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The Locusts Retreat, Too

More than just the German army is being drawn out of Russia as fast as the German high command can arrange the transport. The camp followers are west-bound, too, the myriad of official and semi-official locusts which the third reich sent to prey upon the good lands of Russia.

The German newspapers, one reads, are filled these days with dignified, but shrill personal advertisements for new "situations" in which the fact is unobtrusively noted that the applicant has "an excellent command of the Russian language." Since in the ordinary course of events, the average German business man or minor official does not pick up Russian (a very difficult language) in the Rhineland, Bavaria or Prussia, the only conclusion is that he picked it up while at work in the conquered provinces of Russia. Now he is trying to retail it in the home employment market at a time when competition in that particular commodity is running pretty strong.

In 1941 the German armies advancing in what was called the Ostland (eastern territory) took with them swarms of *Beamtler*, *Kommissaren*, reich administrators, and just plain garden variety bureaucrats. They took over in the vacuum of governmental administration left by the vanquished Soviets in the western Russian territories. Then they began a program of calculated pillage much worse in its ultimate effects than the sudden, bloody, swift sacking of captured towns by armies of the middle ages. Not only was property occupied, but factory equipment was moved back into Germany, and the very land itself was turned over to immigrant Germans installed from over-populated agricultural districts of the fatherland.

Undoubtedly in this saturnalia of carpet-bagging, the nazi tendency to be small, domineering, and mean, came into its fullest play. Where Russians did not openly lose their lives, they were certainly made miserable by the petty despotism of a legion of minor bureaucrats set free in a defenseless land.

But the tables are turned, and now the would-be employee who presents his knowledge of the Russian language as a recommendation at the employment bureau in the reich must receive rather short shrift. There are so many of him, so many lately arrived, still demanding, still despotically little officials, that their individual abilities are doubtless soon swamped in the implacable labor demands of a nation striving its last to avert implacable defeat from the west and from the east. Perhaps when some of these wander through the ruined streets of Berlin and Frankfurt and Hamburg they will have quite another feeling from that which they enjoyed when they surveyed the ruins of Kharkov, of Smolensk, of the city known formerly as Tsaritsin, and now as Stalingrad.

Limits to Good Neighboring

We had thought that the popular protest against Vice President Wallace's good neighbor policy of pouring milk down the throats of the Melanesians would kill off the super-generosity of the new world builders, but Sen. Bushfield of South Dakota claims that they are busy blueprinting world relief on an astounding scale. Food would sort of roll on a chain belt from American farms and processing plants to the hungry from Arabia to Zululand. This would come even if it meant complete socialization of this country.

Regardless of what the visionaries may dream of, such business is out. The surplus we produce of foodstuffs is not adequate to feed many people. On balance we are a food-importing rather than exporting nation in prewar years. We did have a surplus of grains and cotton, but imported huge quantities of coffee, coconut, bananas, etc.

We can and are willing to provide emergency relief to the Greeks, the Dutch, the Belgians who have suffered much, and are now shipping some foodstuffs to southern Italy. But all this must be on a temporary relief basis until the domestic agriculture is restored. Probably the best thing we can do is to supply seeds which take little shipping space. Fundamentally though these countries will have to help themselves without leaning on Uncle Sam as a perpetual Santa Claus.

The president himself has said we can't feed the world. The sooner the world planners understand this the better off all will be, and our neighbors will not be deceived.

This welfare agitation confuses our international relations. Some people are isolationist because they think the internationalists are going to make this a food station for the Chinese, the Berbers and the Hindus. What those with a sane international outlook have in mind is simply that our nation cooperate with other nations to solve common problems, not the internal problems, political or economic, of each other. We ought to keep this distinction clearly in mind.

Dr. Prior of the American Dairy association says that clothing may be made out of milk. Then it will be no crying over torn milk.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, April 12 — Spring-leaving of the trees has heightened rumors and comments concerning the promised grand assault on Europe. It should not be called a second front. This is an obsolete misnomer the Russians furnished more than a year ago. Since then, the Italian second front has been opened, and the third air front over Germany has become important.

While no one outside knows — or should know — the plans for the grand assault, the best unofficial military analysts naturally have made geographical surveys with the following interesting results:

The Russian drive into Rumania plainly calls for an Anglo-American invasion of Yugoslavia to cut across the Balkans and meet the oncoming Russians. This would isolate Bulgaria, Greece and southern Yugoslavia if it could be launched in sufficient strength to bring success.

