis, and pushing back the armies of evil. ...

Mr. Ritch

He Is Likely To Meet With Disappointment In Senate Run

Representative Marvin Ritch of Charlotte could not hold his peace, nor could he refrain from jumping, early into the race for the Senate seat now half-announced in Reynolds' announcements. ...

We do not believe Mr. Ritch completes the field. As we took pains to warn him some weeks ago, we are convinced he is not a man to enter the arena, and pass the two established candidates while they battle it out. ...

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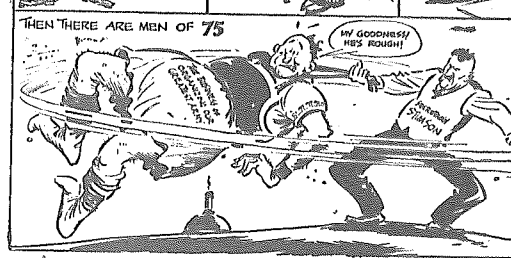
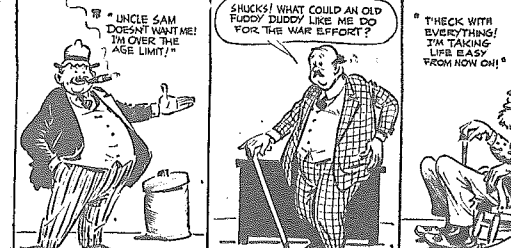
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Speaking Of Ages--

By Dorman Smith



Over Sicily Air Power Triumphs

By Raymond Clapper

THE biggest single factor in the rapidly progressing occupation of Sicily is control of the air. Because we have it much is possible, if we had not been in command in this we could not have escaped the most devastating losses. ...

Hundreds of ships were massed in the narrow waters of the Messinian for the invasion. For days huge convoys were moving through the Mediterranean. ...

Only Allied command of the air prevented the Axis from bombing the ships in large number. We would not have dared to mass them that way had not been certain of our ability to keep the Axis off the beaches would have been a massacre like that at Dieppe if the troops had not been protected by the supremacy of their own air forces. ...

Everyday Counselor Drink & Vice

By Rev. Herbert Spaulh

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