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Encircling the Axis

COMMENT and analysis of war tactics and military strategy are so diverse and conflicting there is little wonder the public mind is confused. There are radio and press analysts and commentators by the score, and no two seem to agree on what is being done, what is going to be done and what should he done. We hear and read all kinds of second guesses, some predicting an immediate new front, some forecasting an early end to the war, others contending that the struggle will continue for years, while still others demand more aid for some particular sector on the theory that supplies are not being sent to the places where they are most needed. Some of the grandstand quarterbacks want the offense concentrated in the Pacific area and others hold that Hitler is the logical enemy to beat first—all of which simply adds up to public confusion and discontent.

Joining the ranks of the armchair strategists briefly, we present our own theory of allied strategy with the thought in mind that those who accept this theory will be able to interpret more logically the daily happenings and can more clearly visualize what may happen in the future.

So far the allied strategy has followed the pattern with which most of us in these Pacific coast states are very familiar. It is the same plan used by our forest protective agencies in fighting a forest fire—a plan of encirclement.

The first step in fighting a forest fire is to build a fire break around it. The action is begun in front of the spot where the blaze threatens to do the most damage. A small trail is built, clearing away all inflammable matter down to the bare earth. The next step is to widen this trench, destroy the snags or trees which might fall across the line, and, if time permits, to set up a back fire. Then, when the spread of the fire is stopped in the direction where the most damage might be caused, the line is extended on and on until gradually the entire burning area is surrounded by a trench wide enough to prevent the flames from leaping across. A guard is maintained. Men watch for and extinguish the incipient blazes which are started across the line by flying embers, at the same time permitting the flames to rage unchecked in the enclosed area until by their own violence they have destroyed the substance upon which they feed.

The allied nations are fighting two such holacausts simultaneously, one in Europe, the other in Asia and the Pacific. To date every apparent effort has been the construction of a defense line around each area, first at the point where the greatest danger was evident. Now that line is being extended, widened and strengthened. Our so-called offensive actions have chiefly been movements which enlarged our defense line. The aim is to securely enclose the fires, halt their spread and prevent them from coming together.

This theory rules out the probability of an immediate, major offensive front. Fire fighters do not plunge recklessly into the blazing forest to beat out the flames. To do so would be costly of lives and materials. The waiting process takes more time, it is hard on the nerves and is trying to the impatient, but it is far better to expend time than lives.

The most disturbing part of this picture is the aftermath. Most of us have been through an old forest burn, with its blacken- day the unholy fires of the axis powers are raging with terrible fury, consuming lives, property and souls. The verdure of civilization is being destroyed in the flames of hate and battle. Our job today is to brave the searing heat to keep our defensive line clear, to beat out the flying embers, to head off each new course the fire may take. It is hard to gaze upon the destruction being wrought without succumbing to the desire to drive recklessly forward with the possible hope that something may still be salvaged. But the sure course—the policy that eventually will win—is to be patient, but diligent, holding the encircling line until the flames by their own energy destroy themselves, leaving to time and nature, with such meager help as man can give, the process of reforestation.

Editorials on News

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that better fighting weather is ahead. There has been general expectation that Japan may attack India.

Maybe our side hit first.

IT'S too early for us outsiders to draw conclusions from this new development, which may be the beginning of something big or may not be.

When the WORLD is the checkerboard, it is always probable that each move has some relation to the rest of the board.

Only the insiders of the high commands can know what these relationships are.

IN the rest of the world, the situation remains more or less unchanged.

The British 8th army has chased Rommel's main force almost to Sirte (another point where water is obtainable). Sirte is 155 miles west of El Agheila and 240 miles east of Tripoli.

Cairo intimates that a part of Rommel's trapped rear guard may have broken out. There is no estimate of the losses it may have suffered.

Whether Rommel will stop at Tripoli or try to get on to Tunis is still anybody's guess.

THERE'S nothing particularly new from Russia just bloody fighting and plenty of it. Note that the Germans are counter attacking vigorously. There is as yet no sign of German demoralization on the Russian front.

THE Japs are still hanging on at Buna. More Jap air activity is noted. Jap planes have raided Port Moresby again. MacArthur's planes are harassing the Japs who got ashore at the river mouths north of Buna.

Allied bombers continue to hit Jap positions on the island of Timor, NORTHWEST of Australia, indicating that MacArthur continues to regard Timor as a danger point.

