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Discomfort or Defeat

It is a somber picture which the president's special committee on rubber, headed by Bernard M. Baruch, has painted. It is discouraging in two ways.

First, because it verifies completely the analyses which this column has presented editorially on several occasions, pointing out that through 1943, at least, the most rigid civilian economy in rubber will scarcely suffice to keep the fighting machine going.

Second, because the report's very mildness and avoidance of personalities emphasizes the terrible fumbling which has bedeviled the rubber situation ever since the Japanese struck at Pearl Harbor.

The president's ready acceptance of the report and his promise to implement it immediately is the best that can be done at this late date.

Meanwhile, however, it is desirable that the people be on guard lest some of the same befuddled interests which have bedeviled the rubber situation ever since the Japanese struck at Pearl Harbor.

The committee recommends that more rubber be made available for civilian tire replacement and recapping.

Need is not for the pleasure of driving through the fall country, side, savoring the brisking air and admiring the turning leaves.

Need is not to toss one's golf clubs into the rumble and dash off for a spot of relaxation, or to drive to the bridge party instead of walking or taking the bus.

Need is for getting men and women to and from the factories where they are making arms and armaments; for delivering the goods of war and the commodities of subsistence.

With all that can be done, the best we can hope by the end of 1943 ranges from a very small surplus to an actual deficiency for critical military use.

Discomfort or defeat are the alternatives offered us. We will take discomfort, with a grin.

Editorials on News

plane, might have caused a lot of trouble. So far, Jap attacks on this coast border on the absurd.

First a submarine arose out of the quiet waters of the Santa Barbara channel one evening and fired a dozen shells at the Coleta field, doing no damage.

Months later, another sub appeared off Seaside and lobbed over a few shells, again doing no damage.

Comes now this forest fire episode, which appears to have been another dud.

As everyone knows who has watched the moisture that stays on the grass all day, humid-

ity has been high of late. High humidity is UNFAVORABLE to the spread of forest fires.

THEIR attacks on this coast (so far) lead to the snap judgment that the Japs are a race of simple-minded children, playing what amounts to Halloween tricks on their enemy.

In their South Seas warfare, they have been shrewd, intelligent and foresighted. Down there, they made every move count.

Everywhere in that part of the world they have figured their shots and have played for keeps.

WHY all this seemingly absurd exhibitionism over here? Are they deliberately trying to trap us into the belief that they are harmless little savages, not to be taken seriously, so that when (and if) they DO tackle us for blood we shall be expecting to hold them off with one hand while with the other we go about our regular daily affairs?

Can they conceive that we have forgotten so soon their deadly seriousness and undoubted efficiency down there where the fighting is REAL?

YOU'LL have to answer these questions for yourself. This writer doesn't know. But you'll be wise if you DON'T underestimate the Jap.

In his weird (but determined) Oriental mind, there must be some pattern back of all this seemingly silly playing of kid games along this coast.

FOR your own better understanding, remember that this incident happened almost a week ago, and that only now is news of it seeping out to us.

It is HIGHLY probable that this performance at Brookings was much less absurd than on the basis of what has been given out it seems to be.

MEANWHILE, the Russians hold out at Stalingrad. They go on killing Germans. They go on displaying heroism and stamina of a high order.

The dispatches announce that along with the V's of German aircraft long V's of waterfowl go long south, harbingers of the coming winter, are visible in the skies over Stalingrad.

Every day the Russians hold out there upsets by that much the German time table.

THE British pound Wilhelms haven again with "hundreds" of bombers. Only TWO fall to return—pretty sure evidence that for the PRESENT the German airforce is too busy in Russia even to protect its HOME FRONT.

That's a slant on the importance of the battle of Stalingrad.

Hitler's Mug on Pins Spurs Bowling Fans

The Industrial Bowling league started off with a "bang" at the Roseburg Alleys Wednesday night, with the boys getting quite a kick out of hitting "Hitler," whose mug was painted on the pins.

The army team made a good showing although it lost three games their first night, but after the rookies get started they will make the regulars hustle.

Return To Grants Pass—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Waterman have returned to their home in Grants Pass, following a visit at the Harold W. Sanders home and attending to business.

