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The War To End War?

Yes, "God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform."
The greatest and most terrible war in history has at long last cleared the way to end ALL war.

THAT bomb ended the war against Japan.
And it is a fortunate thing that the most warlike and primitive world-power, or former world-power, should have been the one nation to feel its effect, and thus know from actual experience what this truly "infernal machine" can do.

UNDOUBTEDLY Japanese scientists are already at work, or more accurately are still at work, for no doubt Japan, along with every other world power has been trying to solve the problem ever since atomic force was discovered.

BUT, what good will that do Japan?
Without control of the sea and air she can not use the bomb against an enemy country for more than one sneak attack and she knows what one sneak attack did to her once—she won't want another!

The point is, this atomic bomb reaching its highest perfection among the strongest nations that want peace; can never be used effectively by the weaker nations that might still rest under the delusion, they could profit by breaking the peace.

And, in the hands of the stronger nations, combined together in the recently formed Security League, this bomb can, and unless the genus homo has gone completely stark mad will—assure world peace for at least a hundred years.

That will be long enough for most of us! But there is no reason we can see why, properly controlled, it should not prevent another war—another world war at least—for all time!—R.W.R.

Bradley and The 96th

Southern Oregonians who have followed Artist Gilbert Bundy's vigorous sketches of the Pacific war in Hearst newspapers enjoyed a chuckle the other day when Major General James L. Bradley of the 96th "Deadeye" Division was pictured heading for his new tin-can shower on Okinawa attired in his ever-present broad smile and a towel.

THOSE who knew "Smiling Jim" when he commanded the 96th at Camp White saw in him a tough but kindly leader. He kept a watchful eye over the health and welfare of his men and every phase of their training, for this West Pointer came originally from Missouri and had to be shown. He knew first hand the ugly and brutal realities of war and made sure that his men were ready to cope with them when the zero hour came.

IT came first at Leyte, then again at Okinawa, and the record of the Deadeyes in both campaigns is now a glorious chapter in the history of this war. In both invasions the 96th met the heaviest opposition the Japs had to offer and casualties were heavy. Claudius Easley, who became a brigadier general at Camp White, was among those who gave their lives in the Pacific victory.

THE people of Southern Oregon have taken a personal pride in the record of the 96th Division. From General Bradley to buck private, the men of the Deadeye outfit were liked here. The fact that this feeling was reciprocated is attested by the published history of the division in which the people of Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland were termed "uncommonly friendly folk."

IT is an interesting fact that the 96th Division was even more than an All-American outfit. Not only were all states of the Union, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico represented but 36 foreign countries as well.—H.G.

Quo Vadis?

There was a time, hundreds of years ago when no mercy was shown a defeated nation, or a tribe. Victory was always marked by an orgy of rapine and murder, the leaders of the defeated forces usually being tortured before death and their lifeless bodies dragged through the streets, or their gory heads displayed on pikes in the public gathering place for the edification of young and old.

It had been generally supposed the human race had outgrown such barbarities. Some had even come to believe that civilized nations should observe as a matter of course, a certain magnanimity and consideration, for the fallen foe. No man, or no group of men, should, it was thought, be kicked or otherwise mistreated when down.

But, reading over the details of what the Italian "Reds" did to Mussolini and other Fascist leaders and observing other manifestations toward the defeated nations, here and abroad, we wonder if the people on this cooling cinder are not on their way back to the jungle, instead of marching as assumed, slowly but surely toward better and higher things!—R.W.R.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 16—Behind the whole tricky dealing of the Japanese to obtain a preferred position for their emperor lay rather convincing evidence of the plot to perpetuate—beyond our western understanding—the Japanese system, which brought on Pearl Harbor.



In fact, the simplest and most easily obtainable facts added verification to certain high congressional suspicions that maintenance of the emperor in any position could well give the Japs a better nucleus upon which to build future world trouble than the Nazis were able to get.

THE Truman administration quieted these increasing congressional doubts by passing along the inside word that Truman looked upon any satisfactory surrender as, in eventual fact, unconditional—apparently regardless of the standing of the emperor, as long as we held control. To the Japs, however, the emperor is the top god in a list reputed to run to about 500, no matter where he sits, even if under Mr. Truman's chair.