Second most strategic point for the grand assault would be a power drive through the Netherlands straight into Germany. An ideal plan would call for simultaneous invasions of northern France around LeHavre (aimed up the Seine at Paris) and invasion of the southern coast of France (Garonne and Rhone valleys).

With such a program the grand assault would be in a position to follow the successful Russian tactics and switch attacks from one front to another, thus straining out the German defense line to the utmost and preventing concentration of enemy effort.

The great difficulty with such a scheme however, is that these fronts are not contiguous and different routes of supplies and reserves would have to be maintained for each independently.

Four separate tremendous accumulations of power would be required. The nazis are supposed to have 675,000 men in France.

In their current ruminations, nearly all the analysts have abandoned interest in the Norwegian and Danish avenues in Europe. Norway, after capture, would not bring military advantages commensurate with the effort of conquest, and Denmark is farther from the heart of Germany than the Netherlands.

These conclusions may not at all guide the military high command, which must be concerned with the problem of resources as much as ideal strategy. But they do represent the summation of discussions now current among authorities, particularly in military magazines.

Now, as to the actual condition on the present German fighting front, their defeat on the southern end of the Russian line has been more serious than the maps show. They have no more ground to sell. Also in their latest retreats, they have failed for the first time to gain enough time to prepare their positions.

The nazis tried to dig in from Iasi to the Black sea on a fairly good line. But, as this was written, Iasi was half surrounded and in danger of falling. Nothing suggested an ability to hold it, yet less than 200 miles in the rear was the voluted Ploesti oil fields.

Similarly northward around Lwow (where they have been held a little better) their backs were up against that vital rail center, and its subsequent Galician oil fields and the shale which the Germans have been crushing for their lubricants. Thus, for the first time also the nazis were approaching vital military resources instead of merely recapturing their own.

This Balkan development seems to call for Turkey to come into the war, but the Turks are afraid of what German bombing might do to their cities, particularly Istanbul. While hoping that they would act at the proper time were once high here, now that the proper time has arrived, few authorities who know the situation, are hopeful.



