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Foresight Pays Dividends

THE axis is getting the economic hot-foot these days. The South American way. And for once "Yankee imperialism," to borrow a term from our none-too-pure past, works for the benefit of the United States and our sister republics to the south.

Most of the blacklist of firms friendly to or under the domination of the axis was published before Pearl harbor, and we can thank our state department for such foresight. This rogues' gallery of enemy business firms is now paying dividends, but not so Berlin, Tokyo or Rome.

LOUD protests roared from the Straits of Magellan to the Canadian border with publication of the list, naming names and calling out companies upon which the United States asked the other nations to turn a cold business shoulder.

We were accused of reviving "dollar diplomacy," that curse of the past by which we—often with the help of a few strategically placed machine guns—forced our Central and South American neighbors to do business with us and our way or else. Statesmen shouted and the breast-beating of axis sympathizers was wondrous to behold.

This time, however, we really played the part of the good neighbor. As Peter Edson, News-Review NEA Service Washington correspondent reports, that blacklist blasted the way for important gains through the enemy economic lines, and put money in the none too crowded treasuries of South America.

Since publication of the list, 200 blacklisted firms have bit the economic dust in Mexico, 18 have gone bankrupt in Cuba and similar encouraging reports come from other countries. South American firms get most of this business once hogged by German, Italian or Japanese companies. Thus our friends have more money with which to buy goods from us.

Naturally the dollar side of this appeals. And it should. It is almost as important that we put the enemy out of the airline, banking, motion picture and steel business as it is that we should score military victories.

Best of all, however, we are proving to ourselves, to Latin America and to others who care to listen that the United States can wield economic weapons in the interest of our neighbors as well as ourselves. That alone makes the whole thing worthwhile in view of our past policies south of the border.

Budget Gardens

THERE'S a new "back to the farm" movement sweeping the country in which every householder can share, even if his "farm" is no more than a rug sized back yard plot of ground. Start planning that war garden now, and gather your harvest next summer in fresh vegetables for your table and lower food costs for your budget.

Cities, too, can join this war garden effort by providing individual plots in vacant lots for apartment dwellers who have no access to back yards. But the department of agriculture warns against repetition of 1918 mistakes in which gardens were planted in unfit soil and seeds, fertilizer and work were wasted. City-sponsored projects should be directed by agricultural experts for best results.

A successful garden requires gardening experience, fertile,

well-drained soil, sunshine, adequate water supply, garden tools and proper kind of seed. If you haven't all of these, better leave the gardening to someone else. But if you do possess or can acquire these you can aid America's war campaign materially by a little back-bending and elbow grease. Buy defense stamps with the money you save.

Editorials on News

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try, land on the coast of Northern France, destroy a German radio station that had been acting as a detector of approaching British planes, and then, under a protecting "umbrella" of RAF fighter planes and with naval protection, withdrew across the channel.

IT is a small-scale operation. But this mustn't be forgotten: The British LANDED in German-held France. They captured and destroyed their objective. They then retired under the pressure of superior force. (Apparently they retired in good order, without disastrous losses.)

But they GOT THERE. If the landing had been in FORCE, they MIGHT HAVE STAYED. At least, the Germans won't be able to get that thought out of their minds.

FROM the standpoint of landings on the continent, the British possess the advantage that goes with the offensive.

That is to say, they can PICK THE SPOT to apply superior force. The Germans, on the other hand, must keep prepared to resist attack ANYWHERE.

Any good quarterback understands this situation. THIS daring British exploit (trifling in itself) is intended first to worry the Germans and second as a rehearsal for a possible landing in force.

MEANWHILE, keep your eye on what is happening in northern Russia.

A German army, supposedly of about 96,000 men, is said to be practically surrounded in the area just south of Lake Ilmen. (Consult your map.) The Russians claim to be closing pincer jaws BEHIND the Germans, who are said to be desperately rushing in reinforcements by transport planes—which the Russians claim to be shooting down.

If the situation here pans out as the Russians hope and this German army is CAPTURED, Hitler will have reason to look at his hole card.

(NOTE the "his." In this war, it isn't wise to count any chickens until they are actually hatched.)

U. of O. Quintet Trims Idaho, 50-33

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 3.—(AP)—Fourth place in the northern division Pacific coast conference basketball race was clinched here last night by the University of Oregon when it bottled up Idaho to win 50-33.

Ray Turner, poorly supported by his Idaho teammates, added 10 points to his total and will have to add nine more to better the 16-game record of 187 set by Wally Palmberg of O. S. C. in 1936. The two teams wind up their final games tonight.

The Idaho ace could break the all-time scoring record of Laddie Gale, who piled up 191 points for Oregon in 1938, by scoring 13 to-night. Gale's record was for 20 games, however.

The Oregon squad last night used frequent substitution and were never in danger. They led at halftime, 30-15.

ODDITIES

(By the Associated Press)

Out of the Past

PITTSBURGH Steve Labash has just received a Christmas card from Private Joseph Massie, a Pittsburgh soldier in the Philippines, mailed November 24. It reads: "This is a wonderful country. Wish you were here."

Seated Gentlemen

CHICAGO With men seated all about her, Miss Rose Dobbs stood hanging to a strap for about 20 minutes in a crowded street car before she collapsed.

The woman, who is 5 feet, 4 inches and weighs about 125 pounds, told a police sergeant that before going home from work she had stopped at a Red Cross post and donated a pint of her blood.

OUT OUR WAY

