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The "Blessing" of Pearl Harbor

General Short and Admiral Kimmel, the commanders in the Hawaiian area on Pearl Harbor day, probably will never get a chance now to defend themselves from the epithets hurled at them as a result of Japanese successes on Dec. 7, 1941. The statute of limitations for their courtmartial expired last week, and until and unless new information and a change in administration makes feasible a re-opening of the case, Pearl Harbor day is a dead issue. It is just as well.

Public opinion on the sneak holocaust differs sharply now from five years ago. In those war-darkened days, with nearly 3000 men mercilessly slain in Hawaii in one of history's major treacheries, a full cry was on for scape-goats and the powers-that-were at Washington could do no more than offer two high-ranking officers on the sacrificial altar. Charges resulting from what purported to be a full-fledged investigation boiled down principally to dereliction of duty. But because of the need for hush-hush in the military, the charges primarily were in generalities. And when subsequent information seemed to indicate a laxity in Washington as well as Hawaii, and after another investigation last year whitewashed top commanders in the capital, it was a foregone conclusion that Short and Kimmel would not be called to the courtmartial stand.

What has come out of the case is this: A gradual but sure realization that the entire nation, from top to bottom, was far more engrossed in avoiding war than it was in being ready for its eventuality. What should come out of the case is an unwavering determination, cost what it may, to keep stronger than any power or combination of powers which might ever again be tempted to challenge our sovereignty—and to let the world know it through positive cooperation with the United Nations.

Perhaps General Short and Admiral Kimmel were not as alert as they should have been in utilizing the pitifully weak defense the nation accorded their key spot in the mid-Pacific. Perhaps they did not take proper cognizance of warnings, and then, again, perhaps they did all that could be reasonably expected. All such questions are beside the point now.

Pearl Harbor, the symbol of ruthless fanaticism at its worst, was a lesson which, if well learned, can well be our greatest blessing in the atomic age.

Our Abused Forests

The first country-wide report on wood waste makes interesting if a bit disheartening reading, in the light of the urgent national need for wood products. It is issued this week end by the U. S. forest service, and while argument might arise to whether so much of the material burned as fuel can be classed as "wasted," the report still tends to prove its contention that under present conditions forests cannot "indefinitely supply . . . sizes and quantities (of lumber) now required."

Of the 188,900,000 tons of wood cut annually, the forest service says 57 per cent is wasted or burned as fuel. Of the 108,900,000 tons included in the 57 per cent, \$2,900,000 tons are declared wasted in the primary manufacture of lumber, pulp and paper, veneer and ties; 49,000,000 tons in logging, and 7,000,000 tons in making furniture, millwork and flooring.

Of the Pacific Northwest, the report says prospects are brightest for better utilization of waste in primary manufacturing because large volumes of such waste are concentrated in or near industrial centers and "the growing western population will tend increasingly to draw on local products." It adds that more than 40 per cent of the sawmill waste in this area is burned to "power the mills, "but more and more mills are buying electric power."

The report draws the conclusion that these lines of action hold promise of reducing waste or utilizing more of it: (1) Greater integration of timber products industries, for example, sawmills with paper and pulp mills, (2) extension of sustained yield forest management, (3), research to find ways of making old products with less waste or to devise new ways of using wood waste, (4) technical assistance to woodland owners and processors, and (5) public aid in pioneering operations to establish the practicability of new waste-reducing and waste-consuming processes.

The results of the forest service's investigation bear out many of the contentions long made by advocates of conservation and reforestation, and as an authoritative document should be given full credence in the much-needed adjustment of forest affairs.

The Salem Central Trades and Labor council has made an appreciated and worthwhile investment in financing the purchase of this city's new first aid car. The spirit of civil helpfulness evinced in the assistance thus rendered brings high commendation.

Statistics of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company indicate there will be an increase of 5,000,000 children in elementary schools of this nation in the next 10 years. Building programs for school systems can't get under way much too soon.

The government is to sell 1,958,000 surplus false teeth. Seems like that would almost be enough teeth to do some good if they all got into the coal mining problem.