Easter Bonnets

Today's Radio Programs

- KSLM—THURSDAY—1390 Kc.**
 6:30—Rise 'n' Shine.
 6:45—News.
 7:00—News.
 7:15—Farm and Home Program.
 7:30—Shady Valley.
 7:45—Morning Moods.
 8:00—Good Ship Grace.
 8:30—Women's Way.
 8:45—Wax Shop.
 9:15—Patrol's Call.
 9:30—It's the Truth.
 9:30—News.
 9:45—Johnson Freshman.
 10:00—Hardy, News.
 10:15—Jack Berch.
 10:30—It's Be Charming.
 11:00—Cedric Foster.
 11:15—US Navy.
 11:30—Skyline Serenade.
 11:45—Around Town.
 12:00—Organalities.
 12:15—Hillbilly Serenade.
 12:30—Yankee Show Party.
 12:45—News.
 1:15—Lum 'n' Abner.
 1:30—Full Speed Ahead.
 2:00—News.
 2:30—Broadway Band Wagon.
 2:45—Don Lee Newswear.
 3:00—News.
 3:05—Concert Hour.
 3:15—Johnson Family.
 4:00—Fulton Lewis.
 4:15—News.
 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm.
 4:45—Roundup Revelers.
 5:00—Marche Militaire.
 5:15—Supperman.
 5:30—Music.
 5:45—Gordon Burke.
 6:00—Gabriel Heatter.
 6:15—News of the Not.
 6:30—Cole Glee & Chorists.
 6:45—Sports.
 7:00—Excursions in Science.
 7:15—Commentary.
 7:30—Interlude.
 7:45—Check E. H. D.
 8:00—Pick & Pat.
 8:30—Art Wilson.
 9:00—News.
 9:15—Rex Miller.
 9:30—Lullaby in Rhythm.
 9:45—American Legion Auxiliary.
 10:00—Wings Over West Coast.
 10:15—News.
 10:30—Music.
- KOIN—CBS—THURSDAY—680 Kc.**
 6:30—Morning Farm Reporter.
 6:45—Breakfast Bulletin.
 7:00—Texas Rangers.
 7:15—Koin Clock.
 7:30—News.
 7:45—Wilson Pringle.
 8:00—Consumer News.
 8:15—Valiant Lady.
 8:30—Stories of America Loves.
 8:45—Aunt Jenny.
 9:00—Kale Smith Speaks.
 9:15—The States.
 9:30—Romance of Helen Trent.
 9:45—Our Gal Sunday.
 10:00—Open Door.
 10:15—Ma Perkins.
 10:30—Bernadine Flynn.
 10:45—The Goldbergs.
 11:00—Young Dr. Malone.
 11:15—Open Door.
 11:30—Young Dr. Malone.
 11:45—News.
 12:00—Mary Martin.
 12:15—Neighbors.
 12:30—Bright Horizons.
 12:45—Bachelor's Children.
 1:00—The Mystery Club.
 1:15—Air-Flie of the Air.
 1:30—Tales from Near and Far.
 1:45—Open Door.
 2:00—Newspaper of the Air.
 2:15—American Women.
 2:30—Open Door.
 2:45—State Traffic.
 3:00—Pat Lynn.
 3:15—Open Door.
 3:30—News Today.
 3:45—News.
 4:00—Stars of Today.
 4:15—Bob Anderson, News.
 4:30—Tales of Lost Parsons.
 4:45—Galen Drake.
 5:00—Red's Gang.
 5:15—Harry Flannery, News.
 5:30—News.
 5:45—Bill Henry.
 6:00—Major Shows.
 6:15—Dinah Shore.
 6:30—The First Line.
 6:45—News to Romance.
 7:00—I Love a Mystery.
 7:15—The Mystery Club.
 7:30—Death Valley Days.
 7:45—News.
 8:00—Music.
 8:15—Dr. Harmon for Congress.
 8:30—Orson Welles.
 8:45—Five Star Fun.
 9:00—Wartime Women.
 9:15—Sports.
 9:30—Orchestra.
 9:45—Orchestra.
 10:00—Orchestra.
 10:15—Serenade.
 10:30—4:30 a.m.—Music and News.
- KEXN—THURSDAY—1120 Kc.**
 6:30—Musical Clock.
 6:45—National Farm & Home.
 7:00—Western Agriculture.
 7:15—Home Harmonies.
 7:30—Top of the Morning.
 7:45—James Abbe Observer.
 8:00—The Listening Post.
 8:15—Sprengle Club.
 8:30—Christian.
 8:45—Voice of Experience.
 9:00—Breakfast at Sara's.
 9:15—News.
 9:30—Sweet River.
 9:45—Ted Malone.
 10:00—Buddy Twiss.
 10:15—Bathhouse Talking.
 10:30—The Mystery Club.
 10:45—Ladies Be Seated.
 11:00—Songs by Morton Downey.
- 12:15—Hollywood Star Time.**
 12:30—News.
 1:00—Sam Hayes.
 1:15—Bob Nichols.
 1:30—Blue Newsroom Review.
 2:00—What's Doing Ladies.
 2:30—Voices in Harmony.
 2:45—Labor News.
 3:45—Music.
 3:50—Grace Elliott.
 4:15—News.
 4:30—Ho Hum.
 4:45—Music.
 4:55—Hop Harrigan.
 5:00—Sea Hound.
 5:30—Terry and the Pirates.
 5:45—Dick Tracy.
 5:50—Jack Armstrong.
 6:00—Captain Midnight.
