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A Challenge to Hitler

IT is with deep regret that most Americans consider the possibility of facing the French in a shooting war.

The military aspect—the strengthening of Hitler's naval resources—has been stressed. It is important. But today, as Pierre Laval's resurgency makes armed conflict between Frenchmen and Americans appear imminent, we should like to indulge in a final spurge of sentimentality.

Of all the earth's peoples, until recently one would have said that the French were the last we should have to shoot, bomb and attempt to destroy in defense of fundamental democracy.

Nowhere, we believed, did the love of liberty, equality and fraternity flourish more vigorously and even belligerently than in France.

No nation had contributed so much to the establishment and preservation of democracy in the United States.

Millions of young Americans, now in the prime of life, fought in and for France less than quarter of a century ago, and came home convinced that in all future world alignments we and France would stand side by side.

Those who realized the essential offensiveness of Germany thought of France as democracy's Maginot Line, which would hold until her democratic allies could come to the rescue.

That, of course, is the key to the sad situation we face today. We counted too much upon that Maginot Line, literally and figuratively. When it broke—when the actual fortifications proved incapable of making up for the moral strength and national unity France had lost—the rest of us were caught unprepared.

So now we see our traditional friend and ally beaten, dismembered, ravished, forced at gunpoint to become the military ally of her and our bitterest enemy.

When and if Laval completes the sale of his country even to the extent of turning the French navy over to German crews and permitting the use of French naval bases by the nazis, we shall have to lay aside this sentimentality and treat all of France as a part of the Reich.

But first, there can be no harm in remembering that for most Frenchmen, this alliance with Hitler is not even a matter of expediency. It rests upon bitter compulsion.

Probably the average Frenchman hates Hitlerism worse to day than before Dunkirk.

There is reason to believe that the French public, as a whole, desires an Anglo-American victory so wholeheartedly that our bombing of even their beloved Paris does not arouse resentment, since it is an act of initiative against the nazis.

The French, as a race, have not changed in their love for democracy. The senescent Pétain, the anglophobe Darlan, the fascist Laval may let them down, and place them nominally on the side of Hitler. Their fleet and their bases may be used against us.

But here's a challenge for Der Fuehrer: Does he dare today to raise a French army, equip it with tanks, artillery and planes, and take his chance on which side it would fight?

Used Car Lots

THE administration didn't take long about repudiating Senator Downey's bill authorizing the confiscation of all privately owned automobiles.

There is plenty of dynamite in any such plan. The American

people will not object to giving up their cars at any time when they are convinced that the military machine really needs them. But they would require a big job of selling at this moment.

It would be worth the rubber that would be used if Mr. Downey would drive by automobile from Washington to his California home and look over the used car lots he passes. Then, perchance, he would withdraw his bill for the present.

Sensible System

SUGAR rationing is coming closer. Registration for cards is not many days off, and there after we shall have to drug the sweet tooth with half a pound per person each week.

It is going to be a bother. But since there is a shortage, the individual rationing plan seems to us to be the only sensible way of handling allocation. Surely it will be better than the current haphazard control over gasoline.

With a ration card every person gets his share, and no more. With, out one, early birds and hogs get everything, and the rest of us nothing.

Editorials on News

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unrecognized plane. Hence the alert.

At least, that is the tale one picks up.

These instances are satisfying. They show the air raid warning service system is functioning accurately.

VALLEJO continues to grow like a mushroom. They're now putting up shacks of prefabricated houses. They start on one of these affairs in the morning and by night it's all up.

AT the Carquinez bridge armed guards pace their beats—as they've been doing for months. But there is a change.

They're old.

But they're competent looking. Unless you're looking for trouble, don't go fooling around the Carquinez bridge in an unauthorized manner.

AT the toll gate on the Bay bridge, a California state cop, seeing the license, stops the car.

"Are you working in California?" He asks.

The answer is no.

"How long are you going to stay?" is the next question.

The answer indicates that the stay will be brief. It seems to be satisfactory. At least, one is permitted to pass.

SAN FRANCISCO also has had an alert. The story is that it was caused by a plane that got off its reported course.

Evidence again that the air raid warning system is working.

No one ought to complain about these alerts. As a matter of fact, little complaint is heard. People generally accept them as evidence that the warning system is functioning well and are inclined to be pleased rather than critical.

But there are exceptions—as always.

Schools were dismissed and the children sent home. One mother is reported to have objected strongly because her child had to come home through the rain.

THIS writer saw actually with his own eyes the other day a case of civilian objecting to the rationing program.

