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The Navy Blues

Admiral Horne Pictures A Six-Year War With Japan

As a fearless and effective fighting force, the U. S. Navy is certainly the equal of any in the world. Its record of brilliance under fire surely compares favorably with that of any service, anywhere. It has been in the field of general public relations, and in the field of prediction, that our Navy has miserably handled its affairs. In the days before war the Navy acted as if confident of eternal peace, and banded about the name of Japan as if that empire were nothing more than a nuisance. The rumors that we could lick the Japs in one engagement at sea, or some such.

Now a Navy spokesman has talked again, and we hope he is as wrong as his predecessor have been. Admiral Frederick J. Horne pictured six more years of war with Japan. He holds no hope for a reasonably quick victory. He foresees long years of blasting out pathways to the island empire, so that the two-ocean fleet of the United States might steam in, carrying destruction. At about the same time, there were other predictions and surmises: The Army Undersecretary, "anxious to do his duty," announced that the Army had ordered to cease production, and to stand by. They were authorized as preparedness in case of the bombing of American, MacArthur, complaints that general over-confidence has held U. S. war production on a plateau for the last three months, when great increases were scheduled.

Here are three vastly different keynotes: The Navy is gloomy, the Army, confident, and a trade journal, complaining of over-confidence. Just how Admiral Horne's long-faced warning fits into the picture, we don't know. He says that two U. S. Navies will be required to finish Japan. Where will the British Navy be by 1948? Where will the new ships (which Secretary Knox says will be ready for two-ocean service by next year) be by 1948? What of the promise of Winston Churchill that England would continue to war on Japan when Germany has been finished? Does not the Admiral believe that the U. S. Navy must do this job all alone? And, while we're asking questions, where does he think the American and Chinese Armies will be all this time? What does the Admiral think will be the outcome of the bombing forces begun at Paramushiro only recently?

If the outlook is all so dismal as the Admiral would have us believe, then why is Robert Patterson urging Army ordnance production? And if the trade journal is concerned over lagging production, particularly of aircraft, why did not Mr. Patterson mention that salient fact?

We cannot believe that the Admiral is right in his fear of a six-year war against Japan, nor even that he seriously believes it himself. It has become apparent long since that the fighting Admiral Halsey was wrong in his surmise that Japan could be shipped this year, but he was a qualified guess; he was speaking for men and equipment to do the job.

No, we don't believe the Navy can sell this theory to the people of the country.

The Pope Speaks

He Places Ancient Piles Above Lives of Soldiers

The Pope of Rome deplores the Allied raid on the Eternal City, and writes of it in grave concern, urging Catholics all over the world to pray for peace. All the Christian world deplores the necessity for bombing Rome, as it deplores the necessity for the fighting of this war. To every man who gives his life for the war, whether the cause be freedom or for the cause of conquest, one must say that he regrets this necessity.

The Pope says nothing of the military installations in Rome, nor of Mussolini's refusal to declare it an open city, and thus make it immune to bombing (a device which has not always worked against the enemy). He mentions only the pious condition of his people, and the destruction of the Basilica of San Lorenzo.

Perhaps the Pope of Rome speaks for countless millions, all of whom are in agreement. But from October 1, 1920, in Italy, in 1933, in Germany. For those years, these two men are responsible. Now, the time will not be long until they will be made to pay for the horrible debts with their lives.

sacred and inviolable than was Rotterdam, or Warsaw, or Coventry. And the lives of men, in whatever uniforms, seem to us to be greater stakes than a tiny portion of Rome's ancient treasure.

It is not for us to argue that these treasures of Christianity in Rome are of less importance than Christian devotion, for instance, it is only to say that the fate of monuments is of considerably less importance than the fate of thousands of Allied soldiers.

The Vatican has taken an heroic stand of strict impartiality throughout the war, and does not speak in wrath now. The Pope only deplores, but in his words is a reprimand for the Allied commanders. We hope the reprimand is unheeded, and that the highly successful attacks are repeated whenever needed.

The Conference

Two Doomed Men Make Talk About Their Own Funeral

Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, the aging playboys of Mars, have met again in secret conference. There were surely new lines in the face of each, lines of strain about the eyes and mouths. The dear friends, gazing at one another, must have noted how hard they were going between them. There must have been the thought by the master that this Italian weakling could not sleep these nights, for hearing the rumble from Sicily. And there must have been the thought from the headman that this strutting egotist, praised by the world, was learning a new humility from the bombs in the Ruhr.

