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The Men Of 1941

These Have Given Us Hope and Courage In 1941. Will Give Us More in 1942

As the Old Year sighs and stirs and prepares to take its departure, leaving to its successor a world in conflict, fearfully true, it would be appropriate for us all to look back and determine what men or groups of men have had, in this passing year, the most salutary influence upon our destinies, the most inspiring affect upon our hopes.

There are, to our minds, four such men or groups of men whose behavior and achievements in this critical year call for an American expression of deep appreciation. Without intending to surfeit them with praise, without, indeed, expectation of conferring upon them greater honor than theirs by earned right, nevertheless there is satisfaction to ourselves in simply committing our great respect for them to print.

For that reason we should like to cite as men of this year, upon whom so much depends in the year to come: 1. Franklin Roosevelt, President of the United States, who foresaw and clearly understood the inevitable force of events in which this nation was caught, who labored mightily, against apathy and unscrupulous opposition, to be ready to meet the enemy upon our terms, not upon his.

and Minister of Defense of Great Britain, who embodies more than any other individual the indomitable fortitude and resourcefulness of our country, qualities which in time will win the final victory or at worst deny it to their oppressors.

3. The common soldiers of Russia, upon whom fell all the organized might of German attack, who gave ground and retreated only at fearful cost to themselves and the adversary, who, without offering themselves as defenders of anything save their homeland, nevertheless have done so far a magnificent job of defending the world against the evil forces which would enslave the human race.

4. The young men of the United States, who have shown by their response to the call of their country and by their immediate behavior under fire that the qualities which made her great patriot, courage, idealism and sacrifice—all survive unchanged in the American breed.

These two men and these two groups of men named above, for the manner in which they have met the dark challenge of 1941, are due all homage. Given God's blessing and the help of their brothers in freedom everywhere, they will win through to victories in 1942.

Mrs. FDR She Telephoned Her Family on Christmas

Familiar with the radio dial Sunday night, we happened, at 7:30, to find in Franklin D. Roosevelt's weekly broadcast. Then, for the first time in several months, we heard the First Lady's voice. But could this be the same Eleanor whose high-frequency vowels had been limited by her husband's need to be heard? There were low, pleasing, well-modulated, available—easy listening.

The second surprise came during Mrs. FDR's discussion on the wonders of the telephone. She said that many of us are inclined to take Alexander Graham Bell's invention too lightly, but in time of war it was a great weapon and great center. Furthermore, she didn't know when she had appreciated the merits of the telephone so much as on Christmas Day, when she called up all the members of her family to wish them season's greetings.

Now we do not wish to be unduly ironic on the First Lady. But can it be that she heard nothing about the emergency which prompted all of the major telephone companies to spend thousands of dollars on advertisements urging all patriotic citizens not to place any but essential long distance calls during the holidays? The lines must be kept open, said the telephone companies, so that vital national defense calls can go through.

Having a warm feeling for Mrs. FDR, we'd have been inclined to blink at one so distant call. Or, perhaps, she had called up the whole family—and what a family. Let's see: there's John and Franklin Jr., and Elliott and James and their families and Mrs. Dall, or is her name Bottiger now? ... and oh, well.

Come to think of it, maybe Mrs. FDR has to use the telephone to check up on a family like here at Christmas.

Contradiction North Carolina Had No Lynching in 1941

Generally accepted as the official lynching figures are those compiled by Tuskegee Institute. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People likewise keeps lynching records, but they are subject to some discount for the reason that the organization's census taker sometimes runs away with its judgment.

At any rate, Tuskegee's 1941 report, just issued, lists four lynchings for the year.

It was in Gaston County last April that there took place the crime which now goes down in the books as a lynching to North Carolina's discredit. A full report was made by this newspaper. Four white men in their twenties decided to celebrate Easter with a spree. About dusk they were riding along, drunk and looking for trouble, when they met a young Negro couple, bride and bridegroom, of a week. They shouldered shotguns, and when the Negro man resisted their behavior, a rock-throwing took place, with no casualties. They chased the Negro couple to their family home where they were met by the man's brother, who ordered them off his premises as they had a right to do and fired at them with a shotgun.

