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Right Is Might

It is certainly a great time to be alive. Over in Europe one of the greatest dramas in human history is being enacted,—an old Morality Play raised to the 'nth power in an up-to-date 20th century setting.

And thanks to modern communications, we lucky devils over here, safe from shot and shell, well-fed, well cared for, have ringside seats to view one of the greatest and most thrilling—and most terrible,—spectacles of all time.

AFTER nearly four years of hard going, the tide at last has turned. Those who in a peaceful and unprepared world set out to live by the sword, are now dying by the sword, and added to the high exhilaration of our victory is the satisfying sense of moral justification.

Yes, not only are the allies winning, but righteousness and decency are winning.

Victory not only means a peaceful world—peace in all likelihood for many generations,—but a moral one. The price is heavy, but viewing the results, through the years and to all the world, the investment may well prove to be one of the most profitable humanity has made in a thousand years.

Nearing the End

In all probability this week will prove to be one of the most decisive weeks of the war.

Within a short time now it should be clear whether the war in Europe is to be a matter of days, or of months,—perhaps even a year.

And it all depends upon German stamina, her will to resist,—in short German morale.

CAN Germany TAKE IT?

That is the question.

Those who know Germany best are convinced she can't. The Germans, especially the military caste they say are great in dishing it out but when the enemy does the dishing, they quit and call it a day.

War to them is a business,—a profession,—when it pays they pursue it; when it doesn't they fold up,—and prepare for another war.

It certainly is not paying now and hasn't for over a year. Were it not for Hitler and his amazing gangster organization, Germany would have sued for peace long ago. The attempt was made, but it failed.

SO the entire question comes down to German morale, and one Adolf Hitler as its corner stone. Can Mr. Schickelgruber hold the German people together in face of the terrific beating they are now receiving?

If he can the European war may well drag on, not only until snow flies but even through another winter. For while Germany has been terribly weakened, her powers of resistance in a desperate war of defense, undoubtedly have not been exhausted by any means.

She could keep on fighting if she so willed, until the enemy drives on to the very gates of Berlin.

Will she?

That question may well be answered in the next few days.

Just Warming Up

The "Big 4" peace meeting, opening at Dumbarton Oaks will be secret with nothing much known regarding the deliberations or final decisions until adjournment.

But it is perfectly safe to announce now that agreement WILL be reached and the conference will be a success in every way.

It could hardly be otherwise.

For the only representatives are brothers-in-arms fighting shoulder to shoulder in a great, common cause, and the decisions reached at this conference will be general and preliminary in character, in no sense binding or final.

In such an atmosphere and for such a worthy purpose, there could be no such word as fail.

THE hard part of the job will come when final victory has been won, when not only the interests of the United States, Great Britain and Russia, but the interests of all world powers and all nations will have to be considered.

And even more difficult when the final details of administration must be decided upon.

To have such a preliminary meeting as this at this time is a good idea and undoubtedly certain agreements on fundamental principles will be reached which may facilitate the deliberations of a post war session.

But it is all in the nature of a warming-up exercise for the main bout, NOT the main bout by any means!

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer through the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permitted. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

Unconditional Surrender Is Defined

To the Editor: I believe that the meaning of the term "unconditional surrender" is clear to most people.

The one that is being beaten agrees to stop fighting.

The winner makes no promises.

That is an "unconditional surrender."

The surrender is made without conditions because the loser is completely beaten and can't help himself. Of course the winner will then dictate his orders to the loser; but that is AFTER the surrender. The surrender is "unconditional."

Very true, such a prospect MAY make the Germans and Japs fight all the more desperately. But when they finally do surrender unconditionally, and the allies then issue their orders and enforce them, the Japs and Germans will then know that they are thoroughly licked and I hope will have neither courage nor ability to start another war for a long time.

Whether President Roosevelt will hew to the line or not, is another question entirely.

Horace W. Thompson
804 Newtown.

Ed. note: Then the "unconditional surrender" of Italy was the main allied terms were given Badoglio BEFORE, not after his capitulation.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 21—Traveling Mr. Roosevelt and his war publicist, Elmer Davis, came back from the Pacific front with promising but indefinite and almost most warning reports about the time necessary to crush Japan.



Paul Mallon

The common notion that "it will only take a few months after Germany is being correspondingly altered here—at least by official authorities. The new notion is that another newly-mounted campaign next spring will be required and the end may not come until a year from now. So they say now.

This deepening attitude is due to a new conception of the military situation.

Next logical steps for us in the Pacific are the Philippines, Formosa and the southern string of islands off the Jap mainland (Ryukyu islands, and even Kyushu, southernmost large Jap island contiguous to the home-land group).

