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Showdown in India

AMERICANS regret the crisis that has arrived in Britain's dealings with India.

Devoted by tradition and by choice to universal democracy, including the right of all peoples to make their own governmental mistakes, we are doubly pledged to the theory of self-determination by the issues for which we are fighting to the death.

Rightly or wrongly, most Americans incline to believe that the British have made a serious mistake, ethically and strategically, in not having given India her freedom—or at the very least, dominion status—long since.

Nevertheless, one must face facts in time of war. The facts are that Britain cannot afford to give Gandhi, at this time, what he demands.

Any realist, in Gandhi's position, should realize that India must choose the British or the Japanese; that India is in no position to defend independence; that the choice is between Britain's promise on the one hand, and conquest by Japan on the other.

With all her faults, Britain has never imposed upon India such terrible slavery as would be inevitable once Japan took over.

The disorders which Gandhi invoked by his implacable decision are an invitation for which Japan has been waiting. They may well provide just the weight that the axis needed to permit German and Japanese forces to join and cut the United Nations in two.

As things stood when Britain had to act, whatever she did might easily prove wrong. The decision to arrest Gandhi may have been unsound. But at least it was a positive decision, and wars are not won by sitting around watching for rabbits to hop out of hats.

It remains now to be seen whether the relatively small nationalist party represents sufficient Indian sentiment to control that country's part in the war.

The general strike in Bombay which immediately followed Gandhi's arrest may portend the worst.

Perhaps the remaining hope might lie in a hard and fast British agreement, witnessed and guaranteed by the United States, giving India now all that can safely be granted and, after the war, at a firmly fixed time, complete independence.

This might fail. Or it might temper hot heads, and save the situation.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

the Japs and spoil the game.

LISTEN to the Jap radio. It blats and blats and brags and brags.

But it DOESN'T tell us anything about the DISPOSITION OF THE JAP FLEET UNITS.

By talking loud and long when our own navy is saying nothing, it hopes to plant in our minds the suspicion that our own government is concealing the truth from us.

Listen to the enemy radio. That is your right as an American. But never let yourself forget that in whatever he says the enemy's purpose is to MISLEAD AND CONFUSE us—never to inform us.

If you will keep that fact clearly in mind, it will make no difference how much you listen to the Jap radio.

THERE is little news from Russia and what there is is bad.

Watch the fighting to the north and west of Moscow. It might turn out to be important.

The long expected but as yet non-existent Russian counter-offensive might be starting there. (Be sure to remember that wishful thinking lies back of this thought. Whatever you do, DON'T kid yourself.)

THERE'S an odd note in the news.

A British naval squadron sails up to the Italian island of Rhodes, off the Turkish coast, in the grand manner of navies before modern land-based aircraft and for 12 minutes bombards the harbor and the town of Rhodes. Then it sails away unhurt.

WHY all this show?

We don't know.

But we may be very sure the British aren't risking precious naval strength just for the fun of sailing around the edges of the Mediterranean and shooting up enemy islands and towns at random.

Their intelligence services had told them there was a hen on at Rhodes.

WHAT kind of hen we don't know, but Europeans returning from Turkey tell of GERMAN and Italian reinforcements moving from Italy and Greece to northern Africa. They say that in the past few days two GERMAN divisions have left Greece and one Italian division has left Sicily. They say two more German divisions are waiting in Italy for transportation to Africa.

Watch Rommel. If he bursts into sudden and disastrous activity one of these days, you may take it for granted that these and other reinforcements have reached him in satisfactory volume.

Meanwhile you may be quite sure that whatever the British do in the Mediterranean, including the bombardment of Rhodes, is for the purpose of STOPPING reinforcement of Rommel.

State Press Comment

Why a Lieutenantcy?

(Salem Capital Journal)
State Representative Richard L. Neuberger has been sworn into the army as a second lieutenant. There is every reason why Mr. Neuberger should come to the defense of his country in its hour of peril, but he is not to fight. He is, instead, to join the already over-stuffed publicity department at Washington to prepare more guff to flood the crowded mails for newspapers to print free of cost, or more likely fill the waste baskets.

Why should Mr. Neuberger, who is a magazine and newspaper writer, be given a lieutenantcy when he has had no military training? His sole contribution to defense has been that of a professional pacifist. He was the author of an initiative bill in 1936 to prevent compulsory military training in the University of Oregon, for which he campaigned, but which, fortunately, was defeated by a nearly two-to-one vote. He has done his best to keep the country unprepared for the war dance we are now paying the piper for.

