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I have not yet begun to fight!

—John Paul Jones on Bonhomme
Richard, Sept. 23, 1779.

## First Thought

These Soldiers Take Time For Re-Assurances

"Am okay. Don't worry."

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[4 thousand times over, that message or one approximating it has come over the rables at 30 or 40 cents a word, address and signature included; from Honoisulu and the Philippines. It is from signifing men in the field to their relatives, usually their mothers, back home, and represents a thoughtful effort to allay the desendual arxivey that has taken up abode in the homes from which these men have come. men have gone.

"Am okay. Don't worry."

They're youngsters, mostly, these fight-ing men, and they're under fire. A great many of their fellows were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor, and others since strack on Pearl Harbor, and others since have fallen in the flighting around Ma-nilla, the U. S. outpost which rears out of the Pacific to oversee the enemy's main sea and air lines southward. It is they who are confronted with grave danger, they who, in their circumstances, might easily be forgiven keen appre-hension for themselves first and last.

But no. I'll make out all right, they say: don't you worry.
Sometimes we think that the American breed is eminently worth preserving.

Rottleneck

It's the Same Old Meandering Senate 🌽 🎳

Any optimistic suppositions that war has changed the U. B. Senate ("World's Greatest Deliberative Body") from a meandering bundle of red tape into an inhelligent, and co-operative team may now be dropped gently in the ash-can. True, there was a sort of flurry during the first week of war declarations. But as that extraordinary document, the Compressional Record, testifies, WODB has now settled down to its old, familiar, bumbling routine.

Last Tuesday, the Record reports, Senator, Maloney of Connecticut; arose to sake unanimous connect that any amend-

nanimous consent that an amend se unanimous consent that an amend-iest to the Housing Bill (H. R. di23) e laken from consideration of the Sen-tic Committee on Education and Labor of referred to the Committee on Bulld-age and Grounds. Iff its perhaps extraneous here to re-search that the defense housing program clar behind actual needs, that its in-

mark that the defense nousing program is far behind actual needs, that its inadequacy is seriously impairing the whole 
war effort, that it will one day be recogmissed as a national seandal)
Was there objection to Senator Maloner's request? There was Hours of 
debate and voting followed. Some trenchant observations were made:

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Mr. TAFT: Of course there is complete confusion in the hearing. Mr. Palmer testified before the Banking and Currency Committee. ... that there were now lifteen different agencies of the Tederal Government building houses.

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reconsider the vote by which the motion of the Senator from Connecticut was rejected in the first place."

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Now the orizinal question—which committee should consider the amendment?
Another vote. Another the -30 to 39.
At this point the Senate abandoned the matter completely and with wondrous change of pace becan to consider "Control of Strikes in Defense Industry."

Somebody ought to inform the Sen-Someody object to intom the ben-ste, officially and finally, that this kind of behavior has got to stop. Maybe diffy-dallying could be tolerated—and it/ certainly was tolerated—before Dec. 7, 1941. Now it's as outmoded as the plane production schedules of that fateful pre-war period.

# New Supermen

Russian Soldiers Receive Praise From the Enemy

Praise From the Enemy

For the first time since he came to power, Hitter has tasted military defeat. It has not agreed with him. In Switzerland it is reported that he came home from Russia near the verge of a complete nervous breakdown, that he has been ordered by his physician to Berch-tesgaden for an indefinite rest.

Meanwhile, an article by a Nazi military expert, printed in his own Voelktd. All the separation of the s

is a daziling change of pace, even for Hitler.

But wait. Stalin already has received peace feelers from Hitler. Hitler has said several times that he would make peace with those nations which Germany could not conquer. Russia seems to be one of those nations.

It is apparent that Hitler would welcome peace with Russia on the most lavorable terms to Stalin. But will Stalin make peace at any point abort of total victory over Germany.

All we know about Stalin is that he will do whatever seems most advantage, out to him. He stuned a pact with Hitler once. He would do it again, but not while the Russians were making a roul of the Nanit' invasion.