It's getting so a person hates to admit it when he's so humdrum that he hasn't even had a holiday accident, become the victim of sunburn or poison oak, or seen a disc.

So far no one has suggested hiring a university president as chief of staff of the army. The generals keep a closed shop on that.

Editorial Comment

From Our Contemporaries

BE POLITE TO "KIDS"

We know. Every week is National This-or-That Week. But school is out now. More children will be home more often. It is time to inaugurate a National Be-Polite-to-Children Week. No, we don't mean a Be-Kind-to-Children Week. There is enough well-intentioned unkindness to "kids" already. Be kind, if you can. But by all means be polite to them. Just polite.

A schoolteacher once urged third graders to write down what they might feel like saying to her. According to the New York Times Magazine, she collected, among other rare morsels of literature, the complaint of a little girl who often was required to sit in a circle of grown-ups, hearing their talk, enduring their patronizing, answering their questions. . . . That's enough—you can see the picture. She wrote: "It makes me feel lonely." Twenty-five years of experience at this business of writing disses us from attempting to describe the result more poignantly than the little victim herself has.

No one wants to be a curiosity, even in a mild form. No one likes to feel only half "in place," any more than "out of place" in society. Or to cite the law of the jungle, don't insist that people who don't play bridge come to a bridge party. Anyhow, there's the case for a Be-Polite-to-Children Week—all the year round. (Christian Science Monitor.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

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greatest in these known delinquency areas.

4. In an area with a high rate of adult crime, you also will find a high rate of juvenile crime.

5. While the racial and nationality groups have changed in the high-rate areas since 1900, these areas have continued to be centers of juvenile crime.

6. Juvenile delinquency is not an individual matter—it is group behavior, acquired through contact with other delinquents.

7. The "bad boy" gets the recognition, companionship, security and homage from the gang which he otherwise would not be getting.

8. There is no direct relationship between broken homes and delinquency.

Shaw may have been referring chiefly to delinquency in large cities, when he concludes that it is primarily an area problem. Statistics might lead to a different conclusion in small cities or rural areas. I merely quote his conclusions for what they are worth. I incline to agree with Epley that broken homes are less stable environments for growing youth.

It would be a mistake, however, to set narrow limits for the causes of juvenile delinquency. The factors influencing a growing youth are many, and sometimes no rational cause may be cited as reason for misbehavior. Society can, however, do much to improve the environment in which children grow up—cleaning up slum areas, providing decent housing, proper recreation and activity and education which includes moral instruction. And we must realize that there is no short cut to a cure for delinquency in youth or crime in adults.

River Laps at Second Floors Of Illinois City

GRAND TOWER, Ill., July 5.—(AP)—The muddy Mississippi, lapsing at second floors of some Grand Tower buildings, appeared to have leveled off today after reaching the highest peaks in over 100 years between St. Louis and Cairo, Ill.

An estimated 600 homeless persons of this town's 1,000 population were sheltered in tents and two schoolhouses on high ground. Mayor Jesse Grammer said it would take two weeks for all the water to drain from the town if the river falls at the rate predicted. At St. Louis, Harry M. Wahlgren, U. S. meteorologist, said a fall of 17 feet was expected in the next 48 hours at St. Louis with a slight drop extending as far south as Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Cairo late tonight or tomorrow. The river was stationary at the southern points.

U. S. army engineers said levees would hold in Perry county on the Missouri side and across the river between Preston and McClure in Illinois. The crest was at least one foot below the barriers' tops on both sides. However, the few remaining levees protecting farmland on both sides of the Mississippi in the St. Louis area were still termed critical despite the river's drop. The Mississippi, still more than nine feet above flood stage, can exert a lot of pressure against soggy dikes already weakened by rain, sand boils and three weeks of high water, engineers said.

3 Stowaways Fly to America From Sweden

NEW YORK, July 5.—(AP)—Three Swedish radio mechanics stowed away on a transatlantic plane which took off from Bromma airport in Stockholm Monday and arrive at Laguardia field the following day, Scandinavian airlines said today.

