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## Convictions of Japanese Leaders

So long has it been since the Pacific war ended and so much longer since it was started that public hostility to the Japanese officials and generals and admirals who precipitated it and carried it on ruthlessly has waned greatly. Hence the report that Tojo, ex-premier, and six others have been condemned to death by hanging and 16 sentenced to life imprisonment doesn't excite the satisfaction it would if the trials had been conducted and concluded two years ago. Time is always on the side of mercy.

The length of the trials bears its own testimony however to the thoroughness with which they were conducted. Nor was the court an American arm of justice. It was an international court, presided over by an Australian, Sir William Webb. Many of the defendants were found guilty of the crime of waging aggressive war; others were condemned for the atrocities which they ordered or condoned, which are crimes in every nation and civilization.

It is estimated that a million atrocity deaths occurred during the orgy of Japanese conquest. Of British and American prisoners of war 27 per cent died in captivity, largely as a result of the treatment they received at the hands of their captors. The AP reporter includes the following in his dispatch from Tokyo:

"The monumental accumulation of evidence was so shocking that many American spectators quietly left the room midway in the tribunal's judgment."

As in Germany the war crimes court is doing some pioneering, but it has both the text of international law in many instances and the settled moral laws of human societies above the level of barbarism to justify its verdicts.

The statute of limitations does not run against murderers; and here belatedly perpetrators of mass crimes are brought to the bar of justice. News of the verdict is nothing which we relish; but we should have confidence that the judgment accords with the facts as determined by a competent and fair-minded court.

## Re-establish the Milk Board

At its state convention in Bend the farm bureau adopted a resolution which favored relieving the state director of agriculture of responsibility for administering the milk control law. It recommended that the state board of agriculture appoint an administrator whose duty would be confined to milk control. The purpose of the resolution is to free the director from the milk job which, the bureau feels, takes a disproportionate amount of his time. It does not reflect any criticism of the way Director Peterson has administered the law.

The farm bureau is correct in proposing a separation of responsibilities. The department of agriculture is big enough of itself, with enough complicated problems of its own to engage the full time and energy of the director. He ought not to be put on the firing line as boss of milk control.

But giving the state board of agriculture pow-

er to name the milk administrator hardly seems the proper solution. All of its members are directly interested in agriculture and hence primarily informed and concerned about the producers' problems and needs. The wiser course, it seems to The Statesman, would be to recreate a milk board to be appointed by the governor, which would be broadly representative, with concern for consumer as well as producer interest.

That was the system prior to 1943 when the board was abolished and its duties turned over to the director of agriculture. Now is the time to take this burden off the director and put it in the hands of a board of three intelligent, fair-minded persons.

## A Salute and Au Revoir

The gallant cruiser Pensacola, survivor of the Japanese and the Bikini bomb, joined its sister ship Salt Lake City beneath the waves of the Pacific this week. To the general public the navy's target practice against these old bottoms doesn't mean much. But the Pensacola and Salt Lake City will have a special niche in history, regardless. They were the largest U.S. fighting ships in the entire Pacific the first six months of World War II. Their saga is a saga of desperate times; their exploits the exploits of heroes; their contribution a bright page in the nation's darker days. To them, a salute and au revoir.

Pigeon-plagued San Francisco really doesn't need all those artificial owls to keep the birds off the civic center. All they need to do is build another civic center out of town and surround it with a few acres of cracked corn, then declare a school holiday for all boys with B-B guns capable of inflicting no more damage than a good sting, and while the birds are still mad a representative of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce can talk them into flying south.

Britons may grieve over the decline of the "Empire" but they get a lot of satisfaction out of the doings of the royal family. At present they are in a dither over the impending birth of a royal highness to Princess Elizabeth and over what eligible Princess Margaret will pick for a husband. We can't criticize however. We get news about President Truman's "Jeff Davis" growth of beard.

The Oregonian suggests that initiated bills be subject to the scrutiny of the attorney general's office before they are submitted to the people. The idea is that then voters would not vote on such a monstrosity as the unworkable old age pension act. We're not sure about that. If Joe Dunne had hired a lawyer and drafted a law free of holes then where would the state be now?

It must be a great help to the thousands of fleeing Chinese to know that someone from America will be over there again in a month or so to study their situation.



Take It or Leave It!

## Your Health

Written by Dr. Herman N. Sundensen, M.D.