NO secret can be made of Gen. MacArthur's intention to move promptly upon the Philippines. He promised it. The president, after calling him to Honolulu, confirmed the promise.

We cannot go anywhere in the Pacific without air coverage. Dangers of landing and sustaining troops subject to Jap air attack are too great to be considered.

From this basic consideration has grown the strategy of pushing our land bases for air power steadily forward. This progress has reached the Guam-Saipan frontier, which Mr. Davis promises will lead now to the next steps ("not long") were his words but every good democratic politician here hopes MacArthur will be back in the Philippines before election day.

The bulk of the Jap armies are strewn over the thousands of miles of Asia from Manchukuo to Burma (no longer India, from which they now have been chased).

Conceivably, we could establish beachheads on the south China coast and open a sea route to Chungking. Our people may be reluctant to do this without air bases on Formosa and in the Philippines to cover that operation.

BUT what is needed to annihilate Japanese fighting power in China is not necessarily our armies, but weapons and food for the limitless number of Chinese who want to do the job.

The source of Jap military power, however, is not in their fighting armies but in the group of large islands known as the Jap mainland. If Japan proper could be conquered, the armies in China and elsewhere must fall for lack of supplies, weapons, even food, as the whole Jap distribution system would be destroyed.

As we have 100 aircraft carriers plus the overwhelming Pacific seapower we know we control, plus whatever will be released from Europe as Germany falls, why not create an armada sufficiently powerful to blast straight into Tokyo, carrying our air coverage with us? It would save a lot of chasing around and heavy fighting for preliminary positions.

JAP air power is still a little better than the German, but not much. They have production while Nazi factories practically have been extinguished by our air bombardment. Also, a considerable army remains on home Jap soil.

The air force would have to be met and defeated first, then the land force, but the task is not beyond assured, daring planning. Incidentally, we have an admiral in charge of Pacific operations, the only front at which the navy controls.

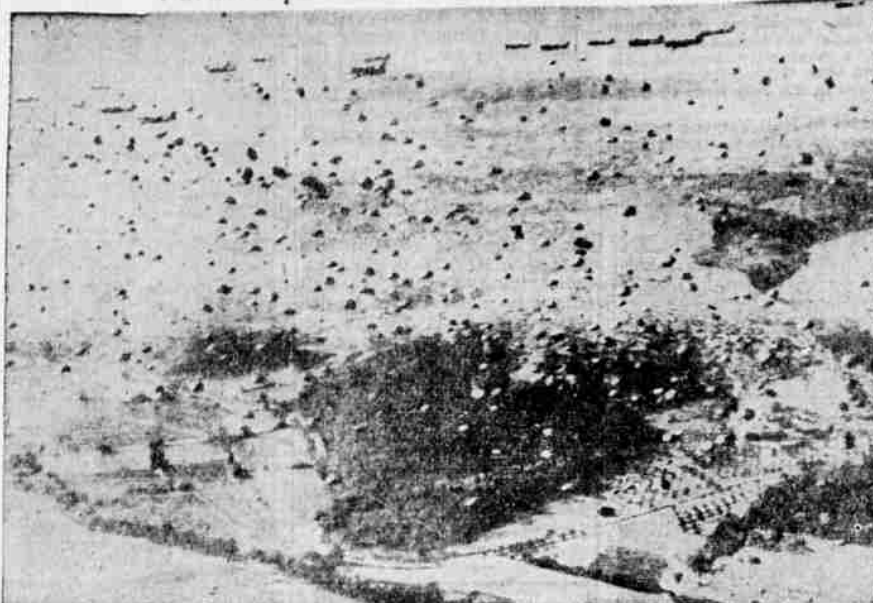
If we could do it at Saipan, we can do it in the Jap center at home or on a China beachhead. In case we head straight in, the war should not require another year.

Newby Speaker at C-C Board Meeting

Earl T. Newby, Ashland, state senator from this district and a well known orchardist and packing plant operator, explained various types of sales taxes at a meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce directors held last Friday at the chamber building in Medford. Twenty-seven were present for the meeting.

According to an alumni publication of the University of Oklahoma, graduates and former students of the university have been awarded 410 medals for valor under fire in World War II.

Paratroops Land Behind German Lines



(Acme Radio-Telephoto) Paratroopers fill the sky over coast of southern France after 12th Air Force troop carrier air division C-47s carried men and supplies to dropping zones over and behind the new beachheads somewhere between Nice and Marseilles. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from Italy.

