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Cold Murder
The Slaughter at Manila
Characterizes the Enemy

Ruthlessly, unopposed by either anti-aircraft fire or U. S. fighter planes, the Japs were literally blowing the open city of Manila off the map today. Left without a single military objective since General MacArthur moved with his staff into the field, the Philippine capital was a helpless target. After holding off for one day, the Japs let fly in a coldly inhuman blast.

ated from the Occupied Chinese mainland by only a mile of water, exposed to attack by air, land and water. Hong Kong had not a chance. Even the bold attempt at relief by Chiang Kai Shek was more of a token than a plausible enterprise.

For Hong Kong, of all the outposts of Empire, was situated in the toughest spot, surrounded after Canton fell in 1936 by hostility and hostile preparations which the Japs made no great effort to dismantle. Reinforcements of men and guns doubtless were made by the British in the three-year interval, but reinforcements past a point probably were considered inadvisable. The place could not have been held indefinitely save by a force which was able to take the field in Southern China.

By the accident of time, Hong Kong's demise as a Crown Colony takes place in the 100th year since its cessation by China as a province. Under what flag its ports will be opened again to world trade in the years to come, no man knows or would be wise to guess at this juncture.

It is a long way to Manila. The breadth of the United States and the 3,000 miles of the Pacific separate this community from the scene of destruction. But it was American soil. Many of the dead are American citizens. All had been the wards of our Government. We Americans feel the responsibility.

Strip The Decks
Acid Test for Spending:
Does It Help Win the War?

"There is no room for non-essentials in a Government stripped for action."
Thus Senator Byrd's special committee on economy summed up its comprehensive report to Congress. It was a special committee which suggested curbing non-war expenditures that would save the people about one and a third billion dollars next year. It was a compromise report; its recommendations were far from drastic.

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It's not just the money we'd save. That, of course, is important enough. A billion dollars will buy squadrons of bombers and pursuit planes, whole companies of tanks, scores of destroyers, two dozen battleships. But there's the organization of human effort to be considered.

A good administrator working on a non-war project is not only wasted, he tends to get in the way of the whole war effort. There is a room in Washington for just so many bureaus and divisions and bureaus. They add needless to the confusion of the war effort. The effect is the same as if you turned loose several thousand social workers in the Regular Army with powers to organize and re-organize as they saw fit.

In a month or so the Army might be enjoying a more abundant life, but we would be a bad way for a competent fighting force.
Senator Byrd's committee has done a good job, one that needed doing. Not only should Congress adopt its suggestions, but the President should follow up such action by consolidating and re-organizing the whole non-war administrative set-up. For instance: thirty-two Government agencies are now building houses. One is enough.

The squawks will be plentiful against both Congress and the President if they do what must be done. Vested interests within the Government, the reformers, holders of the soft job, inefficient political appointees—all will scream that they are being "sacrificed." Sure. So they ought to be. There's a war on, and we need their offices and their appropriations.

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

American Nationals still in the Far East after all the warnings might as well stay there, as there are no roller coasters running here to stand up in.

The skeptics society, at an early meeting, will take up the most question, "Tommy Manville: Is he this important?"

Tristled Compact
Von Brauchitsch To Hitler
By Dorothy Thompson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The handshakes which Mr. Roosevelt and Hitler exchanged in Berlin last week were unfortunately still a compact. The situation is... The German army, Mein Fuhrer, has fought from Bordeaux to the gates of Moscow... The German army is invincible.

"The National Socialist Party, Mein Fuhrer, has failed in only one particular..."
"Twenty divisions. No resources, no industries, no equipment to pick up, no food. We might succeed in closing the western Mediterranean, but supplies to the Middle East are going via the Red Sea. It is not quite sea, Mein Fuhrer, just how we shall win the war with that."

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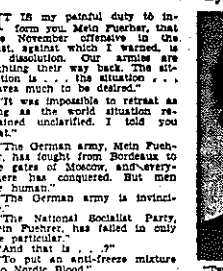
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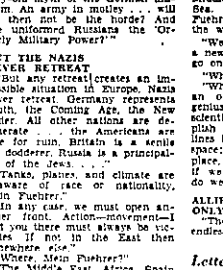
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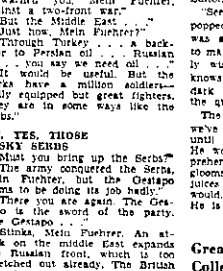
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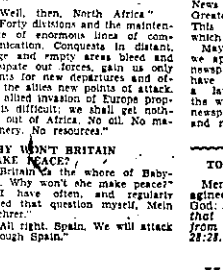
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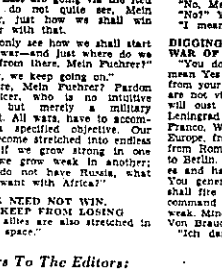
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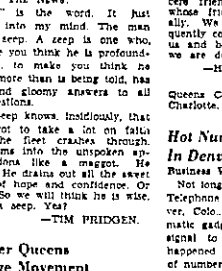
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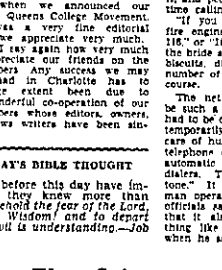
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The Public And Peace
By Raymond Clapper

I HOPE a way will be found to stop the widest circulation to the President's discussion of the foundation of the Atlantic Charter.

Monthly. We need thinking by the public in the field far more than in the business of military strategy.

In fighting the war we must rely on the decisions of those in command who have the secret information. Backward driving in military matters is necessarily advice given in ignorance of many controlling facts. It is therefore useless, if not worse.

Public Information
HELPERS ORGANIZE PEACE
This is not true concerning organization of the peace. True legislative decisions will have to be made.

We know now, Vice-President Wallace says, that the modern world must be recognized for what it is—an economic unit. If that fact is not clearly kept in mind from now on, we are liable to trap ourselves into short-run decisions that will work long-run harm.

Hot Number
In Denver
Business Week
Not long ago the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Denver, Colo., installed a set of automatic gadgets to sound a warning signal to subscribers when they happened to dial a combination of numbers not listed anywhere in the telephone directory.

Men before this day have imagined they knew more than God. Behind the feet of the Lord, that is Wisdom and to depart from evil is understanding.—Job 22:2

TARIFFS OBSTRUCT COMBINED WAR PRODUCTION
Because top war production by both countries is necessary, it does not make sense to obstruct the exchange of materials by imposing tariffs. If we have something Canada needs or Canada has something we need, the important thing is to get it where it is needed.

This is not a specific pattern for postwar relations, which will be governed by other considerations—economic well-being rather than actual survival. The same attitude of mind, however, is the pattern needed—Gestapo, realistic wrestling with the actual problem, rather than incantations that have come down to us from the McKinley Administration, which may have been all right for quite different days.

It All Came Out
In The Wash. We Trust
(Let Years Ago, Lexington Dispatch)
Decided again for false arrest by man accused of disturbing baptizing.

Winlar Draps On
(Monticello Item, Redville Review)
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Visitin' Around
Christmas Influence
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Here They Go! -By Herblock