Mr. Neuberger has been a radical in politics, was one of the organizers and leaders of the Oregon Commonwealth federation, which Earl Browder, leader of the American communist party, classified as part of the communist "democratic front." He has been an ardent propagandist for the socialist features of the New Deal, was press agent for Bonneville in its PUD program and presumably is reaping his reward by being made an officer in the army he has done his best to cripple. Small wonder the millions being wasted on "public relations" at Washington are becoming a national scandal.

Regrooving of Tires Requires Permission

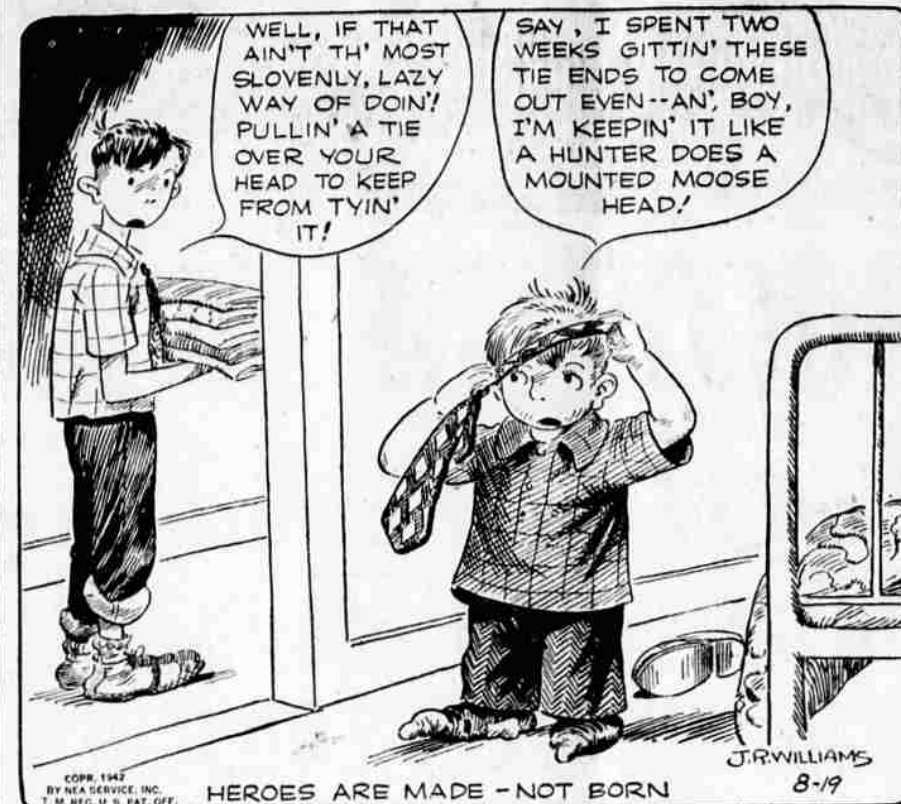
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Regrooving of tires without the prior written approval of the director general for operations has been prohibited by WPB amendment 12 to rubber order M 15-B. This action was recommended by OPA in order to prevent regrooving of tires on which treads are smooth.

At the same time, the amendment prohibits the sale or purchase of scrap and reclaimed rubber except to or from the rubber reserve company in order to tighten government control on transactions on all types of rubber.

The rubber reserve company, acting under previous WPB orders, has been the sole purchaser and seller of crude rubber, latex, and balata.

Group to Sew—George Starmer auxiliary sewing group will sew Wednesday from 10 to 4 o'clock in the Red Cross rooms upstairs in the U. S. National bank building. Members spending the day there are asked to bring their noon lunch.

OUT OUR WAY



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN

Solomons Battle Facts Needed To Hike U. S. Morale

By DEWITT MacKENZIE

(Wide World War Analyst)

The progress of the battle in the Solomon Islands remains an untold story as this daring initial American offensive enters its eleventh day, though an unofficial report from General MacArthur's headquarters says our marines are believed to be extending bridgeheads won in hard fighting—and that certainly sounds like leathernecks.

Washington is giving us what it can about this historic adventure, but it would be a great thing for our country if communications and other circumstances connected with this isolated action were such that we could have the tale red-hot as it unfolds. Some of it would be hard reading, for the Jap resistance has been fierce and I believe we must be prepared to hear of very considerable casualties.

