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## Now for a Major Raid on Japan

Brigadier General James H. Doolittle deserves the congressional medal of honor awarded him by President Roosevelt as leader of the intrepid American airmen who staged the spectacular bombing raid on Japan April 18, cutting a swathe of destruction 40 miles long and five to 20 miles wide and departing without losing a single plane or one of his 78 fliers.

General Doolittle, better known as "Jimmy," won fame as a speed record flier in peace time and before that as an army stunt flier, a dare-devil of the air who combined skillful aeronautics with courage and daring—a born flier if there ever was one.

The air raid on distant Japan was designed for its psychological effect, to bolster Allied morale and lower Japanese morale, to prove to the world that Japan was not invincible and offered an easy target for American bombers and that they were the best in the world for long-range bombing. The base used is a military secret and the enemy is still wondering where they came from and where they went.

The Tokyo raid was therefore merely a token raid—a token of what is to come—but constitutes a menacing threat to Japan. For if 80 fliers in a few medium bombers can do so much damage, what will ten times or a hundred times or a thousand times as many fliers and warplanes, including flying fortresses, accomplish in another and more extended raid, a raid that will not only be directed against war factories and shipyards and warships, but on key power plants and the emperor's fortified palace as well?

Undoubtedly some such gigantic raid by Americans is in the offing, just as raids on our Pacific coast area by Japanese suicide squads are, but the surest way to head off the latter is by the former. Such offensives are necessary to win the war, disrupt Japanese far-flung communication lines, prevent Australian invasion by the enemy and force a withdrawal of army and navy from invaded territory to defend the homeland.

## In Fairness to All

In fairness to the people of the seventh ward, who are entitled to equal representation with the other wards in the conduct of city affairs, and to itself, the city council should accept the resignation of Alderman James Clark, appoint a successor to him and thereby untangle the snarl that has arisen out of his prolonged voluntary absence from the city.

A few weeks back Clark, alderman and a candidate to succeed himself, accepted a position which will keep him away from the city for several months. He submitted his resignation, acceptance of which was postponed by the council, but it was too late to withdraw his name from the city election ballot legally. Because he had been appointed to fill a vacancy on the council, his term expired when his successor was elected.

He was, however, elected to succeed himself. But he is not here to qualify and his seat on the council remains vacant and his committee duties are not being performed.

In the important business of preparing the city budget for the new fiscal year, in which business the council is currently engaged, the seventh ward has but one voice instead of two.

The action of the seventh ward voters in favoring Clark at the polls does not signify that they are satisfied to drift along with only one alderman until the indefinite time when he returns. It simply means that they preferred him to his opponent, whom the council is not bound to recognize in appointing a successor to Clark.

While the charter and ordinances do not stipulate any specific time in which an elected councilman must qualify, they do recognize the principle that the seats shall be kept actively filled by empowering the council to declare vacant the place of any alderman who absents himself from two successive meetings. If the council so desires it can appoint a successor to Clark who, by agreement, will step out and make way for him when he returns to the city.

## Hitler's Spring Offensive

Hitler's promised spring offensive seems to have turned into a spring defensive as the Russians have taken the initiative in the nine days' battle raging before Kharkov, which has forced the Germans to hurl in new troops and reserves, new tanks and planes, in a so far vain attempt to check the red army's assault. The battle involves thousands of tanks and hundreds of thousands of men and the casualties are enormous. Nazi counter-drives have in turn met counter-drives and got nowhere.

The German drive in the Crimea also seems to have bogged down after initial success. At the same time the red army has been attacking around Leningrad, counter-attacking near Kalinin, maintaining its encirclement of the 16th German army in the Staraya Russa area, and on German admission, secured by aid of American and British planes, mastery of the air all along the line.

The Nazis have not revealed their full strength or their plans. They are kept too busy on the defense. They must undertake a major offensive or admit defeat. But they are facing as fanatically brave troops as any in history and Hitler cannot break the Russian army as long as it possesses the spirit and power to keep on the offensive.

No one can predict the outcome but Hitler faces a far different situation than when his victorious legions started their march through soviet land a year ago. The winter disasters must have a discouraging effect on those accustomed to easy victory.

## Battle on High Living Costs

Retail prices on hundreds of thousands of commodities—virtually all goods that Americans eat, wear and use—reverted Monday to their highest March levels, which, it is figured, will halt the spiral of high living costs and produce a drop of about 1 1/2 per cent, as April and May increases will be wiped out.

Labor bureau statistics indicated the ceiling established would be on a general level of about 115.1 per cent of 1935-39 averages. Every retailer as well as wholesaler and manufacturer, whose price ceilings became effective a week ago, is now part of the front against inflation.

The office of the price administrator has begun distribution of the "Shop-keeper's bible," entitled "What every retailer should know about the general maximum price regulation." It also tells the consumer what to expect on the counters of retailers.

