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Battle Of Columnists

In This Corner: Our Dot

By Dorothy Thompson

ON TUESDAY Walter Lippmann published an article describing the difference between two sets of "ideologies" in Great Britain: those who want to wage an anti-Fascist war, making alliances if possible with anti-Fascist forces in enemy countries, and, opposite to them, those who do not wish to have any dealings with any of the popular national forces until after the war is over.

"The continuation of a hopeless war would be tantamount to the nation's doom. But Germany must not die! If the German people continue... to allow themselves to be led to their doom... their only hope is to fight."

Mr. Lippmann seems to believe that two options are in conflict in the ethical realm of abstract ideas. This is wholly unfactual. The policies are approaching a serious conflict. Each is backed by great powers, only one of which is engaging the bulk of the enemy forces.

"I have emphasized important points in this manifesto, which is undoubtedly the most important political document of the war to date. Now imagine that the German people, under whatever leadership, should accept these Russian terms. Can any one assume that the Russian army will fight on to force the Germans to 'unconditional surrender'?"

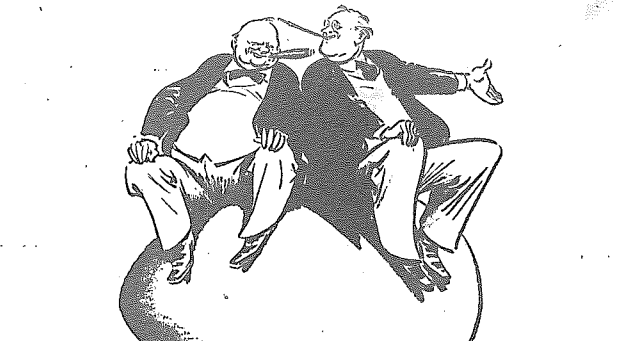
The Russian policy toward Germany has been forecast by Stalin's speeches and made crystal-clear in the Manifesto issued by the Free German Committee in Moscow. It takes a diametrically opposite line from ours.

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This is what Mr. Lippmann presents as a conflict between "ideologies." But it is a conflict between allied nations.

Whatever Hatches Out It's Bound To Be Good

By Dorman Smith



Quite Nallic

Wherein Low Art Holds High Revel This new mad linguistic race which runs its course through the English-speaking mainland probably, so far, has left you quite nallic, less than a year ago, and unless you very soon should develop a metalmal insistence you apparently have no immediate cause to fear.

Churchill Says

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Prime Minister Churchill is with us the fourth time, and each time the trenchant Winnie has said or done something to burn his memory into souls. He speaks with a stark honesty and a vivid, realistic understanding.

It would be for us this Christmastide if we were not sure that no greed for the land or wealth of any one people had led us to the field. On our side our resources in manpower and materials are far greater than theirs.

A year later, last May, he was here again. The picture was broader. This was the 1943 he had been forecasting. The air experiments that far exceed the British would fight with the Americans against Japan.

How much of a danger that is to do not know. Measured by American and British standards, no danger, as measured by the Russian morale there is no immediate danger.

But, if it may be agreed that this is democracy and that the will of the people counts, then the Roosevelt symbol will be neither liberator nor oppressor, but the symbol of a great national urge which he serves.

Now a new and extremely interesting speculation arises. Can Roosevelt become the symbol of a new national attitude? By conducting himself in such a way as to cause the people to think that he is developing a conservative outlook, will the people accept him as a status quo President, permit him to be the defender of things as they are?

Gal Controversy

Two Per Cent Was Small Price Reduction Anyway

Who are we to rush in and take part when such a superb controversy arises as one between Madame Perkins' department and the embattled housewives of the country on the letchy subject of the price of food?

But even that consideration isn't sufficient to outweigh the American housewife's concern for her suddenly undependable food fund. Sometimes the usual sum will buy a week's food supply and some weeks it won't.

There are those who believe that President Roosevelt welcomed the opportunity to spank John L. Lewis in the coal strike controversy as a signal that he had deserted the left course.