Still, it would be a mighty builder of war morale in America if constant detailed dispatches from the front could move us in spirit right out among our boys on those torrid cannibal isles. Were the news good or bad, it would make us a part of the big show.

Closer Contact Needed.

Our trouble is that we are so far removed from the actual theaters of war that we haven't yet got the "feel" of this world conflict upon which our very survival depends. Allied civilians who are close to the battle fields, and in many instances become an actual part of the bloody turmoil, have the acrid smell of powder in their nostrils and constantly rub shoulders with death. Their worry isn't whether they are to be inconvenienced by lack of gasoline for their cars, but whether their flag and their own hearts will come through this upheaval safely.

It won't be long now before we shall have the actualities of the war brought home to us, too, for our forces will be increasingly engaged on many fronts. The arrival of that day will bring us sorrows, but it also will make our whole population a part of the fighting lines. That's the feeling which we need to have to get ahead with our job.

Meanwhile the fact that we have taken the offensive in the Solomons remains an event of vast importance win, draw or lose. It's even of greater importance than the strategic value of these islands, for it is an exhibition of the spirit of initiative which is essential if we are to win battles.

J. E. Haines, Resident Of Elkton, Passes On

Word was received here today of the death at Portland Monday of James E. Haines, 62, well known Elkton resident. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Rose M. Haines; two daughters, Mrs. Harold Bloodgood and Vera V. Haines, Portland, and a son, Myron A. Haines, Elkton. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

North Douglas Rationing Board Set Up at Drain

The Yoncalla war price and rationing board has been discontinued and a new board has been set up at Drain with Clarence Leonard as chairman, according to Thomas C. Hartfield, Douglas county rationing administrator.

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"This change has been made in order to better serve the area north of Drain and west to Elkton and avoid the necessity of the people from these areas traveling through Drain and on to Yoncalla in order to register for sugar or apply for tires and recaps," Mr. Hartfield explains.

The Drain war price and rationing board headquarters are in the city recorder's office at Drain and the board consists of C. B. McClure and C. H. Ford, in addition to Chairman Leonard.

Clark Gable Begins Army Life Without Mustache

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Shorn of his famous mustache, Corporal Clark Gable is buckling down to the rigid discipline of the army air forces officer candidate school here.

Informed upon enrolling that regulations forbid anyone less than a first lieutenant to sport a mustache, he promptly went to a barber shop for a close shave. Gable did not appear bothered at the prospect of having to arise daily at 5:15 a. m. and work until dark. He said he frequently had to get up that early for movie scenes, and believed he was in "pretty good shape" physically.

His first training at this "streamlined west point" was in making his bed. Half of Gable's mustache was shaved off by the barber, and then for the benefit of news cameramen, the former actor completed the job.

Enlist in Navy—Enlistments in the U. S. navy Monday, as reported by the recruiting office in Portland, included Paul E. Rising, Drain, and Fay A. Willard, Reedsport.

Accident Toll Represents Huge Loss to America

CHICAGO.—Two hundred thousand soldiers, sailors or marines could have been supplied with war equipment produced in the time lost through accidents in 1941 according to the 1942 edition of Accident Facts, the National Safety Council's statistical year-book.

But this equipment wasn't produced, says Accident Facts, because men who could have turned it out were put out of commission by accidents just as effectively as though they had been shot down by the enemy.

A total of 102,500 Americans were killed by accidents last year—9,300,000 injured, 350,000 permanently disabled.

Of the total accident-dead, 18,000 were killed while working at their jobs. Among the victims were many skilled and highly trained technicians and other experts. Another 32,000 workers died of accidents off the job.

"It is your patriotic duty," states the National Safety Council in Accident Facts, "to protect yourself and others from accidents, that the time lost from production may be sharply cut—that we may produce the weapons of war."

"As an example of what could have been built in the 460,000,000 man-days lost in 1941 because of accidents, the council offered this list: 20 more battleships and 100 more destroyers and 9,000 more bombers and 40,000 tanks—in addition to what actually were built."

RUSSIAN GENERAL

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8	15 Short sleep.	30	land.											
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19	32 Age.	41	Blemish.											
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Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capitol

By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—Sometime after the November election and possibly before the end of the year housewives will find the cost of living substantially higher than at present, despite the ceilings of office of price control. On presumably excellent authority the prediction is made that the people will find that meat is being rationed, although the department of agriculture has asserted that there are more cattle on farm and range today than ever before.

