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The Best Defense

ARCHIBALD MAC LEISH scored a bull's eye when he told publishers that the truth is the best defense against enemy propaganda.

He would have performed a greater service, and struck a more novel chord, if he had given the newspapermen an idea how, under current conditions, they can get and print the truth. Every responsible editor, even under censorship, is doing his best to see that nothing but the truth gets into his news columns. But there isn't a newspaper in this country which can pretend with straight face that it prints all of the important truths it can obtain and verify.

By general agreement, each executive withholds what in his opinion might be of value to the national enemies. Then—and this is what hurts—he deletes anything which he fears Washington might think could conceivably be of value to the enemy.

The result is, of course, that the public obtains a very incomplete picture of what is going on. It learns much less than the truth. Some of the details which the government withholds from the press, or which editors withhold from the public, obviously should not be printed, or should be deferred for strategic reasons.

There can be no sound criticism, for example, of the government's refusal to comment on the raid on Japan. Washington's reticence has been justified by the unbelievably asinine sequence of statements on the raid which have come from Tokyo and Berlin. Reading them, no layman could ever again give credence to any war communiqué out of Nippon until it had been verified from a responsible source. By keeping still, our government has let the Japs show themselves as the clumsy liars they are.

Moreover, there are occasions—and the Tokyo bombings may prove to be of this sort—when facts must be withheld until their disclosure no longer can endanger our military and naval forces.

In the name of national unity and morale, there is a persistent attempt to soft pedal criticism of the official conduct of this war. Specific facts and figures by which the progress of our preparation could be measured are all but impossible to obtain for publication.

This is not a healthy situation. The less genuine information the newspapers are permitted to print, the more receptive is the public mind to distorted gossiping which sometimes actually is the product of obstructionists, saboteurs, defeatists, fifth columnists.

Mr. MacLeish is correct. The truth, while at times it will hurt, is the best defense against enemy propaganda. As director of the Office of Facts and Figures, can Mr. MacLeish arrange for newspapers to obtain a little more of the pregnant truth, and to be permitted to print it?

One reason we're still half asleep, as a nation, in this war is that we haven't been given the available proof as to how important it is that we become wide awake.

What's the Hurry?

THE spreading movement for lower automobile speed limits should have the whole-hearted support of every motorist, out of sheer selfishness if patriotism isn't enough motive.

At 40 miles an hour, the aver-

age automobile will go almost three miles farther on each gallon of gas than at 55 miles an hour, and slightly more than six miles to the gallon farther than at 65 miles an hour.

At 35 miles an hour, your tires will average to last more than twice as long as they will at 55.

Editorials on News

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ish-American supply line to Russia. Hitler hoped to use these warships to raid that line.

THERE are confused reports of a running battle between German warships and planes and a British-American convoy headed for Russia around the northern tip of Norway. The Germans as usual, claim heavy damage to the enemy and little loss to themselves.

Allied reports are lacking as these words are written.

THE Germans carry out a retaliatory bombing raid against the town of Exeter, in England. They are said to have used about 30 planes, of which about 25 per cent are said by the British to have been shot down.

Watch these loss percentages. They are important in determining the success or failure of bombing warfare.

THE escape of French General Henri Honore Giraud from a German prison after eight months of careful planning is one of the romantic stories of the recent news.

He is apparently in Vichy now. The REAL story is why the Germans don't reach out and grab him there.

SUGAR rationing is the big item in people's lives these days. Sugar (molasses) is a short cut to industrial alcohol (needed for explosives) without building NEW PLANTS, which take materials needed for the war effort. Alcohol can be made from any number of surplus products, but it takes MORE COPPER, etc., to do it.

This writer's advice to good Americans is to take sugar rationing and LIKE IT.

SO far in its war effort, the United States has paid out in cash as much as the cost of the first world war.

