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Hitler Needles Japan

Hitler is said to be prodding the Japs to pull a Pearl Harbor on Russia in the far east, striking at Vladivostok and elsewhere to put the soviet army out of business. The idea is to relieve Russian pressure on the Germans in Europe.

Will the little brown brothers who are part of the Berlin-Tokyo axis respond in the manner desired? Probably not. The Japs see the way the war in Europe is going. They have never had any affiliation other than their own self-interest with Germany. They will attack or not attack Russia just as their own interests dictate.

While Hitler needles them with the prediction that when he is all washed up Russia will join the United States and Britain in closing in on Japan, the Japs know that planes can fly two ways, and that Russia might send fleets of bombers to spread havoc on Tokyo and Osaka and other key cities of Japan. They remember the brush with the Russian armies in Mongolia back in 1938; and they doubtless know of the numerous airfields in Siberia which quickly could be filled with planes from America via Alaska. These facts give them reason to hesitate before saying "yes" to Hitler's plea.

The Japanese know what their risk is. They know that war munitions are flowing in steady stream across the Pacific to Vladivostok. They know their treaty of neutrality with Russia is just a marriage of convenience which either will toss aside at its own pleasure. Still the Japs are reluctant to take the step which would weld an iron ring around them and give to the Americans immediately a land footing in Asia which could be used with devastating effect against them. Russia's neutrality in the Pacific war forces America and Britain to work the long and hard route, and that advantage is better than anything Hitler can deliver now. The Japs will be more disposed to consolidate their defense than to increase their enemies.

Chase Indictment

The department of justice has obtained an indictment against the Chase National bank, the largest bank in the country, charging it with violating the trading with the enemy act by carrying on regular banking and credit transactions with a man and his companies that are accused of shipping industrial diamonds to Germany. Winthrop Aldrich, chairman of the board of Chase, calls the indictment an outrage; and we have a feeling he is right.

Considering the vast volume of transactions handled by thousands of customers it is quite improbable that the banks would traffic with a small fry diamond merchant. Banks usually are ultra-cautious to avoid violating federal laws and regulations, and are the more timid in view of the bad publicity they got a decade ago. It would be quite remarkable if the big banks did not, unknowingly, permit some of their customers to violate trading regulations in the period before Pearl Harbor when this alleged offense is said to have occurred.

We have no sympathy with a concern because of its bigness. We note that Anaconda Copper's subsidiary was convicted of turning out bad copper wire and are pleased to have penalties of law invoked on the guilty. But the department of justice has an obligation to protect the good name of corporations as well as individuals; and the charge against Chase National seems so improbable that we question its validity. If it is unjustified, then a grave injury has been done to the bank and its executives.

'Trivia'

The letter which ex-Mayor Sparks of Akron has been flaunting in an effort to disrupt the political scene, which has now been made public, may well be classed under the head of "trivia." It bears the alleged signature of Harry Hopkins, though Hopkins denies ever sending the letter; and is addressed to a Methodist preacher and college president in Texas who says he has never taken part in political affairs. In it the writer gives his opinion that Willie will be the republican nominee—and since when have political prognostications come into disrepute?

As to reading into the letter an urging for the recipient to run against Connolly for senator from Texas that seems a bit strained, and only new deal flimflam if true. The whole affair doesn't warrant the attention that newspapers and politicians have been giving it.

Jimmy Cromwell reveals himself as something of a cad in his resistance to Doris Duke's effort to obtain a divorce from him. She obtained a Nevada divorce, but Cromwell goes to court in New Jersey to get it nullified. Is he trying to drive a harder bargain with the tobacco heiress?

The East Oregonian, discussing the presidential race for '44, ventures the opinion: "It will be fortunate for the American people if the next president, whether he be a democrat or republican, is blessed with excellent judgment." Right-o! Also with adequate stiffness in his spinal column.

That naughty jade, a silver thaw, has been flirting around for a week, and finally threw her arms around the Columbia gorge. We don't want to be locked in her embrace here in the Willamette valley.

Blackouts are "out" for the interior of the country. There was no reason to impose them in the first place. It was just a result of war panic and extreme zeal to "do something."

The president's budget totals up to \$100 billion dollars for a second time. People are numb to such figures however. They are more concerned over the price of a pair of overalls—or a fur coat.

Rationing Complications

There appears to be an over-supply of hogs. The obvious solution is to remove pork from rationing. As in nearly every case involving a problem and an obvious solution, "it's not as simple as that."

OPA insists that rationing is not to blame; that the meat points allowed are more than ample for buying pork, and that "the present backing up of hogs at terminal markets is due mainly to limited slaughterhouse facilities and a grave shortage of manpower."

