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Country Warned to Guard Against Race Disturbances

Insecurity in Reconversion Period May Be Cause for Smoldering Resentment; Minor Incident May Start Trouble.

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There is a small group in Washington very much concerned over a matter which is a part of reconversion and about which they can do very little. That is the question of race riots likely to accompany demobilization.

I was surprised to learn how predictable these clashes are, from the following statement by Alfred McClung Lee in a pamphlet produced by a non-profit agency, the American Council of American Race Relations. It was this:

"The federal office of facts and figures (later called the office of War Information) had a confidential report 15 months before the 1943 Detroit race riot that included this sentence: 'Unless some socially constructive steps are taken shortly, the tension that is developing is very likely to burst into active conflict.'"

The day after the rioting began, the Detroit Free Press stated: "Two months ago everybody in Detroit familiar with the situation knew that race riots were inevitable."

It is worth noting that the professional observers were much farther ahead than the newspaper — and newspaper reporters are pretty highly trained investigators themselves. And they did know what was coming well in advance.

But the fact remained that nobody did anything about it.

And that is where you and I step into the picture.

Now nobody but a very small class of professional inciters of riot want race riots anymore than anyone but a very small class of professional criminals are in favor of crime. But most people do not realize that these clashes can be avoided and very few indeed realize that they are symptoms and not the disease itself.

The basic cause of the group tensions which burst into savage flame, destroy property, interfere with business and nearly always cost lives, is insecurity. Just as insecurity is one of the basic causes of wars. A man with a job and firm prospects of keeping it who lives in healthy and decent surroundings does not want a riot with anybody. It is the man who is unhappy and because he is not able to do anything about it, who looks around for a scapegoat upon whom he can blame all his troubles. He naturally turns against a group whose members have a different appearance and different customs from his own.

The long-range cure for this disease is better living conditions, housing and employment. But it is not of the long-range treatment I want to speak, but of the immediate, simple things that you and I can do to stop these tensions before they break.

Seven Steps for Breaking Tension

First, there are seven things you must know about. One of the first signs of trouble is the rumor crop. You begin to hear a lot of stories most of which later will prove to have been untrue. They may be started by subversive groups; some will have a grain of truth in them. They will include tales of planned, imminent violence; of some group arming itself for attack or outbreak. Then come stories of violent assault, crime and murder. This creates the beginning of tension; the group accused becomes frightened and shows it. This lends color to the tales.

Then come the "incidents." Incidents usually begin to occur in crowded places. They might be passed off and forgotten if a background of hate, fear and suspicion had not been built up. As one observer said to me: "Riots always start when folks get out and bump into each other."

The third point to look for when it is clear that rumors have begun to happen is some subversive group which may be promoting the trouble for its own ends. Some of these groups will have very high and mighty ideals and very frequently they will be wrapped up in the flag. (Ku Klux, Black Legion, etc.)

The fourth point to watch is crime reports because it is really the hooligan element which finally steps in to do the actual rioting.



JAPANESE WARLORDS CONFER

First Warlord. — Here are some American terms of surrender. Let us reject them at once.

Second Warlord. — Why so fast? Wouldn't it be well to think them over?

First Warlord. — If we start thinking at this point all is lost.

Third Warlord. — Are the terms really bad?

First Warlord. — I never realized Japan's position was so terrible until I read them.

Fourth Warlord. — Just what is the ultimatum?

First Warlord. — If we don't give up now we will get into trouble!

Second Warlord. — That is the understatement of the war.

Third Warlord. — Does it not mean that by rejecting the terms we will be leaping from the frying pan into the fire?

Fourth Warlord (emphatically). — What Halsey is using on us is no frying pan! How did we ever permit him to bring his fleet in so close?

First Warlord. — It was easy!

Fifth Warlord (entering with paper). — Here's another one!

Third Warlord. — Another what?

Fifth Warlord. — Another daily communication from the Yankee air force announcing the batteries, the team signals and the program for the day, play by play.

Fourth Warlord. — Where is our air force?

First Warlord. — It is busy in its suicide campaign.

Second Warlord. — How is the suicide campaign going?

First Warlord. — Excellent. It is terrorizing everybody but the enemy.

Fourth Warlord. — Is it perhaps about time the honorable Japanese faced facts, took stock and considered the prospect of losing the honorable Japanese shirt?

First Warlord. — Honorable Japanese can get along without a shirt.

Fourth Warlord. — We may get a chance to prove it.

Third Warlord. — Let us be of brave hearts. Remember we have the Japanese honorable ancestors with us.

Fifth Warlord. — I had a dream about honorable ancestors last night. I dreamed they were so overworked backing us up that they had inaugurated a night shift.

ALL. — MAYBE THAT WAS NO DREAM!

Help Wanted Ads For War Time

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EATING OUT Remember when the waiter used to come around, smile tolerantly and inquire if everything was okay? Now he stomps to the table in the manner of a Nazi with an ultimatum, slaps down a dinner check that looks like a federal budget estimate and almost demands "What's delaying your exit? Doncha know you're holding up new business?"

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You may suffer nagging backache, rheumatic pains, headaches, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling. Sometimes frequent and scanty urination with smarting and burning is another sign that something is wrong with the kidneys or bladder.

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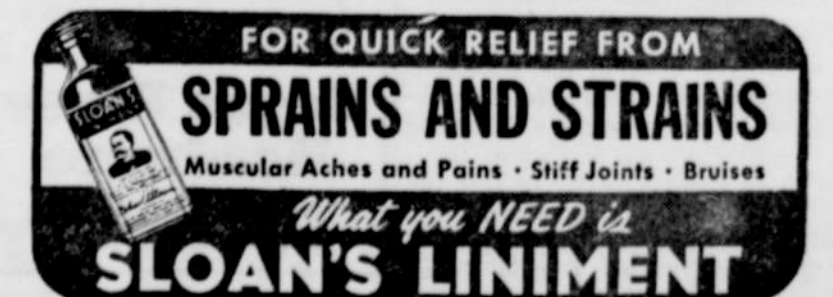
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They call the counterfeit squad the mince-pies and I suppose since money talks you could call the grunt from a buffalo penny mint sauce.

It is easier for a man to get into the army than it is for a dog to join the famous K-9 corps. G.I.s sometimes get into the hoosegow but you seldom see a war-pup in the dog-house.

The census bureau says the average father is 44 years old. Average wife's age (confidential).

The best epigram on the victory of the labor party in England was made by Sir Wilmot Lewis, veteran Washington correspondent of the London Times. He said, "My country, may she always be right, but my country right or left."