FORMER MEDFORD PASTOR CITED FOR BATTLE HEROISM

James M. Hamilton, former pastor of the First Christian church here, is now a chaplain serving with the 90th Infantry division in France and was mentioned recently in a London newspaper for his heroic actions on a Normandy battlefield.

Chaplain Hamilton's wife, who resides in Ft. Worth, Tex., sent the newspaper clipping to his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hamilton of Central Point. It said, in part: "Feats of the 90th chaplains are legend. One, James M. Hamilton, Ft. Worth, Tex., of the Disciples of Christ, went into no-man's land under fire from both sides to pick up the wounded."

Radio listeners last night also heard that Chaplain Hamilton had been decorated, though just what decoration he received was not known.

Chaplain Hamilton, a captain, left Medford about four and a half years ago and has been in the service almost two years.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21.—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle, 2700; calves, 500. Opened moderately active, about steady with last week's close. But few to good. Grass fat steers to \$14.00; some of best offerings unsold held higher; medium, \$12.75 to \$13.25; off heifer, \$14.00; canner and cutter cows, \$9.50 to \$10.50; few commons, \$7.50; common to medium, \$7.00 to \$8.00; vealers, \$10.00 to \$12.00; part load heavy vealers, \$15.00; part load heavy vealers, \$15.00.

Hogs, 3000. Opened active. Fully steady. Some sales weighty butchers. Top, \$17.75 to \$18.00; good to choice, \$16.00 to \$16.50; 275 lbs. to 300 lbs. heavier weights, \$13.50 to \$14.00; light weights, \$12.50 to \$13.00; mostly \$12.00 to \$12.50. Sheep, 3700. Few early sales about steady. One deck good and choice 98 lb. woolled spring lambs, \$13.00; other medium to good, \$12.00 to \$12.50; medium to good shorn ewes, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

South San Francisco, Aug. 21.—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle, 1000. Active, fully steady. About six loads grass steers, one load fed steers, \$14.00 to \$15.00; the stock extremely active, two loads young 800-900-lb. fat range cows, \$12.00 to \$13.00; common cows, \$9.00 to \$10.00; canners, \$8.00 to \$9.00; prospects good clearance.

Calves, 100. Fully steady. Few good to choice, \$14.00 to \$14.50; load 400-lb. good to choice calves, bid \$13.50. Hogs, 300. Around 10c higher. About three loads good to choice 180-240-lb. barrows and gilts, \$12.75; ceiling price, old good sows, \$12.00. Sheep, 400. About 10c higher. Good to choice woolled lambs, several decks medium to good woolled lambs, \$12.00 to \$12.50; feeders, \$10.00 to \$10.50; four decks common to medium yearlings, \$7.50 to \$8.00; as feeders, cut to good ewes quoted \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—(UP)—(WPA)—Livestock: Hogs, 11,000. Complete clearance early. Good and choice 150-240 lbs. \$14.75; heavier hogs and most sows, \$14.00. Cattle, 15,000. Calves, 1000. Steers, top, \$18.25; heavier yearlings, \$17.50; bulls, good and choice, \$16.50 to \$17.50; common and medium grass, \$9.00 to \$12.00; practical top heavy vealers, \$11.00; most common, light beef bulls, \$7.75 to \$8.50; vealers, \$12.00 down. Sheep, 2000. Steady. Good and choice native spring lambs, \$14.25; medium-good, \$12.00 to \$14.00; common, lightweights, \$10.00 down; range lambs, about, load good around 90 lb. fed shorn yearlings with No. 1 pet, \$11.75; shorn native ewes, \$3.00 down.

Portland Produce

Portland, Aug. 21.—(UP)—Wholesale produce markets: Eggs—To producers. Select hen, \$2.40; 40c; medium, \$2.34; 40c. Eggs—To retailers. A later, 45c; A medium, 39¢ to 40c; small (pullets), 25¢.

Questions Answered

By J. Hugh Pruett

Astronomer, General Extension Division, University of Oregon

1. A reader of this column asks, "If a straight hole could be made entirely through the earth and a rock dropped into it, would the rock stop when it got to the center of the earth where gravitational pulls from all sides were equal? Let us disregard air resistance."

There are many things which cannot be tested, but from the well-known laws of force and motion, the results can be calculated by mathematics with complete confidence. A swinging clock pendulum does not stop when it reaches the lowest point in its path but climbs uphill on the opposite side. A weight suspended from the end of a long coiled spring will, if pulled down below its point of rest and released, oscillate up and down past the place where it will finally come to rest.

For the same reason the rock in question would oscillate back and forth through the 8000-mile earth tunnel. As in the examples given, the rock would be moving with greatest speed at the mid-point, then gradually slow down until it came to rest momentarily at the openings on opposite sides of the earth. Calculations indicate that the rock would take approximately 43 minutes to pass entirely through the earth and that its speed at the center would be almost exactly five miles per second.