Even if making pork point-free would stimulate its consumption, the problem still would be "not as simple as that." After buying pork, the public would have so many points left that rationing control of other meats and fats would be virtually lost—unless their point values were raised, which would make the entire program less elastic. And having gone that far, still "it's not as simple as that."

If pork were point-free, most of it would be bought up and consumed in the mid-western areas where the bulk of it is produced, and the people there would have points to spare so they would buy up more than their share of the beef, veal, butter and other brown stamp foods, causing shortages on both coasts.

All this is pointed out by OPA in answer to the agitation for removing pork from rationing. Whether that agency's logic is entirely correct or not, it is convincing enough to illustrate that inevitably artificial controls are endlessly complicated. On the other hand, two conclusions suggested by all this are quite simple: (1) Mere laymen are not justified in being too positive in their advocacy of "simple" solutions, and (2) while rationing is necessary, at best it is a nuisance.

Asserting that less than half the normal amount of whiskey is being released by distilleries for distribution, the national WCTU in a publicity release quotes its president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, to the effect that "it is this hoarding by the industry that is responsible for high liquor prices, hijacking and bootlegging. The industry is creating an artificial shortage in order to force the government to permit distillation of new whiskey." All this may be true—but imagine the WCTU admitting that a shortage of whiskey causes evils, and criticizing the withholding of liquor from the public!

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, January 13.—The Pepper subcommittee held long hearings on juvenile delinquency some weeks back. Mayor La Guardia testified. Nothing came of it.

If anything does, you may be sure it will be an idea for spending money. That is the politicians' answer to every problem.

The mail reaction to some thoughts I ventured in December suggests the solution must be wrought without the expenditure of a Morgenthau penny simply by some public leadership along the right path. This leadership will be undertaken by La Guardia, Sen. Pepper, Mrs. Roosevelt and other major politicians already articulately involved.

The personal testimony in letters from school teachers, soldiers, mothers, fathers, would make a large sized volume, but it all boils down to a simple understanding of what has taken hold of us nationally. It shows the symptoms of the trouble, points to the cause and the cure.

Teachers quote many specific case histories of their inability to handle the problem of an increasing majority, but still a minority of children. The large majority still comes from sound homes where good mothers enforce discipline.

These probably are being better raised today than any children in our history. They do their work and conform to the customs of society.

But literally there are hundreds of thousands, if not millions of homes in which there is a degrading and degenerating absence of discipline—not due to economic reasons either, as the prim social thinkers and politicians contend, but solely because the woman of the house, or the man, (generally both) is indifferent to the responsibilities of child raising. Heedless, laxly, self-interestedly maintains no discipline over the young.

They are ones who are sparing the new class of hoodlums, while this class may number less than 10 per cent of the mothers today, they have weakened the moral strength of a whole nation and their brats soon will be getting other brats to be similarly raised with under the paternal excuse of "self expression."

The problem is to reach that class with intelligent, modern conceptions of responsibility, or otherwise enforce discipline upon that non-conforming class through the schools and the churches (but not the state).

The currently popular way in Washington is to coo to these miscreant matrons with excuses that their husbands may not be making enough money, and similar rot. The best mothers I have seen have been in the poorest homes, and the best men I have met have come out of those poorer homes.

To make them measure up, the first necessary step is to have the current leaders change their tune. Customs and popular thinking are established very largely by personal leadership of prominent people (including writers) who set an example and suggest the general norm.

If they would stop sobbing sympathies, and preach family discipline, the pressure from the top would be reversed.

If they strengthened this with a warning that undisciplined children will be disciplined in the schools, enlisting the leadership of parent teacher associations (the mothers on those boards are never the parental delinquents) and strengthen the hands of pastors in the churches as well as the teachers, to do the job that parental delinquents will not or cannot do, then these children running loose soon would find it to their advantage to conform to an enlightened civilization of average American youth.

I will have more on this subject later.



Evolution Marches On

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM—FRIDAY—1200 Kc.