From 1917 to the peace treaty in 1921, the U. S. cost of the first world war was \$25,729,000,000 including loans to our allies. Since July 1, 1940, the U. S. government has paid out approximately 26 billions.

The U. S. cost of the last war, including expenditures up to the peace treaty and pensions, compensation, bonuses, etc., since that time was about 45 billions.

With spending now running over three billions a month, it won't be long until the aggregate U. S. cost of this war exceeds the aggregate cost of World War I.

REMEMBER, DOLLARS DON'T COUNT.

Only winning the war counts. The time to talk about reckless spending will be after the war is won. The accounting that will then be demanded by those who pay the taxes will rattle the spenders' back teeth.

But that isn't now.

The job NOW is to WIN.

THERE is plenty you don't like about the non-military conduct of this war.

BOTTLE IT UP.

If you go on a rampage now, you'll only weaken the war effort.

KRRR

Mutual Broadcasting System,
1490 Kilocycles.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1942

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Johnson Family.
4:30—Confidentially Yours.
4:45—Music Depreciation.
5:00—You Can't Do Business With Hitler.
5:15—Johnny Richards' Orch.
5:30—Capt. Midnight, Overture.
5:45—Jack Armstrong, Wheaties.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:15—News, Roseburg Pharmacy.
6:30—Interlude.
6:45—Raymond Gram Swing, White Owl.
7:00—Griff Williams' Orchestra.
7:15—Production for Victory.
7:30—Harry James' Orchestra.
7:45—Standard Symphony, Standard Oil Co.
8:00—Alka Seltzer News.
8:15—Hi Neighbor, McKean and Garstens.
8:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
8:45—Joe Reichman's Orch.
9:00—Sign off.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1942
6:45—Eye Opener.
7:00—L. A. Soap Co. News.

OUT OUR WAY



Salem Students Under Inquiry For Serious Assault

SALEM, May 7.—(AP)—Eight Salem high school students pleaded guilty in West Salem justice court to an assault and battery charge filed by Mrs. Jean Ditzell, mother of Donald Chapman, 15, Salem high sophomore, who she said was beaten by the eight boys because he refused to join a high school secret society.

Mrs. Ditzell said her son received severe bruises on the right hip, with indications that there is gangrene forming on the hip bone.

High school authorities, asserting they would investigate the case thoroughly, announced they had suspended the boys from school.

Young Chapman said the boys took him to the hayloft of a barn several miles from West Salem.

He said he had to face a row of 15 to 20 boys, only few of whom he recognized.

The youth said he was forced

7:15—Stuff and Nonsense.

7:30—News Bulletins.

7:35—State and Local News, Boring Optimal.

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, Copco.

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.

1240—Five Minute Melody.

Time, Golden West Coffee.

1245—State News, Hansen Motor Co.

12:50—News-Review of the Air.

1:00—Sons of the Pioneers.

1:30—Mutual Goes Calling.

2:00—P. T. A.

2:15—Sweet and Sentimental.

2:30—At Your Command.

2:45—The Bookworm.

3:00—B. S. Bercevic.

3:15—Baseball Round-Up and Interlude.

3:30—News, Douglas National Bank.

3:45—Musical Fill.

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

4:15—Johnson Family.

4:30—Salvation Army Program.

4:45—Music Depreciation.

5:00—W. P. A.

5:15—What Price Victory.

5:30—Capt. Midnight, Overture.

5:45—Jack Armstrong, Wheaties.

6:00—Dinner Concert.

6:15—News, Unical Products.

6:30—Dinner Concert.

6:50—News, Roseburg Pharmacy.

6:55—Interlude.

7:00—U. S. Army Program.

7:15—Alvino Rey's Orchestra.

7:30—Lone Ranger.

8:00—Wally Johnson's Orchestra.

8:15—"Wooden Ship Building."

8:30—Tropical Serenade.

8:55—Arthur M. Geary for U. S. Senator.

9:00—Alka Seltzer News.

9:15—Treasury Star Parade.

