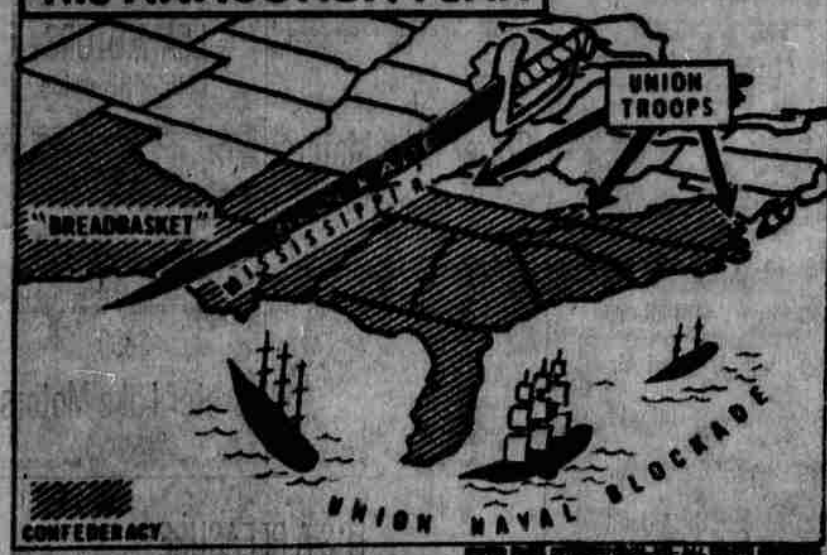


THIS WAS THE CIVIL WAR

The ANACONDA PLAN



ACTION DEMANDED—In the early days of the Civil War, the north was demanding action. With troops rallying to the colors in numbers greater than Lincoln had asked for, a plan to subdue the South was called for. One of these was the "Anaconda" plan of Lt. Gen. Winfield Scott, commander-in-chief of the Army. The plan was to subdue

the South by squeezing it to death. This would be done with a tight blockade of the entire Confederate coast and the sending of an Army down the Mississippi river to split off the Old South from the "breadbasket" of Texas and Arkansas. This chart depicts the Anaconda plan.

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North Studies Plans for War

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The Civil War was a month old on May 14, 1861, and the North was demanding action — fast action.

"On to Richmond" was beginning to be heard in the land and the chorus would swell in the next two months and force the military men to march into battle against their better judgment.

Enough troops had arrived in Washington to guarantee its safety against any marauding band of Confederate cavalry with more courage than discretion, although President Lincoln could see a secession flag flying across the Potomac in Alexandria, Va., by looking out the White House office window.

Sometimes he sat with his

feet propped on the window sill, resting a telescope between the toes of his big boots, and looked at the Stars and Bars, a red flag to him.

Threat From Arlington

The heights of Arlington, Va., would make ideal gun emplacements for 300 brand new Dahlgren cannons, captured by the Confederates at the Norfolk (Va.) Navy Yard, to batter the White House. Treasury or any other public building in the capital if the southerners could find carriers and set them up.

The military men had all that in mind, but Virginia officially had not voted for secession and would not until May 23. Lincoln hesitated to throw troops across the Potomac until the people had concluded a military agreement

with the Confederacy on April 24 and the vote was merely a formality.

With troops rallying to the colors in numbers greater than Lincoln had asked in his proclamation, a grand plan to subdue the South seemed to be in order. Many were forthcoming. Everybody seemed to have one, the general idea being that the sooner a "plan" was adopted, the sooner the war would be over. That was the one point everyone in the North could agree on.

"Squeeze the South"

Out of this welter came three general plans, more or less precise and detailed.

First was the "Anaconda" plan of Lt. Gen. Winfield Scott, commander-in-chief of the Army. As the name im-

plied the South by squeezing it to death. He advocated a tight sea blockade of the entire Confederate coast, 1,500-mile stretch. This had been ordered by Lincoln on April 19 and gradually was beginning to come into being as commercial steamers, ferry boats, yachts and any ship that could carry a gun were being pressed into service.

The other main part of Scott's plan was to send a big army — about 85,000 men — down the Mississippi River reinforced by gunboats and split off the Old South from the cereals and meats of Texas and Arkansas. He would keep a holding army before Washington. Thus, he reasoned, the South would be strangled by the spring of 1862. Scott was convinced that the South would fight hard, hence the strangulation policy was more economical of men and treasure than pitched battles.

