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Why Not Occupy Italy?

THIS has been a war of surprises except in two directions. One concerns Italy. The other Japan. Before Italy entered the war, England declared Duce's army wouldn't fight, and its navy couldn't shoot—the Fascists, if they came in, would be a push-over.

THE triumph of a small group of British U-boats off the coast of Albania yesterday was typical. The Britishers had so little respect for the Italians, the U-boats didn't bother to submerge, but stayed on the surface and sank nearly a dozen Italian ships by gun fire.

SO it has been from the outset. Before Germany came to the rescue even Greece made monkeys out of Mussolini's legions, chasing them all over the map like so many panic-stricken prairie dogs. In fact, the complete impotency of Italy has been so pronounced the Mail Tribune's military expert can't understand why Britain hasn't devoted a week-end to a serious and concentrated attack on Italy, concluding same with an all-out occupation.

WOULDN'T an allied attack on Germany via Austria with Italy as a base be far more effective than any attempt via France or Scandinavia? Italy in a military sense is a total loss, but it must be of considerable value to Hitler, as a base of operations in the Mediterranean, and as a buffer for his southeastern flank.

Why not send a corporals guard and a tugboat against Rome and Naples one of these fine days and take over what is left of the Roman Empire?

There is no reason to doubt Duce would lead the flight to Venice and without even taking off his panoply of medals, dive head-first into the nearest canal!

Japan's Achilles Heel

THE other exception is the quality of the Japanese air fleet. Before the war, the Washington military experts were agreed Japan had no modern first-class fighting planes. They also claimed aerial gunnery was poor, and numbers lacking.

They were entirely wrong on the last two counts, and on everything else concerning Japan, except the plane-quality item.

THREE months of war have clearly demonstrated that while Japan has far more of an air-fleet than ever imagined, and the bravery and skill of her pilots compare favorably with that of other nations, plane to plane she is fighting under a terrific handicap.

Except where Germany has been able to supply her, Japan's planes in day to day combat have been outclassed in speed, fire-power and maneuverability. We don't know the exact ratio, but our guess would be Japan's air loss percentage, is three or four times greater than the percentage of the United Nations.

THIS is a cheering fact and a very IMPORTANT one.

For as has been frequently observed in this department, this war is essentially an air war—the winner in the air, will be the winner in the war.

Japan's total air fleet is far larger than the allies ever suspected, but there is no doubt her air losses to date, have also been far larger than Japan ever suspected.

There is also little doubt that Japan's replacements will be on relatively a small scale, and of continued inferior quality.

TO date Japan has had a tremendous advantage due to the close proximity of her air bases. But as her lines are extended further and further, and the United Nations secure air bases nearer and nearer, this original advantage will become steadily less.

IN other words, unless there is some serious fly in this ointment of reasoning, the one preliminary count against Japan, which WAS correct, promises to prove a decisive one, as far as the ultimate result is concerned.

It may take some time, but eventually nothing can prevent, the defeat of a nation, forced as Japan appears to be, to burn its aerial candle at both ends,—increased losses on one hand, inferior replacements on the other.

MacArthur Defines Censorship

GENERAL MacArthur is not only a great leader and a great strategist, but seems to be a man of great common sense.

Usually professional army men, particularly West Pointers, are disposed to lack the human touch, to be extremists in such matters as traditions of discipline and red tape.

But not General MacArthur. Yesterday he called the newspaper men to his headquarters, and gave a brief talk on his ideas of censorship.

It's the best definition of what news censorship should and should not be, we have seen from any official source since the war started. We trust the censorship office at Washington, will not overlook it.

We quote:

"My main purpose, is not to suppress news but to get news for you.

"The main reason for efforts by the United States and Australia to inform the public what is going on is that if the public does not know the truth its imagination operates thereby reducing confidence.

"Silence will begin to react against you. It therefore is a crime. It is important that the public should be told so it can summon confidence and determination of purpose in support of the war effort.

"I want your help, without which we cannot get that maximum effort needed to win.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis, or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

MEAT IN HEALTH DIET OF COURSE

It seems to be at least tacitly agreed among physicians or medical authorities that moderate use of tobacco by grown-ups is usually not injurious to health. There is no scientific evidence that moderate smoking is deleterious to the mature adult, but plenty of evidence that tobacco impairs the health and general development of the child or youth.



Likewise, without prejudice, there is no scientific evidence that meat eating in any way injures health. Certainly there is no basis for the fancy that meat eating causes "acidosis" or accumulation of uric acid in the blood or in the tissues. Notwithstanding the singular fact that some physician reports an alleged case of "gout" now and then, even within the past year or two, still it is no longer seriously claimed that "uric acid" or a salt of "uric acid" has anything to do with causing disease. To be sure, chalky deposits (monosodium urate) are commonly found in the tissues of elderly persons, but rarely have such persons ever suffered with any illness that could possibly be called gout.