Their established religious theory would naturally hold that their god was in temporary difficulties in any subservient position. The national Jap problem then would be to extricate him, and restore him to his rightful position. Anyone standing in the way, like Mr. Truman or an American doughboy, would be a sort of devil who had kidnaped god.

THE whole superstition could be proved a fake and delusion to the Japanese if respect for reason could be restored there, by a factual research into accurate history of their defied dynasty—research by their own people.

Japanese intellectuals, who long since discovered that the line back to the sun goddess was not only broken but shattered by many historical incidents, have been shushed effectively by the emperor's clan, meaning the ruling classes, who may change faces from time to time but never have changed their emperor story, which was the excuse for their authority and existence.

Their trumpery, in turn, would be just as easy to prove and display. The Japanese people have been required to believe, as a co-matter of religion and government, that the emperor picked his cabinets, controlled the diet and held "complete executive and legislative powers." This pretense that he was a Hitler was difficult to maintain with a straight face at times, as the various ruling Japanese groups controlled and pushed god first one way then another—in fact, wherever they wanted him.

THE establishment of reason in Japanese will, however, be the most difficult task because reason never existed there. As part of its emperor government religion, Shintoism has no moral or ethical code. The emperor, for instance, is not required to do what is right or good, because he is a god. The faith of Shintoism ignores both logic and reason, and the people are supposed to be led by blind instinct.

While the militarists built the emperor-god theory up out of ancient legends to his highest peak, conflicting organized beliefs have gained footholds there—including the Christian concepts of reason right and wrong. A census before the war showed 2,104 Christian churches, 108,000 Buddhist temples and 110,431 Shinto shrines. There is no communism in Japan above ground. The foothold of Christianity, therefore, is quite clearly the one upon which we should build.

These are the reasons why the increasing number of congressmen (including one of the highest administration leaders) were biting their lips during the latest hectic stages of Mr. Truman's negotiations. They were wondering how much of a job he had left himself to clean up later, when the final document is analyzed in complete detail.

COMMUNICATIONS
Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Where is Love and Understanding?
To the editor: Now that we stand on the threshold of victory how many of us are actually thinking of that "brave new world"? Does anyone question the motives and the authenticity of the news commentators and the press? If so, are there any Americans who believe we can

Discuss Historic Atom Bombings



Terrific blast Hiroshima and Nagasaki received by atomic bombing is discussed by (left to right): Laurence Johnston, Hollywood, Calif., atomic bomb scientist who flew on both missions and saw first atomic bomb explode in New Mexico; Rear Adm. William R. Purnell, in charge of atomic bomb use; Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Farrell, in charge of atomic bomb use in Pacific area, and Lt. Jacob Beser, precision instrument operator.

build a "just and durable peace" while entertaining vulgar, nauseating delusions as to our national superiority and parading before the rest of the world, displaying our halo, thanking God that we are not as other barbarians? Blowing several thousand human souls (men, women and children) to hell with one atomic bomb should make the most hardy Christian shudder; if there are any left in this land of the free and home of the brave.

I think it is time to ask this Christian nation just what has happened to our sense of reason and justice? Have we no humility or compassion? Where is the love and understanding of all mankind—and I mean ALL mankind—that will lift us above the level of our primeval ancestors? Harold Bock 7410 S. E. Division Portland, Ore.

WAR PRISONERS TO BE SHIPPED AT EARLY DATE

Washington, Aug. 16—(U.P.)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson said today the war department intends to return to Europe at the earliest practicable moment the 400,000 German and Italian prisoners of war now in this country.

Patterson wrote Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson and War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, urging that all industrial and agricultural employers of war prisoner labor take steps immediately toward replacing these workers with "free labor."

Early in 1946 Patterson said Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has indicated he can receive prisoners of war about as rapidly as they can be sent to him. Furthermore, he said, transportation to Europe will be generally available until early in 1948. The controlling factor, therefore, is the need for their labor in the United States, he said.

"State and federal employment agencies and veteran's organizations can be of great assistance in guiding employees released by industrial cutbacks and discharged military personnel into agricultural and peacetime industrial jobs." Since V-E day, the war department has returned more than 5,000 sick and wounded German and Italian prisoners of war to their homelands. Another 3,000 sick and wounded non-workers will be shipped soon.