We have all seen colors best described by the word "depressing," but few of us would believe that working in surroundings where such colors predominate could result not only in reduced efficiency but actual physical sickness.

And yet, this may very well be true. Dr. Paul Seegers of Indiana University is convinced of it, finding in our poor use of color in our homes, offices, and factories a clue to much of the irritability, depression and slowness attributed by many to the presence of modern living.

He believes that our emotions and mental health are affected by colors to the same extent as by sounds and odors and that this emotional disturbance may be reflected in such physical symptoms as headache and nausea.

And if certain colors can do harm, others can help. High-strung, emotional people, for example, should work and live in rooms in which the colors are relaxing while people who tend to be depressed should frequent rooms in which the colors are light and stimulating.

For example, in most business offices, the filing cases are dark green, the desks are dark brown, and the walls are a dark color. It would be better to have light-colored furniture and light-colored paint.

In school rooms it has been found that changes along this line have produced amazing improvement in the work of both teachers and pupils.

Not only must colors be considered, but also lighting. Of course, all places where people work and live must be well lit, with not too much glare. Experiments have been carried out to indicate that blue or white lights do not stimulate muscular activity. Green, yellow, and orange increase it to some extent, and red light is particularly effective. These colors seem to have an invigorating effect, both mentally and physically.

Blue and green colors are recommended for reception rooms, and executive offices. In a room where a great deal of work is

carried out, warmer peach colors, red and cream colors may be better employed.

Of course, things which affect the mental and emotional health also have an effect on the physical health. Thus it would appear important from the standpoint of well-being and efficiency that some attention be given to this matter of color and lighting.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
R. C. J.: I have a friend suffering with heart trouble, high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries. To which of these would the complication of dropsy be attributed?

Answer: Dropsy means the collection of fluids in the tissues. It is possible that the heart condition is the main factor responsible for the dropsy. However, there may be a kidney infection present which may aid in the production of dropsy.

## Literary Guidepost

BY LEWIS C. STANLEY  
A JERSEYMAN'S JOURNAL, by Walter E. Edge (Princeton): \$5

As active at 75 as most men in their forties, Edge tells his story of success in one of the most rough and tumble public arenas in the world—New Jersey politics.

There is no false modesty in his direct and forceful tale of starting to work as a printer's devil for \$5 a week at the age of 15, and amassing millions in building a worldwide advertising business. But his first and constant love was public life.

He became assemblyman, state senator, governor during both World Wars, U. S. senator for two terms, and ambassador to France.

Edge says "if the record lends assurance to a few aspiring young men and women that America is still free for those who will use their freedom and that no form of 'public security' can permanently replace the God-given right of every citizen

to achieve the fullest expression of his life, the purpose of this volume will have been fulfilled."

Something of a believer in the theory that the end justifies the means, Edge fought on a state and national scale for reforms that read like the history of the good government movement in the United States. His inside story of a half-century of contact with leaders of two continents is interwoven with a frankly partisan account of his triumphs and relatively few defeats.

He quotes with apparent approval a rival's characterization: "Walter Edge is a terribly dangerous guy to sit down with in a back room." Alternately accused of being an "old guard" Republican and "a New Deal turncoat", Edge makes no bones about using his patronage and appointing power while governor to whip his program through a balky legislature, and to win elections.

But he shows a remarkable fairness to his foes. Of his arch enemy, Democratic leader Frank Hague, he writes:

"Justice compels me to correct the impression created by his many critics that he is the incarnation of all evil. True, he is a cold calculating and ruthless political boss, but he is at the same time, an able administrator with strong humanitarian qualities and Jersey City is in many ways a well-managed municipality."

## Stamps in The News

By Syd Kronish

Sveaborg, Finnish fortress city for two centuries and often called "The Gibraltar of the North," is honored with a new 12 markka light green stamp. Sveaborg, located at the entrance to Helsinki harbor, was built in 1748 by the Swedes. Later the fortifications were enlarged to cover 7 small islands. In 1808 it was taken by the Russians and in 1855 bombarded by the French-English fleet in the Crimean war. In 1918 the Finnish people took the fortress from the Russians in their flight for independence. This year the city celebrates its 200th birthday.

From Khartoum comes word that Sudan will have a special issue of two stamps commemorating the Sudan legislative assembly in December. The denominations are 10 millimes and 5 piasters. They will be of the same design and color as the corresponding stamps of the current issue but slightly larger.

