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Reporting at Cassino

Two weeks or so ago the military authorities in Italy, tired of the Cassino stalemate, ordered Allied troops out of its ruined alleys by nightfall, and next day gave the shattered city a complete "Doolittle" treatment, using the B-17 and B-25 clippers all over and behind

The newspaper reports were uniformly encouraging, after weeks of indecisive announcements of brief advances and retreats. From the tenor of the news stories, which seemed to come from the highest military authorities on the Italian peninsula, the immediate occupation of the town of Cassino and an advance up Monastary Hill behind it-which promises to stand with Missionary Ridge and Cemetery Ridge in American military annals—seemed only a matter of time. There was talk of the "heaviest" raid of the war on a single area (later revised), and of an "irresistable" weight of explosives dropped by airplanes and from the muzzles of heavy cannon.

Yet the German was unaccountably there the next afternoon when the infantry went back in. Although pushed into a corner of the town, and suffering from important casualties and the loss of prisoners, he still managed to fight, and by last week had even won back a few buildings, and restored his tanks at least temporarily in the peculiarly unmilitary lobby of the Continental Hotel. This time the announcements were remarkably sober: one went so far as to say that the bombing of Cassino had hardly altered the American position, and that the fall of the city was still undecided.

The incident proved pretty clearly that bombs alone are not enough to smash a modern enemy, strongly entrenched in a city constructed of stone. This lesson was taught a year ago at Stalingrad.

It showed, unfortunately, one more thing: that news reports of purely tactical operations of the armies in the field can be gravely mistaken even when originating among military authorities who ought to know. Part of the blame should fall on these military authorities themselves, since it is certainly their job to know-if anyone does-what military results actually do occur from a given operation. The rest, and perhaps not the lesser part, should fall on the newsmen themselves, who permit themselves to be swept off their world-travelled feet at the first announcement of long-awaited success, and who later, when the early promises of success are not fulfilled, then lean the other way in pessimism.

This is a small matter, indeed, and the public can never expect letter perfect reporting, just as it can never expect absolutely impeccable generalship. Yet considering the number of experienced reporters on the scene, and the wealth of their facilities, the public should receive better service. If things are distorted in Italy, what will they be during the invasion?

The real question that arises over the new Russo-Japanese agreement cancelling Japanese oil concessions on the northern half of Sakhalin island is whether there is any understanding that Russia will stay out of the Pacific war. Russia's occupation with Hitler on the west makes understandable its neutrality in the war with Japan. But the allies have been hopeful that when Hitler was polished off Stalin would join to crush Japan. Use of Siberian bases would be invaluable, accessible as they are from Alaska. Stalin has probably made no commitment with the western powers, and it is doubtful if this oil deal is bought at the price of Russian neutrality indefinitely. Stalin will reserve the privilege of changing his direction as often and as rapidly as suits his policy.

Interpreting The War News

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There are stirring and significant happenings in the Pacific and Burma theaters, but it still is on Europe that world attention is concentrated. Expectation of impending war developments of major import heighten every hour as Russian and allied forces set themselves for the final two-way victory drive against Germany mapped at Teheran.

The plight of the only nazi willing war partner, Japan, as powerful American naval forces drove deep through her punctured south Pacific atoll defense ring is obvious. It forced Tokyo into an abject diplomatic surrender to Russia, yielding oil and other mineral concessions on Sakhalin island rather than risk friction with Moscow.

