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ONLY DEMOCRACY CAN DELIVER ITS OWN DEATH BLOW!

Increasingly disturbing are the admonishments that defeat for the allies means defeat for democracy, and reasoning people are inclined to agree that our way of government may be hanging in the balance, especially now that England has sacrificed her democracy for wealth-confiscating socialism.

However, the conclusion does not necessarily follow that England and France are fighting the fight of democracy. Rather, it suggests that perhaps the allies have loosely guarded democracy and thoughtlessly left it to the mercy of totalitarian governments by failing to strengthen democracy's weaknesses.

And here in America our greatest danger lies not in infiltration by fifth columns or attack by air, but in a sudden realization on the part of the people that totalitarian governments are more efficient, less unwieldy than our own!

And unless we make our democracy workable and dress off much of our excess baggage, the American people will be DEMANDING an American equivalent of dictatorship!

We enjoy a reputation of being a direct, efficient people, and if other forms of government are permitted to become more effective than ours, then we can expect plenty of unrest and dissatisfaction FROM WITHIN. And the fault will not be that of any foreign power, but of our own!

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LINDBERGH COMES THROUGH WITH SOME BELATED LOGIC!

Although The Miner regards Col. Charles A. Lindbergh as a national hero who chose to make a fool of himself, the Lone Eagle's week-end radio address showed that Lindy—or his ghost-writer—is capable of some clear thinking when it comes to flying.

Several years ago, when it was the unpopular thing to say, Lindbergh declared that the nazis possessed the best air fleet in the world, one that was far superior to the combined air forces of England and France. The Flying Colonel was scored as being a traitor to the democracies for such a "pro-German" statement, but recent events have proved the truth of his observations. Those nations which did not believe the airplane was here to stay now are on their way out of existence.

Said Lindbergh concerning the feared "invasion" of America should Hitler win, "... above all, let us stop this hysterical chatter of calamity and invasion that has been running rife these last few days. The course we have been following in recent months leads to neither strength nor friendship nor peace. . . . It will leave us hated by the victor and vanquished alike, regardless of which way the tide of battle turns. One side will claim that we aided its enemies; the other, that we did not help enough.

"If we desire peace we need only stop asking for war. No one wishes to attack us, and no one is in a position to do so."

As an illustration of how true Lindbergh's assurance that no nation wishes to, or is in a position to attack us, Germany's invasion of the lowlands is ample proof. The nazi high command has admitted that the British Isles cannot be successfully invaded from the air until bases are established LESS THAN 100 MILES FROM THEIR OBJECTIVE!

By water, we know America is safe. And by air, except for nuisance raids that could have little military importance, we are too far removed from Europe for invasion.

As Lindbergh pointed out, no European power is meddling in our internal affairs, yet we are so nose-y we are insisting in meddling in the problems of Europe.

If we get into this present war—for any reason short of actual invasion—it will only be because of our colossal conceit and proclivity for minding everybody's business but our own. We pride ourselves for having "won" the last war when actually about all we did was kick the enemy when he already was on his knees!

And if Lindbergh remains as logical as his speech this week, he soon may succeed in taking away that bad taste in mouths of his former admirers.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Dr. Claude E. Sayre, Vicar

Holy communion, 8 a. m.
Church school, 9:30 a. m.
Sermon and morning prayer, 11 o'clock.
Choir will meet Friday, 7:30 day, 9:30 a. m.
Holy communion every Wednesday, 9:30 a. m.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

● Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dodge spent last week-end at Lake o' the Woods at their summer cabin.
● Mr. and Mrs. Jess Lilly and daughter Virginia visited with friends in Klamath Falls Sunday.
● Mr. and Mrs. Bob Herndon of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Herndon of Eugene visited here last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herndon.



THAT MILLION-FOR-HITLER OFFER

Mr. Samuel Harden Church, The Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Samuel:
I have read your offer of a million smackers for the capture of Adolf Hitler and in reply I would state that the proposition interests me. But I do not like the way you emphasize the part about his being caught "alive, unwounded and unhurt." What about me?

However, it is a novel idea and the most original business proposal of a decade. I know of no cash offer like it since the depression and it is good to know there is a man in this country who knows where to get a million dollars these days. For that much money there are people who would do anything. The big drawback is that Hitler has got such a big start, and I don't think it sporting to limit the offer to May. This is pretty short notice for grabbing a guy who has been on the loose so long, and besides, May is a hard month for the capturing business on account of the birds and bees and little green things furnishing so much distraction from any pursuit. Could you extend the time through June?