Airline representatives said it was the first time to their knowledge that even one stowaway had successfully completed an Atlantic crossing by air.

The story of the trio's exploit came to light when one of them became separated from his companions after their arrival here, got discouraged and attempted to obtain passage on a plane returning to Stockholm.

He was detained, turned over to immigration authorities at the airport and then taken to Ellis Island to await deportation proceedings.

His companions, he told airline officials, had planned to leave for Texas to find work. A search for them was begun immediately.

The airline identified the man detained at Ellis Island as Oscar Naroski, 19, of Stockholm. Naroski said his companions were Eold Johansson, 22, and Lennart Bollerander, 17, also of Stockholm.

AP MAN PROMOTED

SALT LAKE CITY, July 5.—(AP)—Wilfred Fehhaber, former day editor of the Associated Press at Denver, arrived here today to assume duties as correspondent in charge of the Salt Lake City bureau.

HOUSING OFFICE TO CLOSE

SEATTLE, July 5.—(AP)—The regional office of the federal housing expediter is scheduled to close here July 25. In the future it will be up to each community to handle housing problems.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Well, he's got the same opportunities as Abe Lincoln—except he hasn't the advantages of a log cabin."

Judge, Mrs. Brand Hear Inside Story of Nazi Trickery While Entertaining German Doctor

(Editor's note: Following is another of the series from Judge James T. Brand, associate justice of the Oregon supreme court, who now is on leave as presiding judge of a military tribunal at Nuernberg, Germany.)

NUERNBERG, Germany — General Clay lifted the ban against the entertainment of "Indigenous Personnel" in American homes recently. That is the equivalent of telling Uncle Sam's children to get acquainted with the Germans. So we promptly invited Dr. and Mrs. Dr. S. to dinner, as we have been wanting to do.

Dr. S. is an M.D. in the children's hospital and since this is the land of socialized medicine he is paid by the state, in marks, which is almost the equivalent of not being paid at all.

They and their 3-year-old child live in two rooms in a battered apartment house within bicycling distance of the hospital. Our paths crossed because Mrs. S. is the daughter of the burgomeister who formerly lived in our house and who is now in jail awaiting trial in a German denazification court.

The bullet holes in the house walls, of which we are so proud, were made by Americans coming over the hill from Erlangen and shooting it out with 18 SS men who made our house into a fort. The family and "guests," 20 in all, were in the basement air raid shelter while the battle raged.

Found Dead Bodies
When the searchers went to work they found, in the shelters, dead bodies shrunken to half their natural size, by heat, or drowned when the water mains broke and flooded them. Clearing and rebuilding are going on since the chamber of commerce, at a meeting last week, decided to rebuild where the old city stood, instead of abandoning the rubbish heaps and building on a new site as had been suggested.

Mrs. S. was a medical student, but during the war had worked in a munitions factory by day and helped in a hospital by night. Dr. S. served on a minesweeper for six years, was wounded and honorably discharged. Both are thin to the point of emaciation. Their ration is small (larger than that in France or England, however) and they cannot afford to patronize the black market, even if they were not too honest to do so. A pound of coffee would cost a month's salary.

As is usual, the middle class is suffering the most. The rich have hidden sources of wealth—jewels, silver, porcelain, etc. The poor, the factory workers for instance, have a hot meal a day as part of their wages. The farmers are prospering; the kitchen maids (with a glance at our pudgy Katie) eat heartily, but the small professional man and the small merchant are hungry.

Delved Into Differences
The things we, Germans and Americans, do not understand about each other cannot be explained in an evening. The Socratic method seemed the most workable, with all persiflage laid aside.

In our turn we asked: "What did you think when the affair of Austria started?"

"We rejoiced because we thought they were joining us of their own free will. Our nations are both Teutonic, our problems and interests the same. It seemed a logical union."

"How did you feel when your armies invaded Poland and Czechoslovakia?"