7:00—Cherry City News.
7:30—Marion County Farm and Home Program.
7:45—Rise 'n' Shine.
7:50—News.
7:55—Morning Moods.
8:00—Cherry City News.
8:10—Program Parade.
8:20—Rhythm Five.
8:30—Tango Time.
8:40—Partners Call.
8:50—It's the Truth.
9:00—Cote Glee Club.
9:10—Poppy Music.
9:20—Cherry City News.
9:30—Sentimental Songs.
9:40—Studio Matinee.
9:50—Song and a Dance.
10:00—Cherry City News.
10:10—Sentimental Songs.
10:20—Studio Matinee.
10:30—Hills of Yesterday.
10:40—Organizations.
10:50—Gracie Fields.
11:00—Hillbilly Serenade.
11:10—Midday Matinee.
11:20—Lum 'n' Abner.
11:30—Orchestra.
11:40—Polka Dot.
11:50—Spotlight on Rhythm.
12:00—Studio Matinee.
12:10—State Safety Program.
12:20—Broadway Band Wagon.
12:30—Lullaby Concert Hour.
12:40—Cherry City News.
12:50—Spirit of Vikings.
1:00—Music.
1:10—Music.
1:20—Mabel Merrick's Vocal Group.
1:30—Let's Remember.
1:40—Gypsy Orchestra.
1:50—Tonight's Headlines.
2:00—War News Commentary.
2:10—Evening Serenade.
2:20—Ten-Two-Four.
2:30—Buyer's Parade.
2:40—Cherry City News.
2:50—Clyde Lucas.
3:00—Bill Stern Refused to Sing.
3:10—War Fronts in Review.
3:20—Orchestra.
3:30—My True Story.
3:40—Treasure Star Parade.
3:50—News.
4:00—Between the Lines.
4:10—Serenade in Swingtime.
4:20—Sign Off.

KALE—MBS—FRIDAY—1200 Kc.

8:45—Dave West.
9:00—Blue Rangers.
9:10—Memory Timekeeper.
9:20—Music.
9:30—News.
9:40—What's New?
9:50—How Do You Say It?
10:00—Boake Carter.
10:10—Woman's Side of the News.
10:20—Buyer's Parade.
10:30—A Hear Music.
10:40—News.
10:50—Curly Calls.
11:00—This and That.
11:10—Cedric Belfrage.
11:20—Marketing.
11:30—Concert Gems.
11:40—Music.
11:50—Music.
12:00—News.
12:10—Lunchtime Concert.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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may have completed their contracts. But to give one company the green light to resume production of passenger cars might be to give it a head-start of great value in postwar competition. These difficulties have already arisen in connection with production of farm machinery on a larger scale this year; and in production of trucks. The government must deal fairly with all companies, large and small. But how the shift will be made is one that gives government executives plenty of worry. The problem might be solved by a percentage allowance for all companies, as was done in the period of diminishing production; but that may not be practical in all cases.

It seems to me important that people do not become restless and impatient as the war production passes its climax. We are really not suffering seriously from lack of electric toasters and curling irons. Better to keep concentrated on waging the war than to dissipate our materials and energies in satisfying civilian needs. The cumulative demand will help to cushion the shock which will come when war contracts end.

12:45—On the Farm Front.
12:50—Melody.
1:00—Walter Compton.
1:10—All Star Dance Parade.
1:20—Full Speed Ahead.
1:30—Ray Dady.
1:40—Texas Rangers.
1:50—Yours for a Song.
2:00—Warline Women.
2:10—News.
2:20—Radio Tour.
2:30—Stars of Today.
2:40—Bill Hays Reads the Bible.
2:50—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
3:00—Johnson Family.
3:10—Rainbow Rendezvous.
3:20—News.
3:30—Invitation to Romance.
3:40—Show Time.
3:50—Norman Macbitt.
4:00—Gabriel Heatter.
4:10—Gracie Fields.
4:20—Double or Nothing.
4:30—Dale Carnegie.
4:40—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:50—Lone Ranger.
5:00—Music.
5:10—Soldiers of Peace.
5:20—What's the Name of This Song?
5:30—News.
5:40—Speaking of Sports.
5:50—General Barrows.
6:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
6:10—Freedom of Opportunity.
6:20—News.
6:30—Music.
6:40—Music.
6:50—Music.

KEK—BN—FRIDAY—1100 Kc.

8:15—National Farm and Home.
8:45—Western Agriculture.
9:00—Home Harmonies.
9:10—Walter Compton.
9:20—Music.
9:30—News.
9:40—Bill Stern Refused to Sing.
9:50—The Humbar Family.
10:00—Breakfast Club.
10:10—My True Story.
10:20—Breakfast at Sardi's.
10:30—News.
10:40—Sweet River.
10:50—Ed Jorgensen.
11:00—The Baby Institute.
11:10—Your Soukhae Talking.
11:20—The Mystery Chef.
11:30—Ladies Be Seated.
11:40—Voice of a Nation.
11:50—News Headlines & Highlights.
12:00—Treasure Song Parade.
12:10—News Headlines & Highlights.
12:20—Blue Newsroom Review.
12:30—What's Doing, Ladies.
12:40—Labor News.
12:50—Ted Malone.
1:00—Breakfast Bulletin.
1:10—News.
1:20—News.
1:30—Archie Andrews.
1:40—How Harrigan.
1:50—The Sea Hound.
2:00—Terry and the Pirates.
2:10—Dick Tracy.
2:20—Jack Armstrong.
2:30—Captain Midnight.
2:40—The Three Rascals.
2:50—News.
3:00—Spotlight Bands.
3:10—Sports.
3:20—John Gunther.
3:30—Music.
3:40—Prolics.
3:50—Orchestra.
4:00—The Parker Family.
4:10—Gang Busters.
4:20—Moe and His Navy.
4:30—News Headlines & Highlights.
4:40—Art Baker's Memory Lane.
4:50—Music.
5:00—Concert Hour.