And are you serious about the "undamaged, unwounded and unhurt" clause in your spring offer? Are you willing to stretch a point? I mean would it be okay if Adolf is brought in with a little mouse over one eye or with a lock of his hair missing? It would be a helluva note if I catch him and you rule the capture illegal just because he says that his back hurts him or something.

Who is going to judge whether he is hurt or not? I want a good referee as I have a hunch that Adolf will do a lot of squawking when he finds himself in Pittsburgh in a "Million Dollar Thirty Days Only Contest," and he may insist that he is in terrible condition instead of being undamaged and as good as new. In fact I think you should stretch a point and say that if he is warped a little in transit the cash offer will still stand.

And about the idea of trying him. I do not want any part of that. If I deliver him it is up to you and Pittsburgh to run the trial. I am taking no chances on trials. All he would have to do would be to get a good lawyer to say that he wasn't quite clear mentally. Then there would be the old business of getting the psychiatrists to ask him a lot of questions and then report he was clearly a victim of the fact his folks made him eat lettuce without sugar in his boyhood or something. He would get put on probation and in no time would be on the loose again. So I want the cash on delivery, Sam.

Let me hear further details from you soon.

Yours,
Elmer Twitchell.

P. S.—What are you offering this week for Mussolini?

'ALL DONE BY MIRRORS'

"The New York police department today began distributing leaflets inscribed 'A healthy driver is a safe driver' in a campaign to keep down auto accidents. 'The health of a motorist is an important consideration in any safety drive,' said Police Commissioner Valentine. 'There are many accidents caused by sudden illness.'"

Apple sauce! Also hassenpfeffer, baloney and bunk! A healthy driver is not necessarily a safe driver; we have been chased up alleys by some of the healthiest drivers in existence and knocked for a goal by drivers who were notably in the pink.

FAT GIRL: 1940

You'll get thinner by and by. If on a diet you plan to sup. Meanwhile let them laugh at you! Chins up, little lady, chins up!
Richard Avedon.

Comedian Jack Haley's definition of Yale is "a period between a change in voice and a job as an insurance salesman."

DAYLIGHT SAVING CHAOS

Today at timetables I stare,
And find a train that won't be there;
It's where it ain't, the trainmen say—
I guess I will not go away!

PEN PORTRAITS of OREGON

DRAWN FOR THE MINER BY MAC PHERSON



GABRIEL FRANCHERE,
CANADIAN FUR TRADER AND ADVENTURER WHO WAS A MEMBER OF JOHN JACOB ASTOR'S ENTERPRISE AT ASTORIA!!

HORSES WERE FIRST USED BY INDIANS OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY ABOUT 1750!!! THE CAYUSE TRIBE WAS THE FIRST TRIBE TO OWN THE LITTLE ANIMAL WHICH NOW BEARS THEIR NAME AND SO RADICALLY CHANGED THE TRIBES MODE OF LIVING.

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NEW YORK AIR DEFENSE

Washington, D. C. The army is not anxious to publicize the fact, but as of today there are only 39 anti-aircraft guns in the whole New York city defense area.

Six months ago not even the most cautious generals would have worried about this. But after watching German air operations in the past month, and after doing a little figuring with paper and pencil on the flight performances of German planes, the army is rushing more aircraft guns to the nation's biggest city.

Twenty-two battalions with 264 additional guns will be sent to New



BEHIND THE CLOUDS

Ambassador Lothian of Great Britain (left) and Ambassador de Saint Quentin of France find something to cheer them after a conference in Washington with State Department officials.

York as soon as the army can get them, but that will be before the end of the year.

Note—The arithmetic which worried the army was this: Norway to Iceland, 733 miles; Iceland to Newfoundland, 1,500 miles; Newfoundland to New England, 800 miles.

More arithmetic: German Messerschmitt No. 110s have a flying range of 1,700 miles; German bombers have a minimum range of 1,230 miles, most of them more; and Germany has between 8,000 and 10,000 of them.

NAZI STRATEGY

When Sumner Welles was in Berlin on his peace pilgrimage, the Hitler entourage told him flatly that if Britain wanted to continue the war, Germany was ready to lose 9,000 planes—if necessary—in raining the greatest barrage of bombs in history on England.

With Dutch air bases, plus new submarine bases in Norway, the Nazis plan to put the greatest squeeze in history on England, subject her to a terrific air bombardment, and land invading forces for the first time since the triumphal march of William the Conqueror in 1066.