The maximum price prevailing last March, and which is the present ceiling in grocery stores, is playing hob with grocers throughout the land. March retail selling was based on the 1941 stock. As shelves were depleted and efforts were made to obtain replacements the grocers discovered that they could not buy at the 1941 price and if they made replacements at current rates they would be out of pocket.

This situation had been sensed by OPA and an attempt was made to have congress provide an appropriation by means of which a subsidy could be paid to protect the seller from loss and to maintain March prices for the protection of consumers. Congress could not see eye to eye with Leonard Henderson and took a position against guaranteeing food dispensers from loss. Mr. Henderson permitted, then, a few punctures in the price ceiling which made the several commodities (jams, jellies, etc.) jump a few cents, an increase which the housewife had to absorb.

As retailers refuse to restock and sell at a loss (the March prices) office of price administration will soon authorize more holes to be kicked in the ceilings and the cost of food will be upped between one and two per cent. This is the very situation that Henderson hoped to prevent. It so happens that most of the vegetable and fruit products of the Pacific northwest will be on the new ceiling list. Whether Henderson can hold the ceilings at the new prices (to be announced in a matter of weeks) is a subject of speculation, but it all goes back to the original criticism of price control, that there can be no successful control of prices until there is control of wages. Against control of wages the administration is firmly set.

Food items exempt from ceilings are soaring. Eggs are at an all-time high; butter is out to establish a new record. Each of these commodities are being shipped over sea, the eggs being dried to save cargo space. Chickens are up. The value of the dollar is sinking, a certain sign of inflation.

Copper Becomes King
Look for gold mine operations in the northwest to be suspended on orders of war production board, and look for miners to be transferred from the anthracite region of Pennsylvania to the coal mines of Washington and Oregon. WPB has been turning the screws on gold mining by refusing explosives and other essentials. Of all metals gold is today the least necessary, while copper ranks near the top. Gen. Crocker Somervell has suggested to WPB that gold mines be requisitioned for copper production.

Whether this would stop the gold mining dredges of Washington and Oregon is uncertain, for the dredges are practically automatic, have only a handful of men on a dredge and there is no drilling or blasting with this equipment. The demand for copper is so urgent that the sending of gold miners to work in copper mines is now under consideration by the war manpower commission, U. S. employment service and WPB.

Oil administration, after warning people of the northwest to arrange their heating plants for coal instead of fuel oil, is sending Brig. Gen. B. P. Disque to that section and he will be the boss of the fuel program. Coal used in the area is mined in Washington, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming. The industry is short on labor; there is a surplus of miners in Pennsylvania. War manpower commission has long discussed the sending of workers from areas where they are not needed to regions where there is a shortage.

Japs Grab Seals
Fish and wildlife service is wondering what is happening to the seal herd on Pribilof Islands, north of Kiska. The natives were evacuated several months ago by the service, before the annual "take" of seal skins. It is believed possible that the Japanese have been raiding the islands where, it is calculated, the herd this year was one million seals. The seals began assembling at the breeding grounds about the time that Nips were entrenching themselves in the Aleutians. The migration from the islands starts in August. Japanese have long had an eye on seal herds and prior to the compact with the United States and Canada caught all they could. Under the compact the herd was built up to its present size. Japanese need the furs for clothing and the fats are even more important to them.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

If God be for us who can be against us. If Jesus came to seek us, died to save us, rose to justify us, may we not be assured of His eternal intercession in our behalf. "I give unto them eternal life." This is the supreme gift that includes all others, even the gift of His intercession. The prayers of Jesus at the right hand of God will be answered, and this is an eternal priesthood. "He ever lives above, for me to intercede." He knows our needs, He knows our infirmities, and because we have such a High Priest now in the heavens, let us come with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." The Bible is full of gracious invitations and we have the promise of God that He will never refuse us, nor be deaf to our call. "Ho everyone that thirsteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come. Come ye, buy wine and milk, without money and without price." So you see the invitation is gracious, and we have "an advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous." If any man will let him come and take of the water of life freely, then why will ye die O house of Israel. It is ours to accept or reject this gracious invitation. Amen.

U. S. Faces Meat Ration Prospect, Official States

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—(AP)—America may have to ration meat, Roy F. Hendrickson, administrator of the agricultural marketing administration, told retail meat dealers today.

"We need some system," Hendrickson said, "perhaps rationing, meatless days, a combination of the two or something else to assure equitable distribution of what will be a short supply of meat."