2. Another asks, "Do your observations with telescopes indicate that comets of the present war have made any changes in the stars and planets?"

Absolutely none. The grandeur of the heavens is so far removed from the turmoil of earth that stars and planets seemingly are undisturbed. Theoretically everything in the universe acts upon everything else, yet canonading in France would have as little effect on a man on Mars as a mosquito rising from a swamp along the Pacific coast would have on an inhabitant of New York.

3. "What causes the blue-black curtain which gradually comes up in the eastern sky a little after sunset?"

This is the twilight arch, or the shadow of the earth on its own atmosphere. When the air is quite clear the upper edge of the arch is usually tinged with pink.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Aug. 21.—(UP)—Wheat: Open High Low Close Sept. 1.34 1.34 1.34 1.34 Oct. 1.33 1.33 1.33 1.33 Nov. 1.32 1.32 1.32 1.32 Dec. 1.31 1.31 1.31 1.31 Jan. 1.30 1.30 1.30 1.30 Feb. 1.29 1.29 1.29 1.29 Mar. 1.28 1.28 1.28 1.28 Apr. 1.27 1.27 1.27 1.27 May 1.26 1.26 1.26 1.26 Jun. 1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—(UP)—Dairy market: Butter—93 score 42, 92 score 42 1/2, 91 score 42 1/4, 90 score 41 3/4.

Cheese—Wholesale prices, loaf 27.9, triplets 27.2.

Eggs—Large grade A 46-47, medium grade A 39 1/2-40 1/2, small grade A 24 1/2-25 1/2, large grade B 33-34.

Wall Street

New York, Aug. 21.—(UP)—War stocks led the share market lower today following a statement by Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the allied ground forces in France, that "the end of the war is in sight."

The Montgomery statement caught the market at a point where its technical position was poor after several days of steady rise. Profit-taking developed in the steels, rails, and automobile group.

Selling, however, was not particularly heavy, and the trading element turned attention again to special situations where a fair amount of activity developed. Some of the special stocks made new highs. Utilities, among the leaders of the peace shares, rose fractions in the common stocks and 1 to 2 points in some of the preferreds with the

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

August 21, 1934
(It was Tuesday)

Brooklyn bandits hold up armored truck and steal \$427,000 while squad watches.

CCC to grade portion of Diamond Lake highway.

Fair, High 96, low 58 degrees.

Suspect held in Portland dock strike slaying.

County workers hold picnic at Helman's Baths.

Rural schools of county to open September 3.

Pear harvesting in valley now at its height.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

August 21, 1914
(It was Thursday)

Army world flight planes on hop from Iceland for Greenland.

Forests of state are ordered opened to deer hunters by the governor, as rains end fire danger.

Passage of Japanese exclusion act is "grave injustice," head of Church Council declares.

Cloudy, High 80, low 49 degrees.

France backs Dawes reparation plan.

Crater Lake highway to Prospect in superb condition as result of recent rains.

Gen. Harbord fears Japan-Germany alliance.

Optometrists To Hear Director Of St. Louis Clinic

Dr. A. M. Skeffington, St. Louis, director of the Graduate Clinic Foundation for Research in Optometry, will be in Medford tomorrow and Wednesday to conduct a meeting of southern Oregon optometrists to be held at the Medford hotel. About 18 optometrists are expected to attend, according to Dr. Robert E. Lee, chairman in charge of local arrangements.

It was stated that Dr. Skeffington will present new discussions in optometric technique having bearing on definite industries, visual rehabilitation of men for the armed forces, the technique of near-point optometry and the training of visual skills necessary for the efficiency demanded in defense industry and armed forces.

Dr. Skeffington is to lecture at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday and at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. The group will have dinner together Wednesday night.

Negro Motormen Planned For L.A.

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—(UP)—Officials of the Los Angeles Railway company said today that a training school for prospective Negro streetcar operators and platform workers will begin Aug. 30.

The company agreed Aug. 11 to comply with an executive order of the fair employment practices committee to stop racial discrimination in hiring practices.

NEWSPAPERS FOUND

Hastings, Neb.—(UP)—Two 19th century newspapers and a letter written by a Hastings Civil War veteran were discovered by painters redecorating an old building here recently. An 1864 New York newspaper and a Hastings Daily Tribune, dated 1897, were the prized periodicals. The letter, written in 1865, requested a government pension.

Jordan river is 200 miles long. Australia's Murray river is 1500 miles long.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday Afternoon—Please remember.

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