But it is on the other side of the world that April weather seems destined to see the attack on the axis rage to a new high. Nowhere from the French Mediterranean coast to the Balkan peninsula in the south, from the Black sea to the Baltic in the east and from Norway to the Franco-Spanish border in the west can nazi defenses of the European con-

Brighter April skies mean new blistering air attacks for Germany and already shaken Balkan satellites. There are intimations from high allied sources that Anglo-American air power from Ital-ian bases is linked definitely now with the Russian thrust toward the Balkans. The vital Budapest ations hub in Hungary, key to the whole nazi defense front in southeastern Europe, is in easy reach for Foggia-based American and Brit-ish air heavies. That fact lends grim significance w's warning to Hungary as well as Bulgaris and Rumania to get out of the war while yet

The nazi retreat under sustained and relentless red army pressure in the south symbolizes desperate German need of husbanding manpower and shortening the eastern defense front in expectation of allied invasion from the west. While the led attack in Italy aimed at Rome, is presently ogsed down through disappointing failure to clear the Cassino road block, it is definitely pinning 40 to 50 German divisions in Italy and the Balkans.

They are unavailable to help halt the Russian steam-roller attack or to meet allied incursions. rom the west when the hour for that strikes.

Fires in Valley Towns

Molalla and Dayton are neat towns in the valley. Both have been hard hit recently with fires in their business sections. The experience points to the necessity for higher standards of building construction in these towns as well as for well-equipped fire departments. It is impossible to maintain paid departments in the smaller cities, so the need for fire-safe construction is greater rather than less in such communities.

Rebuilding will go forward in both cities. and it is to be hoped that factors of fire security will be studied in both these fine little cities.

Earl K. Nixon will be hard to replace as director of the state department of geology and mineral industries. He was a rare combination of a man with both theoretical knowledge and practical experience. He was untiring in his efforts to develop Oregon's mineral wealth, but conscientious in not lending encouragement to fly-by-night promotions or dubious prospects.

Add manpower shortage solutions: The stage play shown recently in Portland, "Blithe Spirit", had only two men in the cast. But "The Voice of the Turtle", another current hit, has only three characters.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, April 2 - Often the charge is made that communists have done such and such whereas the culprits are really only bewildered radicals, lunatic fringers or even

socialists who hate the communists, worse than true democrats.

But of the American Labor party results in New York, the charge is puristically accurate. You can go through the returns precinct by precinct and prove the wail of defeated elements that their party was captured by communists. Certain city areas are known to have long been communist-controlled, and those

undeniably furnished the complete victory of the Hillman faction. Also the Hillman communist faction has long been credited with 85,000 to 100,000 votes, and

these they got. The communists won because they have better discipline. Less than half the registered voters of ALP went to their party polls in New York City. The commies were a minority of a minority, but they got out their vote and seized control.

This being the incontestable result, the most authoritative sources have concluded that Mr. Rossevelt and particularly Mayor LaGuardia, will be the main sufferers—and that ALP will now rapidly lose its importance and become inconsequen-

Labor already has moved out in bulk and returned to the democratic and republican parties. AFL and John Lewis are now definitely anticommunist, and CIO must now follow this trend. David Dubinsky (Garment Workers) was Hillman's opponent in the primary, and already has left Hillman holding the communist sack.

To control any movement, communists must keep their leadership secret or confused. Once they identify themselves with controls in this country, they become an ineffective minority.

But meanwhile the republicans will capitalize on these events for the coming fourth term campaign and charge that the communists promoted it as they initially fostered petitions to the White House, etc. They can cause considerable embarrassment at least, because of Hillman's White House connections and his assertions of fourth term leadership.

The result, however, practically wilted the Little Flower, Unlike the bulk of labor, Mayor LaGuardia compromised. He did not withdraw as they did, but pronounced himself neutral. He might as well have proclaimed himself neutral between God and the devil-or between right and wrong.

On the face of these facts, it is not too much to conclude that the most formidable third party labor movement yet presented in this countryone which wielded a balance of power in the election of state and national officials in the nation's largest state—is now dead.

True meaning of the somewhat surprising Oklahoma special election result was lost in democratic jubilation and republican silence. It simply suggested the democrats can win if they offer the

Their candidate for the congressional seat (which they have held for years by generally top-heavy majorities) was a former state commander of the American Legion, and the more popular man. The republican candidate had been sent to the same well once before, and ran close to victory then solely because the democrat who then held the seat had become personally unpopular, even subsequently giving up his congressional career rather than trying to run again.