MEANWHILE, on the home front, bandits in Chicago seize an armored truck containing $20,000. The dispatches tell of machine gunners, riflemen, etc., taking part in the hold-up.

Such things happen in Chicago because Chicago TOLERATES the conditions out of which these situations arise. It is absurd even to suggest that the authorities couldn't wipe out banditry if they went about it honestly and efficiently.

The reasons it isn't done have their roots in POLITICS.

So many of our troubles track back to the lairs of the politicians.

THIS writer notes uneasily a rising tide of talk in the news of the kind of peace we're going to make uneasily because the prevalence of such talk indicates rising belief that the end of the war is near.

History tells us that ISN'T a sound assumption.

The tide of the war between the states turned at Gettysburg but the war dragged on for more than two years. Some of the heaviest and bloodiest fighting came AFTER Gettysburg.

Napoleon's star began to wane with his disastrous retreat from Moscow, but it was more than two years before it set.

WE should be thinking, of course, of the kind of peace we're going to make when we win (as we will), but the thinking should be done by wise men who DO NO TALKING.

The fighter who lets his mind run off to thoughts of the big steak he's going to eat after he has polished off his ring opponent is apt to get hit when he isn't looking.

The way to fight effectively is to keep your mind on your Number One job—which is licking the other fellow.

OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams

KRNR

Mutual Broadcasting System, 1490 Kilocycles.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Johnson Family.
4:30—Musical Matinee.
4:45—Black and White.
5:00—Office of War Information.
5:15—They're the Barrys.
5:30—Melody Hall.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:30—Treasury Star Parade presenting "Mr. Jones and Mr. Washington."
6:45—Interlude.
6:50—Copco News.
6:55—Interlude.
7:00—John B. Hughes, Anacin.
7:15—Art Kassel's Orchestra.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—Boy's Town.
8:30—You Can't Do Business With Hitler.
8:45—Herbie Holme's Orchestra.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Cal Tinney.
9:30—John B. Hughes, Studebaker.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:00—News Bulletins.
10:02—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24,
6:45 Eye Opener.
7:00 News, L. A. Soap Co.
7:15 4-H Club Program.
7:30 News Bulletins
7:33 State and Local News, Boring Optical.
7:40 Rapsody in Wax.
8:00 Haven of Rest.
8:30 Yankee House Party.
9:00 Boake Carter.
9:15 Man About Town.
9:30 Standard String Quartette
10:00 Alka Seltzer News.
10:15 Christmas Greetings.
10:30 News Bulletins.
10:35 Strictly Personal.
10:45 Palmer House Orchestra.
11:00 Cedric Foster.
11:15 Baron Elliot's Orchestra.
11:30 R. H. S. on the Air.
12:00 Interlude.
12:05 Sports Review, Dunham Transfer Co.
12:15 Rhythm at Random.
12:45 State News, Hansen Motors.
12:50 News Review of the Air.
1:05 To be announced.
1:30 Bridgeport String Ensemble.
2:00 Don Lee Newsreel Theatre.
3:00 The Dream House of Melody, Copco.
3:30 Mutual's Overseas Reporters.
3:45 Pipe Oregan Music
4:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15 Johnson Family.
4:30 Confidentially Yours.
4:45 Paul Decker's Orchestra.
5:00 Dick Jurgen's Orchestra.
5:15 Sinfoniette.
5:30 Jamboree.
6:00 Dinner Concert.
6:20 Copco News.
6:25 Interlude.
6:30 Curtain America, Teamster's Council.
7:00 Raymond Clapper, White Owl.
7:15 Moylan Sisters, Swansdown.
7:30 Art Kassell's Orchestra.
7:45 Chuck Foster's Orchestra.
8:00 Command Performance.
9:00 Alka Seltzer News.
9:15 Round-up in the Sky, E. G. High Insurance.
9:30 Jan Garber's Orchestra.
9:45 Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
10:00 News Bulletins.
10:02 Sign Off.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1942
6:45 Eye Opener.
7:00 News, L. A. Soap Co.
7:15 Happy Johnny, Block Drug Co.
7:30 News Bulletins.
7:33 Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00 Breakfast Club.
8:30 Children Calling Home.
9:00 Boake Carter.
9:15 Chapel Singers.
9:30 Christmas Message by Dr. Edwards.
9:45 Yuletide Greetings from Baltimore.
10:00 Alka Seltzer News.
10:15 Lutheran Christmas Program.
10:30 News Bulletins, Am. Home Products.
10:35 BBC Christmas Party.
11:30 Mutual's Christmas Card.
12:30 News.
12:45 Musical Interlude.
1:00 Christmas Party, Packard Bell Radio Company.
4:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Company.
4:15 Johnson Family.
4:30 Salvation Army Program.
4:45 Freddy Martin's Orchestra.
5:00 Lest We Forget.
5:15 They're the Barrys.
5:30 The Cisco Kid.
6:00 Dinner Concert.
6:30 Treasury Star Parade presenting "The Modern Scrooge" with Frederic March and Lionel Barrymore.
6:45 Standard Choiristers.
7:00 Handel's Messiah presented by Toronto Symphony Orchestra and Mendelssohn's Choir.
7:30 The Lone Ranger.
8:00 Canary Chorus.
8:30 Music Without Words.
9:00 Alka Seltzer News.
9:15 The Boys in the Back Room, McKean & Carstens.
9:30 John B. Hughes, Studebaker.
9:45 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:00 News Bulletins.
10:02 Sign Off.