The news stories, flashed from Berlin, said that only silence followed the meeting. That does not seem strange to us. Supposedly, the two playmates, murderers of millions, were discussing "military questions." And questions is certainly correct. There is nothing left for these outlaws, so far as the military situation is concerned. They no longer make plans for advance and attack. They only multer questions, one to another. When will they come to Italy? When will they hit the Balkans? Will they come through Norway, or maybe through France? Will they keep the bombers coming? What will we do? The conference was full of questions.

But Berlin predicted bravely that the leaders had planned "counter-measures" in the Mediterranean. Yes, they make plans to strike back at the invaders. To date, the counter-measures are to be seen in the Italian revolts, under German officers in Sicily, and the surrender by thousands. The counter-measures are to be seen in the light resistance to Allied bombers, and in the empty skies above fields where once the Luftwaffe sailed. Oh, the only counter-measures left these two old men are the burning of the bridges, and the evacuation of the cities. In Italy, there is no hope left.

The conference was a pitiful thing, stacked against the gay times of the past, when the paunchy Italian could go in splendor to Berlin, or *Der Fuehrer* could mingle about Rome as a conqueror, hailed with the courteous hail of the trained thousands. It was also a pitiful thing, stacked against the Roosevelt-Churchill parties. Informal, these affairs of Democracy, but always something to be said afterward. After one, the drive from Egypt; after another, the landings in Africa; after another, the jump to Sicily. The poison was quick and deadly. In their secret studies, the Axis master had been magic to make. They asked their questions and departed, each to the comforts of luxurious air raid shelters.

Oh, the war goes down hill for the starry-eyed conquerors. The blood of the innocents begins to clog the conquerors' craven hearts; heat flashes, their tiny eyes see the coming of the enemy, the tightening of the lines. Ruin is coming, and so the masters of captive Europe can say nothing, after conference. And Berlin's voice blares that the world will soon know the decisions of the momentous consultation, "for they were made by the two men responsible for the fate of Europe."

Yes, the decisions will soon be known. When Sicily falls, it will be known that Hitler and Mussolini decided on that course. When the invaders strike Italy, that course will be a reality. The conference. The masters planned for this. And when the last life is snuffed out of the enemy over the Alps, then that, too, will have been the part of a plan. The plan that began in 1920, in Italy, in 1933, in Germany. For those years, these two men are responsible. Now, the time will not be long until they will be made to pay for the horrible debts with their lives.

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON
FINDING decision to oust both Jesse Jones and Wallace from any connection with Economic Warfare, replacing them with Leo Crowley, was almost a foregone conclusion. It showed significantly how the President's new cabinet was being set up.

The solution first proposed by ex-Justice Jimmy Byrnes was to make Wallace's director, Milo Perkins, an Assistant Secretary of State under Cordell Hull. This would have kept Perkins, an able administrator, thoroughly familiar with Economic Warfare, but put him back under the State Department, where Economic Warfare was originally.

Two years ago Secretary Hull got his Tennessee dander up when this job was transferred away from his slow-paced diplomat and he has never stopped pulling wires to get it back. Not many people know it, but in the end, it was Tom Corcoran who, in the present imbroglio, saving the Economic Warfare job from Hull to Leo Crowley. The young brain trust, formerly the President's closest adviser, had been crushed out of his White House intimacy by Harry Hopkins.

So this was a real triumph.

Hopkins, now closest to the President, spiked Corcoran long ago; but Tommy still has a powerful friend in Justice Byrnes, also in Rex Coker and Leo Crowley. Thus indirectly, Corcoran was able to convince the White House that Economic Warfare should not go back to the State Department, where it had sagged woefully; but should get fresh, new blood through Crowley.

Note: Whether it can get that fresh blood through Crowley remains to be seen. An A-1 executive, Crowley is already overburdened with Federal Deposit Insurance and Alien Property Custodian. He has done a good job, but so did Jesse Jones before he took on too many responsibilities.

Hopkins vs. Wallace
Final line-up of the White House inner circle on the basic question of ousting Henry Wallace was a split vote—3 to 2. Harry Hopkins, Judge Sam Rosenman and Byrnes all voted against the Vice-President. Hopkins has always been against Wallace, has made caustic remarks about him for years, started some time ago to crush him out of the recombination if FDR runs for a fourth term. Also Harry is a poker-playing intimate of Jesse Jones.

