

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

In the first world war the phrase "war to end war" was freely used. H. G. Wells claims it as his own, though popularly it is credited to Pres. Woodrow Wilson.

I wonder however if we quite appreciate the dichotomy involved in this war-to-end-war idea. I am not sure I am using the word "dichotomy" correctly, but it was one that Ralph Curtis used occasionally and with seeming appropriateness, so I will try it out.

To win a modern war we must exercise all the passions of nationalism. How then can we expect out of such soil to grow the flowers and fruit of peace which must involve some measure of internationalism unless we are to have a single world-state, which no one has proposed.

Modern war is total, as we know; and that means the public thinking must be conditioned for waging war as well as its industrial life mobilized.

Waltons Want City to Buy Bush Pasture

Salem Isaac Walton league directors Wednesday night adopted a resolution which they said they would take to the city council urging the city of Salem to place before the voters at the November election a measure providing for the acquisition of the western 43 acres of Bush's pasture.

The organization favors acquisition of the tract "so that the people of Salem . . . may permanently have within the city limits an abundance of native trees and shrubs of Oregon . . . and . . . so that within the city there may be a sanctuary for the native birds of Oregon, and eventually a zoo for native wildlife and aquatic exhibits," the resolution declares.

Bradley Will Rank Equally With 'Monty'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30-(AP)—A realignment of the allied command in France to give Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley parallel status with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery as an army group commander was reported here today. This move, it was explained, will be made in recognition of the rapidly broadening scope of operations.

Anticipating a recurrence of protests voiced by some newspapers in Britain when a similar report—later denied—came from allied headquarters two weeks ago, informed persons said there was no criticism, real or implied, of Gen. Montgomery.

A formal announcement of the change is expected shortly. Meanwhile, it was said that since Gen. Eisenhower moved his headquarters to France and took personal command of the operations, the need for a deputy commander for all allied ground forces no longer exists, and therefore the title held by Montgomery since the invasion started has lost its meaning.

Dewey Maps Out Intensive Campaign on Pacific Coast

PAWLING, N.Y., Aug. 30-(AP)—With war emphasis expected to veer toward the Pacific between now and election day, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey tonight mapped out an intensive campaign drive along the Japanese-conscious west coast. Two major speeches will be made by the republican presidential nominee in the politically potent state of California, which both sides concede to be in the doubtful column this year. It was from San Diego that President Roosevelt accepted his fourth term nomination in a nationwide broadcast last month.

As further indication of the importance attached to the Pacific area by Dewey's managers, it was announced that major campaign addresses also have been scheduled for Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore. President Roosevelt's

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Yank Armies Only 36 Miles From Belgium; Fast Moving Russians Take Ploesti Oil Fields

Bucharest Nearly Reached

Soviets Link 2 Armies for Blow Against Hungary

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 31-(AP)—The Russians cleared the Germans out of all the rich Ploesti oil fields and penetrated the Bucharest metropolitan area yesterday while linking up their two armies in the Romanian theater for a concentrated blow in the direction of the Hungarian plains.

Fall of Ploesti, long the greatest single source of oil for the German armies, was hailed as the most significant day's victory of the 12-day campaign, which forced Romania a week ago to jump from the axis to the allied camp.

200 Towns Fall In capturing more than 200 towns in a day around Ploesti and northeast of Bucharest, the nearest announced Soviet approach to the Romanian capital was 17 miles at the village of Meriuta.

Speedy patrols, however, were believed to be much nearer to the capital, which the Romanians have announced they themselves already retrieved from the Germans.

The lightning advance southwestward by Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's second Ukrainian army caught another 15,000 Germans Tuesday, Moscow announced, the prisoners including a corps commander, Gen. Heil; a divisional commander, Lt. Gen. Weitzner, and two colonels commanding divisions. This brought the total of captured German generals to 34 since the general summer offensive began June 23.

The bag in Wednesday's race of more than 45 miles from Buzau had not yet been counted, but the German losses in the unsuccessful defense of Ploesti were declared by the Moscow communique to be "tremendous."

Flying Bombs Strike London

LONDON, Aug. 30-(AP)—Smashing through blazing defensive fire, periodic salvos of flying bombs struck London and southern England today, and as allied armies racing for Belgium captured more launching sites and bombers hammered others, the Nazi-controlled Oslo radio declared Hitler's V-1 weapon was portable and could be shifted for operation to all parts of the mainland.

One of the missiles exploding in southern England scattered propaganda leaflets which charged Britain with inaugurating the bombing of civilians. The leaflets bore pictures of mothers and children allegedly killed in Hamburg and Cologne.

Grass Fire Hits Adair

CAMP ADAIR, Ore., Aug. 30-(AP)—A fire on the Camp Adair military reservation, near the town of Independence, Ore., swept over nearly 1000 acres of grass and brush lands before it was controlled by soldier fire crews today.

