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American Solidarity

Several of the Central American republics followed the United States' example in declaring war upon Japan. Costa Rica in fact beat us to the punch. Nicaragua, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti followed suit.

Mexico and Colombia however immediately broke off diplomatic relations with Japan; Venezuela and Bolivia announced support of the United States; Chile proposed a conference of American republics to adopt a common policy against Japan.

Heretofore we have expressed our "thanks" to Japan for smashing at Pearl Harbor all of the disunity which might have persisted if we had entered this war in any other circumstances.

And this is important because, if our current hopes that the European end of the axis is breaking up prove vain, if Germany is still strong enough to "break out" in a new direction, South America is one of the vulnerable spots at which, after a drive across Africa and possibly with French collaboration, she may strike.

Predictions for 1942

Heaven help the poor magazine editors and the "experts" on nights like these. Eventful 1941 draws to a close and it behooves all and sundry to predict the events of 1942.

Edgar Snow: The Japanese may seize Thailand by infiltration. If they succeed, short-of-war incidents may follow. . . . But Japan has lost the initiative and Hirohito's "greater empire" is doomed.

John Whitaker: In August (1942) America will declare war after a filibuster led by Senators Nye and Wheeler. . . . Great Britain will be at war with Japan before the United States.

H. V. Kaltenborn: No complete solution of the strike problem. . . . Growing strength of the Chinese armies in resistance to the Japanese.

Pierre Van Paassen: Russia, Britain and China will have to resist the physical impact of the axis horde, while America must carry the economic burden, with occasional losses on the ocean and in the air.

Harry Flannery: The Nazis. . . will act in the face of a United States steadily taking a greater part in the fight against them and possibly—in the fall (1942)—issuing a declaration of war.

Well, it just goes to show that foresight is a misnomer, even among the experts. They may guess or they may exercise superior judgment. But they just can't know.

We have quoted six "experts" who got out on a limb for failure to foresee last week's events. They were not of course predicting December, 1941, events, so we think an orchid is due each of these fellows:

Raymond Gram Swing: America, Britain and the Dutch will be fighting Japan during the year—either before or after American declaration of war on Germany.

George Fielding Elliot: Unless Japan backs down, it is war. If it's war, Japan will be swiftly and decisively beaten. . . . the US will be at war within the year.

And after all some of the other predictions may prove correct. We'll give you a few samples:

Whitaker: Within a month of mid-March.

Hitler will invade Spain, Portugal and North Africa.

Clapper: The main theatre of war after Christmas will be the Middle East.

Kaltenborn: A progressive weakening of Hitler's war machine as a result of declining morale and increasing shortage of essential war materials.

Van Paassen: The axis may become the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo-Vichy axis.

Flannery: This will be the deciding year of war, in which events will turn the tide against Germany.

It's all very well to criticize, say you. Oh, you mean we haven't stuck our neck out? All right, we will, at least two-thirds of it:

Of the three present axis leaders, Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo, two won't be leading anything or anybody by the end of 1942.

Oregon City Enterprise moves that the numerous pinball machines being operated in that community be sent to Japan to confuse the enemy, who wouldn't be able to figure out, so the editor opines, what makes them "games of skill for amusement only."

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Mr. Roosevelt's blunt move toward some kind of mandatory as well as voluntary "censorship"—a word he termed "abhorrent"—is apparently causing some abhorrence at the outset.

Mandatory censorship could mean blue-penciling of copy, blank spaces in newspapers—but it won't. France had that kind before it fell.

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Censorship is a negative thing. No nation ever won a war through censorship. Civilian enthusiasm has never been rallied to the giving of utmost energy for victory by the suppression of facts.

There may be a danger here of the government getting the horse behind the cart. What is needed most is an affirmative policy of news dispensing. The best propaganda in the world for us is factual truth.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

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Some folks are sniffing at the painful extremity of the new draft age scope, saying the new dealers always seek broad powers pretending they do not intend to use them—then do. This proposal did not come from the new dealers. The age scope originated with Grenville Clark, New York lawyer connected with a veterans' organization.

The war department is backing it because our military planners think this country needs an army of 6,000,000 men to start. Drafting is being handled strictly as a military problem.