Siding with Wallace were Budget Director Harold Smith and his chief aide Wayne Cox Smith, a Republican, together with Cox, maintaining that Wallace and Perkins had done an excellent administrative job. Their BHW was the only new Government agency not to have its appropriations cut by Congress, had recruited U. S. war materials abroad after about half of them were controlled by the Japs. And, according to the budget directors, BHW did not deserve to be penalized.

In the end, FDR himself decided to oust Wallace. The Vice-President had submitted a memo to the White House two weeks before, telling of recent Jesse Jones delays in the purchase of strategic materials. These were not delays of eighteen months ago, as noted in the President's letter, but instances of the past few weeks and were war materials held up despite the constant importuning of Wallace and Perkins. After this memo, had been on the President's desk for two weeks with no action, Wallace finally opened up his public blast.

He told the President in advance that he was going to make a statement, but either Roosevelt did not appreciate how strong the statement was going to be, or, else, Wallace got his dander up and warmed to the writing afterwards. At any rate, the blast caught the President off base and he was lured.

White House adviser who did the most efficient job for the President during the Jones-Wallace row was hard-hitting Judge Fred Vinson. He was the man who stopped the Congressional investigation of the dispute. Because the President had okayed four letters authorizing Jesse Jones to hold up rubber, aluminum and other strategic materials, a Congressional investigation was the last thing the Administration wanted. It would have shown that the President had acted hastily, to say the least, in signing Jones's memos.

So on the day the House Rules Committee was to vote on an investigation of the Jones-Wallace row, smart Fred Vinson went up on Capitol Hill and got his successor in Congress appointed to the Rules Committee. When Vinson resigned from Congress in 1937, to become a court of appeals judge, he helped elect Kentucky's cruddy Joseph B. Bates to the vacancy. So when the Rules Committee decided whether or not to investigate Jones and Wallace, Vinson got Bates appointed, and Bates broke the Rules Committee tie.

Social Security

William Beveridge, author of the famous Beveridge plan for increased social security in England, gave a most enlightening address in Washington recently, but later proved unable to "take it" at a reception at the home of Pennsylvania's ex-Governor Clifford Pinchot.

At the reception, Assistant Attorney General Norman Littell, who made the Navy late back in the Hills deal with Standard Oil of California, remarked:

"I understand, Sir William, that the Scandinavian countries really pioneered in social security."

"Not at all," replied the author of the Beveridge plan. "What they did amounted to very little. New Zealand was the real pioneer."

"Have you been to the Scandinavian countries?" asked Littell.

"No, I haven't."

"Well, I had understood that social security was like the bill of rights to them."

"Not at all, not at all," replied Beveridge. "England is much more advanced."

"In that case," interrupted Dr. Raphael Lemkin, consultant of the Board of Economic Warfare, "why did you propose your famous Beveridge plan for England?"

"What are you trying to do?" choked Sir William, "insult me?"

The Grandeur That Was Rome—Coming Up

—By Dorman Smith



For Victory Teamwork In The Air

By Raymond Clapper

ALLIED COMMAND POST, NORTH AFRICA
I HAPPEN to be seeing more of the American air force than of the RAF which is the reason I have been writing almost exclusively about the American air force. Here, as in the case of the British, part in the air war over Germany—indeed, as it was one of the decisive battles of the world.

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bomber like the Lancaster. The British have no equals.

The two air forces make a well rounded team. Moreover, the two forces are pulling together as a team. The working association which existed in England between Air Marshal Harris and Gen. Eaker is found here also between Air Marshal Tedder and Gen. Spatz.

The British and American air forces are mixed up as one service over here as indeed is the case in some other parts of the world. Here, as in England, the Allied forces are one and nowhere is that more easily seen than in the air.

This makes a campaign such as the one in Sicily more deadly as it works up to a crescendo. The activity is more intense even than in the days just preceding the invasion. At one air field I saw eight fighters take off while the preceding mission was still out. Fighters just in were quickly interrogated and some were being called at once for briefing for the next trip.

This field has been running missions every hour on the hour. During the last six days 600 sorties were carried out from this field. A week being the trip of one plane over enemy territory. Out of the 600 plane trips only six planes were lost. And this is only one field. There are dozens of others from which the Americans and British blast hourly at Sicily.

Those Berlin specialists in air warfare must be studying this show in Sicily with worried brows. They must know we are just warming up on this one end.



"We're having a big picnic for you tomorrow—the neighbors (thought after being cooped up in a subterranean life) so long you'd be dying for a little excitement!"

