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Within the past two months there have been at least two Negroes killed by the people who are sworn to protect them as well as the rest of the populace. Innocent or guilty, in either case witnesses state that neither of these men should have been killed. They were killed by Policemen and at the time of murders (that is the name for it) neither of the policemen's life was in danger. But to add insult to injury, official Portland exonerated the killers without a coroners inquest or trial of any kind.

Needless to say that on no account would these murders not have been investigated had these men been white. But, solely because they were Negroes nothing was said or done about either killing. It is time for the Colored population of Oregon to start action that will prevent a recurrence of this sort of thing. One minister, a Rev. George W. Brown who was practically unknown hereabouts took it upon himself to speak for the good of all Negroes. His actions caused societies, organizations and clubs of the white race to bring a demand for a coroner's inquest into the killing of Irwin Jones in Guilds Lake on August 21st. The Negro Race in Portland has done almost nothing to help this man in his endeavor to bring about some kind of justice.

The members of the Police Department be they Regulars or of the Guard and Patrol Unit who kill needlessly are as much MURDERERS as anyone else who kills. They should be tried and when found guilty given a sentence in the Penitentiary or the Gas Chamber the same as any other citizen. It is time to rid the community of these "Gun Weilders". You can do your part.

A committee visited the District Attorney to see if it was possible to have the state pay the expenses of the return of Mrs. Jones and family from their home in Louisiana. Following the killing of her husband Mrs. Jones left Oregon. It will be necessary to have Mrs. Jones here to hold a coroner's inquest. The District Attorney said that he would put the matter before the proper authorities. Write to the Governor of this state, Governor Earl Snell and ask him to authorize sending for these people. Write to Mayor Earl Riley and ask him to interceed for the good of the Negro population.

Now is the time to act before more innocent people are killed, remember, YOU may be the next victim.

THE COMMON DEFENSE

A Revelation and A Warning

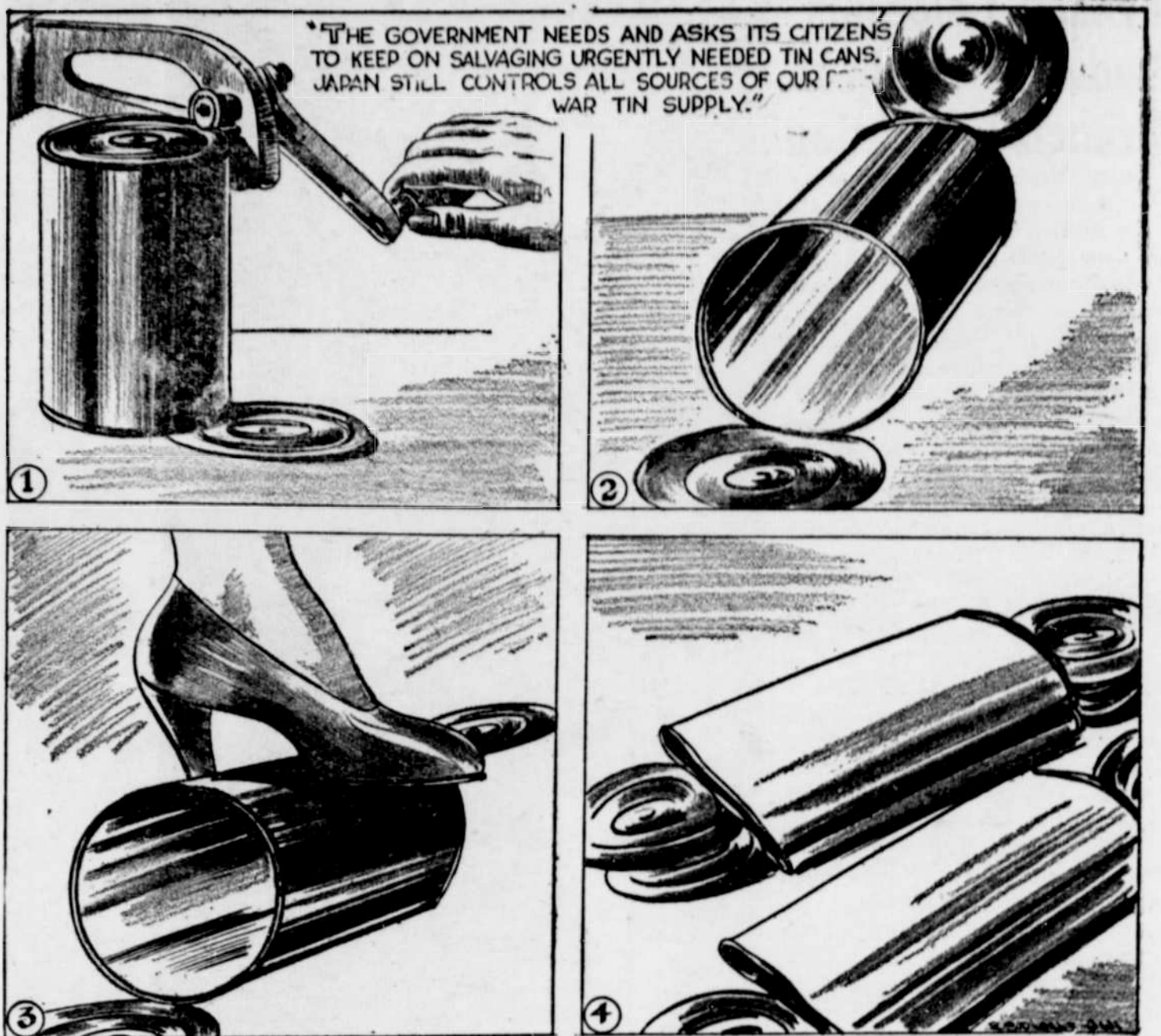
The explosion of the experimental atomic bomb in the New Mexico desert is said to have illuminated the sky with a brightness greater than that of the sun at noonday. Shaking the earth over an area of 300 miles in diameter, reverberating like a heavy clap of thunder, it lightened the peaks, ridges—and even crevasses—of mountains three miles away.

