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Anchor Aweigh

Premier Tojo found it expedient yesterday to tell his people the war situation was grave. Possibly the victory psychology diet on which they hitherto had been fed was no longer sufficient to maintain the killing pace desired of otherwise undernourished war workers, and a shot of the adrenalin was prescribed. It was nonetheless remarkable, in a land where commonly the leaders simply tell the people what to think and nothing more, that Tojo felt called upon to explain; to harmonize the new story with the old.

The United States was defeated, he still insisted, in the opening phase of the war. But now he went on to explain, the United States has recovered and is again menacing Japan. This we recognize, is but the oral version of an admission the Japanese fleet, by remaining in hiding and refusing battle, made long ago. Nevertheless it marks a high point in the worldwide recognition of United States supremacy at sea. For in removing the ignorance of his own blind followers in this matter, he virtually made it unanimous.

In the Pacific, even more adequate recognition is foreseeable when that supremacy is translated into major offensive action. In the Atlantic, where American and British sea power is combined, it is difficult to imagine any greater degree of domination than now is enjoyed.

Recent announcement that the Tirpitz, Germany's newest and biggest battleship, had been attacked and damaged by midget submarines raised an interesting question which had almost been overlooked for months—where and what is the German fleet?

The Tirpitz was hidden in a Norwegian fjord, and so is the Scharnhorst; the two pocket battleships still afloat, the Luetzow and the Scheer, and three or four cruisers are presumed to be in Baltic waters; possibly half a dozen destroyers in the fjords and ten or a dozen in the Baltic. Germany has one aircraft carrier, the Graf Zeppelin, which has seen no action. Some of these vessels may yet slip out to prey on commerce, but that is all. Germany has no surface fleet capable of doing battle, and now she has lost the aid of the Italian navy, such as it was.

Germany's chief hope at sea was and is the submarine—but checkmates for its lethal power have been devised and sinkings of allied merchant ships have dwindled to the vanishing point. The United Nations "rule the waves." It would be unbecoming to do more than merely mention that, thanks to American mass production unimpeded by the menace of enemy air attack, our navy now out-bulks that of Britain. Censorship has been lifted, surprisingly, enough to let us know that the United States naval force now numbers 14,072 vessels and 18,000 planes—though not enough to enumerate them as to classes.

So on Navy day, which is today, our salute to the United States navy needs no qualifying apology. In the last war the navy "took them over and brought them back." That job it is doing in a bigger way now—and some of it the heavier fighting as well. Army or navy, Europe or Africa or Asia, the fighting is away from American shores and the navy has a part in all of it.

"Anchor Aweigh" is a nautical, salty melody with a suggestion of the fleet's competence and readiness; its tempo reflects also the rollicking spirit of the American sailor who typically is a highly-trained technician, no longer the lowly "gob," but always a fighter.

"Anchor Aweigh." At the end of the cruise lies victory.

Japs in Malheur County

Former Governor Walter Pierce in his talks on the Japanese "menace" to Oregon has cited Malheur county as a horrid example. The recent statistics of the War Relocation Authority hardly substantiates his fears. Since Pearl Harbor only 130 acres of land in Malheur county have been sold to Japanese according to this report. Of the 1600 Japanese in the county 636 are there under seasonal work permits who must return to the relocation camp when the work season ends. There are 217 more on indefinite leave.

There were about 135 Japanese residents of Malheur county before Pearl Harbor. Some 700 more left the coast after December 7, 1941 and located in Malheur county. There are some 7000 acres of land in the county leased or owned by Japanese with 645 acres in actual ownership.

The truth is that the Japanese workers were invited in from the relocation camp in order to save the crops in Malheur county and across in Idaho. Without them there would have been heavy losses last year and this year. While there is undoubtedly local feeling against the Japs the farmers and sugar factory people and businessmen know they are needed if the crops are to be saved.

It would be better to disperse our Japanese rather widely so they may not constitute an "uneven lump" of size in any community. That should come through counsel when the war is over. The Japanese themselves are said to be reluctant to return to the coast in numbers if they are not wanted.

It is a grave mistake, and quite unchristian to regard all Japanese-Americans and undesirable citizens. White intolerance and prejudice and abuse are the wrong approach to an intelligent solution of the problem of race relations.

The neutral Swiss don't have to say which way they think the war is going. Their exchange of Swiss francs and reichsmark banknotes tells the story. After the fall of France 100 reichsmarks cost 95 Swiss francs; now the Swiss can get them for 14 1/2 francs. And purchasers probably try to convert the reichsmarks into goods as quickly as possible.

Turkeys Again

Thanksgiving is made safe for American democracy. Turkeys are back in the market, void of them these many weeks. Points for meat will get fresh conservation as unrationed turkeys step to the chopping block regretting they have but one life to lay down for their country.

And cranberries will be in greater demand, so the market news has it, because their traditional mate, the turkey, returned to American tables.

The American people have done their patriotic duty—under government orders: they let the first 12 million pounds of turkeys go for the armed forces, and in plenty of time that the boys on Attu and New Guinea could get their birds by Thanksgiving. For turkey at Thanksgiving is part of the "American way of life"; and what else are we fighting for? No one begrudges the temporary fast on turkey in American homes and restaurants. In fact it was a bit of relief to professional banquets, like newspaper reporters, not to face turkey meat night after night. But now—

"Light meat, or dark meat?"

