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Better None Than Too Little

We don't agree with those who want the doors thrown open to the public at Dumbarton Oaks.

International discussions of such moment, should be carried on sub rosa, or satisfactory agreements would be difficult, if not impossible.

But there should be more information from time to time than has been the case in the Washington conference, and especially there should be more complete information.

In other words, to paraphrase a well known adage, too little information regarding such conferences may be a dangerous thing.

AS an example of what we mean, recent press dispatches from Washington have declared Dumbarton proceedings have been held up by Soviet Russia, because of Stalin's insistence that any decision to use force in the proposed League against a war-disposed nation, must be unanimous among the Big Four.

In the same dispatch it was declared China opposed any such restriction, while Stalin's insistence was based upon the declaration that it takes two to make a war.

NO further details were given and there was no further elucidation—at least in that particular story as it came over the wire.

Far better to have released nothing, than to have sent such a confused and incomplete report as that. For certainly if Soviet Russia does insist upon unanimity among the Big Three—or Four—there must be some more convincing reasons than the one given.

If the exact nature of the difficulty can't be clearly explained, so the man in the street can understand it, far better, not to bring up the matter at all.

What Does It Mean?

Speaking of news censorship, the recent dispatches from Holland have been puzzling.

Just what the big idea is we can't make out.

But for two weeks now the allied command has, as the saying goes, been calling its shots.

And one shot it called, the ill-fated Arnhem paratroop sortie, proved a tragic miss.

WE can't help but believe, that jumping the gun in that fashion and telegraphing the punch had something to do with the deplorable result.

For on the very day the British "Red Devils" set out, the fact was announced by cable from London. It was not only announced, but its exact purpose was outlined—namely to catch the Germans in the rear, outflank the Siegfried line and open a breach, through which allied power would smash into the plains of north Germany.

WHEN the dispatch came over the wire it caused considerable comment in this office and no doubt did in other newspaper offices.

What was the big idea? Certainly Germany quickly secures the news sent to the outside world from London—were the allies so confident they could call their shots or was this a false report, a news release feint, while the real smash would be somewhere else?

It proved to be the former and 7 or 8 thousand picked troops were wiped out!

OF course the news announcement may have had nothing to do with the result.

But it does seem strange, that mere details about a single officer's plane trip say to New Guinea is censored, because it might give important information to the enemy; while a dispatch announcing an attack before it has been completed, ISN'T.

And now we are told:

"British troops veered westward Thursday night in an effort to pin perhaps 200,000 German troops against the sea in western Holland."

Is that warning the 200,000 German troops in western Holland or isn't it?

The entire news pattern since France was knocked out has this department stumped. Perhaps one of these days the O.W.I. will explain it.

Look Up The Record

According to report, President Roosevelt will answer Governor Dewey's Oklahoma speech this next week, choosing the subject of war preparation.

A good Democratic case can be made, of course, on the record of the Republican opposition in pre-war days and the President can be relied upon to make the most of it.

But if this ends the debate we will be greatly surprised. For this much is absolutely true, and impartial history we believe—if it is impartial—will so record it.

THE best informed man in this country, on the actual FACTS when Japan marched into Manchuria and Germany marched into Poland, was Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The one man who knew better than anyone else, that ultimately the United States would almost CERTAINLY be drawn into this second World war, was also the President of the United States.

Yet with this knowledge, with all the supporting facts, instead of informing the people of the country of the dangers before them, he not only said nothing (except in one isolated speech) but because the strongest single sentiment in this country at the time was against war, against foreign entanglements that might involve the country in war, and—more important than anything else—a presidential campaign was impending—Mr. Roosevelt not only refused to warn

the people of the dangers before them, but constantly allayed their fears, and declared among other things that as long as he was President no American boys would be asked to shed their blood on foreign soil!

WE grant the sneak attack by Japan completely changed the situation, as far as that pledge was concerned. But we also maintain that if President Roosevelt had not deliberately placed selfish POLITICS above self sacrificing STATESMANSHIP, at that very critical time, this country would never been as completely unprepared as it was, when the Jap bombers swooped down from the skies on Pearl Harbor!

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—All officials have been more than a trifle timid in commenting on the Morganthau plan to cut the industrial segment out of the post war German map, as well as up on the earlier plans to divide her into three or more parts.



