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Nature Aids the Allies

This terrific earthquake may shake Japan's morale more than any of the many defeats suffered thus far. For by an ironic stroke of fate it hit Nippon on the anniversary of that sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. And the Japanese are very superstitious. Moreover the Japanese people can hardly fail to be reminded of that other seismic catastrophe which struck Tokio a generation ago, caused such terrible destruction in life and property, and which the United States relieved by promptly sending millions of dollars worth of food, clothing and medicines, to Japan as soon as the ships could be got together. What a contrast today!—and all due to the treachery and ingratitude and iniquity of the Japanese war-lords. This shock to Japanese morale, coupled with the material damage that may have been caused to Japanese military establishments and manpower, might well shorten the war in the Far East more than any military or naval victory that has been achieved by the allied forces up to date.

The "Border Line" Problem

Speaking of post-war problems we wonder how many people have noticed the prevalence of war veterans names in recent reports of tragedy and crime. Yesterday in Carteret, New Jersey, an ex-soldier in a sudden fit of berserkian rage, killed his father-in-law, two policemen and a bystander. Also yesterday in Hollywood Douglas McPhail, romantic screen baritone, recently discharged from the service, committed suicide. Such items are almost a commonplace in the current news. What do they mean?

THEY mean that casualties of war, and especially this war, are not confined, by any means, to physical disabilities, but mental disabilities as well. And frequently not to mental disabilities that can be readily recognized and therefore treated as such, but just inner maladjustments, nervous and mental, caused by the destructive experiences of this war, particularly among those of sensitive and impressionable natures.

THE two cases cited above, may or may not, come properly under such a classification, but there is no doubt of this: The best psychiatric skill this country can produce, and the finest clinical care that can be devised, will both be needed—and needed now—to deal with this returned soldier problem.

The men who return physically impaired will of course be properly cared for. But the men who return sound on the outside in body and limb, but impaired within, nervously or mentally, and yet not apparent and clear cut "mental cases"—won't be. That is they won't be, unless some program is devised and devised soon to take care of what might be termed the "border line" problem.

Again Looking Forward

A correspondent "calls" ye editor on his recent prediction that after another quarter century there won't be a genuine democracy or a monarchy from the North Cape to Vladivostok. "How about England?" the correspondent asks. We said FROM the North Cape not including it—although after another 25 years the people of England might—we said MIGHT—decide that maintaining a royal house however decorative and respected, could no longer be afforded.

BUT we believe the next quarter century will see far reaching and fundamental political changes in Europe, and throughout the world for that matter. Eventually these changes may produce some sort of United States of Europe, a confederation of more or less independent states, loosely held together for common defense and mutual benefit. But we don't believe this can be brought about in as brief a time as 20 or 25 years. In this post-war period, therefore, we look for so much change, readjustment and confusion, that any democracy—that is any country where the people actually rule—can not exist, and any constitutional monarchy, will not be able to survive.

OR TO express the same idea in another way, we look for some form of political totalitarianism to be dominant in Europe after this war and until the political tidal waves caused by the most terrible cataclysm in human history have subsided. We may be wrong—hope we are. But at least our doubting correspondent will have to wait until 1970 to PROVE it!

De Gaulle Consults Stalin

As a footnote to the above it might be noted General DeGaulle "provisional president" of France, is now in Moscow talking things over with Comrade Stalin. Before leaving Paris General DeGaulle issued an order whereby the provisional government took over the famous Renault automobile works and also all privately owned coal mines in northwestern France. According to report the steel industry will come next. In short France has not only turned to the left but unless something unexpected interferes, will eventually have a form of government almost exactly the same as now exists in Russia. It isn't communism as so generally assumed, but a totalitarian form of state socialism—a socialistic dictatorship as it were. Stalin will undoubtedly be in a position to give his visitor and imitator some valuable advice!

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 8—Nothing much will come of the Littell charges that Attorney-General Biddle is under the influence of the genial Tommy Corcoran. Now that Mr. Biddle's assistant, Norman Littell, has been fired for insubordinating a telly making the accusation, he has taken the charge to congress for investigation. Not much more investigation is required. A congressional investigator who has seen the record of Biddle's telephone calls (apparently all calls of even the highest are clocked here since the war started) says it shows frequent phoning back and forth between the attorney general and Corcoran. Indeed, Biddle does not deny Corcoran was his friend.



Paul Mallon

Behind the aired controversy, singularly, is the fact that Corcoran now is practically No. 1 on the new deal hate list. Harry Hopkins never liked the brash young Irishman who contested with him for inner power. Hopkins and David Niles, who are nearest the president, now would be glad enough to see anything happen to Tommy. Indeed, I am told that if Corcoran called the White House today he could find no one who would talk to him, despite the service (or dis-service) he did the new deal by inspiring and inwardly conducting the repackaging of the supreme court, his earlier work in development of the security exchange commission legislation (an excellent job) and some other legal gumshoeing.

But when Corcoran some years ago was calling congressmen and saying, "This is the White House speaking—we expect you to jump," he managed to befriend a great many government men, clearing paths for their advancement in office, bringing young lawyers into powerful government jobs from their insignificant labors. One of those he helped was Biddle.