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Citizens are asking what they can do to help win this war. Each day this column will carry a suggestion. Today:

Save your newspapers, magazines, waste paper, old tires, rags, kitchen utensils and metal scrap of all kinds, old batteries, rubber overshoes or mats. Save them religiously. Keep them separate.

When you have 100 pounds or so (100 pounds of newspapers would stack up about as high as a broomhandle) call your junk dealer and sell them, or give them to the Salvation Army.

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ISAAC A. MANNING, Barranquilla, Colombia.



There Are Also Some UN-Wise Men of The East

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

"Put the Rasicals on 12-20-41 the Firing Line" is a headline in "Shadows" for December; it means just that:

(Continuing from yesterday:) The veteran Warden Dunn of the Oklahoma penitentiary goes on to say:

"Mr. Bennett has brought to the foreground a subject which is the entire backbone of the prison problem. Solve it and you have solved the problem which has been causing the needless expenditure of millions of dollars by our 48 states and the imprisonment of thousands of men who could be filling their rightful places in society."

"Where shall we go from here? This is a subject that has been a pet of mine ever since I became associated with prison work more than a decade ago; an enigma to which I have long sought an answer. I believe now I have something to offer in the way of a permanent solution."

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"The problem facing the discharged prisoner today is without doubt the worst in the history of our penal system. I see men leaving prison every day after completing their terms, enthusiastic about facing the world's problems, securing employment, and living respectable lives. I see many of these men come back to prison within 30 days, some within 90 days, and some within six months."

"Why do they repeat? They come back because they cannot help themselves—because, after serving their sentences they cannot take up life again where they left off. Especially is this true of the prisoner who has served five, ten, fifteen years or more. The situation is this: The prisoner serves his sentence, he is paroled or discharged, and unless he has relatives or parole sponsors who will see him through until he finds himself, gets his feet under him, he is absolutely lost. He finds it difficult to secure work. He has little or no money to meet the everyday needs of life until he finds work. He is in a desperate situation at best."

"What can be done for him? I propose a federal-state agency be created to employ the ex-prisoner for a period of time after his release, at a monthly salary that will compensate him for his work and aid him to re-establish his self-respect and further his determination to become a useful American citizen."

"Such an agency could operate along the lines of a WPA agency. Critics will say that such an agency would take the work away from needy 'free' persons. I do not think such criticism would be justified because it would prove much cheaper on both federal and state governments to maintain ex-prisoners for a short period—a bridging period from release to real chance at rehabilitation—than to have them back in prison at the state's expense within a few days or months."

"And, too, a system could be worked out where there would be enough state work for both needy 'free' persons as well as the ex-prisoners."

"My contention is that the state still owes an obligation to the ex-prisoner in seeing him through this period after release to a chance at respectability."

"This period need not be more than six months—some prisoners would require even less time, others (and I believe the percentage would be very small) would not be benefited by such treatment."

"Such an agency should be self-sustaining insofar as possible and the monthly wage set at enough to provide a monthly saving for his final return to society."

"Not long ago a man was committed to the Oklahoma state penitentiary to serve a term of two years."

"He was a college graduate, a newspaperman, a heavy drinker."

"During his first thirty days here he underwent a major operation in the prison hospital, and he was assigned to work for which he was best fitted."

"Time came for his release on parole. I called him to my office, told him his parole had been favorably considered, and he surprised me by rejecting release on parole."

"He had recovered his health and was apparently mentally and physically fit to again take his place in society."

"I asked him why he did not wish to take advantage of a release on parole."

(Concluded tomorrow.)

"Emerald Embassy"

By FRANCIS GERARD

Chapter 19 continued

At this point Madame de Vassignac had hung up the receiver. The special branch, getting into touch with the Suffolk police, had ascertained that Weyland 85 was the telephone number of Vine Cottage, the property of a Mrs. Saltbridge, which had been leased recently for six months by a Mr. P. Horton of London.

With this to work on, the watchers at Paul's Hotel went further into the matter and discovered that a Captain Horton had been in the habit recently of calling there to see Madame de Vassignac.

Colonel Anson, of the special branch, promptly got in touch with the war office and learned that about six months previously and prior to publication of the latest army list, a Captain Philip Horton of the Royal Engineers had been cashiered and dismissed from service over a matter involving company accounts.

