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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shalt Awe"  
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## Thoughts on Father's Day

Perfect objectivity, conceivably a desirable quality in an editorial, cannot be achieved in respect to every category of subject matter. On today's subject for example, we confess to the handicap of some degree of self-consciousness which may in part be compensated by the advantage of first-hand knowledge.

And if our approach to the subject seems stilted, be apprised that fatherhood is productive of certain embarrassments not peculiarly limited to those fathers who must on occasion discuss the matter in print.

A father's earliest if not his greatest difficulty, it seems to us, is that of learning his proper modest place in the scheme of things. He needs to learn with as little pain as possible, gracefully to take a back seat and not get in the way of the important members of the family.

And then there is the matter of wisdom and experience. Fathers have a terrible time getting it through their thick skulls that since fatherhood is a confining occupation whose persistent demands upon their time serve to protect them from the rough realities of life, it is perfectly understandable that their sons in a few brief years pick up so much more worldly knowledge than they possess, and such superior solutions to all the world's problems.

Father's day! Why should father have a day? Let someone else answer. It's too much for father. And right here you get a bit of insight into father psychology. Fathers feel—rather painfully—that they have not been able to contribute much to family life. Oh, such minor items as food, shelter, clothing and dimes for the movies; also, back in the pre-war days, an automobile, tires and gasoline but of course those days are gone. After all, a trust fund could do as well, and much more reliably. If they contribute much more than that, fathers are scarcely aware of it. And if they do, why naturally that is what Father's day is all about.

As we started out to say and as you readily can see, this is an embarrassing subject particularly in view of the fact that, believe it or not, our children can read. There is however one phase of fatherhood this particular writer can discuss with the freedom of objectivity, due to the fact that his son is somewhat below the age of military service. A timely topic, too.

In all seriousness, it must be a momentous experience to see one's son depart for training camp or naval station. On such occasions fathers share with mothers certain somber thoughts of the grim purpose for which the preliminary training is undergone, and of the possible results. But because of that quirk of father psychology described above, it is our guess that a father's thoughts tend more to the question of how his son will "take it," how well he will perform in this, perhaps his first experience in totally independent living and doing. Grave, self-questioning thoughts—what sort of example has this boy had before him, that one might expect much of him in this critical test of manhood?

Of course at such a time of parting, any display of emotion is inhibited. But later when a father learns, as nearly all fathers of boys in the service do, that his son is doing his part well, is meeting the test with a little or much to spare, has perhaps performed outstandingly in a crisis; it is then that masculine tears are apt to be shed—tears of humility and pride and joy. A father—what has he ever done, what has he ever been able to do, to expect this? This is more than a father has a right to expect. This is all that a father could ask.

## Anniversary of a Riddle

One year ago today the world still pondered the great Russian riddle. Just where did the Union of Social Soviet Republics fit into the war picture? For almost two years preponderant opinion had been that Russian and German totalitarianism were off the same bolt of cloth and there was some question as to whether the two Big Fellows had bothered to scissor them apart. This view, so logically promulgated by the Rauschnigg school of political analysts and so eagerly accepted by most Americans in their ingrained hatred of both systems, had been strongly bolstered by the non-aggression pact of 1939 and seemingly confirmed by Russia's assault upon Finland a few months later.

One year ago today there was strong evidence that this theory was poorly founded. Sharp disagreement between Hitler and Stalin was evident but a firm Rauschnigg disciple might argue that it was a shallow dispute involving only personal jealousy and the form of collaboration. One year ago tomorrow the original Russian riddle was solved. In a disjointed, incomprehensible dawn oration which aroused new queries as to his sanity, Hitler summed up his complaints against Stalin and then sent his war machine crashing into soviet-held territory and into the biggest and most destructive battle in human history. A few sentences from Hitler's address are pertinent today:

The march of the German armies has no precedent... The task is to safeguard Europe and thus save all. I have therefore today decided to give the fate of the German people and the reich and of Europe again into the hands of our soldiers.

Not that it makes any more sense than it did a year ago, but you can see there the persuasiveness—to Hitler and to most of the world—of the record for invincibility that his armies had been building. That myth has been pretty well exploded.