Christoforidis Gains Decision Over Bolden

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23—(AP)—The tournament to crown a light heavyweight "duration champ" was narrowed to three competitors today.

Anton Christoforidis, spotting his adversary six pounds at 166, won a 10-round decision over dusky Nate Bolden from Chicago at the tourney inaugural here last night.

Only some fast and furious leather-slinging in the last two rounds gave the fans any excitement.

Christo, former light heavyweight champion who drew with Bolden at Chicago last August, got the nod from Referee Jackie Davis and both judges.

Growers, Shippers Urged To Conserve Containers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—(AP)—The war production board appealed today to fruit and vegetable growers and shippers to accumulate immediately a stockpile of second-hand wood boxes, crates, baskets, barrels, and hampers for use in shipment of their 1943 crops.

Accumulating stockpiles now, WPB said, will help relieve an expected heavy demand for new wood containers, and also ease the strain on manpower and transportation during the 1943 harvest season.

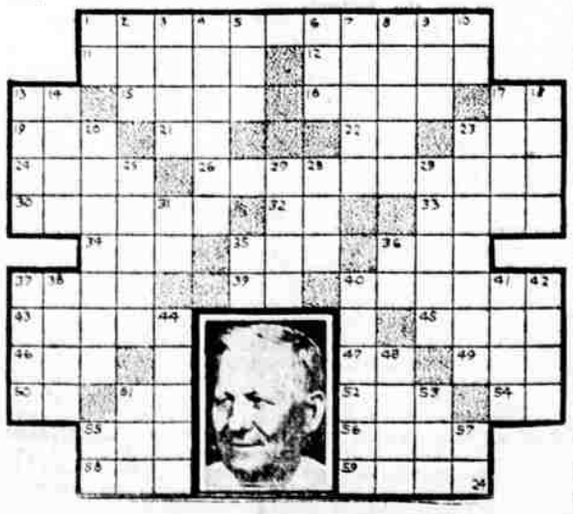
WPB also urged retailers and other merchants to sell empty containers either to second-hand container dealers, or to growers rather than turn the containers into channels where they would be destroyed.

MARCH COMPOSER

HORIZONTAL
1 Pictured late march composer,
— —.
11 Rationed item (pl.).
12 Staggers.
13 Symbol for radium.
15 Peel.
16 Unit of length.
17 Street (abbr.).
19 Swiss mountain.
21 Measure.
22 Pound (abbr.).
23 Collection of facts.
24 Heavenly body
26 He was a noted ——.
30 Dry maize product.
32 Either.
33 Genus of shrubs.
34 Greek letter.
35 Weep.
36 Has eaten.
37 Fly.
39 Part of "be."
40 Coffers.
43 Grout.
45 Hinder.
46 Onager.
47 Print measure.
49 Mineral spring
50 Size of shot.
51 Chaos.
52 Auricle.
54 Senior (abbr.)
55 Legendary king of Brittany.
56 Neat.
58 Hen product.
59 12 months.

VERTICAL
1 Near.
2 Tear.
3 Snare.
4 By means of this.
5 Employ.
6 Peep.
7 Kingdom.
8 Paraguay tea.
9 He was 71 years —— when he died.
10 Rupees (abbr.).
13 Headstrong.
14 Singing voice.
17 Cut.
18 Ancient Irish capital.
20 Indulges to excess.
23 Certifies.
25 Stair part.
27 Pattern.
28 Thirsty.
29 Places.
31 Symbol for nickel.
35 Central America (abbr.).
36 Exclamation.
37 Prostrate.
38 Endure.
40 Crawly.
41 Spinning toys.
42 Mast.
44 Juvenile.
48 Female horse.
51 Cobra.
53 Narrow inlet.
55 Exist.
57 Written form of Mister.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Famous Negro Athlete Dies of Mystery Ailment

BRIDGETON, N. J., Dec. 23—(AP)—John Borican, one of America's great natural athletes, died last night.

