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## Super-Bomb Backfires

Repercussions of the atomic bomb, the first of which was dropped on Japan a week ago, are being heard half way around the world in Washington, D. C., according to press dispatches. And they are putting a crimp in the jubilation of some high military officials who are not so sure now of their cause to be elated over the success of the new explosive.

One of the almost immediate reactions to news of the discovery of atomic power as a weapon of warfare was speculation as to the need for large armies and navies to nations possessing the secret. What, it is being asked, is the sense of maintaining large two-ocean fleets if they could be wiped out by a few well-directed atomic bombs dropped from a plane or blown to bits by a teaspoonful of the same explosive launched in a torpedo? Why do we need a big army or universal military training as insurance against future wars so long as we possess the secret of making the atom capable of destroying whole cities in a single blast?

What is worrying the generals and the admirals most is the problem of devising a satisfactory answer to these queries that the public can understand. The brass hats can see the fallacy of the arguments clearly enough. But they doubt their own capacity to make the layman see the picture as they do. They realize that the atomic bomb must be conveyed to a position where it can be accurately directed against a target, and that means the use of planes or surface craft, or a new design of artillery or firing ramps to launch the bombs. Those in turn will require fighter escorts to protect them from enemy attack.

The mere fact that the secret of the new weapon is so far the exclusive possession of the United States, Britain and Canada does not mean that those three nations will long enjoy a monopoly on it. Scientists of all nationalities are already, soon will be working on the problem. Germany and Japan both came perilously close to beating us to the discovery. It is only a matter of a few years, perhaps only a few months before the scientists of other countries stumble onto the process of utilizing the terrific power of the atom. When they do, and in the event of a future war, the decision is going to lie with the nation which can get there first with the most atomic power. That means that victory will go to the nation equipped with the strongest, fastest forces for delivering the bombs.

## Only a Glorified W.P.A.

Among the measures before congress that the New Dealers and CIO-PAC have marked as must is the paternalistic Murray bill to prevent unemployment and insure a job for everyone at government expense. One certain result is that it will provide many jobs for the bureaucracy administering it. Stripped of its verbiage it has all the earmarks of a glorified WPA which would hamstring private initiative and insure government control of industry and thereby stimulate the "creeping paralysis of state socialism"—probably the bill's real objective.

The Murray bill makes it mandatory for the president each January to estimate how much government spending will be required to provide jobs for all in the year beginning July 1, 1946. Where the money is to come from is not stated, but as the government has no money except what the people provide it could only increase deficit spending on top of the greatest national debt any nation has contracted in the world's history.

Public works of course should be utilized in emergencies to bridge the reconversion gap until industry is able to resume all-out production, but public works should not be carried on indefinitely, especially since the New Deal program, like that of the Labor party in Great Britain, substitutes non-taxpaying utilities and industries for the taxpaying, a program that can only be paid for by the individual taxpayer.

The depression and the war have given us a graphic illustration of how government agency chiefs function in planned economy control. It has been a tragedy of errors. And that would be the record of any bureau chief in making estimates and public works programs a year in advance and in forecasting industrial conditions, because they change constantly. The announcement a year ahead that hard times are on the way and announcing a national program, would as surely create a depression as the WPA predictions prolonged it.

In effect the proposal for the government to take care of the people instead of the American way of the people to take care of government, under the guise of being beneficial, has the opposite effect. It sacrifices freedom for the regimentation of the serf, substitutes pensions for earnings and the lethargy of security for initiative, incentive, resource and industry. It spells eventually national decadence.

## Emergency Not Ended

There is a difference between the officially proclaimed end of the war and the end of the war emergency, as consumers of scarce and rationed commodities on the home front will come to realize after V-J day. While there may be an early liberalization of gasoline quotas and automobile tires may return to the domestic market because of the cessation of military demands, it will likely be several months before any plentiful supply of clothing, electrical appliances, automobiles and the bulk of rationed foods become available here at home. The government has announced its intention to release nylon for the manufacture of civilian items, but manufacturers assert that it will be at least six months before nylon hosiery is offered to the public.

Many items of common use both by the army and civilians will be returned to merchant's shelves in cases where substantial military reserve stocks have been built up. But civilian goods will be slow to return to large production where factories have been required to change over and retool for war production. For not only will they face the job of reconversion, but most of them will have difficulty in securing raw materials.

Housewives who are thinking of giving up plans for home canning in the belief that commercial canned goods will soon be plentiful again will make a sad mistake. Processed foods especially those requiring sugar, will remain scarce and rationed, OPA officials warn. Military demands for canned fruits will not ease off very much for another year, while supplies for foreign relief will remain in strong demand.

The sugar situation remains critical and the department of agriculture has stated that the consumption of sugar in continental United States for the first six months of this year totaled 132,359 tons more this year than during the same period of 1944. It also announced that only 684,020 tons of sugar were in reserve on July 1, whereas the mid-year stock last summer totaled 1,286,822 tons. The department said that the best that can be hoped for is a very slight increase in civilian sugar allowances late this year, if the war folds soon and the army is reduced rather rapidly.



48-Hour Effect on American Industry

## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

We slip away for a couple of weeks' vacation and what happens? An atomic bomb is dropped onto Japan and a whole new industrial revolution is pre-announced. Russia enters the war against Japan, Japan offers to surrender conditionally and the allies accept same. This all in two weeks pulled off behind our back. But that isn't all. The ever widening circle of our FT & BA members at all times ready to chortle at any catastrophe which might happen to us, will be glad to learn that on the first day of our vacation we bit on a prune pit, busted off half of a tooth and had to spend a good share of our vacation with a dentist shoving a hot awl down our throat. At any rate, when an atomic bomb hits one that's the end of it. It's different with a hot awl.