Nothing should be thrown away these days. Save your cotton rags and stockings for hooked rugs.

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OUT OUR WAY



Oregon Bombing Stresses Need of Maximum Vigil

Attack Upsets Fallacy Of "It Can't Happen Here," Says Civilian Defense Leader

The recent bombing of the Siskiyou National forest near Brookings, Curry county, Oregon, with incendiary bombs by the Japanese should be conclusive proof that "It can happen here" to those who heretofore have scoffed at the possibility of a bombing attack on American soil.

"Many people have told me that they could not and would not believe that the Japs would ever drop bombs on continental United States, and even if they did they would not attack the remote parts of our country but would direct such attack upon centers where war industries are located," said Pinniger.

Now that it has been proven that the scoffers were wrong, we have hopes that more people will evidence enough interest in doing what they can to take steps to protect their own lives and property from future attacks, which in all probability will come, by immediately signing up for some type of civilian defense work in the protection field.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Hargis, of this city, have reported that a picture of their son, Gene, appears in the latest Life magazine along with other American prisoners of war of the Japanese. Gene is a former Roseburg boy, was at Wake island when it was taken by the Japs.

News of Men From Douglas County In War Service

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According to word received here, Lt. Jack Hall, of Los Altos, Calif., has been called to active duty and has been sent to Fort Tyton, Tenn., for training.

Green Guard Contests Will Close Tomorrow

SALEM, Sept. 18. (Special)—Everything is in readiness for the selection of top-placing Green Guard fire prevention contestants, and this Saturday marks the final day for submitting the entries to state Keep Oregon Green headquarters.

Judges will meet in Portland Monday, September 21, so that the selection of the 25 winning guards can be announced at an early date.

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Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capital By Paul Dunham

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 18.—Farmers of the Pacific northwest are due for a headache within a few months over the gasoline and tire rationing.

Jap 'Suicide' Sub Bared to Public

MARE ISLAND, Calif., Sept. 17.—(AP)—Arrival of one of the "Tojo cigar" submarines captured December 7 in the war's opening assault on Pearl Harbor was announced at the Mare island navy yard today.

The two-man Jap submarine, brought here on the deck of a United States merchant vessel, was already well picked apart by navy technicians eager to determine what made it go.

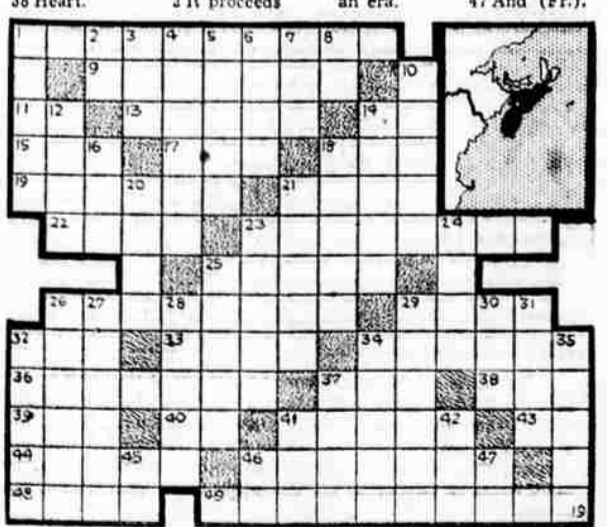
"They just shoved those Japs inside with the idea they weren't coming out again," said one visitor who had to hunch his shoulders to squeeze through the conning tower.

The navy, in announcing the arrival of the strange craft, also stated that its construction and equipment indicated it was "truly a suicide detail."

"Some officers who were there at Pearl Harbor," the navy announcement said, "claim that the Japanese skipper of this submarine 'lost his nerve' and beached the submarine. Others state he merely was messed up on his navigation."