Everyday Counselor Anxiety's Cure

By Rev. Herbert Spaugh

"ANXIETY and confusion are threatening civilian morale, and the Administration should take steps to reassure the people or face the possibility of increasing race riots, production difficulties, juvenile delinquency, and crimes of violence," the Emergency Committee of Neuro Psychiatric Societies recently reported according to the United Press.

The Committee urged that President Roosevelt make more frequent fire-side chats which, have already proven of value as means of building confidence and allaying anxiety. "There is nobody more bloodthirsty than a non-combatant during war time. When the enemy is not in sight, some scapegoat must be found."

"The people should be constantly informed as to what is going on as truthfully and as fully as possible. At the same time they should repeatedly be reminded of the issues for which the United States are fighting. Americans must stand for an increase in the amount of sacrifice or hardship if the need for it is explained to them."

They recommended that the best relief for civilian aggressiveness was through work, balanced by adequate recreation. "Competitive sports, authentic war movies, community drama and staging groups also relieve pent-up tension, which might otherwise seek outlets in drinking, licentiousness, or crime."

It was further pointed out that in adults, unrelieved tension may express itself in increased frequency of nervous and mental disorders, and in such diseases as gastric ulcer, heart ailments and high blood pressure. The report of these scientists is fine as far as it goes, but there is one notable omission—"THE PEOPLE."

The fire-side chats from our President are indeed helpful, and encouraging, but there is greater encouragement to those who can hear the fire-side chat of the Leader of All, who know their God and trust Him!

"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest . . . Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God. He it is that doth go with thee: He will not fail thee nor forsake thee. . . So that thou may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. . . . Our sufficiency is of God.'"

Inevitable Better World

By Samuel Grafton

THE way I make it out, it is going to take a great deal of hard planning to avoid having a better world after this war than we're now planning to get out of this thing without improvements unless we're awfully careful. After all, you can't just sit around and hope for an impractical peace. If you want an impractical peace, you have to go out and work for it.

Consider the young people of England, who are (says an article in the July issue of "Foreign Affairs") on fire for reform and progress. And there are the young people of the United States, fighting for the cause of peace and democracy. Here are all the important political groups in France, Catholic, Socialist, peasant, Communist, coming together on a program for a Fourth Republic.

These are alarming signs that the world makes sense. We must face them like men. Those who want the world to make nonsense have a big job on their hands. They cannot hope to succeed without the most careful planning. And then there was that ominous Gallup poll, which showed that 74 per cent of the people in England and 74 per cent of the people in America (exactly the same figure in both countries) want a world police force. Gentlemen, this means order!

I know that some of you have been trying to blot this measure by making optimistic gestures about how the peoples of this world are always going to be opposed to each other, and how wars are inevitable, etc. Mr. Preter has even said that race antagonism is an old American custom.

But, gentlemen, I put it to you that this is more idealistic dreaming. You will not save the situation by printing romantic essays in the Chicago Tribune about how everybody in the world hates everybody else. The hard, practical fact of the matter is that people are beginning to like each other. It will avail you nothing to depend on the poetic fancies of the New York Daily News editorial writer. The plain truth is that you're not going to be able to build hate overnight after this war. It takes a long time to make people hate each other. You have to start, little by little, but you have to start.

What you need are not dreamy-eyed liberals like Mr. William Randolph Hearst. He's been hating everybody for 30 years. And what do we have? A United Nations. Is that a system? No, it is for those who believe in lack of progress to be practical, or, we may as well face it, this peace is going to work.

Of course, we do have one or two people who really know how to plan against improvements. Take Senator Reynolds of North Carolina. Does he just go around muttering idealistically that people hate milk? No. He starts a demand that we should seize all of the islands in the Pacific, and also take over the American possessions of Great Britain. That is the practical approach. You start a fight about something specific, and, little by little, you reach the stage where everything is as bad as it was twenty years ago.

We can't be sure we're going to lose this peace just because we lost it last time. That is romantic nonsense. Every time you want to lose a peace, you have to start from scratch, just as if a peace had never been lost before. This world is full of forces of goodness, ready to break out into action, and only a dreamer will ignore them. Why, look at the way America, England and Russia have come together. That shows what happens when you depend mainly on international goodwill.

First thing you know, there is a flare-up of friendship and the work of years is ruined. Let that be a warning to us all.

Bible Thought Visitin' Roundly

Lack of appreciation is undoubtedly a noble person. You have much to be grateful for, Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me—Psalm 131.

Some Folks' De-
sires are Different
(Hot Springs News)
Marshall News-Record
Bible Thoughts were home a few days.