Paul Mallon

Congress, however, seems to be generally opposed to both, as far as sentiment among the absentee leaders has been canvassed. Briefly, their average unexpressed thoughts run about like this:

There will be 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 people in Germany or into whatever parts it is divided and these people have to live or be disposed of in some other way. If they are unable to make an existence at home, you could dispose of them by following nazi custom, and allow them to be carried off to Russia as slave labor. Or you could follow another nazi custom of shooting them.

THINGS like that might bring on future wars. They brought on this one. They cannot or should not be considered. She never raised enough on her farms to feed her people, and had to import much of her grain, fruits and other foods. But she existed, and largely through the resources of her industrial production in such a restricted way as to give Hitler an excuse for being.

Therefore, I believe the average congressman would favor some plan to keep her at least on a self-sustained basis. If she can be kept demilitarized, assuredly so, it would satisfy them.

IF allied commissions have access to inspection or some means of that nature is devised to guarantee no future revolts it could no doubt get congressional approval where any simple dismemberment scheme would fail to stand the test of full debate.

Another point you hear from congress, off the record, is this: We will have to occupy Germany, perhaps for a long time. If she is not to have an industry, a WPA will have to be created to feed her indefinitely, and presumably at our expense or at the expense of the allies. These are the prevailing sentiments as I get them and thoroughly sincere, not in any way subject to charge of sympathy for Germany. The justification is purely in our own self interests.

THE scheme of Republican Candidate Dewey for internationalization only of the Ruhr valley also might fall in congress to the same objections, although it seems to me to be in a different category, especially if the proceeds from Ruhr industries were used to rebuild the damage which the Germans have done in Europe and thus help to pay the cost of reconstruction.

What to do then about Germany? Shall she be maintained in a reasonable separate coherence, as little burden to us as possible? Should she be all taken and divided and thus reach some degree of economic sustenance for her remaining people? Or should she, indeed,

be built up our way economically and crushed only militarily?

No one here yet seems to have an answer to these questions which others will agreeably accept.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY September 29, 1934 (It Was Saturday)

Mann's store celebrates 24th anniversary with store-wide sales and bargains.

President Roosevelt to answer critics of NRA in fireside chat.

Oregon defeats Uclans 26 to 3.

Mystery lady is held vital link in Lindbergh kidnap case.

Fair. High 91, low 44 degrees.

State board reduces liquor prices. Lowest is 70c per pint for whiskey.

Black Tornado and SONS Frosh battle to 6-6 tie.

Shasta-Cascade Wonderland meet to be held this week.

Sorghum factory to be operated in valley.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY September 29, 1924 (It Was Tuesday)

Bobbed hair, short skirts, and songs like "Yes, We Have No Bananas," are defended in speech by Methodist bishop.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover riddles third party in radio talk.

Compromise agreeable to Japan is reached at League of Nations session, and Japs will not withdraw.

Rainy and cooler. High 83, low 42 degrees.

Irrigation now serves 45,900 acres in county.

Jackson County Abstract company moves into new building on Sixth street.

Earl S. Tully to run for city council.

Greater Medford club hold first fall meeting.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY September 29, 1910 (It Was Thursday)

Due to an accident in the pressroom the Mail Tribune appears in abbreviated form.

Cholera epidemic in Italy spreads, and people of Naples riot in streets.

Station agent at Central Point protests a 22 hour day.

Musical society to be formed here.

BIRTHS

FLOREY—To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Central Point, Sept. 29, 1944, a boy, 5 lbs., at Community hospital.

CITIES LEAGUE ELECTS Sacramento, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—The League of California Cities elected Charles R. Schwannenberg, Oakland city manager, president last night after urging that V-day celebrations spotlight the Pacific coast's burden in winning the other half of total victory.

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London, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—British submarines sank 32 Japanese vessels during recent patrol operations in far eastern waters and bombed enemy shore installations on Christmas Island, south of Java, an Admiralty communique revealed today.

The enemy vessels sunk ranged from small coastal craft to medium-sized supply ships and included two Japanese gunboats caught at anchor in Port Owen, off the southwestern coast of Burma.

An unidentified British submarine surfaced boldly inside the harbor at Port Owen and engaged the two Japanese warships at close range, sinking both with shellfire.

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