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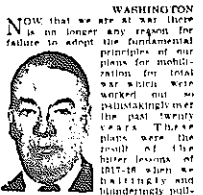
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Time To Get Going

By Hugh S. Johnson



WASHINGTON
NOW that we are all so busy there
is no longer any reason for
failure to adopt the fundamental
principles of mobilization.

OUR WAR IDEAS, NOT PLANS,
HAVE BEEN CHANGED
The time has come when we must
have our mobilization plans
re-examined and changed.

SIMPLE, DIRECT WAY
OF MAKING WAR
There are very simple, direct
ways of making war.

TO WIN THE WAR SHOULD
BE OUR FIRST PURPOSE
Let us have a war mobilization
administration, call it what you
will, with full emergency powers

The comforts of
Being a Judge
Business Week
The advantage of being a judge
was never made clearer than the
other day when Chief Justice
Golden, Colo., ordered the
University of Denver to be
closed for contempt of court.

Senator
Soaper Says:
Our All-America selection is
any eleven men in the recruiting
office photo.

Hong Kong
U. S. Navy Will Bear
Brunt of Its Evacuation
Out of London comes the report that
Hong Kong's position is desperate,
that the fortified British possession
may have to be evacuated.

Blame It On The People

By Dorothy Thompson



COLONEL KNOX'S NEW YORK
report is the best possible face
on the situation. He tells that
the Navy sustained damage to
certain vessels, and that the
damage was not repaired.

SURE THEY'RE DASTARDLY
SO WHAT?
President's smack of the whiting
about the dastardly Japanese.
They were dastardly. Yes. But we
are fighting two dastardly foes, and
their dastardliness is accomplished
by their efficiency.

ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY
WHO WILL TAKE IT?
The ultimate responsibility lies for
Hawaii and the Philippines with
the American people.

TODAY'S HILL THOUGHT
We know that there is no
death. Christ proved this.
Necessities death relieved from
Adam to Moses, ever after them
that had not shared after the
sinful life of Adam's generation,
who is to come.—Romans 5:14.

WAR STRATEGY
The backroom boys having
completed their critiques of the
North African campaign, the
situation is now taken over by
the barroom admirals.

REPORTS FROM
RUSSIA
Who's your list of ten favorite
over-the-hill clowns on which to
read a book?

Glory Above Sad Facts

By Raymond Clapper



WASHINGTON
SECRETARY KNOX'S personal report
on Pearl Harbor is one of the
most moving and tragic records in all
military history.

THEIR HEROISM WILL
NOT BE FORGOTTEN
The epic of these men and what they
did after the attack began will rise
through time. Their individual
deeds will be remembered for the
sad facts.

SHIPS WERE MASSED
IN HARBOUR, EASILY HIT
Intelligence reported that a large
number of ships were all close together,
making it almost impossible for the
Japanese to miss any submarine
gun in the harbor.

PERMISSION TO BE BORN
By Amy C. Bassett
Our Yankee
Correspondent
I ONCE apologized to my father
for not opening my allowance
more to be met by the amazing
reply that that was quite all right.

Sometimes I Think You Ain't So Hot Either
By Herblock
Just now the world we are in is
that of new babies, recently born
or about to be born. If it is a
war cup, then it is a real production
job that is under way for
every last young friend of mine,
and some not so young, is waiting
for their long-time harvest.

JAPS HAD ONLY TO
CONSULT NAVAL DIRECTORY
Admiral Kidd was a victim of the
Aritomo, but that was a slight error.
The Navy Directory, published in April,
1941, listed Admiral Kidd as commanding
battleship division No. 1 with the
Aritomo as his flagship.

Visitin' Around
Post Script
(Lanes Creek report,
Monroe Journal)
Mrs. H. C. Post reports beans,
cucumbers and tomatoes from her garden.

Damn the torpedoes! Go ahead!
—Commodore Farragut at
Mobile Bay, Aug. 5, 1861.

Guilt

Hawaii Shook 'n' Has
Nothing To Do With It

Replacement of the key commanders
of the military, naval and air forces at
Hawaii may give the impression that all
three men were guilty of doing on the
job—or of something worse. It should
not encourage such a conclusion, for not
the slightest bit of factual evidence has
been made public involving Admiral
Kimmel or General Short and Martin.

Perhaps only one of the recalled men
is chargeable with dereliction of duty.
Perhaps all are guilty; perhaps none.
That is for the special investigating
board to determine. In any case, the
men certainly are presumed to be innocent
until proved guilty, and any dis-
grace the public intends to confer upon
them should be withheld until after the
board's findings are announced.

In these tight times, we need all of the
good advice and general we can pro-
duce. It would be shameful to ruin an
innocent and valuable leader by disgrac-
ing him before he had had a fair hear-
ing.