 6:05—Schools at War.
 6:30—Spotlight Bands.
 6:55—The Story Teller.
 7:00—Raymond Gram Swing.
 7:15—Music.
 7:30—Red Ryder.
 7:45—News.
 8:15—Lum and Abner.
 8:30—Oregon's Own.
 9:00—Stop and Go.
 9:30—News.
 9:45—Art Baker.
 10:00—America's Town Meeting.
 11:00—Concert Hour.
- KGW—NBC—THURSDAY—480 Kc.**
 4:00—Dawn Patrol.
 4:15—Labor News.
 6:00—Mirth and Madness.
 6:30—News.
 6:55—Labor News.
 7:00—Journal of Living.
 7:15—News Headlines.
 7:30—Charles Runyan, Organist.
 7:45—Sam Hayes.
 8:00—Stars of Today.
 8:15—Art Baker's Notebook.
 8:30—The Guiding Light.
 11:15—Today's Children.
 11:30—Light of the World.
 11:45—Melodies of Home.
 12:00—Women of America.
 12:15—Ma Perkins.
 12:30—Pepper Young's Family.
 12:45—Right to Happiness.
 1:00—Backstage Wife.
 1:15—Stella Dallas.
 1:30—Lorenzo Jones.
 1:45—Young Widder Brown.
 2:00—When a Girl Marries.
 2:15—We Love and Learn.
 2:30—Just Plain Bill.
 2:45—Front Page Farrell.
 3:00—Road of Life.
 3:15—Pie and Sade.
 3:30—Boynton.
 3:45—Rambling Reader.
 4:00—Dr. Kate.
 4:15—Light of the World.
 4:30—Waltz Lives On.
 4:40—Golden Gate Quartet.
 4:45—Carl Katala Orchestra.
- 6:00—OK for Release.**
 6:15—How Do You Do It?
 6:30—Day Foster, Commentator.
 6:45—Louis F. Lochner.
 6:50—Music Hall.
 6:55—Bob Burns.
 7:00—Abbott and Costello.
 7:30—March of Time.
 8:00—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time
 8:15—Night Editor.
 8:30—Jazz Time.
 8:50—Aldrich Family.
 9:00—News Flash.
 9:20—Elery Queen.
 10:00—News Flash.
 10:15—Your Home Town News.
 10:25—Lobby News.
 10:30—Music, Bruce Raeburn.
 10:45—Voice of a Nation.
 11:00—Hotel Biltmore Orchestra.
 11:30—News.
 12:00—S a m.—Swing Shift.
- KALE—MBS—THURSDAY—1330 Kc.**
 6:45—Dave West.
 7:00—News.
 7:15—Texas Rangers.
 7:30—Memory Timekeeper.
 8:00—Haven of Rest.
 8:20—News.
 8:45—Wax Shop.
 9:00—Boake Carter.
 9:15—Woman's Side of the News.
 9:30—Buyer's Parade.
 9:45—Band.
 10:00—News.
 10:15—Jack Berch.
 10:30—Pages from Life.
 11:00—Cedric Foster.
 11:15—Marked.
 11:30—Concert.
 11:45—Around the Town.
 12:00—News.
 12:15—Concert.
 12:45—On the Farm Front.
 12:50—Mountain Hoelcom.
 1:00—Walter Compton.
 1:15—Stars of Today.
 1:30—Let's Be Charming.
 1:45—Ray Dady.
 2:15—Texas Rangers.
 2:30—Serenade.
 2:45—Doctors for Endures.
 2:50—News.
 3:00—Griffin Reporting.
 3:15—Let's Dream.
 3:30—On Back and Listen.
 3:45—Johnson Family.
 4:00—Fulton Lewis.
 4:20—Music.
 4:30—Music.
 4:45—News.
 4:55—Dance to Dance.
 5:00—Superman.
 5:15—Showtime.
 5:45—Gordon Burke.
 6:00—Gabriel Heatter.
 6:15—Believe It or Not.
 6:30—Song.
 7:00—Gladstone.
 7:15—People's Reporter.
 7:30—Variety Time.
 8:00—Pick and Pat.
 8:30—Candlelight and Silver.
 8:45—News.
 9:15—Rex Miller.
 9:30—Fulton Lewis.
 9:45—Doctors for Endures.
 10:00—Wings Over West Coast.
 10:30—News.
 10:45—Music.
 11:15—Dance to Dance.
 11:30—Yankee Show Party.
- EOAC—THURSDAY—580 Kc.**
 10:30—News.
 10:45—The Homemaker's Hour.
 11:00—School of the Air.
 11:30—Medias for String.
 11:50—Concert Hall.
 12:00—News.
 12:15—Variety Time.
 1:00—Ridin' the Range.
 1:15—Treasury Salute.
 1:30—Variety Time.
 2:00—Garden Hour.
 2:30—Memory Book of Music.
 2:45—News.
 3:15—Music.
 4:00—American Legion Auxiliary.
 4:15—Let's American Neighbor.
 4:30—Traffic Quiz.
 4:45—Excursions in Science.
 5:00—On the Upbeat.
 5:30—Story Time.
 5:45—It's Oregon's War.
 6:15—News.
 6:30—Evening Farm Hour.
 7:30—University Hour.
 8:30—Oregon's Own.
 9:30—Music Book Endures.
 9:30—News.
 9:45—Evening Meditations.
 10:30—Sign Off.