The explosion of this atomic bomb, marking the advent of awful power in the hands of men, illuminated more than the deep and dark places of the mountains. The blinding flash was a revelation—which threw searing and penetrating light into the dark chambers of men's souls where pride and greed and hate are stored up and nurtured. The deafening roar of thunder was a warning of the dire fate awaiting humanity if men, possessing new destructive power, use it in the service of pride and greed and hate.

It is a ghastly thing to contemplate the words of so keen an observer as Commander Herbert Agar, aid to Ambassador Winant, "I sincerely believe that in a very few years human beings will know how to destroy the human race."

These are not idle words. For here we have before us an instrument of destruction of such potency as to possess more power than 20,000 tons of TNT—an instrument of death, a single bomb—equal in destructive power to all the bombs that 2,000 B-29 bombers can carry. All this power in one atomic bomb—all this now a reality, not a theory.

In view of these circumstances, all who have contribut-



'KEEP ON SALVAGING TIN CANS!'

ed anything to the sum total of racial and religious hate in this country ought to repent of their evil works. For today evil must be seen as being more deadly than ever it was. Today there are powers of world-wide destruction at its disposal. It is terrifying now to think of what destruction awaited mankind had the Nazis, imbued with hate and prejudice, first discovered the secret of atomic energy.

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Personnel Specialists Speeding Redeployment

ASSEMBLY AREA COMMAND, France—A group of Negro personnel and medical specialists, who compose Headquarters Detachment, 611th Quartermaster Battalion, is helping to speed troops from Europe by filling key administrative posts in the Sissonne Sub-area, Assembly Area Command near Reims. Activated in 1942 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, the 22-man unit has accomplished several important assignments. From October, 1943 to September, 1944, it furnished as a personnel section for Quartermaster depots in Salisbury, Southampton and Bath, England. Arriving on the continent, mem-

bers of the unit were attached to Q-177 Depot in Paris, largest Quartermaster pool in the European Theater. Their first job was processing 1,000,000 pieces of captured German clothing for conversion purposes. Finishing this task in less than a month, they handled all administrative records of the 1,400 soldiers on duty at the depot. The medical section served both Army personnel and French civilian employees. Immediately following V-E Day, the unit was transferred from Paris to Sissonne, being the first unit to arrive at this Assembly Area Command headquarters.

SIDE-ORDERS FOR K-RATIONS

Washington, D. C.—If they can't get home right away, the GI's in the Philippines who might otherwise be limited to processed or dehydrated foods can now prepare their own victory gardens. In the tropical climates especially, the seeds given them at our western ports of embarkation by American Red Cross must be producing plenty of tomatoes and melons by now.

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