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Gen. LeClerc Inspects Armor



Gen. Jacques LeClerc (with cane), commander of the 2nd French armored division, inspects one of his units at the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, during the celebration marking the liberation of the French capital. (AP Wirephoto)

Hull Reiterates Full Surrender For Germany

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30-(AP)—The American government, it was emphasized today, is resolute on unconditional surrender as the only terms for Germany and it does not intend to let Hitler and his henchmen escape punishment by taking refuge in some neutral country.

Secretary of State Hull restated this policy in effect when asked at his news conference for comment on the broadcast of the ace Nazi military commentator, Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, admitting that the defeat of Germany is drawing closer.

It is evident, Hull declared, that the Germans are desirous of a negotiated peace but the allied position for unconditional surrender is too well known to require reiteration.

As for the possibility that Hitler and other leading Nazis may flee to a neutral country, Hull said this government is keeping that constantly in mind. President Roosevelt, he recalled, appealed to the neutrals a year ago not to furnish sanctuary to war criminals and the British government did likewise.

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Balkan Kettle Boiling

Russia Attacks Bulgars', Turks' Stands in War

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 31-(AP)—The Balkan kettle was boiling over today, threatening the German defense structure with these developments:

- 1. A bitter Soviet radio attack on Bulgaria's proclaimed "neutrality" as a pro-German ruse;
2. Arrival of a Bulgarian armistice commission in Cairo to try to bargain with Britain and the United States for peace;
3. Arrival of a Romanian armistice commission in Moscow to talk terms, even though Romania already has shifted to the Allied side;

4. Flare-up of guerrilla warfare in the German puppet state of Slovakia which led to a German occupation;

5. Russian press criticism of Turkey, accusing her of playing a double game with the Germans and urging a more positive pro-Allied stand.

The latest blast from the Moscow radio, quoting Tass, official Soviet news agency, in a dispatch significantly dented "Constantinople," said German naval vessels had found safe shelter in Bulgarian Black sea and Danube river ports and that "the Bulgarian government's proclaimed 'neutrality' is in order to enable the Germans to hide in Bulgaria from prosecution by the Allies."

Dispatches direct from Moscow portrayed the Kremlin as believing that perhaps the Balkans represented the easiest route of invasion of Germany, provided Turkey would get busy and clean out the Aegean and provided Bulgaria would come around to the Allied side, permitting a juncture of the Russians and Marshal Tito's Yugoslav partisans.

Bulletin

A Horst hop warehouse 12 miles south of Salem was burning at 2 o'clock this morning with a blaze which lighted a beacon in the sky visible for many miles.

Sparks from a bonfire set on the river beach by children were said to have been the cause of the fire.

Polk county fire fighters battled the blaze which was destroying the camp three warehouses, which contained some of this year's crop and threatened other buildings and nearby yards.

Yanks Drive Toward Belgium



Arrows show allied offensives on the two fronts in France, where allies held the areas shown in black. In the north, Americans crossed the Aisne river and neared Laon in a push toward the Belgian border. In the south there was heavy fighting near Lorient, north of captured Montellimar, as Americans drove toward the Rhone river from the east. (AP Wirephoto)

Yankee Fleet Contains 1150 Fighting Ships

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30-(AP)—The American fleet now numbers more than 1150 major fighting ships, Navy Secretary Forrestal disclosed today in reporting that 65,000 vessels of all types have been added to the navy in the last five years.

This armada makes the United States "the greatest naval power on earth," Forrestal commented at a news conference, with its building program "little more than half finished."

He was asked how many ships have been turned over to other nations under lend-lease and was unable to reply off-hand but the navy later issued a memorandum giving the total as 2822. Of these, the memorandum said, 1784 are classified as combatant ships and include large type landing craft.

Nips Threaten Yank Air Base In Chekiang

CHUNGKING, Aug. 30-(AP)—A bitter battle is raging for Lishui, potential Chekiang province base for future bombings of Japan and the goal of the Japanese in China ever since Doolittle's 1942 raid on Tokyo, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

The Japanese have driven all the 30-miles south from their base at Wuyi in the heart of the Maritime province and in the space of several weeks reached the gates of the city.

(A Japanese broadcast claimed Lishui already was captured and described it as a "formidable air base" of the American air forces in China.)

The Japanese also launched a strong attack on Hunan province and another far to the west in Yunnan province near the Burma border.

Albany Adds 4 Districts, 3500 Persons

ALBANY, Aug. 30—Four districts with a population of approximately 3500 persons were added to Albany on Wednesday when residents of both the thickly-populated adjacent areas and of the city voted to extend city boundaries. Official census figures in 1940 gave Albany a population of 5654.