Today's Garden

By LILLIE MADSEN

Mrs. E. B. B. writes this for the benefit of the readers: "Being real excited about my snake cactus blooming, I am writing to ask if others have known of it blooming. The stems are a bit over 12 inches tall and the buds well over an inch in length. There are 60 buds on a stem, most of them in clusters of three. The flowers are white like stars. So far I haven't found anyone who has known of one to bloom."

"I have my snake cactus potted in a large fish bowl and due to moisture there is green moss on top of the soil."

I am curious about this and am wondering if she could be referring to the sansevieria which is as often called the snake plant. It is also called bowstring hemp. The leaves are stiff and very erect and grow quite tall. Usually they are variegated. While this doesn't seem to bloom often, it does produce flowers and is exceedingly beautiful in bloom.

It is also interesting to note that it is cultivated in South Africa and India for its importance as a fiber plant. There are said to be 54 species of this. Some, I am told, have pink flowers.

If Mrs. E. B. B.'s plant is not the sansevieria, will she please write again and describe the plant a little more fully?

(Misc of "Today's Garden" and other garden information appearing on the opposite page, first of a series of regular Statesman garden pages, edited by Miss Madsen.)

Flag Not Allowed to Fly Over American Cemetery at Anzio

By KENNETH L. DIXON

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, April 2—(Delayed)—(AP)—No flag is allowed to fly over the American cemetery where the beachhead dead are buried. There is a good reason.

"In this flat land it would give German artillery an aiming point," said Lt. Herbert R. Southworth, 29-year-old former steel mill purchasing agent at Mansfield, Ohio, who is in charge of the grave registration service. "Whenever the cemetery is out of shell range we fly a flag over it."

One of the men who felt badly about there being no flag over the graves was Maj. John P. Merrill of Los Angeles, an ammunition officer, but he doesn't mind so much any more.

He was out in the cemetery the other day, standing there looking at the rows of white crosses. Here and there are white "stars of David" over the grave of a known Jewish boy.

Suddenly a motion along the little tree-lined road attracted his attention. A passing soldier had turned and given the cemetery a snappy salute. The major watched the road. Several soldiers passed by and nothing happened. Soon another GI came along. He, too, saluted the cemetery as he went by.

It happened several times before Merrill finally stopped one of the soldiers and asked him if anyone had suggested the salute. The boy said no, it was his own idea. He didn't know anyone else was doing it. Quietly the major asked him why he saluted—"just to hear what he said."

Southworth and his grave registration crew, who have handled burials for one American division through the Sicilian and Italian campaign, came ashore at Anzio one day, started the cemetery next day, and were burying the dead the following day.

It was supposed to have been just a small, temporary cemetery, soon to be replaced by a larger one when the troops moved on. But it has become semi-permanent, and no longer is small. Also, it was intended for just one division, but the crowded condition of the beachhead has resulted in its being used generally for Americans. The British have their own cemetery elsewhere.

Of all the men buried here, less than one per cent are unidentified, and most of those eventually will be through their fingerprints.

Many Germans buried in a plot adjacent to the Americans are not yet identified, but every possible effort has been made to preserve their effects for identification after the war.

The men try to make the cemetery as beautiful as possible, whitewashing the crosses when they get faded or dirty and building small pathways of crushed rock between the rows of graves. But they can't do a great deal because materials are scarce and so are men for any task not immediately connected with the constant battle. Later, when the front moves forward, a complete cemetery beautification program will be carried out.

But now even the essential work often is done under shellfire. Men have been killed while preparing bodies for burial and during grave rites. Shells fly overhead all day long and the grave registration office work is done in a small dugout.

Occasionally enemy air raids force the men to dive for protection in the very graves they've been digging.

6500 P-47 Thunderbolts Delivered in 4 Years

WILMINGTON, Del., April 12 (AP)—More than 6500 P-47 Thunderbolts have been delivered in less than four years to the army air forces by Republica Aviation corporation plants in Farmingdale, N.Y. and Evansville, Ind., stockholders learned at their annual meeting today.