#### Exit Langer

Senate Committee Invokes The Qualification Clause

It has been fourteen years since the Senate refused to take an elected broth-er into the club. The last instance was the long-drawn oil affair which finally saw Pennsylvania's William II. Vare de-nied his seat because of unholy cam-

the long-drawn out affair which finally saw Pennsylvania's William H. Vare denied his seat because of unholy campaign expenditures

If the full membership of the Benats backs up the 13-to-3 report of its Committee on Elections, another deligate misy be given his walking papers, but for reasons that bring his character, not only his campaign, into uncomplimentary question. The man is william D. Langer, twice governor of North Dakota, in lacker of Pederal relief funds and altosether, from the start, a politician of exceedingly raucous tone and shady color.

exceedingly raucous tone and shady color,
Langer was elected to the Senate in the 1946 campsign, took his seat in Jahuary of 1941. Charges were illed against him by a group of North Dakstans, which in itself was not unusual procedure. Losers frequently file charges. But it was decidedly unusual when the Genate undertook to get at the truth or the falsity of the charges. Contomary resignate by the club to the defaming of a member of the club is the whitewash. Chances are that in the Langer case the body will uphald its committee's lopided report and dispense with Genator Langer's services. That will be a good aign, and nobody, goodness knows, can accuse the Senate of overatepping its authority. Set down in the Constitution is the provision that both houses of Congress shall be the judge of the qualifications of their members.

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# Nazi Plot

The Baltimore Sun

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this country, comes after a long series of unpleasant incidents—constant remnders of the Nail pentiant in the series of the sail pentiant in the series of the Nail pentiant in the series of the Nail pentiant in the series of the

warning, in a report on the fifth column.

'It can contentiously sell, the chamber that the pentration of foreign strongers as unquestionable first, an important fact, a fact of national stantificance, because they have penetrated into all parts and because, unfortunately, they are radioally cultivated. It is not known for certain whether the only aim to the credit or discredit of the beliggent countries, or whether a situation is being prepared for the exercise out of other plans. The Ministry has abundant information from many sources, ranking from Ministry has abundant information from many sources, ranking from from many sources, ranking from confessions to annowmous communications, from police profes to the denuncations of informers, all of which leads to the conviction that there are forces working in the republic to form an atmosphere propilition to possible future consequence of the conflict which is shaking the world.

ARGENTINE NEWSPAPERS FIGHT PRO-NAZI TRESS Even before this official recog-nition that the Nazi worm was boring deep into the Argentine ap-ple, Teading newspapers of Buerna Aires and other cities were crusted-ing against totalitation activities. ing against lotalitarian activities. They were fighting the openly pro-New press which called themselves "nationalists" but which were, in fact, nothing but outlers for Occu-lose propagands machine. La Promise propagands machine. La Promise and the propagands of the fight seament the New Action of the fight santa the New Action of the tinas, and gave promisence to the safeguards afreedy taken by the governments of Peru, Bolivia and Uruguay to suppress traitors, spice and other agents of Berlin, mitter or imported.

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TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

If you lose your self respect you have lost all: Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.—Pro-verbs 4:23.

# The Unseen Imminent Peril Achieving

I HOPE that the President's ad-dress to Congress on the origins of the war will be taken up in the public schools, after the Christ-max vacation, and discussed and re-discussed in the history classes. re-discused in the history classes. For the outstanding thing about this line. American White Paper build in the American White Paper public increases and problems, building the problems, and diplomatic problems, included, and diplomatic problems, included the diplomatic problems, and account of a series of happenings all of which could lead to only one conclusion: the imminent peril of the United States.

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Such a deam was once that of the British. But thry gave it up after the wars with France. Their policy of security became, like ours, not demination, but protection of Europeand the world-from domination by any one or two great powers.

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The roots of today's Japanese aggression are to be sought not ten but fifty years ago, although the President is right in showing that the acute danger for our times began in 1931.

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The analogies between Germany in the West and Japan in the account of the substantial of the substantialy

riors of eastern Germany-with a remembrance of Teutonic knights. There are other analogies, Hitle There are other analogies. Hither prepared for and waged war in order to stem an internal tide in Germany: the rise of the industrial worker to a powerful place in society, with the threat, therewith, of permanently overturning the feudalisatic tradition.

of permanently overturning the feudalistic tradition.

This rise of the workers, easily dismissed by the phrase of "considerated the state of the st

"DRIVEN" TO WAR BY THEIR OWN ACTS

In this sense both Germany and Japan are driven to war. Any other means would destroy the present social structure of both countries. Two million common soiders, ra-turned to Japan from China, would be RB internal menace of the first order.

order.