That is why the statements given out
by Secretary Knox and Secretary Stimson
should be read with care and with
suspicion hangs over every high-ranking
officer at Pearl Harbor, including
those replaced. But only a few may be
guilty. There is a difference between
guilt and suspicion. The villain of
officers who thought so well when it
all began a little late—must at least
have a chance to be heard before they
are condemned.

Trespass

Congress Invades the Province
Of the Military Authorities

The refusal of the House to lower
the draft age from twenty-one to nineteen,
or, as a compromise, to twenty, is
detractanda. The Congressmen are
probably thinking in terms of their own
sins, some of whom at nineteen are still
in prep school, more infants who have
no business going up against seasoned
veterans of the enemy.

It so happens, however, that many of
those seasoned veterans are themselves
parents rather than infants. They
hear quickly. They are adaptable. They
snap back from utter weariness by call-
ing on the reserve of endurance that
only the youthful constitution stores up.
Older heads have their uses in war-
time, but there is no substitute for phys-
ical vigor.

It must be remembered, too, that
drafting a boy at nineteen or twenty
doesn't mean that he is to be set straight-
away in the front lines. He has at the
least six months of strenuous training
ahead of him, a period in which he will
mature at double time. With a year's
training he is converted into an adult.

In any case, the military men into
whose hands events have thrust the
safeguarding of the republic, are con-
fident from their experience that the
minimum draft age should be lowered
from twenty-one to nineteen. Congress
has no business interposing its own
sentiments.

Scenario

High Adventure on the
'Forbidden' Isle of Nihoa

Memo to Samuel Goldwyn or any other
movie producer looking for a sure-fire
war-comes-to-the-South-Sea idea:
Get this, boys. Faded in with a close-
up of happy natives living simple lives
on the forbidden island of Nihoa.
Strumming guitars.
This Nihoa is an unspoiled paradise.
See. Part of the Hawaiian group—but
white men are forbidden to live there.
No radios or any other modern com-
munication. Strictly Lamour stuff.
Suddenly an airplane motor drones.
Men look up and they are used to
planes. There is a crash and every-
body runs down to the beach. Pan-shot
'wreckage. Smiling that somehow
stunned Nihoa Japanese steps out. The

He's the situation. This Jap has just
finished bombing Pearl Harbor. But
the natives don't know it. They haven't
any idea a war has started.

As everything rocks along for four or
five days. Then, out to natives, sud-
denly fasten toward shore to out-rig-
ger canoe. They jump out and run up
to the beach. Great jabbering in native
tongue. War declared.

The Jap, earnest and crafty, over-
hears. He sneaks back to the little grass
encampment where he lives with a native
couple. When he tries to escape, his
host confronts him with the trust Jap
pulls pistol, shoots unarmed native three
times—bang, bang, bang. Enter wife of
happened. She catches on to what has
happened. She picks up a rock and brains
the Jap on the spot.
Some scenario, huh? It seems that it
really happened.

Big Job

Pacific Islands Are
Larger Than They Seem

One of the penalties of looking at
small-scale maps is a tendency to under-
dramatize the areas of islands. Partic-
ularly in this so, we find when the
map in question attempts to display the
bread Pacific in one panoramic sweep.

The size of some of those groups of
specks and even of the pin-points, we
find on looking them up, is amazing.
The single island of Hawaii, for in-
stance, is about the size of the state of
North Carolina. Hawaii, 4,036 square
miles; North Carolina, 48,740. It's about
as large as ten average Tar Heel coun-
ties. Sort of gives you a new slant on
defending the place, eh?

Borneo, where the Japs landed the
other day, is a tremendous island—
247,718 square miles. That's more than
twice as big as North Carolina, South
Carolina and Georgia combined.
The Philippines comprise an area of
114,000 square miles—two and a half
times as big as North Carolina. Luzon,
where the Japs are fighting it so long on
is almost exactly the same size as the
Old North State.

The Netherlands East Indies control
735,000 square miles—an area one-
fourth as big as the whole United States.
The Malaya Peninsula reaches 800
miles above Singapore and includes an
area almost as large as that of Florida's
—about 54,000 square miles.

Not only does the very size of these
possessions favor the Japanese attack-
ers, but their primitive or undeveloped
nature makes them easy to defend from
landings that may be attempted
anywhere.

It's going to be the biggest job this
nation ever attempted to hold the Japs
off in the Pacific with one hand and
the rest of the world with the other.
It takes a mighty big map to give us an
idea of the assignment we've had laid
out for us.

Put your dollars on the firing line
against Japan. Buy Defense Bonds and
Stamps today—and buy as many as you
can.

Senator
Soaper Says:
Our All-America selection is
any eleven men in the recruiting
office photo.

WAR STRATEGY
The backroom boys having
completed their critiques of the
North African campaign, the
situation is now taken over by
the barroom admirals.

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