Alfred Marche, president, said important deliveries were being made under lend-lease to three countries of the United Nations besides regular American air force theatres.

The 2500th Wildcat fighter plane to roll off the production line at the Eastern Aircraft division of General Motors corporation, was christened with champagne today by Mary Martin, Broadway musical comedy star.

Ten thousand workers saw the fighter delivered to the navy.

Ralph H. Cake



Ralph H. Cake, republican national committeeman for Oregon and one of the 15 members of the party's executive committee, has filed for reelection at the coming May primaries.

Scout Honor Court Slated For April 19

The kids get out and work toward it all year long—they master all kinds of intricate knots, amass those merit badges, tramp through tough field problems because they want to feel something's been achieved when it comes—and it's close approaching—Cherry City district court of honor, to be held in the floral room at the chamber of commerce Wednesday night, April 19, at 8 o'clock.

The event this year will be sponsored by Sea Scout Ship No. 12, with Skipper Ted Roake in direct charge.

Colorful sea terminology and tradition—even a "ship"—No. 12's land ship, "Willamette"—on whose deck the court will be conducted—will give the proceedings strictly a "salty" tang. So mindful of detail are the Sea Scouts that provision has been made for "piping" of the council, district officers and scoutmasters aboard the "ship"—one of the most mellow of navy customs.

Judge Arthur Hay of the supreme court, and court of honor chairman will preside.

Unlike the past courts, awards will this time be made to entire troops, thus giving recognition to the scout and his troop at the same time. Troops 8, 11 and 13 will be given special awards for civic service and anniversary week window displays.

Extra feature of the evening will be movies and colored slides of activities at the Boy Scout summer camps.

The district council invites all parents and scouts of Salem's 30 troops to attend the court.

West Stayton Gets New Scout Troop

Troop 47—ninth new unit added to the Marion district in the past 12 months—was recently organized at West Stayton, with a charter membership of approximately 15 scouts. Paul McClellan is scoutmaster of the new troop, his assistant being Merle Crain.

Troop 47 originally was a patrol of Stayton Troop 50.

Sponsoring committee includes Fred Comstock, Ed Clark and Fred Denham, treasurer.

William Crawford Gets New Position

William H. Crawford, for several years secretary of the Oregon economic council, has been appointed deputy state labor commissioner. The appointment was announced Wednesday by State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kinsey.

Crawford served as executive secretary of the recent Red Cross drive here, was secretary of the Salem Cannerymen's association last year and has been active in local affairs.

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
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News from the Russian and Indian fronts carry hints of impending events that may overshadow all war developments except the rising tempo of the allied pre-invasion air assault on fortress Europe.

What catches the eye in Moscow advices is the stress laid officially on the Russian bombing of Lwow, the apparent main objective of the first Ukrainian army in southern Poland. The implication is that the Russian effort in the east is about to shift from the Rumanian front to the sector of Poland south of the Pripiet and its vast marsh lands.

That is the most vulnerable nazi flank of all. The Polish plains north of the Carpathians are the indicated primary route for an invasion of the reich itself from the east. Lwow is the communications key to the nazi bastion guarding the approaches to those plains between the head waters of the Dnestr and the Polish Bug rivers. A Russian break-through there could topple back the whole German left flank to the Baltic.

Most recent advices from New Delhi on operations on the Burma-India front carry a new note. They suggest that the allied high command, counting heavily on supply difficulties of Japanese columns threatening the Bengal-Assam railway, is preparing to spring a trap of its own on the Nipponese invaders of India.

The exact whereabouts of air-borne allied troops far in rear of the Japanese spearheads in India has never been made clear. They are somewhere presumably close to the rail and river lines in northern Burma over which all supplies and reinforcements for the enemy must travel to sustain the Japanese drive.

Unquestionably British imperial forces engaging the enemy have all the best of the communications facilities. They probably also have the numerical advantage and control of the air. It would not be surprising that allied strategy called not for repulse of the invaders of India, but for a defense calculated to pin them down while their supplies lines were cut far in the rear.

That Japanese foray always has appeared as a desperate gamble. Earlier, pessimistic reports from New Delhi were difficult to understand unless they were calculated to mislead the foe. The marked change in tone of accounts from New Delhi might therefore prove highly significant.