The military strategy of the Nazis is the old Schlieffen plan used by the kaiser's troops in the last war. Briefly summarized, the plan is: Outflank, Develop, Destroy.

To this, the Nazis have added some streamlining of their own.

ADD SIMILES

As individual as the way a person opens a boiled egg.
As shabby looking as your old shoes when you are trying on a new pair.
As long-winded as credit titles in a movie.—Wallace Reayburn.

namely the "locusts" or parachute troops, whose objective is to get into the enemy's radio and telegraph offices, disrupt communications, and cause as much confusion as possible behind the lines.

ARGENTINE NEUTRALITY

If anyone around the state department ever had any doubt that Cordell Hull was not a candidate for President, they changed their minds after seeing him sit upon the Argentine proposal for the American nations to give up neutrality for a state of "non-belligerency." This meant a status somewhat similar to Italy's—but friendly to the allies instead of to Hitler.

The Argentines pointed out that, like President Roosevelt, they had sent sympathetic messages to the king and queen of Belgium and Holland; that they had impounded the money and property of the Low Countries in order to keep it out of Nazi hands; and that as a matter of cold fact, none of the Pan-American was really neutral anyway.

German Supplies.

Diplomats arriving here from Berlin tell a significant story of Germany's shortage of food and materials. Undoubtedly this had something to do with Hitler's decision to stake everything on victory this summer.

Returning officials report that "Ersatz" coffee is brewed from apple peelings.

The shortage is not only in food-stuffs but also in clothing, which is rationed to insure the supply for the armed forces. A woman may buy clothing only to the extent of 100 "points" in the course of a whole year. And a single pair of silk stockings rates 30 points.

More important from the military viewpoint is the report that German gasoline is of such poor quality that it befouls the motors and causes frequent replacements.

In other words, the question of observers is—how long is the supply line?

Note—German people are forbidden to listen to foreign radio broadcasts, but in many German households at night you might see a strange looking mound covered by a bedspread—the family huddled together secretly near the radio, listening to broadcasts from overseas.

● Elmer Cook, Russell and Roland Parks spent Wednesday at Fish Lake.

● Talent city officials have purchased a new service truck.

● Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey and family spent Sunday near Butte Falls visiting relatives.

● Mrs. F. Cronin of Portland is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark this week. Mrs. Cronin and Mr. Clark and brother and sister.

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TALENT NEWS

● Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Nobel Green and family of Fern valley were visiting in Talent Tuesday evening and attending graduation exercises.

● Earl Allen, who is employed in Klamath county, spent the weekend with his family.

● Harold Trefetheren, who is employed by the Talent market, is ill this week.

● Miss A. Rose and Claudine Sanchez of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parr drove to Crater Lake Saturday. Miss Rose and Miss Sanchez are guests at the Parr home.

● Mr. and Mrs. Rusho of Eagle Point have purchased the Zemke home on Anderson creek.

● Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skeeters have purchased the home and five acres of land from Elinore Powers. Mr. and Mrs. Skeeters have been living in the Lumak house for the last three years. Mr. and Mrs. Lumak will move back into their property when Skeeters have moved.

● The second and third graders of Talent held a picnic in Lithia park Wednesday. Miss Gore and Miss Fitzgerald, teachers, accompanied the children, as well as parents.

● Mr. and Mrs. Tipword and daughter, from Spring Valley, Calif., Tuesday arrived to visit his brother, D. D. Tipword.

● Buford Childers of Wagner gap visited with his parents over the week-end.

● The Talent Grange met in regular session Thursday evening to initiate four new members in the third and fourth degrees. The new members are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fagan and Josephine and Alvin Fenton. Program was in observance of Mother's day and everyone present wore a flower for the occasion. Following the program, ice cream and cake were served by the men. The next meeting will honor Memorial day. Services also will be held at that time.

● Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lumak, Mr. and Mrs. George Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holmes will form the hospitality committee for the next meeting.

● Evelyn Rush and Miss June Locke are assisting with evangelical meetings in the Wayside church in Medford and are stopping with the Reverend Snidau.

● Mr. and Mrs. Al Sherrard attended the auto races north of Medford last Sunday.

● Mr. and Mrs. Roland Parks and daughter Tammy arrived in the valley Tuesday evening. Mr. Park's school in Sprague River closed Friday, May 17.

● Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burnett and family have moved from Miss Power's place to the Wattenburg property south of Talent.

● The eighth grade members of Talent school held graduation exercises Tuesday evening in the school gym. The class included 22 graduates.



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