Japan has issued two semi-postals for its community chest drive. The 5 yen plus 230 red shows a Red Cross nurse and the 5 yen plus 50 yen green illustrates a mother bird feeding her young.

Gaetano Donizetti (1798-1848), world famous musical composer, is honored by his native Italy with a new 15 lire brown stamp. Donizetti, a prolific writer, composed 64 operas. He once wrote the instrumentation of a whole opera within 30 hours. His contemporary rivals were Rossini and Bellini. Some of his more popular operas are Lucia di Lammermoor, La Favorita, Don Pasquale and L'Elisir d'amore.

Austria has a new commemorative stamp celebrating the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Austrian Republic, Nov. 12, 1918, reports Edwin Mueller. It shows a picture of the present Austrian president, Dr. Karl Renner, who took office April 27,

## Man Bet Cafe On Truman

SPOKANE, Nov. 12—(AP)—Some people bet hats on elections, but George Geves bet his cafe "The Missouri Kitchen." That's right, on Harry S. Truman.

So pleased was the winner of the bet that he donated the profits from one week's sales to an aid for the blind fund sponsored by a Spokane Lions club.

Geves didn't name the opponent in the pre-election wager, but said he'd collected \$5,000 when the vote counting was over. To prove his offer was serious about helping the blind, he advanced \$150 from the yet uncollected profits.

PORTLAND, Nov. 12—(AP)—Skidding lumber prices were blamed this week by federal foresters for lower prices bid for northwest timber offered here.

W. H. Horning, regional administrator for the bureau of land management, said aggregate bids for timber averaged only seven percent above appraised values. This was a record bid as high as 50 percent over appraisals.

Lumber industry spokesmen reported wholesale lumber prices are down as much as \$10 a 1,000 feet, log inventories are accumulating and log production is ahead of sales.

Horning reported only three of 23 blocks sold from 33 offers drew competitive bidding. The tracts sold comprised 68,537,000 (M) feet of timber and the total bid price was \$773,801.75. The appraisal was \$722,490.30.

C. C. Crow, publisher of Crow's Lumber Digest, reported the timber market "very definitely soft and getting more so every week." He said buyers are becoming "more choosy."

## England Waits Birth of Baby

LONDON, Nov. 12—(AP)—A nervous, joyous excitement, sort of an "expectant father" feeling, is rising throughout Britain as every city and village completes plans to welcome Princess Elizabeth's first baby.

The little prince or princess should be born this weekend, the doctors say. But as is the habit of babies it might come tonight or tomorrow or not until the middle of next week.

Sir William Gilliatt, one of Britain's leading gynecologists and the chief of four medical who will attend Elizabeth, took that uncertainty into account as early as last weekend. He stayed in town within close call, instead of taking his usual trip to the country.

He went to visit Elizabeth today. No word came from the palace except that his call was routine and that Elizabeth is in excellent health and spirits.

## Four Corners Firemen Hosts To Association

FOUR CORNERS — The Four Corners volunteer firemen were hosts Wednesday night to members of Marion County Fire Fighters association in a meeting at the community hall.

Salem Fire Chief W. P. Roble spoke on the Marion county mutual fire protection aid program. J. L. Franzen, Salem city manager, was also a guest. Albert Brant of Four Corners showed movies of sports and comedy. A total of 14 persons attended the dinner meeting.

## Turner Residents Travel, Entertain

TURNER — Mrs. Nellie Gunning left Friday for California to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mashelle (Carol Standley) have rented a cottage in the Memorial Home section.

Mrs. DeLay of Spokane has been in Turner visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hatfield.

Mrs. H. S. Bond left by plane last week end to visit her son in Seattle.

Mrs. Hallie Endicott visited in Turner last week and left Tuesday for her home in Ashland.

Visiting old friends in Turner recently was Hans Naderman, now a resident of Vancouver, Wash.

1945, after liberation from the Nazis.

Eire will issue two special postage stamps commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Insurrection of 1798, reports Gimbels Stamp department. The stamps, 2 1/2 pence red and 3 pence blue violet will be issued Nov. 19. Depicted in the center is a portrait of Theobald Wolfe Tone symbolizing a united Ireland in revolt against oppression.