The model health diet includes meat, of course. Why not? By no sound, physiological reasoning can we exclude meat from a health diet. On the other hand, if the diet includes milk, eggs and cheese, as the health diet must, it is a matter of individual taste or preference whether to include or to exclude meat. Meat supplies nothing that milk, cheese and eggs will not supply to fill the requirements of human nutrition. The protein or nitrogenous material in meat is a "complete" protein, that is, it contains all of the amino acids essential for human nutrition. But so does the protein in milk, cheese and eggs. . . . So I repeat, the inclusion or exclusion of meat in the health diet is a matter of individual taste only.

It is well for the layman, and the physician too, for that matter, to remember that the theory

of a century ago, that "uric acid" in dark or red meat caused "gout" was based on crude estimates, not on precise measurement of the amount of uric acid in the blood; and that such measurements do not bear out the theory at all.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Furrows Please tell me the quickest and safest way to get rid of blackheads and pimples on my face and back. (Anxious)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for pamphlet on "Acne"—pimples and blackheads.

KCI and Low Blood Pressure When I told my doctor I'd like to try soluble potassium chloride for my allergy he said I'd surely have low blood pressure then—I have had low blood pressure for some time. (V. B.)

Answer—It does not lower blood pressure. As the action of potassium is physiologically similar to the action of adrenal gland hormone it should rather tend to help low blood pressure.

Plants in Bedroom Growing plants in a room are beneficial in DAYTIME, they give off oxygen, but at night give off a gas (you know its name) that is poisonous to breathe. (A. G.)

Answer—Reason why growing plants are healthy in living room, bedroom or sickroom is that the leaves and the porous pots evaporate some moisture, which is always needed in artificially heated air. The amount of oxygen given off, or the amount of carbon dioxide given off in the night, if any, is insignificant. Carbon dioxide is not poisonous to breathe. There is always a certain amount of it in the air. Perhaps you confuse it with carbon monoxide, which is dangerous to breathe, but is never given off by plants, animals or human beings. In daylight growing plants absorb and utilize carbon dioxide from the air. Regarding odors, there is no objection to having them in living room, bedroom or sickroom day and night, if you wish.

Headache In fairness I am glad to report that I received great relief from headache after following instructions in the pamphlet "Relief for Allergy." Physicians had told me my headaches were probably allergic, but had not suggested any remedy. (Mrs. H. E. G.)

Answer—Thank you, Ma'am. On request I will send any reader who provides stamped envelope bearing his or her address copies of the pamphlet "Relief for Allergy" and "Why Have Headaches?" (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind

The News

By Paul Mallon

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noticeable propaganda of consequence along that line in the democracies has been a pronouncement of Sir William Beveridge urging that Britain scrap party government, the profits system and autonomous trade unions—a pronouncement which gained the dignity of publication in the conservative and apparently confused London Times.

It has been redistributed in this country and has scared many business men because Sir William held two cabinet posts in the last war and was director of the London school of economics.

What has not been made clear is that Sir William, despite his great energy and ability, has indulged himself in some economic eccentricities in the past. At least one of his former students has the idea he believed business cycles were caused by fluctuations in agricultural production which in turn were influenced by sunspots, which may have some validity but is certainly primitive.

In truth, government in Britain and the U. S. now controls distribution of income, limits profits, directs distribution of labor in some degree without Sovietizing anyone in the Russian manner. Take profits. England limits these by heavy excess profits taxes as do we. Also in England no one can make more than \$27,000 a year. We control individual income in numerous tax ways, and we say what you can do with your income to some extent—you can't buy tires, autos, rubber-tires, sugar, etc. Voluntary or direct restraints on labor are now the subject of discussion in Congress.

THE big difference Sir William advocates is that the people, the unions, business be made agents of the state, rather than free units. That is just the difference between democracy and dictatorship. It is not a question of government controls. It is a question of method.

Other sentences imposed were: Cullen G. Jackson, no lights, \$1 and costs; Cletus G. Saunders, no tail light, \$1 and costs; Harold G. Brasure, four in the front seat of an auto, \$1.50 and costs; Maurice E. Thompson, no PUC permit, \$10 and costs. Brasure and Thompson are cantonment workers.

Nine more logging truck drivers charged with operating with overloads on the Crater Lake Highway were scheduled to answer complaints in justice court this week.

Everett M. Moore, Prospect, and Robert W. Jones, Medford, entered pleas of guilty yesterday on similar charges. Moore was assessed \$11 and Jones \$8.50, both including costs.