Some have attributed the outcome to the democrats pouring in Senator Barkley and promises of some war plants (the district had received few) while others conversely claim the closer-than-normal republican race was due to the republicans pouring in some money.

Far more important was the fact that the democrats had the assistance of a state machine and counties machines, which nearly always can wield dominant power in special elections where the general run of people do not go to the trouble of voting. (Again witness ALP in New York.)

The O'Connell brothers (Albany machine), who publicly threatened to climb up Jim Farley's back, soon climbed down again. The stories that they were inspired by Mr. Roosevelt's inside political nanager, David K. Niles, máy have gone a little too far. Apparently, there had been some inside talk from Niles about getting Farley out, but no

Most accurate explanation is that some Albany boys had been imbibing some cough medicine, now

rare, the day they gave out that story and were slightly tipsy.

The administration cannot afford to anger Farley's friends around the country in a fourth

Today's Radio Programs

10:30-The Quiet Hour,

EGW-NBC-SUNDAY-528 Ec.

00—Dawn Patrol.

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:00—World News Boundup.

:15—Commando Mary.

:30—String Quartette.

:00—National Radio Pulpit.

:30—Words and Music.

KSLM-SUNDAY-1390 Ke. 9:30—Lutheran Laymen's League. 10:00—Glen Hardy, News. 10:15—Voices from Southland. 0:30—Bobby Hookey. 12:00—American Lutheran 12:00—War Commentary, 12:15—Voice of the Farmer, 12:30—Dr. Floyd Johnson 1:00—Symphonic 1:00—Symphonic Swing.
1:30—Rhythm Five.
2:00—Voice of Restoration.
30—Young People's Church.
30—Wings of Healing. 6:00—News.
6:15—The Four Polka Dots.
6:30—Scrapbook of Melody.
7:00—Cedric Foster.
7:15—Tommy Tucker Time.
7:30—Langworth Gypsy Orchestra,
8:00—First Presbyterian Church.
8:30—Jack Benny. 9:00-News. 9:15-Anson Weeks and His Orch. 9:35—Navs. 9:45—Back - Home Hour. 10:00—Old Fashioned Revival. 11:30—Young People's Church. 11:30—Sign Off.

REX-BN-SUNDAY-1190 Ke, 8:00—Your War Job. 8:30—Dr. Ralph Walker, 8:45—Seagle and Trinity Choir. 9:00—The Quiet Hour, 9:30—Music. 9:30—Masic.
9:45—The Moylan Sisters.
10:30—John B. Kennedy.
10:15—News.
10:30—Music.
11:30—National Vespers.
12:30—Life of Riley.
12:30—Hot Copy.
1:30—Al Pearce's Fun Valley.
1:30—Metropolitan Opera Audi 1:30—Metropolitan Opera At 2:30—Where Do We Stand? 2:30—Musical Steelmakers. 3:00—Radio Hall of Fame. 4:30—Music. 4:15—Be Alert. 4:45—Dorothy Thompson. 5:00—Christian science Program. 5:35—Serenade. 5:35—Waiter Duranty. 5:45—Drew Pearson. 6:90—Walter Winchell. 6:15—Basin St. Chamber Music. 6:45—Jimmie Pidler. 7:90—Gerirude Lawrence. 7:00—Gertrude Lawrence. 7:30—Look at the Future. 7:45—Music. 8:00—Choir, 8:30—Quiz Kids 9:00—Deadline Drama. 9:30—News Headines and Highlights 9:45—For All Humanity. 10:00—Music.

