

EDITORIAL

It Makes a Difference Whose Ox Is Being Gored

Perhaps one shouldn't laugh, but the news from Tokyo reminds us of the old adage—"He who laughs last laughs best." And that appears to be the situation with respect to the war in the Pacific. The Japs thought it was fun to bomb defenseless men, women and children. It was part of the great plan of cooperation in the Asiatic sphere. They just wanted to show who was boss and were fully justified in committing murder, rape and all the other acts contrary to international law and common decency.

But the shoe is on the other foot now and the rats are squealing. They have announced that a protest is being sent to Washington against the unwarranted bombing and strafing of defenseless Japanese people in the homeland. In their plans for world conquest they had overlooked the possibility that their enemies might penetrate their supposedly impenetrable defenses and hurl back at them some of the treatment they so blithely dealt to defenseless and unprepared peoples in the earlier stages of the war.

If the Japs thought they would escape punishment it was some of their blind belief in the superiority of their race and the omnipotence of their emperor. Also if they thought to escape bombing by confining a large part of their war manufacturing to residences throughout their large cities, they once more made a poor guess. In a way that has been one of the most stupid things they have done for it makes their people

vulnerable to attack—attack justified under rules of international procedure.

With the walls of the nazi empire crumbling about Hitler's ears, the Japs undoubtedly are beginning to read the handwriting on what is left of the walls of their ill-gotten empire. But we didn't think they would be squealers. Their conduct goes to show that it makes a difference whose ox is being gored.

Spring and Gardens

With March blowing out it may be safe to say that spring is here. The gay nymph has had a hectic struggle with gruff old Jack Frost but as the days grow longer and the sun has a chance to peek through the clouds occasionally there are evidences that winter is passing out of the picture.

This year, more than ever, it is up to the people to plant gardens. We are told that it will be almost useless to rely upon canned products of the garden for the prospect is decidedly gloomy in that respect. Success of our armed forces in Europe means a heavier drain on our food supplies in caring for those countries being freed from the yoke of nazism as well as feeding the conquered Germans. Since victory in Europe is expected within the next few months, possibly earlier, surplus foods on hand in this country will soon be depleted. This means that every family will be on its own so far as fresh vegetables are concerned, so whether you know a cabbage from a head of lettuce, you'd better prepare to learn something about raising the things you eat.

Mrs. Ray Scherzinger, from Riverside, California, left Wednesday after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson for several days. Mrs. Scherzinger and Mrs. Wilkinson are sisters. While here Mrs. Scherzinger accompanied Pvt Dick Wilkinson to Fossil where she visited her father for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson expect to go to Portland this weekend to be present when their daughter, Dorothea, receives her cap at the capping ceremonies at the University of Oregon Medical school on March 31.

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