## Discouraging!



## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Quintuplets were born at the home of Dave B. Cooley in North Salem this week, and these should arouse more interest than the Dionne five which set the continent in a furor a few years ago, as most folk will remember. The remarkable fact about this latest group of simultaneous arrivals is that four out of the five were born with their eyes wide open to get an early wondering look at a cock-eyed world. And, even if they don't appreciate it now, it's a good thing for anybody to have their eyes wide open nowadays, even if they are just born. This set of quintuplets is made up of kittens, which may keep them from ever reaping a harvest of fame and fortune similar to that of the Dionne babies, but there is something challenging about the fact four-fifths of them were born with their eyes open.

## Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

**Sorry, But—**  
 Kansas City—Col. Harry M. Gambrel, president of the board of police commissioners, has declined an invitation to speak at Memorial day services in a nearby town.

"The program will include a talk by the mayor, recitation of the Lincoln Gettysburg Address, your talk, then the firing squad," explained the letter of invitation.

**Efficient Servants**  
 Phoenix, Ariz.—City Manager Don C. Scott has a personal reason to be proud of his Phoenix police force.

His motor car, stolen from in front of his office, was recovered and returned by police before Scott missed it.

**Marksmanship**  
 Hutchinson, Kas.—Raymond Rutman, 17, was wounded three times by one bullet.

The gun he was examining discharged accidentally. The shot creased the back of Rutman's left hand, plowed a small furrow through his right breast, and lodged in his right arm.

**Thieves Frolic**  
 Denver—Thieves, in a playful mood, broke into Frank Arnold's restaurant.

They gleefully spattered the walls and ceiling by smashing pies and eggs. But the worst blow of all—they stole 20 pounds of Arnold's rationed sugar.

**Man's Last Stronghold**  
 Great Bend, Kas.—Miss Virginia De Mint, teacher in the Cheyenne Valley rural school didn't have a single girl student in the year just ended.

The omission, however, didn't cause much comment.

There hasn't been a girl enrolled since 1924.

**Military Honors For Thomas Jones**  
 Kunming, China, May 17 (Delayed) — Flight Leader Thomas A. Jones, American Volunteer group pilot from Walla Walla, Wash., was buried today with military honors.

Jones was killed Saturday in a practice flight crash at the height of a brilliant combat career, only one day after Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek promoted him to a flight leader.

The promotion resulted from the success of an attack led by Jones against Japanese columns attempting to cross the Salween river in southwest China. Last week Jones led an American raid on Hanoi, capital of French Indo-China.

**Proves Wonderful For Itching Skin**  
 To soothe itching, burning skin, apply medicated liquid ZEMO—a Doctor's formula backed by 30 years continuous success! For ringworm symptoms, eczema, athlete's foot or blemishes due to external cause, apply ZEMO freely. Soon the discomfort should disappear. Over 25,000,000 packages sold. One trial convinces. Only 35¢. Also 60¢ and \$1.00.

**Here's a Gentler Way to Treat Constipation!**  
 Do you think you have to take harsh cathartics or purge every time constipation makes you miserable? You don't!—If you are one of those people with normal intestines who suffer from constipation due to lack of "bulk" in the diet. There is a pleasanter and gentler way.

All you do is eat KELLOGG'S ALL-BRAN regularly and drink plenty of water. ALL-BRAN is a crisp, delicious cereal. It works quite differently from many medicinal laxatives. They work by prodding the intestines into action or by drawing moisture into them from other parts of the body. But ALL-BRAN acts principally on the contents of the colon, helping you to have easy and normal elimination. ALL-BRAN is made by Kellogg's in Battle Creek. If your condition is not helped by this simple treatment, see a doctor.

**It's a doggone good thing that genuine Oregon strawberries are sweet and luscious enough to be gulped without sugar.**

Goah, the good old climate again.

**Strawberry shortcake time approaches and should take our minds off the war for a season, at least.**

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## Kelly Says:

**End of War Seen Two Years From Now**  
**Goods on Hand to Cushion Curtailment**  
**Congressmen Jolted By Mr. Henderson**  
 By John W. Kelly

Washington, May 20—If it can be done President Roosevelt intends bringing the war to an end within the next two years—sometime in 1944. Originally the high command contemplated an offensive in 1943, an invasion of Europe and then turn attention to the Japanese, but all signs point to reducing that time and going into action this year. Here are the indications:

There is to be an army of 8,000,000 men, a navy of 1,000,000 men, as has been hinted by Chairman Vinson of the house committee on naval affairs. Under Secretary of War Patterson raised the armed forces to 10,000,000 in a statement to a congressional committee. To obtain this manpower arrangements are under way to reclassify all those who are subject to the draft and who have been deferred for one reason or another. To get the maximum for combat purposes the army will have a specialist corps of many thousands and civilians who will perform desk work, technical and administrative tasks now requiring the time of officers who will be relieved from these duties and take the field. There will be a supplemental women's auxiliary corps, which will also release men for combat by servicing planes and other ground crew work both in the United States and abroad and acting as plane spotters, etc.