McClellan's Plan

Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan, raising an army in Ohio, heard of Scott's plan and submitted one of his own. He would send an army of 80,000 from Ohio up the Kanawha Valley across the mountains and hit Richmond on the flank. Another army of equal size would march south from Louisville or Cincinnati toward Nashville, a key point in the mid-South.

Presumably he expected to command at least one of these armies.

Postmaster General Montgomery Blair had a more imaginative plan if not the best. Blair, a Union man from Maryland and son of F. P. Blair, one of President Andrew Jackson's advisers, was convinced that only a crust of the southerners would fight and that the rest were ready to revolt and come back to the Union. He wrote:

"My suggestion has been that we should at once organize a southern army . . . and menace Norfolk and Richmond (Va.). The band of marauders that now pervade the state of Virginia would then rush to meet the threatened invasion, the people of Virginia would speak their real minds at the approaching election and their votes . . . would drive the marauders out of the state."

Blair did not specify how and with what the North could mount such an offensive in the few weeks before Virginia would vote on secession. Lincoln seemed to lean to Scott's plan as indicated by

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July 18	4 You're	Jan 19	65 They
Aug 17	5 Barking	Feb 18	66 Headway
Sept 16	6 Up	Mar 17	67 Expectations
Oct 15	7 The	Apr 16	68 Responsive
Nov 14	8 Someone	May 15	69 Today
Dec 13	9 Needs	June 14	70 Don't
Jan 12	10 Your	July 13	71 Bu
Feb 11	11 Help	Aug 12	72 Offer
Mar 10	12 Your	Sept 11	73 Be
Apr 9	13 Wrong	Oct 10	74 Someone's
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June 7	15 Toes	Dec 8	76 Being
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Sept 4	18 Opposes	Mar 5	79 To
Oct 3	19 A	Apr 4	80 Lighthouse
Nov 2	20 Down	May 3	81 Pious
Dec 1	21 Personality	June 2	82 And
Jan 31	22 Money	July 1	83 Feet
Feb 29	23 Strands	Aug 31	84 Link and
Mar 30	24 You	Sept 30	85 Across
Apr 29	25 Let	Oct 29	86 Today
May 28	26 Out	Nov 28	87 Something
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July 26	28 To	Jan 26	89 Good
Aug 25	29 May	Feb 25	90 You
Sept 24	30 Your	Mar 24	91 Persistent
Oct 23	31 Good	Apr 23	92 Adverse
Nov 22	32 Good	May 22	93 Neutral
Dec 21	33 Good	June 21	94 Good

his ordering of the blockade. But Lincoln had other worries at the moment. He must pacify and hold Maryland in the Union and prevent Kentucky and Missouri from seceding. Arkansas had gone over to the Confederacy on May 6 and North Carolina left the Union May 20. Tennessee would go June 8, but Lincoln still pinned his hopes for saving that state on the preponderance of Union sentiment in the eastern counties.

Scott strangled McClellan's plan and Blair's seems to have gone almost unnoticed. The cabinet strung along with Scott. His plan seemed to offer the most for the least expenditure of men and money.

The general outline of Scott's "Anaconda" plan eventually was used by the Union to defeat the South. The sea blockade, reinforced by capture of several strategic harbors early in the war, effectively cut off the South from the rest of the world.

Grant Breaks Line

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant broke the Mississippi line at Vicksburg, Union forces pierced Tennessee early in the war and held on and Gen. William T. Sherman devastated the mid-South and crippled the Confederate supply line — all movements that were embraced or contemplated in the "Anaconda" plan. But all this took four years to accomplish, not the few months Scott had hoped.

The 80,000-men armies

which Scott and McClellan suggested would grow to far bigger figures, and instead of the two and three armies they visualized there would be a dozen. The 80,000 figure seemed to be the limit of Scott's and McClellan's comprehension of the size of armies — a limitation readily understandable, for Scott had never commanded more than 25,000 in the field and McClellan never even had commanded a regiment.