FDR, A Symbol

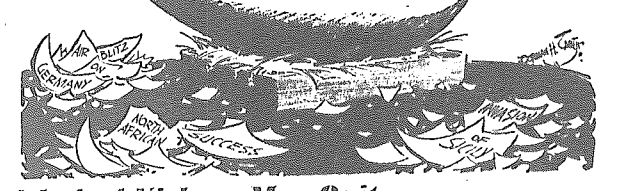
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In spite of this curious way of discussing, we know that our leaders are not a synch of the nationality wish. Harding was the symbol of the American desire to cut loose from European politics after the last war.

His Administration, unprecedentedly long, has been one of controversy, complicated by the advent of war. Despite his war duties he continues to be the original symbol of our democracy.

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Admiral Vickers May Quit

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

DO NOT be surprised if Admiral Vickers, chief shipbuilder of the Maritime Commission, quietly surreys in his resignation in protest against the Navy.

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Though Gibbs has a great reputation as a naval architect he is also an astute Wall Street lawyer. Vickers has run circles around him when it comes to ship design and planning.

Gibbs was not sore at the Navy, however. He was sore at the Navy's decision to award a design contract to the Gibbs firm.

They planned two years in advance, shall now go toward Secretary Knox's 1943 Navy.

Cox Persuasion Committee Congressman Cox's spite investigation of the Federal Communications Commission continues to reach amazing lengths in flouting established legal procedure.

Actually, a Congressional investigation is supposed to be what it says—an investigation by Congressmen. Congressional members of a committee are supposed to be present and do the job themselves.

So after some embarrassed telephoning, Chairman Cox arrived. He tried to make Hilmer swear that he would tell the truth to the "Committee of its agents."

So from 2 P. M. Hilmer was to sit all twiddling his thumbs, waiting for the Cox committee lawyers to drum up another Congressman. Finally at 4 P. M. the Cox committee lawyers stopped testifying.

Social Science



"I've thought up a brand new game, kids—we'll pretend each weed in this garden is a Jap. In the Aleutians!"

Everyday Counselor

On Drinking

By Rev. Herbert Spaulg

IT is strange how some people who are normally straight and clear thinkers display utter prejudice when the liquor question comes up.

In the role of The Everyday Counselor I have had some contact with alcoholics, and since the formation of an Alcoholics Anonymous chapter in Charlotte, some contact with them. I can't say that I am a teetotaler.

A correspondent raises the question of offending one's host or hostess by declining a cocktail. It is quite true that some hosts and hostesses are induly persistent in that score. I have even experienced some rather embarrassing moments myself by reason of my refusal.

Those who consider a clergyman's opinion on this prejudiced might accept Emily Post on the subject. She points out that it is the obligation of the host or hostess to recognize the fact that other people may not care for alcoholic beverages and he should therefore at the same time provide alternatives such as tomato juice or fruit juice.

She also wonders, "why so many people who feel embarrassed when refusing cocktails have no hesitation whatsoever in refusing food—particularly those to which they are allergic."

If we could do more honest straight thinking without prejudice, on the subject of beverage alcohol, we might get somewhere with this great national problem.

Expertly Blighting

Ax is Gets Own Dose

By Raymond Clapper

ANOTHER piece of evidence indicating how far the war has turned out is that the German radio this week has begun to attack the RAF Bomber Command.

Only this week I saw English workmen with picks tearing out brick window walls from some buildings, these having been installed for protection during the blitz on London.

At war is terrifying and brutal. That is one of the best things about it. At last we have the means of making cities uninhabitable, spreading a blight over ports, industrial areas, airfields, and—yes, why not be frank about it—population areas.

What I like about our side is the cool, calculating way we are going at this. Nothing is more soothing than to see Air Chief Marshal Harris in his home with the beautiful and young Lady Harris, and with their two-year-old daughter on his knee.

Quote, Unquote

"We did an awful lot of praying and we both had an idea we'd be rescued."