Meredith looked up from the report and said, "There's no reply, except to thank Colonel Anson for me."

When the young policeman had gone, Mrs. Meredith glanced at her husband and said, "You're pleased, aren't you, John, with whatever was in the report?"

"Very much pleased, Juanita," he nodded. "I think," he added slowly, "I think I'm going to have a little fun."

"I know your fun," replied his wife, a note of anxiety creeping into her voice. "I hope it doesn't mean you're going to fool around at night with an automatic in one hand and a weighted cane in the other."

Sir John shook his head. "Nothing so violent or primitive, my sweet. I'm going to dictate a letter."

"Dictate a letter?" she echoed in surprise.

"Nothing more dangerous than that," responded her husband.

But Meredith's plan as announced to his wife, which had contemplated a little refined psychological torture, was momentarily shelved when his butler came across the lawn later that afternoon bearing a letter on a silver salver. "This has just come, Sir John, by express post."

The envelope was addressed in that pointed writing usually

associated with the femininity of France though it bore an English stamp. Meredith turned it over to open it and across the back of the flap in tiny discreet letters were the words "Paul's Hotel." He slit the envelope and took out its contents. There were two single sheets of hotel note paper. Written across the centre of the first sheet upon which his eyes fell was, "With the compliments of the Comtesse Raoul de Vassignac."

Sir John smiled grimly as he slid the top sheet from its fellow, and then the smile was wiped from his face to be replaced by an expression of astonished bewilderment.

Meredith was looking at two stanzas of what was undoubtedly verse. He read them through slowly. Then he read them again. Then he allowed the sheet of note paper to dangle from his fingers as he frowned across the garden.

"Juanita," he said suddenly, "I want you to read this aloud so that I may listen to it. Don't be surprised at it. It's in verse. Just read it straight through without any comment until you've finished."

This is what Juanita read aloud:

Go down, Sir John, go down To those sweet waters of oblivion,

Where fretful pondering and unkind tricks Of life are soothed and washed away in the water of the Styx.

Where grisly Cerberus defends the door Beyond the ferried passage from the shore

Of this sad journeying which men call life. Seek ye fulfillment of your jewelled quest?

Then lend attentive ear to our behest And seek the knowledge which but lies in death.

Beyond the struggle of that lingering breath Which does but herald in a better state,

Freed from the toils of human love and hate, Wherein Discovery shall set a term to strife.

"What in heaven's name . . ." began Juanita as she finished reading.

(To be continued)

Radio Programs

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- 7:30-Rise 'N' Shine. 7:30-News. 7:45-Whispering Strings. 8:30-News. 8:45-Pickaton. 9:00-Pastor's Call. 9:15-Popular Music. 9:30-South American Music. 10:00-The World This Morning. 10:15-Music a la Carter. 10:30-Weiss Time. 11:00-Melodic Moods. 11:30-Value Parade. 11:45-Lum & Abner. 12:00-Invan Dittmar. 12:15-Noontime News. 12:30-Holly Serenade. 12:35-Willamette Valley Opinions. 1:00-Hollywood Buckeroos. 1:30-Two Kings & a Queen. 1:45-Mickey Mouse. 2:00-Joe Reichman's Orchestra. 2:30-Old Favorites. 2:30-Vocal Varieties. 2:45-Old Favorites. 3:00-Concert Gems. 4:00-Gene Krupa's Orchestra. 4:15-News. 4:30-Tasteful Tunes. 5:00-Popularity Row. 5:30-Melody. 5:45-Dinner Hour Melodies. 6:00-Tonight's Headlines. 6:15-War Commentary. 6:30-String Serenade. 7:00-Interesting Facts. 7:15-Western Serenade. 7:30-Bob Hamilton's Trio. 8:00-News. 8:15-John Kirby's Orchestra. 8:45-Hawaiian Serenade. 9:00-News Tabloid. 9:15-Popular Music. 9:30-Edward's Oldtimers. 10:00-Let's Say Hello. 10:30-News. 10:45-The Number 15 6131.

KEX-NBS-SATURDAY-1190 Kc.