The chief weak point in Scott's plan, military men agree, was that his target was holding territory rather than the destruction of the Confederate armies, the objective Grant saw early in the war and pursued to victory.

Ashland Boy Sentenced In District Court

A 17-year-old Ashland boy was sentenced in district court Thursday for destroying scientific instruments.

Imposition of sentence was suspended for six months on the condition that he observe an 8 p.m. curfew, make restitution and work 60 hours for the city of Ashland prior to July 30.

The sentence was made by Judge L. L. Sawyer. The boy pleaded guilty May 8 to charges of destroying an airplane transmitter receiver last October in an airplane parked at the Ashland airport.

Alcoholism Discussed At Conference in City

"We're a health agency and we're concerned with the disease of alcoholism and the people who suffer from it," according to Mrs. Marty Mann, representing the national council on alcoholism. She spoke at a public meeting here last week sponsored by the Southern Oregon Alcoholism Rehabilitation committee.

Ministers, welfare workers, public health officials, tuberculosis and health association spokesmen, police, medical society members, and representatives of Alcoholics Anonymous were invited to the all-day sessions held at the First Methodist church.

A member of the NCA national board, in New York, Mrs. Mann was brought to Oregon by the Oregon state alcohol education committee to appear at meetings throughout the state. The speaker has appeared world-wide in discussions on alcoholism and tuberculosis.

Three Contentions

It was noted that only a small percentage of those who drink, about 5 or 6 per cent, are those who "get into trouble." Mrs. Mann presented three contentions of the NCA, including that alcoholism is a disease, and the alcoholic is a sick person; the alcoholic can be helped and it is worthwhile; and finally, that the effects of alcohol is a public health problem and therefore a public responsibility.

The representative noted that a broad program of public education in the alcoholic disease was necessary in order to combat it. Alcoholism was declared the third most prevalent illness in the United States, following mental illnesses and heart diseases. Today some five million persons have become victims of alcoholism, she added.

Next Step Noted

In furthering its educational program, the NCA attempts to organize local councils or committees on alcoholism in every community. The committees are to provide adequate facilities for the care and treatment of alcoholic persons. Alcoholism information centers are being established to provide facts and assistance to anyone desiring it.

Procuring hospital beds for those suffering from al-

coholism is the next step of the national organization, Mrs. Mann said. It is hoped that hospitals will accept acute alcoholic patients on the same basis that they accept other patients. It is "purely a medical matter" and can best be treated in a hospital.

Also promoted by the NCA is the establishment of outpatient clinics for long-term therapy. Alcoholism may be divided into two parts — the acute phase, which is extreme drunkenness; and the chronic phase, in which there may be no drunkenness, but during which the alcoholic is learning to live without alcohol.

Mrs. Mann noted that alcoholics Anonymous has been able to do more for the alcoholics than any other method. It is said to be one of the best forms of treatment for alcoholism and, in addition, one of the major resources that alcoholics have. Another advantage, the speaker noted, is that AA costs the participant nothing.

PRAVDA SCORES SUCCESS

Aldershot, England — (UPI) — The successful Conservative party candidate in local elections last week was S. C. Pravda.

FIRES ATLAS
Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — The United States fired an advanced model Atlas missile 5,000 miles Friday night on its second successful flight in seven attempts.

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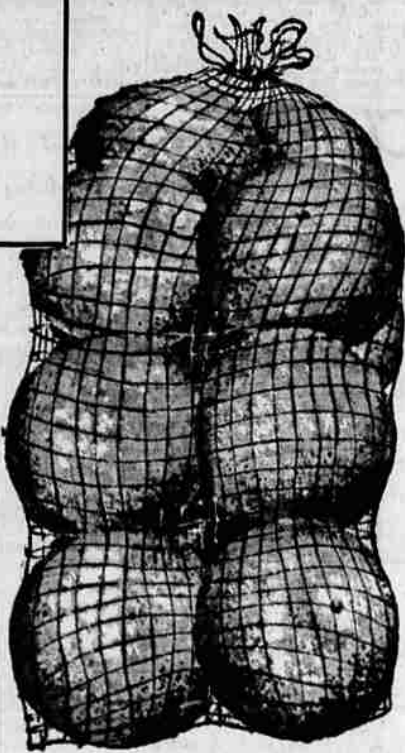
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