This boy Hirohito, who all the present fuss is about, is 44 years

old, has six children, rides nothing but snow white horses, grants few interviews, so awes his subjects his name is seldom spoken by them, his likeness is never used on coins, no one is permitted to touch his imperial person, his physician even must wear long black gowns when fooling around him, and his suits must be measured by eye and all his servants are purified daily. Foregoing information we had written to us by a girl back in New York who advertises Liberty magazine to columnists, but in the present situation we thought interesting for some sidelights on what has been holding up the surrender parade.

But two of the atomic bombs which cost \$2,000,000,000 to perfect have been put to practical use, or at a cost of a billion bucks apiece. One place the OPA didn't cut in on price control.

Doc Wellman, the widely known druggist, went fishing on the Alsea of a week-end lately and lost his billfold containing \$40, ration books, motor ve-

hicle operator's license, gasoline coupons, et cetera, all of same dropping into the river. The next week Doc went back to where X marked the spot and began nose diving in about four feet of water. Believe it or not, he had some luck. He began picking up \$1 bills from under rocks. The same were badly chewed around the edges by the crawdads or crabs and he re-counted about \$34. The unerring instinct of the crab, however, resulted in a \$5 bill being virtually all chewed up. The crabs left him a stamp and a half from his gasoline ration supply, chewed up most of his other type of ration coupons, but by a strange quirk they completely ignored his fishing license and driving license which were even unstained by the water.

But the biggest piece of luck Doc had was when he was fishing head down under the water around the rocks, he discovered a gold ring. It was a very nice gold ring. But the best part of it was it was doc's own gold ring which had slipped off while he was hunting around and until he found it didn't even know it was gone.

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## Free Competition

Richfield, Utah — Richfield's state liquor store now has a "competitor" that knows no closing hours.

It's the city's new municipally owned and operated drinking (water!) fountain, installed yesterday on the sidewalk directly in front of the liquor store.

## Good Earth

Firth, Idaho — Franklin Just was working on the Fred Ben-bent farm with J. P. Croft when the latter dropped—and lost—his wife's high school class ring. That was 17 years ago.

Just, who now owns the farm, found the ring yesterday while he was irrigating potatoes.

## Persistence

Chicago—Chicago, as the saying goes, has an unstable climate.

But Vincent Toscano has managed to bring a fig tree, which usually prefers a stable and somewhat warmer climate, to the bearing stage through five years of work.

## Singular Name

Miami, Fla.—Miami's city license bureau has registered the names of 2,284 dogs this year—and there's only one "Fido" in the lot.

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## The War Today

By DeWitt Mackenzie

An interpretative analysis of war developments by a famous Associated Press war correspondent.

Japan's delay in replying to the terms of capitulation has been more a matter of exasperation than anxiety for the Allies.

When the Tokyo government last Friday offered surrender if the mikado could remain on his throne, the country already was beaten to its knees and it remained only for the Allies to administer the coup de grace. This meant that the mikado's ministers had tossed the towel in the ring, thus admitting defeat.

So even if by some chance the war lords decided to continue the hopeless struggle, it was clear that the mighty allied war machine would crush Japan soon—and it would mean a terrible death for the barbaric aggressors of the Pacific.

Enemy Wouldn't Have Done It As a gesture of mercy we suspended further operations with the atomic bomb pending the exchange of messages regarding surrender. And who of the militarists, either of Japan or of Germany, would have done as much, had they been on the winning side? However, the Allies weren't

foolish enough to stay their hands with other operations. There was no intention of giving the enemy a respite to pull himself together for another stand. Admiral (Bull) Halsey's huge allied carrier fleet did withhold its mighty striking power during the night to give the Japs a chance to get their answer to the allied capitals; but this morning at the break of dawn he launched an all-out attack against the Tokyo area. Other parts of the Japanese home islands came under attack at the same time.

Meantime the rampaging Russians continued to tear into Manchuria, and at the same time, according to the Tokyo radio, launched a new offensive from Outer Mongolia, across Inner Mongolia, toward the Yellow sea south of Manchuria. Please take a look at your maps and see what this remarkable military operation would mean—if it is confirmed.

Crack Armies Will Be Taken Should the red army drive through to the Yellow sea it would sever communications between the Japanese armies in Manchuria and those in northern China. This would be particularly disastrous for the Japs in China proper, if the war should continue, because Manchuria is the main manufacturing center and supply base for all that area.

The Japanese have their crack Kwangtung army of some 750,000 men in Manchuria, and about 650,000 more troop in

northern China proper. Ultimately, of course, both these great forces will be prisoners of war, and one wonders whether they will be put to work to repair devastation in China, just as German prisoners are to be employed in Russia and other European countries.

## Umpqua Survey to Start Game Program

Portland, Aug. 13 (AP)—A \$7500 appropriation for a six-year survey of Umpqua river and tributaries will inaugurate the state game commission's long-delayed post-war program. The money will hire a field biologist and two counters to check salmon and trout migration upstream and will set up a fish counting station at Winchester.

The commission said other peacetime projects, totaling about \$500,000, would be started as soon as men and materials become available.

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