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## How Good Men Go Wrong

MEDITATING upon the fallacy of human judgment, the perils of prognostication and the blind spots of skilled observers, we turned back to the January issue of a national publication to re-read an article by a veteran press association correspondent who spent more than a dozen years in Tokyo.

The thesis of the article may be judged from this statement, quoted by the writer with approval and agreement:

"As a matter of cold fact, Japan as a great power is a hollow bubble, blown almost to the bursting point."

Thenceforth the article went on to assert, among other things, that:

Japanese fleets are not capable of operating successfully far from their bases. . . . But remember Pearl Harbor.

The people of Japan individually lack initiative. . . . But remember what happened in the Philippines, at Singapore, in the Aleutians.

Nippon has no ships for overseas commerce because all are needed to supply the expeditionary forces in China.

But remember the other expeditionary forces Japan moved by sea, while carrying on the war in China.

Gasoline is so scarce that Japanese water police could not operate their launches. . . . But there seemed to be plenty for the planes that devastated Hawaii, captured Guam and Wake, the Philippines and Hongkong and Singapore and Burma, and bombed Australia.

Finally, quoted with approval as of today:

"As a menace to any country of any fighting consequence, Japan does not exist. As a first-class power, Japan is a myth."

These conclusions become significant in the light of their timing—for publication almost simultaneously with the first onslaught of that war in which, up to date, the Japanese have beaten us badly.

Looks pretty bad, doesn't it? One might say that this veteran newsmen scored close to zero. But that would be unfair. In spite of this and other equally erroneous appraisals of Japanese potentialities, this correspondent's batting average was ordinarily rather high.

What is the moral, and what does it all matter?

Just this: It is easy to second guess, in war. Almost any reasonably intelligent analyst can make the experts look like simpletons, after the event.

Remember how Hitler's experts worked with the Russians intimately, and knew to the last uniform button what the reds possessed—on the strength of which the nazis began a three-month stroll through Russia which still is going on.

## Kill Or Be Killed

ALEXEI TOSTOY, who bears a name that has been great in Russia literature for several generations, doesn't mince words when he writes in the Soviet Embassy Information Bulletin: "Kill the beast! That is your sacred law. . . . Concentrate all your strength to smite the enemy to the very heart; learn to kill him with the full fervor of hatred. To wipe out fascism is essential to freedom and happiness. To kill the enemy is your sacred duty to civilization. Cherish your hatred for the enemy. Be proud of it—it

is the banner of your victory." Now you know why Hitler has found the Russians hard to crack on the eastern front.

## Editorials on News

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travel. They are NOT hanging back.

But there is no CLEAR voice of leadership.

One person in authority says one thing one day and another person in authority says something else the next day.

There is little agreement. There is MUCH confusion.

(A)T least that is the way it seems to this outsider, who knows nothing but what he reads and hears from day to day.)

GANDHI gets from his All-India congress a practically unanimous authorization to lead a wartime civil disobedience campaign against the British in India. Amendments designed to soften the tone of the authorization and remove from it the appearance of deliberate aid to the axis are voted down.

The show-down in India is about here.

STOCKHOLM (Sweden) dispatches report that a state of alert has been ordered by the Germans all along the Norwegian coast. At the same time, the Norwegians are warned that DEATH will be the penalty for aiding the allies.

The Dutch and the French were similarly warned several days ago.

(Straws in the air—maybe meaning something; maybe not.)

REPRESENTATIVE MAGNUSON, of Washington, a member of the house naval affairs committee and until recently in active service in the navy, says in Seattle:

"Japan and Russia have been at war for some time and the Japs have sunk several Russian ships, justifying the sinkings on the ground that the vessels carried U. S. materials."

"War between Japan and Russia started when the Japs began strengthening their forces in Manchuria and when they seized Kiska and Attu Islands."

THE Japs occupied the western Aleutian Islands, Magnuson says, to:

1. Beat us to it.

2. Get valuable weather information.

3. Secure a flanking position on the U. S.-Russian supply line.

He doesn't think they'll use Kiska and Attu as bases for an attack on the U. S. coast. They might as well start from home, he says, as from these relatively close-by islands.

