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A SECOND FRONT.

Both here and in England, millions of people seem to consider themselves completely qualified experts on military tactics and strategy. They know precisely what is wrong with the United Nations' high commands, and they are convinced that they could remedy matters in short order if they were put in charge. That widespread attitude underlies the aggressive demand that the British and the Americans immediately open a second front in Europe.

In theory, the second front would be of immense benefit to the Allied cause. It would divert men and machines and supplies from Hitler's Russian and African offensives. It would give the conquered people of France their opportunity to rise up against their conqueror and help destroy him. It would mark the start of a real effort to break Axis power at home—where Axis power must eventually be broken.

So much for theory. In actual fact, opening the second front now would be one of the most hazardous operations in all military history. According to all reports, the Germans have done wonders in fortifying their continental positions. In France alone, they have about 300,000 seasoned troops which have been rigorously trained in preparation for an Allied invasion. These troops have abundant equipment of the first quality, and they have plenty of air support. Their supply lines are secure, and they lie across land, not across water. The Germans have massed a gigantic amount of heavy artillery, much of it taken from the Maginot Line, along the French coast, and every possible invasion point is a fortress.

As military history proves again and again, an over-water invasion of enemy-held territory is the most difficult of all military operations—even after their complete victory at Dunkirk, when British military power was all but destroyed, the Nazi generals didn't feel confident enough of success to make the attempt. The enemy positions must be "softened" first by days and perhaps weeks of artillery fire—and guns do not exist which can adequately shell the German positions from the British side of the Channel. As a substitute for artillery, dive bombers would have to be used—and their losses would be enormous. The losses in men which would follow when the stage of landing operations was reached, is also staggering. Without artillery support, the landing troops would have to advance against completely shielded defenders with a vast superiority in firepower. Writing in Collier's, Quentin Reynolds, one of the best informed of war correspondents, draws a vivid and probably accurate picture when he says: "Let those who shout loudest for the immediate establishment of a second front in France... visualize for a moment the cost, in equipment and life. Let them visualize the waters of the Channel running blood red under a white moon, and let them visualize the bodies of thousands of British and American soldiers floating in those waters. If the persuasive eloquence of the second-front brigade is to have any other result is possible."

This does not mean that a second front is impossible. To the contrary, every really informed military man is convinced that one will be opened in time. But it cannot be opened until everything is ready. That means that, first, there must be many more bombings of Germany and the Continent on the Cologne scale. It means that Allied troops must be given more and better equipment than they now possess. And it means that ways must be found of causing distracting trouble for Germany at home.

WHILE RURAL PROPERTY CONTINUES TO BURN

Those who know what fire protection means to people in the rural districts have been plugging for some sort of fire protection, particularly during the present emergency. There was a time when the proposal was first made, such protection might have been made available but the county officials could not see it that way. Later the proposal was revived, but war restrictions are so rigid at the present time on securing the needed equipment, we doubt if it could be bought. In the meantime we may suffer losses far greater than the cost of equipment involved. In fact the Sunday night's fire loss would have more than paid for this part of the county's share of such equipment. In that fire a truck equipped with a pump might not have saved all the building, but here was an ideal setup for a truck so equipped with river water close by. Standing by and seeing a building burn when you can not do much about it is probably the most hopeless feeling in the world.

We should have had additional protection for our rural areas and forests. We ought to have the added protection just as soon as the equipment is available.

CALL FOR OLD RECORDS

Response to the call for old records for men in service has not been up to expectations to-date according to Ed Gotch, acting chairman of Calvin Funk Post, American Legion. Last week Gotch issued an urgent call for old records, dusty, cracked, chipped or just plain busted. Possibly those who may have old records have overlooked notifying the Legionnaires or maybe you, like we, don't have them. In this event if you know of anyone who does, please tell them that old records are wanted and that arrangements have been made to reissue them to men in the service without cost to the servicemen.

Gotch says he wants Cottage Grove to lead, not follow, in this worthy movement. To do this those who are donating their time and effort must have the support of the public.

Just traveling 100 miles from home is refreshing these days. One can pick up an entirely new batch of war rumors and war stories in J. N. Garvin in the Raytown (Mo.) News.

Perilous Gambling
In the nitrate fields of Chile, the workers play a gambling game in which each man bets that he can hold a stick of dynamite, with lighted fuse, longer than anyone else. Winners collect—or are collected.

Peppermint
Sprinkled with flakes of peppermint candy, at Gustafson's, of course. 51-lte-71

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS meets 2nd Monday of the month at Cottage Grove. All members are invited to attend.
W. Ace Gregg, Commander.

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AMERICAN LEGION READY

To W. C. Martin, Editor—I have read with keen interest your editorial of the July 23rd edition. I manifest always, an interest in the Universal Draft Act.