Estimating there would be a 1942-43 shortage of three billion pounds of meat in relation to the quantity of meat civilian consumers would buy at ceiling prices, Hendrickson said that "the current shortage of meat is only a forerunner of things to come—and the sooner that is realized the better."

Hendrickson, in discussing possible rationing of meat, pointed out that certain persons were "rationed out" of meat during the World war by letting meat prices rise. The administration now, he said, was committed to a system of ceiling prices, and "all those who have studied the subject know there is an inevitable association of price ceilings and rationing."

Earlier President George A. Eastwood of Armour and company attributed the nations "so-called meat shortage" to heavy consumer buying resulting from high wages, employment and national income.

Plywood Concern Stresses Need For More Truck Tires

The Springfield Plywood Corporation, which is engaged in extensive operations in Douglas county as well as in the Willamette valley, is urging upon the office of price administration the immediate release of additional tires for logging trucks, according to Victor E. McAllister, the company's local representative in charge of operations at Sutherlin.

The company, McAllister reports, has wired to Arthur Upson, chief of the lumber and lumber products branch of the OPA, Oregon congressional delegation and OPA Chief Leon Henderson, stating the position in the following telegram:

"We buy Douglas fir logs suitable for peeling from 40 to 50 acre logging connections. We have no logging operations of our own and 95 per cent of our supply is furnished by truck loggers. Actually 95 per cent of the log input of the Willamette valley is transported by truck. Our present log inventory is abnormally low with only about two weeks supply on hand which is ominous, considering that the maximum output is possibly only during summer months, whereas winter weather permits only intermittent logging."

"We earnestly urge that local tire rationing boards be granted authority to release adequate tire supplies for the present needs. The present policy is actually delaying, jeopardizing and curtailing logging operations, which fact will shortly curtail plywood production and which is contrary to our interpretation of the government's immediate requirements and intention."

"Our annual payroll is one million dollars, and with sufficient peeling, we can produce one hundred million feet annually. Standing timber is plentiful in this locality and we are working 100 per cent on war orders."

News of Men

From Douglas County
In War Service

Earl Seymour Mattin, 22, son of Mrs. F. A. Mattin, Drain, was graduated Monday from Sand Point naval air station, Seattle, with the rating of aviation machinists' mate, third class. A graduate of Drain high school, he enlisted in the navy December 28, 1941, and was given a four months' advance training course leading to his rating.

Second Lt. Newell C. Wood, Days Creek, has been selected to attend officers' specialist course at Fort Sill, Okla., according to word received here. Lieutenant Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Wood, Days Creek, reported to Fort Sill from Camp Roberts, Calif. Before entering active service he worked for the department of agriculture.

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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—U. S. Army Program.
5:15—Musical Interlude.
5:30—Federal Ace.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:30—Jamboree.
6:45—Interlude.
6:55—Copco News.
7:00—Keepsake Time, Knudtson's.
7:05—John B. Hughes, Anacin.
7:15—Sammy Kaye's Orch.
7:30—Morton Gould's Orch.
8:00—George Duff's Orch.
8:15—Dick Kuhn's Orch.
8:30—Chuck Foster's Orch.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Round-Up in the Sky, E. G. High Insurance.
9:30—John B. Hughes, Student-baker.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:00—News Bulletins.
10:02—Sign Off.

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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—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Breakfast Club.
8:30—News.
8:45—Miss Meade's Children.
9:00—Boake Carter.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:45—Freddy Martin.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—I'll Find My Way.
10:30—News Bulletins, Am. Home Products.
10:35—Hollywood Bowl Rehearsal.
11:00—Cedric 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.
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 Round-Up—Concert Hall.
1:30—New York Racing Program.
1:45—Sweet and Sentimental.
2:00—Willard Trio.
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.
5:00—When Annaloris Plays.
5:15—Analysis of Propaganda.
5:30—Canadian Grenadier Guards Band.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:30—Treasury Star Parade.
6:45—Interlude.
6:50—Copco News.
6:55—Interlude.
7:00—John B. Hughes, Anacin.
7:15—Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
7:30—John B. Hughes, Anacin.
8:00—Pres. Quezon's Birthday Broadcast.
8:30—Don Lee Presents.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Cal Tinney.
9:30—King's Men.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
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usually. Standing timber is plentiful in this locality and we are working 100 per cent on war orders."

The telegram was signed by Springfield Plywood Corporation.

Mr. McAllister reported that an immediate reply was received from Senator Rufus Holman, who announced that he was contacting the proper authorities to urge the release of more tires as requested.