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KALE-MBS-SATURDAY-1330 Kc.

- 7:00-Memory Timekeeper. 7:00-News. 7:15-Memory Timekeeper. 8:00-Lost We Forget. 8:15-The Junior Musicals. 8:30-News. 8:45-US Army Band. 9:00-Buyer's Parade. 9:15-Woman's Page of the News. 9:30-This and That. 10:00-News. 10:15-Little Show. 10:30-Little Show. 10:45-Cecil Galy Orchestra. 11:00-University Explorer. 11:30-Concert Gems. 11:45-Luncheon Concert. 12:30-News. 12:45-McFarland Twins Orchestra. 1:00-News. 1:05-Dick Stabile Orchestra. 1:30-Blue Barron Orchestra. 2:00-University Life. 2:30-Anchors Aweigh. 3:00-Prelude to Stardom. 3:30-California Express. 3:30-Doctors at Work. 5:30-California Melodies. 6:15-The Dance Time. 6:30-Better Business Bureau. 6:45-Movie Parade. 7:00-News and Views. 7:15-Spotlight Parade. 7:45-Jerry Sears Presents. 8:00-Churchman's Saturday night. 8:00-Radio Rodeo. 9:00-News. 9:15-Serenade. 9:30-Griff Williams. 10:00-Ray Noble Orchestra. 10:45-Dick Jergens Orchestra. 11:00-News. 11:15-Horace Heidt Orchestra. 11:30-Bob Crosby Orchestra.

KOAC-CBS-SATURDAY-970 Kc.

- 7:00-Northwest Farm Reporter. 6:15-Breakfast Bulletin. 6:20-Koin Klock. 6:15-News. 7:30-Bob Garrison Reporting. 7:45-Consumer News. 8:00-News. 8:05-Ray Thompson's Festival. 8:30-Phil Hanna, Songs. 8:45-Pappy Cline's Hillbillies. 9:00-Theatre of Today. 9:30-Waltz Time. 9:45-William Winter, News. 10:00-Let's Pretend. 10:45-Voice of Broadway. 11:00-Of Men and Books. 12:00-Country Journal. 12:30-CBS 12:30. 12:35-News. 1:00-Elizée at Meadowbrook. 1:00-Cleveland Symphony Orch. 3:00-Calling Pan-America. 3:20-Emmer Davis News. 3:45-Newsreel of the Air. 4:30-American Festival. 4:30-Spotlight Parade. 5:15-Traffic Quiz. 5:30-News. 5:35-Emmer Davis, News. 6:00-Who, What, Where & Why. 6:45-Saturday Night Serenade. 7:15-Studio 54. 7:30-Leon F. Drews. 7:45-Hi-Neighbor. 8:00-Guy Lombardo Orchestra. 8:30-Hobby Lobby. 8:35-News. 9:00-Eliz Parade. 9:45-Tonight's Best Buy. 10:15-Five Star Final. 11:20-Dance Time. 11:30-World Today. 11:45-Deanna's. 11:50-Martha Mears. 11:55-Manny Strand Orchestra. 11:55-News.

And if an Air Raid Should Come



Preparing for possible enemy air attack, New Yorkers are looking to their home defense, including precautionary measures against building destruction. Here a housewife and an instructor of the American Women's Volunteer Service tape up a window to prevent wounds from flying shrapnel of glass should an air raid come.

KOAC-SATURDAY-550 Kc.

- 10:00-Weather Forecast. 10:00-News. 10:15-Symphonic Concert. 12:00-News. 12:15-Farm Hour. 1:00-Favorite Classics. 1:45-Orchestra Time. 2:00-Camera Clubs. 2:15-Band Show. 2:45-Monitor Views the News. 2:50-Song From the Hills. 3:00-Studio 54. 3:30-Echoes of Walkie. 3:45-News. 4:00-Artists in Recital. 4:30-Stories for boys and girls. 5:00-On the Campuses. 5:30-In Defense of America. 6:45-Dinner Service. 6:45-Dinner Concert. 6:15-News. 6:30-Farm Hour. 7:20-Grand Opera Tonight. 8:15-Eye Op'ry. 8:30-Orchestral Gems. 8:45-Traffic Safety. 9:45-12:00-News.

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