Far-sighted, Roosevelt knew this, and did not accept the invitation of Japan to play the role of Chamberlain and visit Tojo.

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What would have happedred to us, if he had, and the Japasnese had limed their attack with the President on the high seas? That, in all probability, is exactly what would have happened.

Letters To The Editors

# Liquor, War And Prohibition

Liquor, War An Editor, Der News:
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Brief Patriotic Speech

remained to amply supply obtaining demands.

The patrons of the spirita stocks thus confiscated simply moved down the aliey a few doors meeting itstic trouble in securing their requirements. Thus the preacher its the supplies of the suppl

-A. M. GAUNT



BUY DEFENSE

BONDS

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Senator Soaper Says:

A scientist thinks he can in-crease the life span to 220. Then we'd be our own posterity, and it would serve us right.

The "greatest victors in mili-tary history." proclaimed by Hiller before Moscow, turns out to be something less. If things get too tough, Adolf may have to capture France again.

-By Herblock

And the Little Rat Laughed

What, No Borghum? (Mossy Dale Hem,

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Winnshoo Ness-Herald;
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Ough! to Fix B
(Marshall News-Record)
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Union Now



DVOCATES of the Union New plan, devead by Clarene Streit, are starting a new campaign for public support A group of citizen, among them Justice Orea Roberts of the United States Supram Court and head of the special board to the special board to the special board to the special board to the profits board to the special boar

The plan is worth the study of every-one who wants this to be the lass war. It is so far-reaching that it invites objections which are likely to prevent objections which are likely to prevent its adoption in its present form. Yes because it is an attempt to deal with the problem that must be met, it serves as a useful beals for study.

# DISCUSSION OF PLANS NEEDN'T HURT WAR EFFORT

It is worth the consideration of every-one who wants to see the people of this one who wants to see this people of this globe have a chance to go about their business without having to take time out the each generation to defend chrem-selves against murderous stack. We still know what we such. Now is the time to find a way to schiave it. Out of du-custion of the Union Now plan, the way may be found.

To bring this up now is not to inter-fere with the war. It is part of the war, This war is not only to defeat the Axis but also to see that no butcher regimes ever again get out of control.

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PUBLIC SUPPORT NEEDZD

FOR HEGADER CO-OPERATION

I know that responsible persons in

Washington are thinking in these terms.
They need public support now so it will
be possible for them to go sheed in

whatever ways seem the most practical.
Some preliminary scaffolding to being

worked on now. The Interallied War

Council now being organized in the beginning. With it must come broader

necasures of co-operation among this

Allies, and a binding compact that will

carry them over into the armistice,

which will be nothing jess than a period

of receivership while the victor retors

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Harbor dermands not only the crushing
of Japan. It also demands that we organize security so that such nurderous
regimes are choked before they become
full grown. Force banded together, and
management so that every nation can
have its chance to live if it behaves
itself, must go together.

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itself, must go together. We know now that this cannot be done by industing nations merely to stem peace treative. Aimsal every nation, and all of the Asis nations, signed the Keiledg-Briand Pact, thereby pledising themselves not to recort to war as the production of the peace of the peace

AN AGREEMENT NOW WOULD BE A STEP FORWARD

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Deep step to that direction is worth, taking without waiting for a more compile plan to be adopted. If a compact can be made now, and I ampect that it not only can but will be made, the nucleus of the combined force and reactures to manage the armitistic transition, through the twilight period into prace.

Such a step now will give added purpose to our cause. It will give hope beyond victory. Unless we do this, victory will only mark the rise of new apprehension and preparation for more war. If the sacrifices of this war are to be fully windicated, victory must mean not the end of united effort but only the beginning, because the sim of victory is to have our kind of world-secutity from without no roler to have freedom within. To have security from without no roler to have freedom within. To have security from without no real nontrol, and to share it only as other nations will fit themselves into a peace rations will fit themselves into a peace ration and stamps. eace. Such a step now will give added pur-

## Visitin' Around

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To fee Such Sport
(Jonas Ridge Item.
Morganton News-Herald)
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night with Hastland Clathe and while
litere had a very bad sectlent. While
livying to kill rate the Clarke boy
accidentally hit Lee instact of the Fat.
He was unconscious for awhile.