Told Attack Coming
"We were told that they were arming to attack us, and so we

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Under-Water Signal Success, Navy Reports

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—The navy announced today it has tried out its first "sofar" equipment—to locate survivors of sea disasters—and found it successfully transmitted signals 2300 miles through the deep water of the Pacific ocean.

Experimenting with the initial installation of the underwater sound system, the navy exploded a number of four and six pound bombs near the Hawaiian islands and recorded the sound at Monterey, Calif.

The Monterey station is the first of a network of four planned for the Pacific, with others to be located at Point Arena, northwest of San Francisco, and at Kaneohe and Hilo, Hawaii.

The navy said installation of the Monterey station is the first step toward using the new device to locate the position of persons adrift at sea.

Nashville Man Lost in Gloomy Nickajack Cave

SHELLMOUND, Tenn., July 5.—(AP)—A crew of state mine experts tonight abandoned the search for 35-year-old John T. Hurn of Nashville who has been reported lost in gloomy Nickajack cave since Tuesday.

After a six and a half hour hunt in the vast cave the three miners, on whom members of Hurn's family said they pinned much hope, returned to the surface and a spokesman announced: "If he's in there at all, he's in the water."

Earlier a Red Cross party gave way to the searching group of miners after it failed to find any trace of Hurn. The Red Cross men had dragged one deep pool of water.

The report from the mine experts, who were sent here from Brushy Mountain state prison after the family appealed for state aid, followed an optimistic report from Hurn's brother who has spent most of the time since Tuesday in the bat-infested cave.

A state highway patrol car remained at the cave near here. Gov. Jim McCard issued orders during the day for state police to use "all available means" in the search.

Hurn, part owner of Nickajack cave, disappeared four days ago and his brother, Hollins Hurn, said he had gone deep into the vaulted, slippery cavern in hopes of finding another entrance. The cave has been operated for a number of years as a commercial enterprise, and advertised as a tourist attraction. It winds under parts of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama under honey-combed Sand mountain.

Boys Camp to Start Today

Twenty leaders and 120 boys will leave Salem today to attend the week-long camp at Camp Silver Creek, YMCA officials said last night.

Officials have asked that boys going to the camp by private transportation arrive at the camp not earlier than 3 p. m. The reason for this is to give the boys attending camp there during the past week a chance to disband camp and make room for the new group.

Jim Dimit and Chester Goodman will act as camp directors during the coming week. Boys without private transportation are to receive transportation from the "Y" this afternoon, officials said.

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MUNICIPAL COURT

Tom Warner, Salem, charged with shooting firecrackers in fire zone 1, posted \$25 bail.

Leo A. Vigil, Valsetz, charged with breaking glass in street, posted \$25 bail.

Edward G. Ziegler, Dallas, defective lights, posted \$5 bail.

Richard Hubener, Vancouver, Wash., charged with violation of the basic rule, posted \$25 bail.

Helen H. Tope, Arcadia, Calif., violation of the basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Roy C. Pallett, Jefferson, violation of the basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Clifford W. Hall, Portland, charged with reckless driving, posted \$50 bail.

Nicholas Nutting, Valsetz, charged with shooting firecrackers in fire zone 1, posted \$15 bail.

Norman Brown, route 2, box 257, charged with shooting firecrackers in fire zone 1, posted \$15 bail.

George Porter, 369 N. Liberty st., charged with shooting firecrackers in fire zone 1, posted \$25 bail.

William Rohrs, Valsetz, charged with shooting firecrackers in fire zone 1, posted \$25 bail.

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Progress Made on Road Straightening

CANNON BEACH, July 5.—(AP)—The \$270,000 project of straightening kinks in the coastal highway between this town and Cannon Beach Junction has reached the halfway mark.

Oris Wall, contractor's superintendent, said major engineering work would be finished by October, and macadam surfacing done next summer. The new 1.28 mile highway stretch will be opened Aug. 1, 1948.

Survey of Nation's Minerals Slated

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Chairman Lemke (R-N.D.) said today that his house public lands subcommittee on mines and mining plans an overall investigation of the nation's mining resources.

Lemke said it would be the

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