9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

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

10:00—Sign off.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

There is nothing more beautiful than the benediction of a life dominated by spiritual incentive and characterized by a constant purpose to make a substantial contribution toward the sum total of good in the world. It is this sort of spiritual achievement and human investment that ensures world welfare. To learn how to live is to know how to die.

So he died for his faith. That is fine. More than most of us do. But, say, can you add to that line That he lived for them, too?

But to live, every day to live out All the truth that he dreamt. While his friends met him, conduct with doubt And the world with contempt Was it thus that he plodded ahead, Never turning aside Then we'll talk of the life that he lived, Never mind how he died. (Ernest Crosby)

Wherever I go, thank God, He makes my life a constant pageant of triumph in Christ, diffusing the perfume of his knowledge everywhere by me. (St. Paul.) Amen.

to twice run the gauntlet of the boys, each of whom was armed with a heavy paddle.

GOOD NEIGHBOR COUNTRY

HORIZONTAL

1 Depicted country.

7 Its capital is Buenos.

11 Mother.

12 Power.

13 Unit.

14 Night before.

16 Spiked staff.

17 Female sheep.

19 Smiling.

21 Wand.

23 Near.

24 Bury.

25 Sound.

26 Civil engineer (abbr.).

27 Device for holding work.

29 Millimeters (abbr.).

31 Two in cards.

32 Enemy.

33 Layer of skin beneath epidermis (anat.).

34 Doctrine.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

JOHN MASEFIELD

BHIE HUMOVNO

LA TARTARISTAGR

OLD TENETATIONE

CLEFAT

KPLAT

HOURL

SUREF

ANTSIT

DESPETALSTR

DMOIAENITOTS

POETSLAUREATE

8 Kind of deer.

9 Half an em.

10 Dispatched.

15 Dine.

16 Square hall.

18 Us.

20 At no time.

22 Common people.

25 Golf peg.

28 Burn with steam.

30 Remembrance.

31 Moisture.

32 Tree.

33 Flatfish.

35 Lace frill.

37 Duck.

38 Era.

43 That one.

44 Fish.

46 Advertise-

ments (abbr.).

47 Aviator.

49 What person?

50 Crimson.

53 Music note.

11 It is in South

40 Cloth measure

43 That one.

44 Fish.

46 Advertise-

ments (abbr.).

47 Aviator.

49 What person?

50 Crimson.

53 Music note.

7 Yes.

2 Gorge.

3 Twice five.

4 Writing fluid.

5 Nerve (comb. form).

6 Malicious burning.

7 Yes.

57 Visual purple

of eye's retina

VERTICAL

11 It is in South

40 Cloth measure

43 That one.

44 Fish.

46 Advertise-

ments (abbr.).

47 Aviator.

49 What person?

50 Crimson.

53 Music note.



WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7—

Land grant railroads serving the northwest are trying to get out of the requirement by which they must haul government passengers (soldiers) and freight for 50 per cent of the regular tariff. December 8, when war was declared, until the present hundreds of thousands of troops have been moved to the coast as the war department began preparing for an attack by Japanese. With the troops were long freight trains carrying tanks, howitzers, food, supplies. All this was moved at 50 per cent the price a private citizen would have to pay. At the reduced rate the carriers wallowed in business, but it would have been twice as good except for the requirements in their land grant. They are asking that it be stricken out.

Last year congress relieved the roads of the requirement to handle government passengers and freight at the lower rate in peacetime. The roads were very appreciative and said they would not ask for elimination of the requirement in wartime. Now, with a war on, they are back in the national capital begging to be relieved of the war-time stipulation.

Land Grants Recalled

In the early days western roads were given vast tracts of land as a subsidy. The land was to be sold by the railroads at \$2.50 an acre, and as the land was settled the railroads would benefit both by the sale of the land and the freight of the settlers. In addition, the railroads were to carry government freight and passengers at one-half the regular fare, whatever that might be.