The powerful body which carried him to numerous world track records and national championships had wasted away to a mere 110 pounds through an ailment which his family said specialists were unable to diagnose.

"They don't seem to know what's the matter with me, or maybe they don't want to tell me," Borican said recently at his apartment-studio in New York. "you wouldn't know me any more."

All sports came easy to Borican, a perfectly proportioned, six-foot negro. Only a few months ago, weighing 170 pounds, he had run off with the national A. A. U. 800-meter outdoor championship. He had breezed through the indoor season, adding the 800-meter world records to his ever

Borican came into his own in increasing list.

He had captured the 1,000-yard national title for the third straight year and had doubled up to take the 600-yard and 1,000-yard K. of C. races one night with seeming lack of effort.

zBorican came into his own in the track world rather later than most middle distance greats. He was 29 and although unbeatable between the 600 and the three-quarter mile he never attained his dream of being the first negro mile champion. At that, he had run a 4:10 mile in practice.

The year 1941 saw Borican gain the national decathlon and pentathlon championships, the only time one man won both all-around titles in the same year.

Borican was an accomplished oil painter and his portraits hung in several exhibitions. Until several months ago he was assistant director of the Newark Boys club, where he helped in rehabilitating many of the poorer negro boys of Newark.

Warning Issued on Yule Trees in Dimout Zone

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23—(AP)—State Defense Coordinator Owen warned that Christmas trees in homes in dimout zones must not be permitted to shine through windows during hours of darkness.

He also warned against lighted candles in windows after dark.

"Everyone can have his lighted Christmas tree this year, if he has it indoors and is sure to draw all of his shades after sunset. This is a year to keep Christmas cheer behind drawn blinds so that it cannot possibly aid the enemy," Owen said.

O. Enger Gives Coinage Talk at Kiwanis Meet

An interesting talk on coinage was presented before the Roseburg Kiwanis club at its regular Tuesday luncheon meeting by Oscar Enger of Consolidated Freightways, Inc. Mr. Enger exhibited collections of U. S. coins and told of the system used by the government in its coinage and processes of minting.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those friends who so thoughtfully expressed their sympathy during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. J. L. Marsters
Mrs. E. F. Hall
K. L. Gilkeson
Mrs. E. G. Randolph
C. W. Gilkeson

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

A Christmas Prayer

Eternal Father, we give thanks unto Thee with gladness of heart, that the silence of the ages has been broken by the advent of Thy Son. By Him Thou art speaking to us in these utmost days, grant unto us ears to hear, hearts to perceive and minds to understand the myster yof His Holy Incarnation. "The word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Open our eyes to behold His splendour, the splendour of an only Son, replete with grace and truth. Grant, O Lord, that the coming of Thy Son may bring hope to the whole world, more than all other gifts—hope and forward looking thoughts. Let His name be called wonderful counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. May we know Him as Emmanuel, that in the consciousness of His abiding presence we may be made glad, and call upon Him as Jesus, who has saved His people from their sins, and brought to us the humility, mercy and justice of His Kingdom. Bless all the families of the race and more especially those who in remembrance of Thy Son draw near to one another and to Thee in this blissful season of our Lord's nativity, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Upon small items oftimes depend great happenings. **Military messages must be protected from the elements to be decipherable upon reaching their destination. So a message or mail bag is an important small item in the overall equipment of our armed forces, although it costs only about 30 cents.**

Couriers and dispatch riders carry these water-proof, leather-bound bags from battle front to headquarters. Your purchase of War Bonds and Stamps will help pay for them. Join the Payroll Savings Plan for regular purchase of War Bonds and let's "Top that ten percent by New Year's." U. S. Treasury Department

U. of O. Quintet Defeats Ramblers by One Point

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 23—(AP)—After losing three straight starts to their opponents, the University of Oregon basketball team turned the tables last night to eke out a 39-38 victory over the Vancouver Ramblers despite a last minute rally by John Mandic, Rambler center.

Mandic, former Oregon State star, piled in six straight baskets in the final minutes. He led the scoring with 21 points.