**Ship Program Bigger**  
 The shipyard program, now enormous, will be increased, with new yards building submarines, destroyers and other craft for the navy and millions of tons of cargo carriers. Deferment will be given as long as possible to expedite this war effort. Increased production of bombers and interceptors to almost twice the current output, for ourselves and the allies. Tanks, machine guns, ack-acks, an all-time production also of propellants.

Except for clothing and food to keep body and soul together, a rigid curtailment. In two years consumer goods on hand will be exhausted; 20,000,000 automobiles will be useless without tires, regardless of gasoline rationing. All metal for civilian use will be withheld. On July 1 the 1943 appropriations for war will be around 80 billion dollars; will be as much or more for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1943.

Such are the straws which imply that the president is anxious to take the offensive this year, punch at the Axis all of next year and bring a showdown probably in the spring or summer of 1944, in the desire to save as many young Americans as possible, not cost the American people too much for the war, and attempt to return to normal life at the earliest possible date. Less hopeful is WPB, which is making plans for a war of at least six years.

**Bureaucrat Not Liked**  
 Congress, one of the three branches of government (legislative, judicial, executive) is discovering that a bureaucrat is defining the duties of this independent part of the United States government. Congress has delegated many of its powers to President Roosevelt, but they resent a bureau chief telling them what is official business and what is not; what they can do and what they cannot do. It is a rumper raised by the gasoline rationing.

Every member of the Washington or Oregon delegation has to go downtown to some department to discuss an RFC loan, to the maritime commission to talk wooden ships, to agriculture, interior, war or navy. They are attending to the business of their constituents, the great American people whom they represent. They are glorified messenger

boys. To reach the departments they must use their automobiles or take a taxicab. The streetcar system does not reach the departments, as a rule. All this running around has been regarded as official business until Leon Henderson of OPA announced that it "definitely was not."

Some 200 members of congress applied for the X gasoline rationing card, which permits the holder to "fill 'er up" whenever necessary, and Henderson sounded off. It was proper, he opined, for a congressman to drive from home to the capital (same as a shipyard worker) but the driving to departments was not official business. Congressmen think they know what their official duties are (the statutes cover the point) and are hostile at Henderson for trying to push them around.

In the matter of tires congress is not asking exemptions, but while they have tires they want sufficient gas to perform chores for the folks back home. And while Henderson wants to hold down congressmen, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau uses a coast guard plane and flies to his Fishkill farm in another plane (500 gallons). Morgenthau's consumption on these two trips would provide a congressman with motor fuel for six months or more. Mr. Henderson is not so finicky about federal government cars (3200 in Oregon and 3500 in Washington) as he is with the congressmen. Federal cars can have all the gas they wish.

**Wallings Dinner Hosts**  
 Lincoln—Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Walling entertained with a family dinner Sunday, having as their guests all of their children except George Walling, and all of their grandchildren except Ronald Fisher. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Upham (Juanita) and Linda Chere, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fisher (Thelma) and Inez, Iris and baby, Mr. and Mrs. John Walling, Mrs. Richard Smith, Julie Mariann and Richard, Jr., Dorothy and Genevieve Walling.

**2 Dynamite Trucks Crash**  
 Homestead, Fla., May 20 (AP)—Two men were killed when two trucks carrying dynamite from Birmingham, Ala., to Key West collided and set off a terrific explosion 11 miles north of here early today.

Both trucks were torn to bits but the driver and another occupant of one of them escaped. The blast, heard for miles, tore a crater in the highway that made it impassable. Several hours later traffic was restored, after highway workers had filled the crater 10 feet wide and 35 feet in circumference that was torn in the roadbed.

Sergeant Carl Spence of the Florida highway patrol identified the dead men as G. H. Baker of Birmingham, and B. W. Waites, Decatur, Ala., both about 22.

Charles Smith, 40, of Verbena, Ala., and Oliver Cox, 39, of Clanton, Ala., were the crew of the other vehicle. Smith told Sergeant Spence that he saw the

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headlights on the truck following him blink, a pre-arranged signal for him to stop. He slowed down from about 40 to about 20 miles an hour, then observed the rear vehicle coming on at full speed.

Smith said he applied full power but the following truck crashed into his and burst into flames.

Aumsville—Mr. and Mrs. William Bankston, Donna, Burel, Bobby, Beatrice and Zella, returned Monday night from California. For the past five days they visited their son, Billy, who is stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif. W. A. Forgy looked after the place while they were away.

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## Salem Sketches By Will Danch



"Looks like Glen Morioka has just been at bat. Nobody else could knock one this far!"

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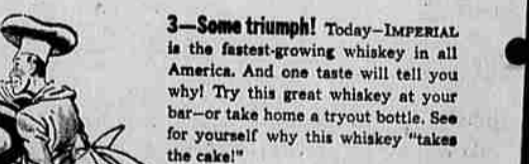
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