## KRNR

Mutual Broadcasting System,  
1490 Kilocycles.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

4:15—Johnson Family.

4:30—Confidentially Yours.

4:45—Bob Crosby's Orch.

5:00—Speak Up for Democracy.

5:15—Talk by Sen. James Meade of N. Y.

5:30—Ned Jordan.

6:00—Dinner Concert.

6:30—Jamboree.

6:45—Interlude.

6:50—Copco News.

6:55—Interlude.

7:00—John B. Hughes, Anacin.

7:15—Broad Hunt's Orch.

7:30—U. S. Army Program.

7:45—Morton Gould's Orch.

8:00—George Duffy's Orch.

8:15—Dick Kuhn's Orch.

8:30—Dance Orch.

9:00—Alka Seltzer News.

9:15—Round-Up in the Sky.

E. G. High Insurance.

9:30—John B. Hughes, Studebaker.

9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

10:00—News Bulletins.

10:02—Sign off.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

6:45—Eye Opener.

7:00—News, L. A. Soap Co.

7:15—Morning Melodies.

7:30—News Bulletins.

7:35—State and Local News.

Boring Optical.

7:40—J. M. Judd Says "Good Morning."

7:45—Rhythm at Random.

8:00—Breakfast Club.

8:30—News.

8:45—Miss Meade's Children.

9:00—Boake Carter.

9:15—Man About Town.

9:45—Willard Trio.

10:00—Alka Seltzer News.

10:15—I'll Find My Way.

10:30—News Bulletins, Am. Home Products.

10:35—Hollywood Bowl Rehearsals.

11:00—Codic Foster.

11:15—Wheel of Fortune.

12:00—Interlude.

12:05—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer Co.

12:15—Interlude.

12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.

## OUT OUR WAY



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By J. R. Williams

## U. S. Drive Against Japs Regarded as 2nd Front Tactics

By DE WITT MACKENZIE  
(Wide World War Analyst)

The weekend has developed three major crises which, although in widely separated theaters, seem to be closely related—(1) the American offensive against the Japanese in the Solomon and Aleutian Islands, (2) the further German gain in the Balkan oil zone of the northern Caucasus, and (3) the inauguration of the Indian nationalist revolt against British rule.

While we have no official interpretation of the strategic purposes of the new drive against the Japs, I think we are warranted in assuming that it probably is intended to serve in part as a "second front" to protect Russia from the Japanese during the height of the Caucasian pressure.

There is danger that the Japanese may take advantage of the Soviet difficulties to attack Siberia, and our offensive may be intended to create a sufficient diversion, especially in the air, to discourage them from sticking a knife in Russia's back.

The Indian tragedy provides further incentive for the Japanese to duplicate their Pearl Harbor treachery and strike at Russia. With India thus stricken, and the allies in danger of seeing this vast arsenal and vital strategic base rendered useless—or perhaps much worse—the hand of the United Nations against Japan will be weakened.

By the same token China loses striking power against the Japs. Since the Nipponese cut the Burma road she has been getting most of her supplies from the outside world by air from India and over primitive trade trails through the mountains from that country.

Threat To Supply Line

However, while our offensive does protect Russia, either by design or by circumstance, it undoubtedly is calculated to do more than create a diversion to help our Soviet ally. The Solomons and the neighboring Bismarck archipelago which the Japs hold, together with northeastern New Guinea, not only constitute a threat to our sea communications with Australia and New Zealand,

12:25—Rhythm at Random.

12:45—State News, Hansen Motors.

12:50—News-Review of the Air.

1:05—Musical Interlude.

1:15—Baseball Roundup—Concert Hall.

1:30—N. Y. Racing Program.

1:45—Sweet and Sentimental.

2:00—Songs by Lowry Kohler.

2:15—Man With a Band.

2:30—The Grabbag.

2:45—The Bookworm.

3:00—The Dream House of Melody, Copco.

3:30—News, Douglas National Bank.

3:45—Bill Hay Reads the Bible.

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

4:15—Johnson Family.

4:30—Johnny Richards' Orch.