KOW—NBC—FRIDAY—800 Kc.

4:00—Dawn Patrol.
4:10—Labor News.
4:20—News.

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

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A staggering new threat to toasting nazi lines in the center in Russia is developing even before the mighty red army entrapment maneuver in the south reaches its impending climax.

Linked with the crashing westward drive of Gen. Vatutin's Ukrainian army that has carried its right flank deep into old Poland south of the Pinsk-Pripet marshes, Gen. Rokossovsky's White Russian forces have surged forward north of the great swamp in a concerted action designed to rip the whole German center apart and expose its Baltic as well as its Black sea flank to rolling up attack.

That appears to be the objective of the new Russian offensive stroke against Moxzy. The city stands on the eastern rim of the marshes and is the key to the nazi grip, now all but broken on a 50-mile section of the Leningrad-Odessa trunk rail-

road between Korosten and Moxzy.

With that span of the railroad cleared, rapid shifting of Russian forces between the north and south fronts in Russia would be possible.

The immediate threat for the Germans in the White Russian offensive is possible entrapment of troops still clinging to the rail line between Korosten and Moxzy. Nazi forces on that front stand with their backs to the vast, guerrilla-haunted marshes. They are virtually cut off to the north by Russian investment of Moxzy.

A hundred miles or more in their rear, the Ukrainian troops which took Sarny are fanning out northward. The Russian attack on Moxzy may portend an advance westward to a junction with the Ukrainian troops on the north rim of the marsh.

The plight of those nazi forces is obviously critical.

Senate Rules Newsprint Duty Exempt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(P)—The senate adopted by voice vote a revenue bill amendment allowing the same exemption from import duty for light weight newsprint that now applies to heavier paper.

It was offered by Sen. Vandenberg (D-Mich) who said it was intended to permit newspapers "to maintain a large measure of public information service despite the limitation on over-all consumption of newsprint."

Under the amendment, which goes back to the house with other provisions of the tax bill, publishers can import duty-free newsprint paper weighing as little as 25 pounds for a quantity equal to 500 sheets, each 24 by 36 inches.

Under present treasury standards, Vandenberg said, "A prohibitive duty" is levied on paper weighing less than 30 or more than 35 pounds. He said the amendment was sought by the American Newspaper Publishers association and had the approval of the war production board.

Meanwhile, in a statement on the newsprint situation for Latin American countries, the state department said that an attempt is being made to create a 90-day stock position of newsprint for publications in other American republics.

The department said that newspapers in the other American countries have editorially supported the allied war effort, with very few and well identified exceptions.

In view of the important foreign relations aspects of the situation, the department said, it is essential that no effort be spared to maintain newsprint supplies to those friendly publications.

Cuspidor Kicks Back

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(P)—John Kaecher, 59, doesn't mind his fractured leg so much—it's explaining how he got it.

Somebody kicked him, he told police. And when he started to kick back, he stepped into a cuspidor.

Right Back Home!

BEND, Jan. 13.—(P)—J. O. Lammi, Deschutes national forest ranger, sold his home, shipped his wife home to her parents, and headed for the induction center to "see some of the world."

He got his army assignment—in Bend with engineering trainees.

Women Work Longer

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 13.—(P)—The newspaper Aftonbladet said today the German ministry of labor has ordered the working day for women increased to 10 hours, in order to release three to five per cent more workers for duty at the front.