## Fleet 'Sunk' by Subs in Maneuvers

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12—Another Manhattan District is needed. That is the only possible conclusion from the shocking results of the navy's recent Newfoundland war exercises. For those who missed the all too brief stories from the scene the Newfoundland results may be summarized as follows:

The plan for the exercises was for a strong task force of 100 naval vessels to establish a bridgehead on the Newfoundland coast. The defensive role was assigned to eight Schnorkel-equipped submarines, modeled on the high-speed, long-range, radar-proof German Type 21. The eight defenders "sank" virtually the entire naval task force, and of course theoretically prevented the landing.

The significance of these results lies in a single bleak and simple set of facts, first reported in this space many months ago. The Soviet navy is now primarily an undersea fleet. Under reparations the Soviets secured from Germany keel components, complete submarines and equipment for building the Type 21. According to the most sober official estimates, the Russians already have 100 of these craft in operation as well as 100 short-range submarines for coastal defense, and 100 long-range submarines without Schnorkel or "breathing" equipment. Their program for building additional Type 21's is known to be important.

Russian naval planning is of

course hampered by restriction to the Baltic, Black Sea, Arctic and Manchurian ports and Vladivostok. Even so however, the Red fleet is estimated to be capable of maintaining 35 Type 21's continuously at sea. Both the Schnorkel-breathing device, radar-proofing, and great speed render these craft almost wholly immune to the old methods of anti-submarine warfare. Hence the fate of the Newfoundland task force. Hence also, the conclusion that if the navy is to soon, 35 Type 21's would come perilously close to severing the vital sea supply lines across the Atlantic. Until this threat has been countered, all American strategic planning must be considered a mere gamble.

The picture is not all black, to be sure. A small number of vessels in the Newfoundland task force were especially equipped with new submarine detecting and destroying devices experimentally developed with the Type 21 in mind. While all but a small proportion of the total task force was "destroyed," all but about 15 per cent of the specially equipped vessels escaped the wolf pack's attacks. Thus there is already hope that the American navy can regain the capability of defending itself and the sea supply lines that are its first responsibility.

On the other hand a crucial question of investment priorities is obviously raised. The navy staff asserts that the capacities of the navy are being strained to the utmost, both to modernize the anti-submarine defenses of the fleet at sea, and to improve the new anti-submarine methods. But in fact modernization is not like mere installation of new frigates in the fleet. Each vessel must be rebuilt at great cost, and since the new anti-submarine devices are still experimental, only a few vessels are being modernized. Furthermore the authoritative joint research and development board by no means shares the navy staff view, that enough is being done about this most ur-

gent of all our defense problems.

The funds being spent on anti-submarine research are invidiously compared with the funds allocated to certain other projects, such as the navy's giant carrier (which will be utterly useless, of course unless it can be defended against anti-submarine attack). But the real differences of viewpoint between navy and JRB apparently lies in the phrase above, "the capacity of the navy." The navy is undoubtedly doing all that any sea can counter the danger undersea. Unfortunately, however, any purely naval effort of this sort must always suffer from the peculiarities of service budgeting, the rigidity of business done through channels, and similar limitations.

It was precisely to remove these handicaps that President Roosevelt established the Manhattan District. The Manhattan District was under the leadership of army and navy officers, to be sure. But it was functionally independent. Neither the slowness of channels, nor competition from other bureaus, nor any of the other familiar phenomena of service administration, could diminish the scale of the Manhattan District's effort or blunt the effect of its top priority. The argument for a similar project, and an effort on a similar scale, now seems to be unanswerable. American security demands no less.

Money can be no object, since the whole huge annual appropriation of the navy will have little value until this problem submarine danger has been removed. The job must be done at all costs and with all urgency. Meanwhile, only one stop-gang expedient is open. Immediate alliance with the Western European Union will permit immediate establishment of air and other bases overseas and immediate stock-piling in Europe. In the present atmosphere, taking out this form of insurance is also urgent.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"She's been listening to too many of them radio soap serials... I think it's high time you tell her the facts of life..."

## 5 Nations May Be Invited to Defense Talks

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12—(AP)—Five more European countries—Italy, Portugal, Norway, Denmark and Iceland—may be invited to attend an Atlantic defense conference, possibly in December.

This word was received from diplomatic officials who asked that their identity be withheld. The five nations would be asked to send at least observers and perhaps join in writing a "pro-democracy" Atlantic defense unity, it was said.

If all decided to participate, it would expand a proposed seven-nation defense treaty now taking shape to a 12-nation alliance.

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