9:30—Human Adventure.
9:30—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.
11:30—Young People's Church. N-CHS-SUNDAY-950 Kc. Church in Your Homing Nurse of the Air.
Carol Sisters.
eth Wells, Commentate
in Advantage 5-New Voices in Song.
6-Church of the Air.
6-Wings Over Jordan.
6-Warren Sweeney, News
6-Blue Jackets' Choir,
6-Vintitation to Learning 0-Invitation to Learnin 0-Salt Lake Tabernacie Garden Tabernacie So News in Albert 18 News.

10 A Layman Views the News.

15 Labor for Victory.

20 Chicago Round Table.

10 Those We Love.

20 John Charles Thomas.

20 World News.

21 Courten Talk. Or the Air,
O-Ceiling Unlimited.
World News Today.
Songs of American 12:06 Philharmonic Orch. Cond 1:30 The Pause That Refreshe 2:06 The Family Hour. 1:45 Woman from Nowhere. 1:45 Woman from Nowhere. 1:45 Woman from Nowhere. 5:00—The Star and the Story.
5:30—William Winter, News.
5:45—Stars of Today,
5:25—Ned Caimer,
6:00—Radio Readers' Digest.
6:30—Fred Allen.
7:50—Take It or Leave It.
7:30—Adventures of the Thin
6:00—Crime Doctor.
8:25—Song of the Week.
8:30—in Time to Come.
9:30—I Was There.
9:30—We Work for Wisco,
10:30—Five Star Final.
10:15—Wartime Women.
10:20—Horace Heidt.
10:30—Orchestra.

12.45—News. 18:50-2:00 a.m.—Swing Shift. EALE MBS SUNDAY 1730 Ec.

8:00 Wesley Radio League,
8:30 Voice of Prophecy,
9:00 Detroit Bible Classes,
9:30 Early Morning News,
9:45 Music,
18:00 News,
18:15 Romance of the Hi-Ways II—Romance of the Hi-Ways. 10—Hookey Hall, 10—Pilgrim Hour. 12:00—News.

12:15—Voice of the Dairy Farmer

12:30—Dr. Flovd Johnson.

1:00—Wide Horizons.

1:30—Abe Lincoln's Story.

2:00—Green, Valley, USA.

2:30—Portland Bible Classes.

3:00—Roosty of the AEF.

2:30—Upton Close.

3:45—News.

4:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.

5:00—Mediation Board. 6:00—Mediation Board. 6:45—Gabriel Heatter. 6:00—Cleveland Symphony Orch. 100—Cedric Foster. 115—Music of the Masters. 100—Hinson Memorial Churc

11:00—St. Francis Hotel Ore 11:30—War News Roundup,

Monday's Radio Programs

KSLM-MONDAY-1390 Ke. 6:30—Rise 'n' Shine. 6:45—News. 7:15—Rise 'n' Shine. 7:30—Shady Valley Folks. 7:45—Morning Moods. 8:00—Dr. Lewis Talbot. 8:30-Woman's W 8:45-Wax Shop. 9:00—Pastor's Call. 9:15—It's the Truth. 9:30—Harry Brewer's Nov. Orch. 10:00—Glen Hardy, News. 10:15—Jack Berch. -Luncheon with Lopez. 10:45—Bartal Orchestra. 11:00—Cedric Foster. 11:15-TBA. 11:30—Skyline Serenade. 11:45—Around Town. 12:00—Organalities. 12:15—News. 12:30—Hillbilly Serenade. 12:35—Mid-Day Matinee. 1:30—Lum 'n' Abner. 1:15—Spotlight on Rhythm. 1:30—TBA. 2:00—Broadway Band Wagon. 2:15—Don Lee News Reel. 3:00—Concert Hour. 3:45—Johnson Family. 4:15—News. 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm. 4:45—Round Up Revelers. 5:00—March Militaire. 5:15-Superman. 5:30-Bertrand Hirsch and Violin. 5:45—Gordon Burke. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter. Believe It or Not. 7:15—War Commentary. 7:20—Interlude. 7:30—Lone Ranger, 8:00—Orchestra. 8:30—Point Sublime. 8:30—Point Sublime.
9:00—News.
9:15—Cecil Brown.
9:30—Fulton Lewis.
9:45—Popular Music,
10:00—Sherlock Holmes.
10:30—News,
10:45—Glen Gray.