In your remarks you state: "That while a few organizations, notably the American Legion for one, have tried to put this act across, the success is manifestly indifferent, that like Mark Twain once said, 'We talk about the weather but do nothing,' the same goes for the universal draft, the taking of profit out of war, etc."

For the information of citizenry at large, and those of Lane county in particular, I have with other comrades, been spending a few days in Portland, at the American Legion convention. Generally speaking only superficial knowledge of the Legion's deliberations are given to the public, and you do not therefore know, as to the extent these deliberations go in the matter of preparedness, universal conscription, and the effort to see that no one will batten on the blood of men who do your fighting.

We of the American Legion do not just talk. We vociferously demand action on these subjects, and not later than the termination of the national convention in Kansas City in September. You, and you and you will suddenly come to know—that the American Legion which for the last quarter of a century, has begged you—the citizenry—to consider out and out preparedness, and this same universal draft, and have had war-monger and other choice names thrown at it. We don't assume the attitude of "I told you so," it's too late for that, but we do want you to know that we are still the same virile-fighting organization we ever have been.

The men who are going to this convention are not "Good-time Charlies," out to make the welkin ring. These are men with a serious mission—men who know their own minds, men with guts, and the courage of their own convictions, and men who will battle the hordes of hell itself, to protect our heritage. They will demand the disgorging of these millions of blood profits, they will demand that all Americans, and those who live on America's bounty, make the total effort to win. Men who now batten on blood are traitors—treasonable as hell and should receive short shift (as they will). In Oregon are Legionnaires who have guts—men who realize whether we are heading, men who are in the van guard of Legion demands for this bill, men who will now dictate to those who would not listen, what they want. Men like Niel Allen and Jerrold Owen, men of the grass roots (and thank God America there are lots of those) men who have this situation in hand, to see to it that we win. "There is only two courses—you either win and survive, or die." The enemy have vowed your extinction else. But you still will find the American Legion in its local posts, ready to see that that never happens. We need a slogan—a fighting Verduin-le slogan. "They shall not win—they shall not win." Talk? We are beyond the talking stage, we're demanding action. Come on America, back us up, we have waited all these years for you to do it.

ED J. GOTCH, Adjutant-elect
Calvin Funk Post 32,
American Legion.

ARE WE QUISLING?

(By Ruth Taylor)

Are we quislung? It is the verb that is meant, not the noun.

We are quislung when we try to get around rationing, when we seek favors for ourselves, when we grumble and complain at the hardships of war. We are quislung when we neglect dimout precautions, when we boast of being able to get more than our share of restricted essentials, when we waste rubber and gas on pleasure driving, when we hoard food stuffs, when we offer more than the legal price for rationed goods, when we waste essentials.

The traitor, whose name will go down in history as synonymous with the thief-in-the-night or the stab-in-the-back, betrayed his countrymen to the invader. When we quisle we are betraying our armed forces all over the globe. We are sacrificing them for a moment's comfort, or for a smart aleck satisfaction in putting something over on someone.

Fortunately there are few among us who go in for intentional quislung. But, as a nation, we have put too much reliance on our material resources without a full realization of the necessity for using those resources for one end and one end only.

What if we do go without? It is our privilege as free men to sacrifice for the things in which we believe. If by so doing we succeed in defending our homes and our democratic way of life, we will again have those material comforts which we are giving up temporarily. If we do not, with this war, then nothing we are now losing would be of any value to us. We will be slaves under the heel of a brutal tyrant.

Rationing is not an arbitrary mandate imposed on a few. It means share and share alike. Its success will depend not upon law-

OUR DEMOCRACY

by Mat

UNCLE SAM SETS A GOOD TABLE.



TYPICAL ARMY CAMP MENU:

BREAKFAST—FRESH FRUIT, FRESH MILK, CEREAL, BACON AND EGGS, BUTTERED TOAST OR BREAD, COFFEE, SUGAR.

DINNER—SOUP, MEAT, POTATOES, 2 VEGETABLES, SALAD, PIE OR CAKE. HOT OR ICED BEVERAGE.

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A CITIZEN'S PLEDGE

I pledge myself to the common cause by eager submission to any sacrifice that hastens Victory.

I will keep physically fit and spiritually calm.

I will not indulge in careless talk, in idle fears, or selfish ambitions.

I will exert my greatest energies, to help in the fulfillment of our War Production program.

I will give generously of my time to Civilian Defense Projects.

I appreciate that business is not as usual. I accept this situation cheerfully and pledge myself to do nothing in my business which will interfere with my country's need.