5:00—When Annals Plays.

5:15—Analysis of Propaganda.

5:30—Canadian Grenadier Guards Band.

6:00—Dinner Concert.

6:30—Treasury Star Parade.

6:45—Interlude.

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7:15—Ray Kinney's Orch.

7:30—Lone Ranger.

8:00—Quiz of the Coast.

8:30—Jan Savitt's Orch.

9:00—Alka Seltzer News.

9:15—Cal Timney.

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## Baby Lamb Nipples Up Allowance of Rubber

WASHINGTON (AP)—The war production board has run into trouble with rubber restrictions on infant's feeding nipples. The victory model nipples proved too small to feed baby lambs, and the order has been revised to permit use of more rubber up to .0105 pounds, to be exact—in nipples made expressly for feeding infant sheep.

## Oregon Employs First Women Farm Inspectors

SALEM, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The state department of agriculture said it has employed 10 women in field inspection work, the first time in the department's history that women have been employed in this type of activity.

## Canada Sets Duty Value On Melon Imports

The Canada seasonal valuation for duty purposes on cantaloupes and muskmelons at one and one-fourth cents per pound above true invoice prices became effective in the western provinces of Canada on August 4th on shipments entered August 10 and thereafter.

## SCREEN ACTRESS

HORIZONTAL

1,5 Pictured screen actress.

12 Impel.

14 Eskimo boat.

16 Symbol for tellurium.

18 Nearest to.

20 Tinkle.

21 Accomplish.

22 Upper limb.

24 Miser.

25 Dove's call.

26 Tumult.

28 Grain.

29 Artless.

31 Substance.

32 Government issue (abbr.).

33 Symbol for gold.

34 Solace.

37 Chew upon.

40 Withered.

41 Elm.

43 Existence.

44 Manager.

49 Ill-bred fellow.

50 Near.

51 Noisy.

52 Neither.

53 Royal Institute (abbr.).

54 Small town.

56 Breeze.

59 Show.

60 Harbor.

4 Equal.

5 Toward.

6 Particle.

7 Prince.

8 Bark.

9 Small horse.

10 Out of (prefix).

11 She is a rising.

55 Size of shot.

57 Negative.

58 Doctor (abbr.).

13 Banish.

15 Quickly.

VERTICAL

2 Print measure.

3 No (Latin).

17 Ireland.

19 Teachers' Guild (abbr.).

21 Skiff.

23 Ostrich-like bird.

25 Fish.

27 Animal.

28 Enumerate.

30 Compete.

31 Sack.

34 Penny.

35 Possesses.

36 Kneepan.

38 Part of circle.

39 Put on.

40 Oceans.

42 Redact.

44 Group.

45 Paradise.

46 Any.

47 Line.

48 Fall in drops.

51 Loiter.

54 Laughter sound.

55 Size of shot.

57 Negative.

58 Doctor (abbr.).

## Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capitol

By  
John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—Look for distribution of additional ship contracts in the northwest—part of those 200 "ugly duckling" ships which were cancelled on Higgins (another wizard ship-builder) at New Orleans. Incidentally, Higgins had ordered thousands of piling from dealers in Oregon and Washington to be used in his projected yard; some of the 30,000 of these piles had been driven into the swampy soil, other thousands are still in the hands of dealers or somewhere en route. And it may be worth a note that Higgins, who turned out speedboats for the British by the assembly line process, purchased all the plywood for this mosquito fleet from factories in the Pacific northwest.

The Kaiser outfit, building oil tankers (52 in number) at Swan Island, is to be given contracts for 30 more. Federal maritime commission will make the announcement later. Puget sound yards are to be loaded to capacity. Extent and activity of northwest shipbuilding depend entirely upon the supply of steel.

Labor in the yards will be stabilized, according to Commissioner Howard L. Vickery, who has returned from a tour of inspection of all yards on the Pacific coast. For example, the shipyard at Vancouver, Wash., will probably be stabilized at 25,000 men. Commissioner Vickery says that the production of merchant vessels is the responsibility of the commission, and this also means housing for the workers. Where necessary the commission will