Oregon led 17-3 at the end of the first quarter and 21-14 at the half. Fuhrman, forward, led the Oregon scoring with 10 points.

Navy Training Plane in Flight of Four Crashes

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Dec. 23—(AP)—A flight of four navy trainingplanes attempted forced landings near here, and one crashed. The other three were understood to have managed to alight without serious injury to occupants.

All ambulances at nearby Hamilton field and from Santa Rosa were called to the scene. The plane that burned crashed into Taylor mountain a mile south of Santa Rosa.

Lew Jenkins Loses On TKO to John Thomas

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23—(AP)—Lew Jenkins, who a year ago was world's lightweight champion, appears at the end of the road pugilistically.

Jenkins, 137, showed nothing of his old footwork or punching power last night in losing on a fifth-round technical knockout to John Thomas, up and coming negro battler. Thomas scaled 135½.

Leaves For Portland—Miss Rita Howe, who is employed in the office at the Farm Security Administration, left last evening for Portland to remain over Christmas visiting relatives and friends.

Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capital

By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Part of the duty of being the minority leader is to sit at a senate desk from noon until 5:30 and keep track of parliamentary procedure; listen to the long speeches and read the Congressional Record. This routine is broken when the leader disappears for lunch in the senate restaurant. Thumbing through the Record, reading the verbatim report of the proceedings, Senator McNary came across a speech by Senator Prentis Brown which interpreted the OPA act. There were no comments on the speech by other senators. McNary read the speech and discovered something; it was a memorandum written by someone, but this memo had been picked up by Brown from his desk and given to the shorthand reporter. Neither Brown nor the reporter noticed that the memo was included in Brown's notes and this foreign substance went into the Record. McNary caught it.

The minority leader announced that he would give 30 days in which to delete this material from the permanent Record. Came an inquiry as to who was responsible for the memo, which interpreted, presumably, the senate's view of OPA. According to cloakroom gossip, the finger of suspicion points to David Ginsberg, principal attorney for OPA. This interpretation, as it appeared under the quotes of Senator Brown, affected every man, woman and child in the United States. After Jan. 3, 1943, it will be Mr. and not Senator Brown, as he was defeated in the November election.

Jimmy Byrnes, price stabilization director, declared before a congressional subcommittee that OPA was authorized to include government payments as a part of the ceiling prices because Senator Brown had declared that this was authorized. Byrnes issued an order directing a ceiling on farm wages of $2400 a year (above that sum war labor board takes over) and this was approved by the president, control over the $2,400 class of farm help being given the secretary of agriculture. Now that Brown is not assuming responsibility for what the Record says he said, Byrnes is somewhat out on the end of a limb.

Warning On Snoopers

Department stores of Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane should be on the alert for snoopers from the office of price administrator. Already two of the largest department stores in the national capital are having OPA troubles. Investigators have priced garments and sworn to complaints that the ceiling on the articles has been ignored. One of these stores employes 27 men and women, full time, keeping track of the orders of OPA, adjusting prices and issuing mimeographed instructions to all departments. Despite this array of special help the investigator discovered sufficient to start procedings. The second store used a lesser number of employes to keep posted on the shifting ceilings.

Kick On Housing Units

Complaints comes rolling back to the national capital that the rains of several weeks past in the northwest have made living in most of the war emergency housing projects far from comfortable. Absence of pavements and sidewalks has left a mire and reaching these temporary units is a task, especially during hours of darkness. Apparently nothing can be done by the officials in Washington, D. C., the matter being in the hands of local housing authorities. Another kick: The more recently built houses are not as good as those constructed at Bremerton, Seattle and Tacoma when there were no priorities. Despite this deficiency the newest units cost more than the earlier types.

Food Restriction

After December 31 none of the following northwest commodities will be canned for civilian use—all canned goods are for the military forces and lend-lease: Apples, applesauce, all kinds of berries, powdered skim milk, dehydrated vegetables, fruits for salads, seafoods. These are items affecting the economy of Washington and Oregon. On the other hand, California can produce all the orange and grapefruit juice possible. The order does not mean that there will be less of northwest commodities canned—only that there will be none for civilians.

Pennies Doomed

If metal becomes scarcer than at present congress may abolish fractional coins and replace them with shinplasters. As rapidly as the government can get its hands on the copper penny that coin disappears from circulation and eventually is transformed into a cartridge case or gadget for an airplane. This is what is behind the government's appeal to people not to save pennies but to spend them.