Though the original Russian riddle was solved a year ago tomorrow, a new one of comparable magnitude was created. At the time it was phrased thus: How long could Russia hold out? No one outside of Russia had a serious suspicion then or for some months thereafter, that it should have been phrased: Who will win—Germany or Russia?

Tied in with this riddle were several more. What military power did Russia actually possess? Closely related to that, what actually was the economic condition of Russia, so gloomily pictured theretofore? And finally, what should be the attitude of Americans, whose

hatred for communism was of longer standing and averaged up pretty well in intensity with their hatred of fascism?

The first two of these subsidiary riddles have been unfolded to a large extent but not quite to the point of serving to solve the primary riddle as it is now worded. Russia has held out for a year—to what extent winter was an ally is still a matter for debate. The third, our relation to communism, is still pretty much in its original obscurity even though today we are actually and actively allied to Russia. For some of us it is no riddle at all. For others it still is a headache, one which throbs painfully on occasion as when the latest Harry Bridges decision is periodically reversed. Our own solution is: Forget it while we win the war.

Can Russia hold out until another winter, meanwhile barring Hitler's way to the Caucasus oil wells? The world's fate hinges largely upon the answer. Frankly, we are tired of guessing, increasingly wary of predictions that the answer cannot long be delayed. It has seemed to be "just around the corner" all these months. All we know for sure is that the Russian Bear is still fighting and that time is on his side—and ours.

## News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, June 21—A letter to Private Charles R. Holloman, school squadron flight instructor, field, Mississippi:

In our search for peace and justice in the post-war world, we are not confronted with a choice between Utopias.

It is not a question of making a Heaven on earth by one means or another—rather it is a problem of looking at the world as it is and deciding what we can do about it. Primarily we must confine ourselves in this, as we do in our daily lives, to considering what is likely to work.

That is why I have objected to unrestrained idealism of some of our leaders. I am afraid that they will erect a premature idealistic state without a practical foundation and then it will crash, as they all have before, and all our hopes of peace and security will be thrown back another 50 years.

That is why I distrust the theory you suggest of a world democratic state or union of democracies, completely disarmed and ruled by an international police force. If you will analyze it fairly you will see it cannot work.

China has 457,000,000 people, which is much more than anyone else and more than three times our population. In a world democracy such as you suggest, she would be the biggest force, the major power, because she could outvote anyone. Next would be India with 350,000,000 or more. A majority of the population of the world is in Asia.

A democracy of the world would turn over to Asia the control of the world, although our common sense tells us such an idea is unthinkable. They do not even want it or suggest it. Their people have not come to the degree of education where they can rule themselves very efficiently.

But to think of dismantling our own hard-won superiority as a nation in favor of any foreign group seems just as illogical to me. Just because they might adopt the democratic system would be no guarantee of our security.

Japan had, and still has, a democratic system, modeled after Great Britain, with a prime minister, a cabinet and an elected parliament called the diet. But that system, we have found in this war, if we did not know before, was secretly controlled by an empire clique, and therefore, it had the effect of a dictatorship.

Even Hitler only nullified the power of the reichstag, did not abolish it. Moscow dispatches only today begin to speak of the supreme Soviet as a parliament.

You cannot safely risk the future security of the United States on the creation alone of a democracy in Germany or Japan or elsewhere. You must have something more, much more.

As to the international police force and the question of whether it would work to keep unruly nations in line, the practical point for consideration is who will run the police force.

If some nation other than ours controls it, we will not be satisfied. If we control it, other nations will not be satisfied. If we go into it on the basis of population, India and China would control it, and I do not think that quite meets our announced American demand for maintenance of our way of life.

For myself, I do not care if you establish an international police force as long as my country has the best army, navy and air force in the world, a better one than the police force. Then I know we will get a square deal, and have peace.

You say it will be expensive to maintain such a large American force. Not as expensive as this war. Not as expensive as Vice President Wallace's plan to revise the living ways and diet of the world at our expense.

Not as expensive as any other plan now being considered to lend our money after the war for the industrialization of China, South America, India so they can make things we formerly made for them or could sell to them.

You say young men would not want to be drafted and would not want to volunteer for such a large force. You may think so now, because pacifism and impractical treaties before Pearl Harbor imbued many of our people with the fallacious notion that the defense of their country was not a sacred duty. That feeling is passing. We know different now and we can make that sacred duty an honorable profession after this war. We have made the first and greatest move in that direction by increasing the soldier's basic pay scale from \$30 to \$50 a month with living and allowances for dependents.