11:00—Soft and Sweet. 11:30—Sign Off. KOIN-CBS-MONDAY-950 Re. 6:00—Northwest Farm Reporter. 6:15—Breakfast Bulletin. 6:20—Texas Rangers, 6:45—KOIN Klock 7:15—Headline News. 7:15—Headline News.
7:30—Bob Green, News.
7:45—Nelson Pringle.
8:00—Consumer News.
8:15—Valiant Lady.
8:30—Stories America Loves. 8:30—Stories America Loves, 8:45—Aunt Jenny, 9:00—Kate Smith Speaks, 8:15—Big Sister 9:30—Romange of Helen Trent, 9:45—Our Gal Sunday, 10:00—Life Can Be Beautiful, 10:15—Ma Perkins 10:15—Ma Perkins. 10:30—Bernadine Flynn. 10:45—The Goldbergs. 10:30—Bernadine Flynn.
10:45—The Goldbergs.
11:00—Portia Faces Life.
11:15—Joyce Jordan.
11:30—Young Doctor Malone.
11:45—News.
12:00—Mary Marlin.
12:15—Neighbors.
12:30—Bright Horizons.
12:45—Bachelor's Children.
1:00—Broadway Matinee.
1:25—Air-Flo of the Air.
1:30—Open Door.
2:15—Newspaper of the Air.
2:45—American Women.
3:00—News. 3:00-News. 3:15-Lyn Murray. 3:30—Songs. 3:45—The World Today. 3:55—News. 4:00—Stars of Today. 4:15—News. 4:30—The Colonel. 5:00—Galen Drake. 5:15—Red's Gang. 5:30—Harry Flannery, News. 5:45—News. 5:30—Harry 5:45—News. 5:55—Bill Henry. 6:00—Radio Theatre. 7:00—Screen Guild Players. 7:36—Blondie. 8:00—I Love A Mystery. 8:15—Ed Sullivan Entertains 8:30—Gay Nineties, 8:55—Chet Huntley. 8:35—Chet Huntley,
9:00—Three Quarter Time,
9:15—What's New,
9:30—Vox Pop
10:00—Five Star Final,
10:15—Wartime Women,
10:20—Western Stare,
10:30—Music
10:45—Heathman Melodies,
11:00—Dorothy Allen & Milton
Charles

RALE-MBS-MONDAY-1336 Ra 6:45-Dave West, Cowboy. 7:00-News. 7:15-Texas Bangers. 7:30-Memory Timeknense. 5:30-News 5:35-How Do You Say It? ke Carter. Learn

News.

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230—Pages from Life.

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Gems.

Gems. 11:45 Around the Town, 12:00 News, 12:15 Luncheon Concert. Lamebean with Lo

1:30—Music. 2:00—Ray Dady. 2:15—Texas Rangers. 2:30-Yours for a Song. 2:55—News. 3:00—News. 3:15—Stars of Today. 2:30—Lean Back and Listen. 3:45—Johnson Family. 4:00—Fulton Lewis, jr. 4:15—Songs. 4:30—Music. 4:45—News :00-Concert. 5:15—Superman. 5:30—Showtime 5:45—Gordon Burke. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter. :15-Believe It or Not 7:15—People's Reporter. 7:30—Lone Ranger. \$:30—Point Subdime. 8:00—News. \$:15—Salute to Our Heroes 9:15—Saiute to de ...
9:30—Fulton Lewis.
9:45—Little Show.
10:00—Treasury Star Parade.
10:15—Bien Venidos Amigos. 16:30—News. 16:45—Music. 11:15—Shady Valley Folks. 11:30—Yankee House Party.