Then Corcoran quit government service (which was about to quit him because of his growing unpopularity) in order to cash in on his connections in a way not unique among public men. His friends say he was disillusioned by his government experience, but he was not a man of many illusions.

Fabulous stories are told of the money he has since acquired. Perhaps he has managed to sequester \$100,000 a year, after taxes, but he is far from a million, I suspect. His clients are not the best possible and he apparently is not extremely finicky about whom he acquires as a client. He never appears before congressional committees, but sometimes can be seen cornering congressmen.

But, as I say, nothing is likely to come of the Littell charge

that Corcoran influenced his friend, the attorney general, in the specific matter of a Georgia shipyard case, largely because congress is the only force likely to pursue the charge, and congress is not in the mood. The truth is the heart was taken out of it in the last election. It will pass such acts as the freezing of the social security tax against Mr. Roosevelt's wishes, because it had planned that and knows increase of the tax January 1 is not justifiable for any social security purposes. (Mr. R. just wants to raise all the money he can for war purposes from every possible source.) But as for investigating the whitewashing of Kimmel and Short or whoever above them needs whitewashing, or pursuing Tommy Corcoran, with his customary righteous indignation, it lost both righteousness and indignation on November 7.

My guess is that Hopkins and Niles will personally and privately see to it that Corcoran does not make much money—and that will be about all there will be to it.

Fair. High 55, low 28 degrees.

Mrs. Will Brown reports Eagle Point is the most prosperous town in the county. Valley gift boxes of pears gain in popularity in middle west and east. David H. Canfield new Crater Lake park chief back from trip to Washington, D. C. Diner flashes gun in local cafe and escapes with \$10 in change.

Probable rain. High 42, low 39 degrees. Rain .13 of an inch. Election in Germany fails to settle any issues. Price of eggs in Portland drop, due to increase in production. Heavy snow falls in Bend area, and slows traffic. Senate again calls on League of Nations to act on Egyptian fess. Elks memorial services at-

local orchardist and agitator, serving life term for murder.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY December 9, 1910 (It Was Thursday) Strikers in Chicago face starvation. Fire department to get automobile fire engine. Republicans in congress spending three times as much as Democrats.

RADIO SALE NULLED Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 8—(U.P.)—Radio station KVI, Tacoma, was indisputably back in the possession of Mrs. Laura M. Doornbecher Thursday follow-

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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

The weather is such, waterproof roofs, and "powder-dry" shoes have started to leak.

Gen. Patton, leader of the rampant Third army, now being lauded in the Saar region of Germany, is listed as "an inadequate personage for the peace conference." He would be a better hand at knocking bullheaded Prussians under the table, than a democratic congressman from a doubtful state, fretting more about the next election, than preventing the next war.

The government is now using a "yardstick" to find out what became of all the cigarette flat side of a hair-brush, is needed, all probes to date show. It was blamed on "hoarders" until it was revealed there were no "hoarders". Then it was laid to "heavy shipments overseas to GIs." This alibi petered out when it came to light the GIs, even on the combat fronts, were shy of fags. Some amateur sleuths figure the cigarettes are still in the tobacco warehouses where they have been all the time.

"Everything for the kiddies' happiness—machine guns, baby dolls, tommy guns, teething rings, army rifles, doll bugles, jeeps."—(Oakland (Cal.) Tribune).—Basic training in the nursery.

Austria is liable to find itself between Russian and American armies, as the Nazis withdraw forces from Italy to protect the cause of World War II, and no great help in preventing this one. Germany in the late 30's was always mobilizing to "insure the territorial integrity of Austria." You probably remember the commotion over the Sudeten, and how Herr Hitler rushed in with men and tanks, and himself. Anything that happens to Austria will be fine with the rest of the world.

LITTLE WOMAN REBUKED (Palo Alto (Cal.) Times) "I must confess that it gets my male goat to hear women thus arrogating to themselves full credit for some considerable acts of their mates that proceed solely from their husbands' own decency. When wives boast of having their effect labeling them as poor, mates "trained," they are in weak saps who are easily led and fooled. Even though the husbands were like that, why should wives want to boast of it?"

"RICH GIRL BEMOANS LONLINESS."—(Hdline Reno Gazette).—She shouldn't be.

The metropolitan press prints pictures of lady shipyard workers smoking pipes, and not looking happy about it. For the sake of the merchant marine and shipping in general, the general public will hope they weld better than they puff.

Ration-free children's shoes will be made out of bacon rinds, an OPA chief reports. Where there are bacon rinds there must be bacon of which purportedly there is a mighty shortage. Except for greasing up pancake griddles in old fashioned homes, and seasoning greens, bacon rinds have heretofore been of little use to mankind.

HOLD YOUR TONGUE! (The Sun Dial) "Secretary Ickes was aboard a train derailed at 80 miles an hour. Unhurt he says he didn't even know about it. And it will do no good to show him the reports because he doesn't believe what the newspaper says."

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