After darkness they returned with guns, and when the young Negro bridegroom stepped out of the dwelling with his own gun, they shot him eight or nine times. It was a brutal crime, and perhaps the four white men deserved more than the sentence, ranging from fourteen to twenty-five years, that they got. Murder it was, however, without bestial motives, and not lynching. Consequently, the county notwithstanding, North Carolina had no lynching in 1941. The country at large had but three.

Super-Sub "Surprise"

By Paul Mallon



THOSE who wish to know the truth about our Pacific Coast shipping were not from steep basins of California or Mexico, but part of a long range of surprise effect that Tokyo has a submarine building program for this specific purpose.

ADMIRAL LEAHY'S NEW JOB

The grand old man of the American Navy, Admiral Leahy is coming back from Vichy in four weeks. A distinction that is not to be confused with that of a job he will get here.

Hitler First, Japanese Later

Some folks are grumbling that the United States is forgetting about the Japs and concentrating on Hitler. That idea is all right.

MARCHING THROUGH

Events seem to have made our decision. Our air deficiency in the Pacific is being made up by the success. To retrieve ground lost there will require a long time.

UNITED AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY

Flaming anger against the Japs has brought friendly to the many enemies of the American maritime union. It would have some you recall the name of Harry Landwehr of the Pacific Shippers Union and his enemy, Frederick Myers of the Maritime Union of America.

"Nation of Dollar-Chasers"

Leaderless Production



Letters to the Editor: Detroit's Rank In Population

Editors, The News: Meisel and another soldier friend of mine had an argument as to the rank of Detroit, Mich., in the cities of the world.

They are just as pretty as the Japanese trees, and maybe more so. I never thought these trees were so wonderfully pretty and now I would not care to see them again.

Every Man His Own Policeman

The Chicago Sun: The Chicago traffic policemen of Harvey, Ill., being sorely needed to guard defense plants, Police Chief Albert Bell has taken them off traffic duty and put motorists on their honor to report themselves in court for violations.

This New Year, 1942

Editors, The News: The forces of Evil abroad in the United States of America have taken their stand. To force on free peoples their godly will: Their avowed intent to enslave them fulfill.

Senator Soaper Says

There is no sugar shortage at this time, but will be if the late-comer admiral keeps on using the lump type to represent battleships.

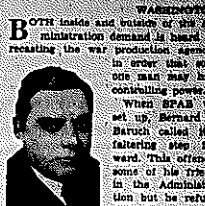
Wants Cherry Trees Destroyed

Editors, The News: May I refer to your questionaire of the 11th about the Japanese cherry trees being destroyed and the answers to your inquiry.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

God put a conscience in our hearts, do not trade your conscience. Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions.—Eccl., 7:29

Mr. Herblock's Pen Panorama Of The Year When War Came To All Men



OTHER inside and outside of the war production agencies in order that some of our men have confidence in the Administration but be refused to back down on it.

SOMEbody HAS TO GRAB THE BALL AND RUN

For a time it was hoped that some one would be able to grab the ball and run with it regardless of the confusion of authority and direction.

We haven't really started in war production. This coming year must see doubling and trebling of it. During 1941 we have put about one-fifth of our total resources into it.

THE BUREN IS UPON AMERICA

The sooner we do it the sooner the war will end. Britain can't increase her production much more. China can contribute little. Russia has done heroically but she has lost heavily in material and in production facilities.

KNUTSEN HAS HESITATED TO PUSH CONVERSION

But this task is largely in the hands of William S. Knutson who all along has been hesitant to force conversion of civilian plants. He didn't want to change over the automobile industry, and was largely responsible a year ago for rejecting the Reuther Plan to speed end.

THE ROSE BOWL GAME IS TRANSFERRED TO NORTH CAROLINA

We wouldn't care to have some safety men during a Pacific Coast rally, signal for a fair catch of what he thought was a football.