KOAC-MONDAY-556 Kc. 10:00—News. 10:15—The Homemakers' Hour. 11:00—School of the Air. 11:00—School of the Air. 11:15—Familiar Songs. 11:30—Concert Hall. 12:00—News
12:15—Noon Farm Hour.
1:00—Ridin' the Range.
1:15—Names in the News.
1:30—Variety Time. Specialists.

Memory Book of Music. 3:00 News. 3:15 Music of the Masters. 4:15 Listen to Leibert. :30—Swing. 4:45—Highlights of the Week. 4:45—Highlights of the West 5:00—On the Upbeat. 5:20—Story Time 5:45—It's Oregon's War, 6:15—News. 6:30—Evening Farm Hour, 1:30—4H Club Program. 8:00—Starry Skies. 6:15—A to Z in Novelty. 8:30—Music.

8:30—Music. 9:30—News. 9:45—Evening Meditations. EEX-BN-MONDAY-1199 Re. 6:00-Musical Clock. 6:15-National Farm and Home. 6:45-Western Agriculture. 7:00-Home Harmonies. 7:00—Home Harmonies.
7:15—News.
7:30—James Abbe Observes.
7:30—James Abbe Observes.
7:35—Trio.
8:00—Breakfast Club.
9:00—Religion and New World.
9:15—Meet Your Neighbor,
8:30—Breakfast at Sardi's.
10:30—Tony Morse.
10:15—Sweet River.
10:30—The Baby Institute.
10:45—Music.
11:30—Baukhage Talking.
11:15—The Mystery Ched.
11:30—Ladies Be Seated.
12:30—Songs by Morton Downey.
12:15—Hollywood. 12:15—Hollywood.
12:20—News.
1:20—News.
1:15—Bob Nichols.
1:20—Blue Newsroom Review.
2:00—What's Doing, Ladies.
2:30—Home Demonstration.
2:40—Labor News.
3:45—Ted Malone.
3:50—Hollywood News Flashes 2:45-Music.
4:00-Speaking of Glamour.
4:15-Sergeant Toley and Glenn.
4:30-Hop Harrigan.
4:35-The Sea Hound.
5:30-Terry and the Pirates.
5:15-Dick Tracy.
5:30-Jack Armstrong.
5:45-Captain Midnight.
4:00-Bombs Away.
6:30-Spotlight Bands.
6:55-Story Teller.
7:30-Raymond Gram Swing
7:15-Top of the Evening.
7:30-Horace Heidt.
8:30-News.
8:15-Lum and Abner.
8:30-Counterspy.

News News.

(Continued from rage 1) free country" is deeply imbedded in the minds as well as the hearts of citizens of all classes. Other basic rights which

citizen knows he has are the right of trial by jury and security in one's person, property and papers save on warrant of search or seizure. He may not know they are embraced in the bill of rights; but he knows what they are and doesn't hesitate to claim those rights if molested. One of the disturbing things of

11:30—Orchestra. 11:30—Phil Harris Orchestra. 11:45—Orch. 11:55—News. 12:00-6:30 a.m Music and News

SEEMS

the new scheme of government is the overthrow of rights that once were deemed elemental, like the right of a farmer to grow and use or sell crops as he wanted to, interference with prices, either against "chiselers" as under NRA, or "profiteers" as under OPA. The individual is left a bit uncertain as to just what his basic "rights" are, and much too acquiescent over the loss of those rights.

The bill of rights, as students of civics know, is the term applied to the first ten amendments to the national constitution, adopted within a few years after the original constitution was framed and adoped. The bill however is merely the enumeration of rights long enjoyed or asserted by the colonists and are gle against powers claimed or exercised by arbitrary government. The important thing is not that the people are so ignorant of the bill of rights but that they know and claim and fight for the fighters in behalf of human free- be needed. dom, on fields of battle and of political contest.