The \$30 a month pay pittance of pacifist days discouraged young men from entering upon arms as a profession.

The new army, navy and air force will be the best scientific training ground in the world for young men, because modern sciences now absorb that field. It will be an army of peace and not of conquest, devoted to democracy, and not territorial aggrandizement.

I want all the same things you want. I think they will come some day when human beings throughout the world are educated in the wisdom of usefulness.

But to bulwark ourselves against future catastrophes, it is essential that we face the world as it is, and not as we would like to have it.



## Another Front That Frightens Hitler

### Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Will be seeing you 6-21-42 about a hundred years from now, if the chemists are correct in their work:

John Steven McGroarty, California's poet laureate, in his half-century old column of the Sunday Los Angeles Times, for his issue of June 7th, from his "green Verdugo hills," had the following, which will take two issues here:

"He was an old and well-beloved friend we met on a day which happened to be his birthday. He had lived to be nearly four-score years, showing little evidence of the wear and tear of so long a stretch of life, his smile kindly, his eyes bright. He stood straight as a lordly pine in the forests of his native New England. It was good to see him like that and to feel the firm, honest grip of his strong hands."

"As we talked together it was plain that while he was grateful for the long span of his days, yet he would not murmur if these soon were to come to an end. He had made his bed and is willing to lie upon it as he

had made it whenever the good Lord gave the word. He looked at death as Cicero looked at it, which was that the less distant it became the less he feared it, the way every brave and honest man meets it.

"There was no real hope or even a wish in his heart to prolong his life for an additional score, but he said he believes that the time is coming when the average man, and the average woman as well, will live to be 150 years instead of the Biblical three-score years and ten. The chemists are working out the formula which they feel will be in full effect within the present generation, he said. He knows the chemists and has unlimited faith in them.

"Well, there is no gainsaying that chemists are the wonder workers of the age. They are ferreting out Nature's secrets at a pace that would make the old alchemists turn over in their long-forgotten graves. The wonders they already have performed are so many and so astounding that we can expect almost anything from them, even

that they can prolong the span of human life to 150 years.

"It is vitamins that are depended upon to do the trick—vitamins that we used to think were a fad and even a racket. They came to be the subjects of jokes and wisecracks as a change off from spinach on the fun programs. The attacks on them appear to have generally discredited them. There is now a revival of the theories concerning them. Vitamins are to the fore again and going strong and the benefits to be derived from their use actually have been proved, through many experiments on the smaller animals. The way it is with the chemists and scientists generally is that they accept no theory until it has been proved to be a fact.

"And so, now they say that the man of tomorrow will live to the age of 150 years, virtually free from disease, and that when he comes to die it will be like going to sleep—wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams." (Concluded on Tuesday.)

## Radio Programs

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- 8:00—News.
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- 9:00—Morning Pick Up.
- 9:30—News Briefs.
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- 10:30—Pastor's Call.
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## By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

The European scene, clouded by fresh uncertainties in Russia and North Africa, dominates the war news this weekend. All observers agree it is developments to eastward that brought Prime Minister Churchill again to the United States to talk war strategy with President Roosevelt.

Westward, however, the war clouds have been lightened by American air-naval successes in the Coral Sea and the north Pacific, successes that put a crimp in Japanese striking power against any United Nation except China—and possibly Russia. Chinese sources insist that Japan is now preparing for a back-door intervention in the war in Europe by attacking Siberia, probably in July.

The Chungking reasoning on which that is based, as differentiated from Japanese information as to Japanese troop or plane movements, does not seem convincing. Certainly the outcome of American-Japanese air and sea clashes in the North Pacific did little to help mount a Nipponese attack on Russia.

There and in the Coral Sea Japanese strength in ships, planes, skilled air crews and, above all, plane carriers was heavily whittled down. Those are military elements on which

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in Washington!

They would be more essential in meeting possible American use of the Alaska-Aleutian Islands-Kamchatka air lanes westward to help Russia or hammer Japan than any base the enemy has or could set up in the western Aleutians for interception purposes. These fog-shrouded and often weather-bound rocky extensions of the western hemisphere could be bypassed easily. The very conditions that make it difficult to blast the Japanese off of them no less serve to make them of small value for interception purposes.