A fifth district, lying east of the city, including approximately 10 blocks abutting on Broadway, turned down the city's invitation to join it by a vote of 16 to 10.

Included in the boundary extension is the area east of Albany beyond Geary street to the Brickyard road, south to the Sanitium highway and north to the river, embracing a plywood plant and many of the residences of Nebergall Packing plant employees.

Albany residents cast 408 solid votes in favor of issuing the invitation, 22 split votes; 417 in favor of including a section of Bryant park (city owned and without population but included in the five districts) to bring it under police control, and 10 against. Of the 230 votes cast by residents of the suburbs involved 137 were for joining the city, 95 opposed.

Former Senator Norris In Critical Condition

McCOOK, Neb., Aug. 30-(AP)—Former Sen. George W. Norris' pulse has sped up and the 83-year-old legislator "is still in a critical condition," his physicians said tonight.

The veteran independent, "Father" of the TVA and author of the lame duck constitutional amendment, has not recovered complete consciousness since suffering a cerebral hemorrhage yesterday at his home here.

Greyhound Upsets

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 30-(AP)—Fifteen passengers were in hospitals here and at Dorris and Yreka tonight after a Pacific Greyhound motor stage left the Weed highway and capsized near Grass Lake, Calif., today.

7th Army Pushing Germans Up Rhone Valley in Disorder

Patton's Men Advance 20 Miles To Draw Near Nazi Soil; British Driving Hard for Rocket Coast

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 31-(AP)—Allied and German accounts combined today to show powerful American armies driving forward along the shortest roads to Germany and Belgium—80 miles from the reich and about 36 from the Belgian border—in a great doubleheader offensive.

In southern France the American Seventh army, now disclosed to be under General Eisenhower's over-all command in the campaign to crush the Germans in France, was pursuing straggling remnants of the Nazi 19th army up the Rhone valley and slashing their flanks as they rushed toward the escape gap between Montelimar and Livron.

Near St. Bixier The Rhine-bound flying columns of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third army were placed near St. Bixier by the German radio reports after a 20-mile advance from Vitry. This would put them on the great road east through Nancy to the Rhine and only 80 miles from German soil.

Reims, siege city of the World War, fell without a shot as the Americans rolled on.

Allied headquarters placed Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' American First army near Laon, 38 miles from Belgium, and unofficial reports said Laon already was occupied.

British Advance On the other wing of the allied northern front between Paris and the sea, the British and Canadian armies were pressing the Germans in the coastal area back toward the Americans on the Aisne river.

It was officially announced that the British drove beyond Beauvais to about 25 miles south of Amiens, on the Somme, and through Gournay, 16 miles west of Beauvais, toward the German flying bomb coast.

Official reports from the south of France placed Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh army within six miles of Valence at Chabeuil, but the Germans said the Americans had reached points 12 miles northeast of Valence in an outflanking movement.

OPA Grants Lamb Bonus

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30-(AP)—The office of price administration acted today to relieve the surplus lamb situation in the Pacific Northwest by labeling a special ration stamp for lamb purchases in the region between September 3 and October 21.

The 10-point stamp will be spare No. 25 in Ration book 4. It will apply to all of Washington, all of Oregon but Malheur county, and the 10 northern Idaho counties.

The OPA estimated that the action will allow an average purchase of approximately two pounds of lamb extra for each ration book holder.

Commander Appointed

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 30-(AP)—The newspaper Dagens Nyheter reported in a Berlin dispatch tonight that Col. Gen. Ferdinand Schoener had been appointed commander in chief of German armies on the northern sector of the Russian front.

House Republicans Unleash New Blast on Sidney Hillman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30-(AP)—House republicans today pounced on Sidney Hillman as a "dictator" and "communist" who, they said, might get the job of administering postwar reconstruction, and demoted promptly charged the GOP with making the subject a "political football."

Hillman's role as head of the CIO political action committee which is raising funds to further the Roosevelt-Truman campaign was injected into the second and final day's debate on measures to aid in reconstruction of the nation's economy to a peacetime basis.

Before the subject was exhausted, both sides touched on the personalities of the campaign, the democratic national convention, the republican candidacy of Thomas E. Dewey for president now and for district attorney in 1937.

Rep. Celler (D-NY) ignited the fiery exchanges when he praised Hillman's views as given to the house campaign expenses committee. He said the detractors of Hillman call him a communist but it is "hardly likely" that the two union banks he heads would permit him to hold such high office if he were one.

Celler said Dewey "accepted" \$5000 from Hillman and the CIO for his district attorney campaign seven years ago and "It is altogether different when one is on the receiving end."

Weather Maximum temperature Wednesday 84 degrees; minimum 53; no rain; river -4 ft. 1 in. Cloudy west portion and clear east of Cascades Thursday; Friday clear; much cooler west, also cooler east Friday.