Practical Religion

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will lose his life for my sake held by the younger men needed kie." shall save it."

12:30—Pepper Young's Family.
12:45—Right to Happiness.
1:30—Backstage Wife.
1:35—Stella Dallas.
1:30—Lorenzo Jones.
1:45—Young Widder Brown. 1:30—Lorenzo Jones.
1:45—Young Widder Brown.
2:00—When A Girl Marries.
2:15—Portia Faces Life.
2:30—Just Plain Bill.
2:45—Front Page Farrell.
3:00—Road of Life.
3:15—Vic and Sade.
3:30—B. Boynton.
3:45—Rambling Reader.
4:00—Dr. Kata 3 45—Rambling Reader 4:00—Dr. Kate. 4:15—News 4:30—The Carol Sisters. 4:30—Golden Gate Qua 4:45—H. V. Kaltenborn, 5:00—OK for Release. 5:15—Barbasol Program 5:30—Richard Crooks. 6:30—A Song is Born. 6:20—Dr. I. Q 7:500—Contented Hour. Information Please,
Fred Waring in Plea

-bottled, tanked or piped—a Sheboygan ration board held today in ruling that Salesman Richard Imig must do without his gas rations until September 30.

The board said Imig had been piping natural gas to his automobile's carburetor from a drum at

SHEBOYGAN-(P)-Gas is gas

Bull Session of US Fliers Gets Down to Fundamentals

By KENNETH L. DIXON

WITH THE AEF IN SARDINIA, March 23 -(Delayed)-(AP)-There was a sudden silence in the little room where the airmen sat. For a moment no one looked at the tall, fair haired captain who had spoken. Finally someone cleared his throat.

"How is that again?" he said.

"I said that as long as we live under our present code of ethics and virtues that there'll always be war, and I said that I am not ly. "Not with words, I mean, but convinced but that war is a pret- I think you'd change your mind. There is nothing good about dead ty good thing."

Again the pilots and bombard- kids lying beside the road, or guys iers sat still for a moment. It was cut all to pieces." His voice trailed hard to believe their ears. Having away. been shocked into stunned speechlessness for that long, they were the war home to me," replied the obviously deciding to hear the captain, "I don't think that's neguy out before unleashing their cessary. My brother was killed wrath. Besides, he was one of in a P38 the other day. My other them, had been through the mill brother is over here, too, and he's with them. You could almost hear likely to get it. I've lost most of the wheels of their minds turning my best friends out of this group as the fire crackled in the stillness. that way. I may get it too. No, I "Just how do you mean that?" don't think that would change my

one of them asked. "I know places mind." where you'd be lynched for a crack like that."

"Probably so," the captain shrugged. "But I'm tired of all this pointless stuff of how hellish war is while a war is going on, as long as men continue to adand how, we're going to prevent another war and so on, when all the time the war brings out all the characteristics we are taught from childhood are virtues. Without war those virtues would die out, so it must follow that either those virtues are wrong or else war is a pretty good thing after all."

"What virtues does war have?" someone asked. "Courage is one," the blond

captain replied. "At home in school, in church, we're taught from kids that courage is a virtue, a wonderful thing. Discounting all the substitutes for war you find in sports and in a daily competitive struggle for existence, war is a final mass test of courage, the only one that gives great numbers of men a chance to prove their physical courage at least.

He stared in the fire for a minute then continued:

"Unselfishness, or rather selflessness, is another: the willingness to lay down one's life for a friend or for a cause. Patriotism is another; willingess in the final analysis to lay down one's life for one's country. Leadership and faith in leadership.

marks the difference between the in the morning." men who have them and the men who don't. Without war or something similar those virtues would rot from disuse."

obviously bitter youth who had liam B. Conway, but Conway respent considerable time on the fused to issue it. front.

ing a good thing," he said harsh- would not return the favor.

mire those virtues there'll be war. and I get sick and tired of all this talk about war being terrible and how we're going to stop it with a world police force and a new economic system or this or that when they have nothing to do with it. They might delay another war, but they won't stop it.