I recognize that the home represents the hope of America. I will help to keep it a shrine of harmony and beauty—a citadel of strength and courage.

I will conserve materials.

I will not hoard.

I will systematically save so as to anticipate my tax.

I will pay these cheerfully and promptly.

I will invest in savings bonds and stamps.

I will always bear in mind that as a loyal citizen of this great democracy it is my personal responsibility to defend it to the utmost—Courtesy Cleveland Advertising Club.

enforcement officers but upon the individual response of individual Americans.

We are not quislung—and we will not! By our actions will we show that once again we can take it. Once again American public opinion is marshalled ready for sacrifice. As Leon Henderson said: "Government can do its best in a crisis of this kind, and still find that it is behind the procession of genuine public opinion. That is the genius of America. And that's what's going to lick the Axis!"

Some months ago I found this line in a mid-western paper: "Where would the country be today if Daniel Boone, Lewis and Clarke, Simon Kenton and others like them had stayed home because they had no rubber tires?" Are we quislung? We are not!

Old Trunk Refurbished
An old trunk, colorfully painted, can be made acceptable in the bedroom, for holding clothes or blankets, or in the children's room, for holding toys. One such trunk was painted dead white and, when dry, antiqued. This was followed by painting bright flowers along the reinforcement bands about the trunk and painting the hinges black.

Dead Snake Trap
African natives nail a poisonous snake by the tail to a tree along an animal trail and wait nearby for results. An animal poisoned by the snake is soon taken.

Conquest of Darkness!

WHEN THE LATE KING EDWARD VII VISITED THIS COUNTRY AS PRINCE OF WALES, HE RECEIVED WASHINGTON SOCIETY UNDER AN ORNATE CHANDELIER IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THE PRINCE WAS COVERED WITH CANDLE DRIPPINGS!!

A CRAB WITH HEAD LIGHTS!

A SPECIES OF CRAB IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, CARRIES ANOTHER ANIMAL ON ITS BACK. THIS ANIMAL EXUDES A PHOSPHORESCENT LIGHT!!

A FEW YEARS BACK, A PARLOR STUNT WAS THE IGNITING OF A GAS JET WITH THE DISCHARGE OF STATIC ELECTRICITY FROM THE FINGER TIPS, ACCUMULATED BY SHUFFLING THE FEET ACROSS THE CARPET! (Copyright 1942 by J. G. CLARK)



IN 1800, VOLTA, THE SCIENTIST, DEVELOPED AN APPARATUS FROM WHICH A CONTINUOUS FLOW OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY COULD BE OBTAINED! UNTIL THAT TIME THE ONLY KIND THAT WAS AVAILABLE WAS STATIC ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY FRICTION—

TODAY—CLEAN, ABUNDANT LIGHTING IS AVAILABLE IN ALMOST EVERY OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE BUILDING IN THE LAND!

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The Aerial Camera for use on Scout and Observation and Reconnaissance planes is essential to both the Army and Navy air forces in planning battle formations and in obtaining information on enemy fortifications and movements. They look something like a cannon, and cost about \$3,400 apiece.



The aerial cameraman can plot wide territories in bold relief so that Army or Navy Intelligence can make accurate measurements of enemy territory. We need many of these cameras so necessary to the air arms of the Army and Navy. You can help buy them with your purchases of War Bonds. Invest at least ten percent of your income every pay day, and help your country go over its War Bond Quota.

U. S. Treasury Department

Island's Main Crop

Prior to 1898, before Puerto Rico became a part of the United States, coffee was the main crop of the island and the entire output was sold in Europe. It was famed among continental gourmets for its unique flavor, and used to sell for as much as 40 cents a pound in a green unroasted state.

Bright and Shiny

Andirons, kettles, and other brass objects can be kept bright and shiny if they are frequently washed with warm soapuds, dried thoroughly, polished with a fine cleanser, and then washed and dried again to remove all traces of the cleansing agent.

Peppermint flake ice cream. Sprinkled with flakes of peppermint candy, at Gustafson's, of course. 51-lte-71

120,000,000 Pounds of Beef
Americans in 1941 consumed more than 120,000,000 pounds of beef made extra tender with the aid of invisible ultraviolet rays. The germ-killing lamps enable packers to use higher temperature and humidity to speed up tenderization without danger of bacteria and mold growth which would ordinarily spoil the meat.

'Tribute to a Dog'
George Graham Vest (1830-1904), United States senator from Missouri, presented his famous "Tribute to a Dog" in a jury oration while serving as attorney in the prosecution of a man who wantonly shot a neighbor's pet. Although the plaintiff had sued only for \$200, the jury, after deliberating for two minutes, awarded \$500.

The lumber in two average desks would provide enough material to build a trailer for a war worker.

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