CANADIAN PROVINCE

- HORIZONTAL 1 Depicted Canadian province, — 8 Dresses. 11 Votre Em-nence (abbr.). 13 Egyptian governor. 14 Tune B (music). 15 Age. 17 Vegetable. 18 Rodent. 19 Ill will. 21 Shoe part. 22 Prevaricator. 23 Inward. 25 Prying sneak. 26 Radiance. 29 Location. 32 Ocean. 33 Onionlike plant. 34 Not well. 36 Its capital is — in — 1763. 37 High cost of living (abbr.). 38 Heart. 14 Dried tubers of orchids. 16 Blackbird of cuckoo family. 18 Machine part. 20 Cry out. 21 Australian barracuda. 23 Firefinger. 24 Metal fastener. 25 Whipsocket. 26 Caused to sit. 27 King's residence. 28 Elvish. 29 Valuable metal. 30 Twitching. 31 Man's name. 32 Give form to taste. 35 Color. 37 At this place (form). 41 Soak flax. 43 Compass point. 45 Any. 46 Symbol for tantulum. 47 And (Fr.).



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written to members of congress asking for guidance but it appears that Uncle Sam is helpless. KRNR Mutual Broadcasting System, 1480 Kilocycles. (REMAINING HOURS TODAY) 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 4:15—Johnson Family. 4:30—Salvation Army Program. 4:45—Musical Matinee. 5:00—Freddie Martin's Orchestra. 5:15—Superman. 5:30—This Is Navy Norfolk. 6:00—Dinner Concert. 6:30—Treasury Star Parade. 6:45—Interlude. 6:50—Coco News. 6:55—Interlude. 7:00—Cedric Foster. 7:15—Art Castle's Orchestra. 7:30—Lone Ranger. 8:00—Del Courtney's Orchestra. 8:30—San Quentin Program. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News. 9:15—Hi Neighbor, McKean & Carsons. 9:30—Henry King's Orchestra. 9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 10:00—News Bulletins. 10:02—Sign Off.

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Hotel Dan Moore Free Garage

12 to 13 on W. Morrison Portland, Oregon. Special Family Rates 2 adult, 2 children under 15 years in room with 2 double beds and bath—\$7 1/2 CENTS PER PERSON OR . . . 2 connecting rooms with bath—\$1.00 PER PERSON Single rates from \$1.50 per room Double rates from \$1.00 per person Write for reservations See your Chamber of Commerce or local newspaper for further details. RAY W. CLARK, Manager

LETTERS to the Editor

QUOTES SHARP CRITICISM OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Editor News-Review: This is a continuation of my previous letter to you. If beverage alcohol is ruinous to nations, which means to their power of defense, to the morale of a nation, what is it to the individual who is an intricate part of the nation?

January 1, this year, 511,000,000 gallons of whiskey were stocked in warehouses in this country (so records say). We send grain and other supplies to England to be returned to us as Scotch whiskey. All this requires ships for transportation. Do we as the people of this nation understand the purport?

One medical authority in listing the five most serious health problems places beverage alcohol first. One of our large insurance companies reports that in the last ten years rejections because of excessive alcohol indulgence have increased from 12 to 34 per cent. In other words one third of insurable men and women who are rejected as unsafe risks are the victims of the beverage alcohol habit.

Besides weakening the human system for the fatal work of tuberculosis, venereal disease, cancer and heart trouble, it is a major problem in cases of insanity and accidents. Psychiatrists are much concerned about the problem of the increasing burden which insanity is becoming to the personnel and finances of this country.

Quoting from a college president "If the nation is to specialize in public health, and we really mean it, the first step is clearly indicated. If our soldiers are to be physically fit that step becomes not only advisable but imperative, for all through historical time alcohol and venereal disease have been the twin detriments to fitness in the armies of the world.

Macauley said at one time: Even the law of gravitation would be brought into dispute were there a pecuniary interest involved." George B. Cutten says "Nothing shows the truth of this statement more clearly than the liquor traffic. This traffic is concerned with many on one side and on the other with the health and lives of men, their moral and their social standings, the food and clothing of their children, the happiness of their family life, their intellectual integrity and their contribution to their country in time of peril.

Lets think, not drift. Mrs. Emma P. Woods

In the tent of Omar, The Wise One, O Prince, there is a saying: "The very best buy is the whiskey that's dry ... Paul Jones!"

—From the Dry Sayings of the Paul Jones Camel

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