BIRTHS

OWENS—To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Route 4, Box 84A, August 16, 1945, a boy, 7 lbs., at Osteopathic Clinic.

CAMPBELL—To Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Butte Falls, Aug. 14, 1945, a girl, 5 lbs., at Osteopathic Clinic.

GOSS—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frank, 524 Bessie St., Aug. 14, 1945, a boy, 7 lbs., at Osteopathic Clinic.

Closing Time for Classified Ads 8:30 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p. m.

J'VILLE IOOF TO MARK 86TH YEAR IN LODGE HALL

Jacksonville, Aug. 16—Jacksonville I.O.O.F. lodge No. 10 will observe Friday, the 86th anniversary of the first meeting held in the lodge hall, which once served as a Jewish Synagogue. All Oddfellows, Rebekahs, and their friends are invited to attend the meeting at 8:30 p. m., followed by refreshments served by the I.O.O.F.

Oldest lodge in the state, Jacksonville I.O.O.F., was first located on Jackson creek in an old log cabin in the early 1850's. The present hall was built in 1855 as a Jewish Synagogue, a place of worship, and is considered a historical spot today with its iron doors and window shutters which provided protection from early Indians, and its rare old furniture.

Stayed All Night
Once each week the Jews came to the Synagog to worship, arriving about two hours before sundown, and remaining in the building with doors and windows closed until sunup the following day. Before each service, which was held in the upstairs room now used as a lodge hall, feasts were held in the downstairs dining room under supervision of the high priest. Jewish worshippers stood while eating, so as to be able to more quickly respond to the Lord's command.

Records from 1860 show that Jacksonville I.O.O.F. lodge was moved to the building in that year, and meetings have continued there for 83 years. Originally held on Saturday nights, the meetings were changed to Friday three years ago. Silas J. Day was one of the first members in Southern Oregon or Northern California. The lodge has increased its membership in recent years, and sponsors dances every two weeks in the U. S. hall at Jacksonville.

Oldest Member
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 4 has one of the oldest members in the state, Mrs. Alice Ulrich, who was initiated into the order at Jacksonville 67 years ago.

Present officers of the lodge are noble grand, Gus Sanger; vice grand, Andy DeGraff; past noble grand, Alfred Coffman; right supporter of the noble grand, Arthur Hinkle; left supporter of the noble grand, Dave Dorn; right supporter of the vice grand, Ike Coffman; left supporter, Melvin Sherer; warden, G. A. Kimball; conductor, George Brownlee; chaplain, Emil W. Beyer; secretary, Howard Lewis; treasurer, Albert Hackert; outside guardian, Clinton A. Smith; and inside guardian, H. McDaniell.

Thailand to Drop War on U. S., Britain
San Francisco, Aug. 16—(U.P.)—Tokyo Radio, monitored by FCC, reported today that Thailand had decided to "withdraw" its declaration of war against the United States and Britain.

Thailand, said the report, had decided to negotiate peace.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.
TEN YEARS AGO
August 16, 1935 (It was Friday)
Will Rogers, famed humorist, and Wiley Post, flier, killed in plane crash near Pt. Barrow, Alaska, while on a world flight. Tragedy shocks the nation. Rogers paid a short visit here in 1931, when his plane was grounded.

Large throng attends opening of Mann's remodeled store.

Fair and cooler. High 78, low 42 degrees.

Work on sewage plant to start next week.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
August 16, 1925 (It was Sunday)
Japan coast ravaged by huge floods.

President Coolidge holds conference on war debts.

Soldiers used in hunt for escaped Salem prison inmates.

Fair and moderate. High 85, low 44 degrees.

Seven autoists fined for speeding.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
August 16, 1911 (It was Wednesday)
County fair to be held early in October.

Two cars of pears now shipped daily from city.

Crater Lake is pronounced by Jack London, noted author, as "Oregon's greatest asset."

Laying of cornerstone of Sacred Heart hospital to be made later.

A radio network 11,500 miles long guides the planes of the Pan-American World Airways in their flights over oceans and jungles, reports Radio News.

SUNDAY

SENSATIONAL: JAP SUICIDE PLANE ATTACKS OFF OKINAWA!
THE U.S. NAVY PRESENTS "THE FLEET THAT CAME TO STAY"

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