But as for Chinese reports of impending Japanese—Russian hostilities, some other motive for the Midway and Aleutian forays must be sought. The information that Japan wants to build an air security zone around her home area can and no doubt does partially explain the far-flung Japanese effort to knock out China or at least drive her forces beyond easy bombing reach of Japan. It seems improbable, however, that Japan would take on another adversary or ignore the growing menace of American—Australian forces short of glittering opportunity on imperative necessity.

## 'Crime at Castaway'

By EDITH BRISTOL

Chapter 36 (Continued)

"After she was asleep I went through the crumpled pockets of her uniform—stuck in the folds where she always carries her fountain pen and her thermometer were slivers of broken glass....

"Then I crept over the hill, just as the sun was coming up, looked all around the Durfee place—it was uncanny the way those dogs kept on barking—and shining on the floor of the garage, were the rest of the slivered fragments of glass... if you had found part of them, sheriff, the broken bits might have meant nothing to you. But if you found them all, shining on the cement floor of the garage, they must lead you to the one person around here who owns a clinical thermometer... I spread them all there for you to find."

Pauline paused for breath and Allen filled the pause.

"The ink on the changed medicine label was the same as that in the pen," he said. "The analysis proved that."

Pauline continued: "The rest of the story I forced Florabelle to admit when I confronted her with all I knew. Durfee refused to give her money. They quarreled. He got into his car and she shot him. Harry came and the two of them disposed of the car and the driver, as you know."

"But Estelle was there, too," Lance objected. "Where did she fit in?"

"While the two of them were away, disposing of the car, Estelle came and waited. Florabelle drove home. Harry went back to Durfee's to see if every trace was covered. He found her there. Then Harry planted the gun and hid some of the money in the car trying to through suspicion on another—"

"He did," Lance agreed grimly. "That's where I came in." "Then about Estelle's death—"

Allen held Pauline to the story, but we could see she was fast becoming exhausted.

"I dragged that out of her. She merely changed the figure on the label. By that time she was getting an avenger complex."

"Only one thing more," Allen demanded. "You said you were responsible for Harry and Florabelle being trapped in the willows. What had you to do with that?"

The smile on Pauline's face was bitter but triumphant. "Too many people were getting suspicious, now. Harry had a trailer hidden in one of the unused machinery sheds at the quarry, and was ready to skip to the Mexican border."

"What stopped him?"

"I stopped him. I convinced Florabelle that the planet Mars was threatening, that they must not start until morning. Harry did not believe me, but she did, and they waited, all night, in the trees! Waited—for their fate!"

Six months later, the tremendous furor over the Gallina Valley flood had subsided. Lance Gregg was a hero, the crimes at Castaway solved, Pauline Dawson had passed beyond the earthly spell of the stars, and a new dam already under construction under Lance's direction.... Public acclaim had assured that.

The next morning, the minister who looked like a boxer was to drive down from the city. He knew the road to Castaway by heart now.

And he may drive down still another time if I interpret correctly the glances between aunt Martha and Sheriff Allen. I think now after so many years of saying "No" she means to say "Yes."

But tomorrow the clergyman is to come early. For Lance Gregg has reservations on the "Lurlonia," sailing from San Francisco at noon for Honolulu. And because it will be a honeymoon, Lance warns me: "No blue diary, dear!"

THE END

- 7:00—Ray Gram Swing.
- 7:15—Bank Keene in Town.
- 7:30—Lone Ranger.
- 7:45—In the Classroom.
- 8:00—Fred Waring's Pleasure Time.
- 8:15—Lum and Abner.
- 8:30—Hawthorne House.
- 8:45—The Telephone Hour.
- 9:00—Your Mayor Speaks.
- 9:15—News.
- 9:30—News.
- 9:45—Matty Hainek.
- 10:00—Stan Wilson Orchestra.
- 10:15—Jimmy Lunceford Orchestra.
- 10:30—War News.
- 10:45—Musical.
- 11:00—War News.
- 11:15—Sunrise Serenade.
- 11:30—Early Birds.
- 11:45—News Headlines and Highlights.
- 12:00—National Farm and Home.
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