"Besides," he continued, "I don't

say war is a good thing in itself.

I don't know about that, I only

know that under our present stan-

dard of virtues it seems to be, and

"If you mean it would bring

"It's our standard of virtues. If courage and chivalry and patriotism and leadership and faith in a cause or a country are virtues, are worthy of dying for, then war is partially a good thing, for it keeps them alive and active. If they're not worth dying for then war is certainly a terrible thing. But the only way we'll stop it is to revise our standard of virtues."

"You're crazy," the bitter youth said slowly. "You're wrong. I can't tell you exactly where, but your reasoning is haywire somehow. War is wrong. That's all I know. I don't know about virtues."

"Well, I know there is no virture in staying up all night listening to you guys argue when you won't settle anything," another captain said, rising and stretching. "I'm going to hit the sack. We've "War tests those virtues out. It got another damned early mission

SPRINGFIELD, III.-(AP)-An annoyed husband sought a disor-Once again silence hung over derly conduct warrant for his the room. It was broken by an wife from Police Magistrate Wil-

The husband contended he al-"I think I could make you ways washed his wife's back on change your mind about war be- Saturday nights, but his wife

Looking Ahead in Washington By the Washington Staff of the Associated Press

There's a possibility that the age room throughout the nation. the product of centuries of strug- limit for induction of men for general military service may be lowered from the present 38 to 31.

Considered logical: Members of a house military subcommittee feel that lowering of the draft age handling of food will be a political would be a logical step in view of issue this year. With a GOP contestimony, during its recent hear- gressional good study committee ings on deferments, on the armed providing the ammunition, house forces' need for men under 31.

told the committee the prime need ning a continuing series. There is an old riddle which is for men under 26, "And it may

wer: a hole.

Paul McNutt: "The selective servelect 24 republican and 26 demoDid you ever stop to think that ice system will not be drafting any cratic national convention delelife is very much like that? The more men than we originally an- gates. more we give ourselves the more ticipated, but it will be drafting This is a four-way contest on

for fighting duty."

quency modulation) broadcasts the 1940 delegation.

WASHINGTON, April 1.-(A)- from stations expected to mush-

Overalls short: White - collared gentlemen in various efderal ag-This will depend, in large part, encies are concerned over a shorton how many men are made avail- age of overalls and other heavy able by the new restrictions on oc- work clothes. Textile mills claim cupational deferment for men un- increased costs for raw cotton and elemental rights which are the der 26. The more of these men labor are forcing them to shut legacy of many generations of called, the fewer older fathers will down night and holiday shifts requiring overtime pay, thus making the shortage more acute.

> Food for politics: Administration republicans have made several Undersecretary of War Patterson sharply critical speeches, are plan-

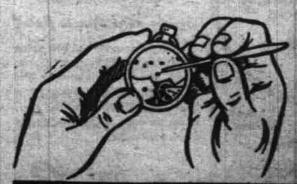
> > Political calendar:

April 4-Wisconsin primaries to

richly abundant life becomes. different men." He emphasized the GOP side, with 24 candidates The key to the happy life is giv-ing, not getting. Jesus put it this Said Rep. Sparkman (D-Ala) of ur, 20 to Stassen, 15 to Dewey. way: "Whosover will save his the committee "The older men Four others lean to Dewey, and life shall lose it; and whosoever must take the essential jobs now three others will run as "anti-Will-

On the democratic side, there's a full slate of 26 pledged to Presi-Radio: Federal communications dent Roosevelt, and 13 pledged commission officials say manufac- only to vote for "Whatever is best turers are ready to turn out 15,- for the country and the democra-000,000 or more new radio sets as tic party." The latter group insoon as the war ends, sets that cludes four who were for Garner will be able to receive "FM" (fre- and one who was a Farley man in

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