A woman wanted to buy several hundred feet of water pipe. The salesman explained that he could sell her only 100 feet. It wasn't enough for her purpose, and she said so in no uncertain terms—adding that she was never coming back to that store to buy anything as long as she lived.

Piping is made of iron. Iron is required to make steel. Steel is the backbone of modern war. If we permit too much of it to be used for CIVILIAN purposes there won't be enough for the war needs—for modern war's appetite for steel is limitless.

THE woman, of course, wasn't unpatriotic. She was just thoughtless. She hadn't reasoned all this out yet.

We have a lot to learn as we go along.

But we'll LEARN it. The American public generally means business and there is amazingly little complaining.

Enlists in Navy—The navy recruiting office at Portland today reported the enlistment of Lewis K. Byrd of Roseburg.

OUT OUR WAY



THE PACIFIER

By J. R. WILLIAMS

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Mutual Broadcasting System,
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(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

4:15—Johnson Family.

4:30—Oratorical Contest.

4:45—Music Depreciation.

5:00—You Can't Do Business With Hitler.

5:15—Orphan Annie, Quaker Oats.

5:30—Capt. Midnight, Ovaltine.

5:45—Jack Armstrong, Wheaties.

6:00—Dinner Concert.

6:30—Spotlight Bands, Coca Cola.

6:45—Interlude.

6:50—News, Cal. Pac. Utilities.

6:55—Interlude.

7:00—John Gunther, White Owl.

7:15—Tom Parkinson for Senator.

7:20—American Newspaper Association Dinner.

7:45—Defense Report.

7:50—Musical Interlude.

8:00—Standard Symphony Hour, Standard Oil Co.

9:00—Alka Seltzer News.

9:15—Hi Neighbor, McKean and Carstens.

9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

9:45—Joe Reichman's Orch.

10:00—Sign off.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1942

6:45—Eye Opener.

7:00—News, L. A. Soap Co.

7:15—Stuff and Nonsense.

7:30—News Bulletins.

7:45—State and Local News, Boring Optical.

7:40—J. M. Judd Says "Good Morning."

7:45—Rhapsody in Wax.

8:00—Haven of Rest.

8:30—Bargain Fest.

8:45—Miss Meade's Children.

9:00—John B. Hughes, Anacin.

9:15—Man About Town.

9:45—Old Fashioned Girl.

10:00—Alka Seltzer News.

10:15—I'll Find My Way.

10:30—News Bulletins, American Home Products.

10:35—Women Today.

10:45—Your Date With Don Norman.

11:00—Adventures of Jane Arden, Capco.

11:15—Wheel of Fortune.

12:00—Interlude.

12:05—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer Co.

12:15—Interlude.

12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.

12:25—Rhythm at Random.

12:40—Golden West Coffee, Five Minute Melody Time.

12:45—State News, Hansen Motor Co.

12:50—News Review of the Air.

1:00—Sons of the Pioneers.

1:15—Charles A. Sprague for Governor.

1:30—Nat'l Small Business Conference.

1:45—Richard Eaton.

2:00—P. T. A.

2:15—In the Future With Baker.

2:30—At Your Command.

2:45—The Bookworm.

3:00—B. S. Bercevic.

3:15—Johnny Richards' Orch.

3:30—News, Douglas National Bank.

3:45—Musical Matinee.

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

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5:45—Jack Armstrong, Wheaties.

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6:30—Spotlight Bands, Coca Cola.

6:45—Interlude.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

There is no doubt that notwithstanding David's many faults, he was an outstanding character in Hebrew history. What made David great was his attitude as he faced the necessities of the hour in which he lived, having served, the writer does not say, having governed, or dominated, or imposed his will upon thousands of subjects, but he says, "having served." Jesus' mission also was to serve. "Non-ministrari sed ministrare." The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. This changes the whole attitude of life. Then, David served his own generation, his contemporaries, those that lived in his day. That meant, we must do all we can for the good and improvement of the world now. We must not wait for better times but do it today. This historical hour is a challenge to Christian men and women and they must accept it. He also served the counsel of God. He did not obey something imposed by human authority, but the will of God. He sought to know His will, and do it. If I have this day not been able to render a service to somebody, I have lost the day's work for the night is coming under the sunset skies. While their bright tints are glowing, work for the daylight files." Amen.

6:50—News, Cal. Pac. Utilities.

6:55—Interlude.

7:00—Anzac Day.

7:15—"American Medicine and the Final Victory."

7:30—Lone Ranger.

8:00—Wally Johnson's Orch.

8:15—Arturo Arturo's Orch.

8:30—Your Songs.

9:00—Alka Seltzer News.

9:15—Treasury Star Parade.

9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

9:45—Hank Keene in Town, Velvet Tobacco.

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