Joseph J. Jefferson, Medford, charged with drunk and disorderly conduct, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, and fined costs.

Walter H. Hyatt, Klamath Falls, charged with failure to stop at an arterial highway was assessed \$1 and costs.

There is legislation, which has passed the house but kept tight-lipped in senate committee on education and labor by Senator Thomas of Utah, which would solve such matters as strikes

Bad News for Allies Seen in Boris, Papan Journeys to Hitler

By DeWitt MacKenzie
(Wide World War Analyst)

The journey of Bulgaria's King Boris to Germany for a conference with his master, Herr Hitler, and the trip of Nazi Ambassador Count Von Papan from Turkey for a similar purpose, strike me as boding no good for the allies in general and for the Turks in particular.

These birds Boris and Papan may be taken as harbingers of the fuhrer's spring offensive. And it's a safe bet that their summons to the seat of might means that the Nazi chief is getting ready to apply the heat to Turkey. His idea is to force that country to permit passage of German forces through its territory into the middle east, where lies the oil and other supplies which he must have.

Boris To Play Stooze For Hitler

The part selected for Boris to play is stooze for Hitler. His majesty's business is to make warlike gestures to convince the Turks that he is about to attack them. If they don't play the axis game, the fact that Bulgaria and Turkey are chronic enemies lends substance to this suggestion.

Count Von Papan, one of the craftiest schemers of them all, will hold the Bulgarian threat as a club over Turkey's head. At the same time he will offer rich prizes to the Turks for knocking under.

The position probably isn't particularly attractive to the dictatorial Boris, especially since his father, Czar Ferdinand, was compelled by popular disfavor to abdicate his

throne in 1918 because he sided with Germany in the world war and got beaten. And Ferdinand (sometimes known as The Fox) was supposed to be one of the smartest. Old Kaiser Wilhelm once remarked: "I cannot stand Ferdinand, but he beats us all for brains."

Doubt If Turkey Can Be Bullied

However, while Boris is by nature a lone wolf, he now is in the situation of getting strangled by Hitler if he doesn't fall in line, and of being awarded (he hopes) territory from poor Greece and Yugoslavia if he is a good lad. Moreover, the king is son-in-law of the emperor of Italy, having married Princess Giovanna, and domestic bliss might be worth the gamble of a throne.

There is doubt whether Turkey can be bullied into granting Hitler's demands. As previously remarked in this column, I was told in Ankara not long before the war that Turkey would try to remain neutral in event of another conflict but that if she had to fight, it would be beside Britain. Circumstances may have altered this, but there has been no indication of a change of heart.

against the government, the matter of dues, work permits and accounting of money from dues, etc. Senator Thomas by one device or another has managed to keep the bill (author, Representative Smith, southern Democrat) from getting out of the committee. This shows what a committee chairman can do with a bill; defy the entire senate if so inclined.

IN all the criticism and hammering received by Farm Security administration for days in congress the administration had the open support of house members from the northwest. That FSA did some things that it should not (such as paying poll taxes in southern states) was admitted, but that it has and is serving a useful purpose among the most distressed farmers was asserted. Compton White, representative from Idaho, for example, told how FSA had saved the apple industry in his state when the banks were loaded up with obligations; how the big caterpillar bulldozers costing \$8,000 are sold jointly to farmers on cut-over land; how down-and-out refugees from the dust bowl have been given a new start in life in the valleys of Oregon and Washington and the irrigated districts of Idaho. It was shown that the highest loans made in any state by FSA averaged \$908 for the state of Washington.

DIES committee is preparing for another eruption, this time dealing with the Spanish Falangists. These are the supporters of Franco, who has a strong dislike for Stalin and the Spanish communists. Aside from the Spanish communist sympathizers in the northwest, where many young Americans were induced to join the Abraham Lincoln brigade, the Spanish question is not especially prominent in that part of the country. Notwithstanding the popularity of the Dies committee through the years, there was an effort by house members from Washington and Oregon to kill the committee. The principal opponents of the committee in Washington state were Representative Coffee, who filled several pages of the Congressional Record voicing his opposition; the newly appointed federal judge, Representative Leavy, and Representative Jackson and Hill.

Voting to destroy the Dies committee from Oregon was Representative Pierce. All of these congressmen are Democrats and New Dealers. . . . There is prospect of home defense reserves being organized and Members would be men past the draft age and, preferably, veterans, all under the command of army officers.

ASK DAM COIN Washington, March 24.—(P)—The house appropriations committee recommended today that the house appropriate \$21,707,000 for construction of transmission lines and operation and maintenance of the Bonneville power