"Well—just turkey,—a little of both please." Thanksgiving is coming; Christmas is on the way. The soldier in Italy will get turkey, the sailors at Panama; and so will the folks at home. Turkey makes America unanimous one day of the year, even if that day is never election day.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, October 26 — Mr. Willkie is turning republican. In energetic front page action of late, he has sought to correct the mechanical defects of his earlier campaign for 1944.

For instance, he has endorsed candidates, Edge of New Jersey and Hanley of New York, and spoke kindly of prominent Governor Warren of California. (Although they have not said what they think of him, publicly at any rate.)

His carefully arranged Washington visit was an effort to parade his bandwagon before the eyes of reluctant or antagonistic republican congressmen. His story, mostly told off the record here, runs something like this:

Dewey cannot run in view of his promises, and, if he does, Willkie will get 25 per cent of the New York delegation. MacArthur cannot campaign, and the people will not accept a man whose views are not known. Bricker can be smothered easily. Nearly all New England governors, and all except who committeemen are ready to plump for Willkie. The south has been lined up—and so on. Boiled down, the Willkie attitude is in effect: "I can get the nomination on the first ballot if I want it."

The story did not have the desired effect. The reaction it left here was that Willkie is a very smart operator, is developing into just as clever a politician as Mr. Roosevelt, and along the same lines. His bandwagon seems to be a self-made mirage. No one could hear the toot of any horns from it.

Only one southern political leader, a Georgia national committeeman, is for Willkie. Most people here think Bricker will have the south—perhaps "has" is a better word.

A strong Willkie organization exists in New England, but Willkie's story over-estimated it by perhaps 50 per cent.

In short, the average republican reaction in this anti-Willkie center of the party was only that he is making himself a formidable force to be reckoned with.

The reckoning it apt to come. Obviously, Mr. Willkie is not now the republican party, although no active opponent has yet appeared on the front pages against him, allowing him to have publicity matters all his own way.

The situation is ripe for someone to take issue with him, and the someone is likely to be Governor Bricker of Ohio.

Bricker has not yet established himself as a candidate, but might rally the anti-Willkie forces of the party if he undertakes such leadership. His agents say he has not made a political speech as yet, or shown himself. They argue that a man elected governor of Ohio three times must be a good campaigner and have a story to tell.

The main effect of the Willkie surge probably will be the drawing of Bricker out into the open, within the next few weeks.

Mr. Willkie is right about Dewey and MacArthur. Dewey cannot, or will not, campaign, but he can be drafted for the nomination if "favorite" son and uninducted state delegations demand him in sufficient numbers.

MacArthur is a military genius, probably the only one this country has developed since the civil war. His unrivaled talents entitle him to a military place far more prominent than he has, or is likely to get under this administration.

But he is not apt to be widely considered for the president because he has been out of the country for so many years, has not and cannot express views on political issues, and cannot campaign.

His is a popular movement. Unless our present military leadership fails to end the war by next June, the activities of his friends cannot be formidable.

True also, Mr. Willkie's announced new program establishes a strong campaigning basis. He wants employment through expansion of business, wants to do it by trading with Russia and China, social security, accuses the new deal of incompetence and machine corruption. In foreign affairs, however, he is waiting to see what Mr. Roosevelt proposes, and has not committed himself.

But the fault most republicans still find with him is that his voiced support now comes from periodicals and publicists formerly in the left-wing of the new deal and apt to be for Mr. Roosevelt in any Willkie-Roosevelt struggle. They foresee a repetition of 1940.

Before the convention, he was then talked up by all new dealers as a forthright and liberal big business man but as soon as he was nominated, he became to all those interests a reactionary tool of Wall Street.



'Nutcracker Suite'

Today's Radio Programs

- KSJM-WEDNESDAY-1390 Kc.
 - 7:30-News
 - 7:35-Rise 'n' Shine
 - 7:45-Ten-Two-Four
 - 7:50-News
 - 7:55-Morning Moods
 - 8:00-Cherry City News
 - 8:05-Tango Time
 - 8:10-Pastor's Call
 - 8:15-It's the Truth
 - 8:20-Popular Music
 - 8:25-News
 - 8:30-Broadway Band and a Dance
 - 8:35-Music
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 - 8:45-Organalities
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 - 8:55-Hits of Yesteryear
 - 9:00-Organalities
 - 9:05-News
 - 9:10-Matinee
 - 9:15-Orchestra
 - 9:20-Mat Hallett's Orchestra
 - 9:25-Milady's Melodies
 - 9:30-Spotlight on Rhythm
 - 9:35-Paradise
 - 9:40-15 US Marines
 - 9:45-Music
 - 9:50-Broadway Band Wagon
 - 9:55-KSJM Concert Hour
 - 10:00-The Aristocrats
 - 10:05-Boys' Town
 - 10:10-Nat'l Industrial Information
 - 10:15-Lea's Reminiscence
 - 10:20-Melodies
 - 10:25-Tonight's Headlines
 - 10:30-War-News Commentary
 - 10:35-Evening Serenade
 - 10:40-Music
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 - 10:50-Charlie Hamp's Ballads
 - 10:55-Keystone Karavan
 - 11:00-This is Your Business
 - 11:05-War Fronts in Review
 - 11:10-Interlude
 - 11:15-Hollywood
 - 11:20-Caribbean Nights
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