3:15—Lyn Murray Show.
3:30—Songs.
3:45—The World Today.
3:55—Cheer Hunter News.
4:00—Stars of Today.
4:15—Bob Anderson.
4:20—Friday on Broadway.
4:30—Galen Drake.
4:45—Red's Gang.
4:50—Harry Flannery, News.
4:55—News.
5:00—Bill Henry.
5:05—Music.
5:10—Oregon at War.
5:15—That Bowler Boy.
5:20—Jimmy Durante & Garry Moore.
5:25—Door Canteen.
5:30—I Love A Mystery.
5:35—Date Line.
5:40—Playhouse News.
5:45—Kate Smith.
5:50—What's to Become of—?
5:55—Five Star News.
6:00—Warline Women.
6:05—Horace Heidt.
6:10—Meaning of the News.
6:15—Music.
6:20—Voice of the Army.
6:25—Milton Charles.
6:30—Orchestra.
6:35—Air-Pie of the Air.
6:40—News.
6:45—Midnight to 6:00 a.m.—Music & News.

KOAC—FRIDAY—800 Kc.

10:00—United Press News.
10:15—The Homecoming Hour.
10:30—School of the Air.
10:45—School Safety.
10:50—Keyboard Classics.
11:00—Open Door.
11:10—William Winter, News.
11:20—Bachelor's Children.
11:30—Broadway Matinee.
11:40—According to Record.
11:50—This Living World.
12:00—Art Baker's Memory Lane.
12:10—Newspaper of the Air.
12:20—American Women.
12:30—News.
12:40—Music of the Masters.
12:50—Music.
1:00—Listen to Lethbr.
1:05—Solence News.
1:10—On the Upbeat.
1:15—Story Time.
1:20—Oregon's War.
1:25—News.
1:30—Evening Farm Hour.
1:35—Wells Up, America.
1:40—Myrtiline.
1:45—Trans Winds Calling.
1:50—Music.
1:55—Evening Meditations.
2:00—Sign Off.

Chapel Today To Open WU Bond Drive

Kickoff of the Willamette bond drive as part of the fourth war loan drive will take place at the student chapel today. A special program "Your Date with a Bond" will be presented. Actual sale of the bonds will begin Tuesday.

A goal of \$5000 has been set for the campus and a bond and stamp booth will be set up in the Bearcat Cavern, according to Stan Skillicorn, chairman of the bond committee. Other committee members are Norma Wootton and Ron Dekkard, special events; LeRoy Hale, chairman of publicity; Ed Ferguson, finance; Jean Rowland, solicitations off the campus.

The same quota was set during the school's drive last summer and was more than quadrupled, according to Skillicorn, who stated that it is hoped to do the same again.

Jurors Called On Tuesday

Twenty additional jurors whose names were drawn from the jury box to complete the January panel have been instructed to appear in circuit court on Tuesday, January 18, at 9 a.m.

Those named to appear are: from Salem, Oliver J. Myers, lumberman; Jacob Van Lydegraf, plumber; Edward C. Kruger, shingler; Clara Reed, housewife; Ruebini Hilfiker, sheet metal worker; Karl N. Nyberg, clerk; Frances P. Smith, housewife; Martha Collier, housewife; and Vern T. Kirkland, salesman; from east Silverton, Everett K. Cramer, engineer; from Englewood, Clark Ritchey, farmer; east Woodburn, Ethan J. Allen, farmer; Lester D. Smith, mechanic; east Gervais, Lester DeJardin, merchant; south Silverton, L. H. Meyer, farmer; east Mt. Angel, Oliver Lee Withers, business man; Hayesville, Roberta Croker, housewife; Sublimity, William Duchateau, farmer; Salem Heights, Richard Severin, insurance manager; Stayton, Paul Fehlen, veterinarian.

French Seek Vichy Purge

ALGIER, Jan. 13.—(P)—The French consultative assembly adopted a motion demanding that the committee of national liberation institute a special tribunal for the "rapid and total" elimination of Vichyite collaborators from official positions and the prompt trial and punishment of traitors.

Expressing chagrin at delays in the purge of French civil and military administrations, the assembly took this action despite the opposition of two committee spokesmen, Justice Commissioner Francois de Menthon and State Commissioner Andre Philip.

De Menthon held that the creation of a special tribunal would slow up procedure already instituted before an army tribunal under republican law.

FU Head Prefers Farm Labor Act Revision to Draft

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 13.—(P)—The president of the National Farmers Union declared that farm labor shortages could be met more efficiently through revision of the farm labor act than through national service legislation.

"A national pool of farm laborers which can be shifted from one shortage area to another will answer the problem more efficiently than the wholesale drafting of labor," said James G. Patton, Denver Col., in an interview with the Arkansas Gazette.

Patton said the farm labor act, which freezes workers on the land, needed to be amended to place administration of farm manpower placement under federal control.

Oregon Liquor Supply Favorable

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(P)—Oregon's liquor situation compares favorably with other states, Hay Conway, liquor control administrator, told a businessmen's group here.

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Only a Stevens
DIAMOND
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