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Let's Face the Truth

IN a national magazine article last week by a man who has spent the last two years in the countries of Europe, it was stated that official and unofficial agencies in this country have shown marked disinclination to receive news they don't like.

The author of the article quoted embassy attaches in various foreign countries and newspaper men. These men said, in effect, that reports showing the strength of the Nazi military and economic situation get a cold reception when relayed to this country, to the point where the men who feel conscience-bound to send these reports worry about their jobs.

The statements were of such a definite nature and the authority so good that it seems certain there is too much of the ostrich policy prevailing in the United States. If news isn't good, we don't want to hear it.

That is bad. That means wishful thinking. It means refusal to face the facts and the truth. It means weakness.

From the very start, there has been a tendency, originating in the highest circles, to gloss over the dangerous and desperate aspects of the war in Europe. The people in this country have not been prepared for the shocks that have come, because the government, which has all of the best sources of information at its command, has not seen fit to make frank and honest statements of the real situation.

As a matter of fact, it would seem that the high officials of our government have been unwilling to believe what their own representatives have told them, with the result that the start of the national defense program was delayed too long and even now it is not moving as rapidly as it would be if public opinion were crystallized by an understanding of the tremendous task ahead.

Let us have the truth, as much as it hurts. Let us have it in time, so that if it is bad, we can get busy and make it better.

Death Takes No Vacation

PRETTY soon most Americans will be launching out on their vacations (except those like the 38,000 in the vital Curtiss-Wright airplane plants, who have patriotically given up theirs in order to produce 60 more planes and 280 more engines during that time).

The least those of us can do who go on the annual vacation is not to kill anybody while we're away. Yet some of us will.

Vacation season is always a carnival for death on the highways, and the United States enters this one with 1500 more dead already on the roads this year than last. In the first four months of this year, 10,780 persons have been killed in traffic. We are headed for a new high record unless we can restrain our passion for speed, our road recklessness.

Drive slowly—conserve your car, your tires—and your life.

Salem Man Heads Alumni of OCS

CORVALLIS, June 2 (P)—George F. Chambers, Salem, was elected president of the Oregon State College Alumni association Saturday.

Ralph Reynolds, Portland, was named vice-president; John Gallagher, Corvallis, treasurer, and Warren Reid, Corvallis, secretary manager.

The board of directors was increased to 16 to give representation

to Washington and California. Harold Wahlberg, Santa Ana; Lindsay Spight, San Francisco, and Norman Oliphant, Seattle, were the new directors. Others elected: Ross Cady, Boise; Clyde Williamson, Albany; Dick Brown, Portland, and Al Engstrom, Astoria.

NOT "JUGGLERS"

Rather than juggling it from left to right hand in the American way, most British keep the fork in the left hand when transferring food to their mouths.



Booked for the Pine Tree theatre's grand re-opening, Tuesday, is "Penny Serenade," co-starring Irene Dunne and Cary Grant.

Coming Soon! PELICAN

GARY COOPER
BARBARA STANWYCK
in
FRANK CAPRA'S
Meet JOHN DOE

Working With One Hand



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, June 2—A vacuum cleaner is being quietly put to work on the U. S. army. The general staff has decided to catch some of the misfit bugs that always nestle in the rug in peace-time. The fighting field of war requires such a different type of man from the swivel chair army politician of peace times that practically every army in the history of the world has had its energies handicapped at the outset of its war efforts. It took Lincoln 3 years to find fighting field officers who could do the job. Hitler had to shoot his misfits to get rid of them. The French never got around to it, and the British have unfortunately followed their tradition of letting disastrous failures accomplish the housecleaning.

The first moves have been so cautiously taken that they escaped attention outside of the service journals. The first of new selection boards to decide the promotion of field officers met here in such secrecy a few days ago that even their names were not disclosed to their fellow officers. The five-man board selected 800 officers to make up an eligible list, from which the new fighting majors and colonels will be chosen. This represented a sensational departure from the old custom of seniority promotion, backed by political pull.

Similar reorganizational steps have been taken to provide systematic discharges and transfers of existing field officers for temperamental and efficiency reasons. Orders have been issued to set up classification boards of not less than 5 officers to hear complainants and defendants in a fair but secret trial (the democratic way of doing things).

FRANK STATEMENT

The orders attracted no attention because they were not accompanied by a statement of policy interpreting their meaning. A frank official statement of the purpose is given in the Army and Navy Register (May 3) quoting a memorandum issued by Lt. General Ben Lear, commander of the second army, with headquarters at Memphis, Tennessee.

Said General Lear: "Elimination of unfit, inefficient, and incompetent leaders is of greater and farther reaching consequence than the

elimination of defective and ineffective weapons and equipment. Replacement of unsuitable by competent leaders must be accomplished with the same skill and judgment that are exercised in replacing obsolete and ineffective weapons. It must be free from all personal considerations, friendly or unfriendly.

... If and when we are drawn into war, the people of the United States will insist that the leadership of their sons in battle be entrusted to the most competent commanders of all ranks that we can obtain. Some injustices may be done, but the fear of doing an injustice is obviously not going to stand in the way of accomplishing the necessary result. A far more likely danger than the doing of serious injustices is that the army politicians will start running to their senators and congressmen to hold their jobs and thwart the effort to perfect the maximum fighting efficiency of a democratic army.

END OF GERMAN WAR FLEET SEEN

NEW YORK, June 2 (P)—A British radio broadcast today quoted A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, as saying the German world war fleet never ventured out of its harbors after the battle of Jutland 25 years ago, and that the sinking of the German battleship Bismarck Tuesday "might very well be regarded as an omen of a similar course of events."

Alexander spoke in Edinburgh. He referred to the battle of Crete as a grievous test of British sea power. "Once more," he said, "it has fallen to the lot of the royal navy to conduct operations under almost overwhelming attacks from the air, from which it has not flinched."

"Our losses of ships, and damage, have been grievous and severe, but in the present great Crete battle the royal navy would not let the army down."

TOO SHORT

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (P)—The long arm of the law is looking for a short-armed thief. Police reported the thief broke into a grocery store at night, cut a hole in the top of a safe and lifted out \$185; but missed \$1000 more lying just out of reach.

NOW PLAYING

2—HITS—2

"TRAIL BLAZERS"

ROB LIVINGSTON
ROB STEELE
RUPE DAVIS

—AND—

"City of Missing Girls"

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VOX

Thomas Asks People's Vote On War Entry

WASHINGTON, June 2 (UP)—Norman Thomas, the socialist leader, demanded at an anti-war rally Saturday that congress pass legislation permitting Americans to vote on whether they shall enter the war.

Congress should pass, without delay, a resolution pending in the senate to require an expression of opinion from the electorate before this country could enter a foreign war, Thomas said. He told the second annual Keep America Out of War congress that U. S. foreign trade constitutes only 6 per cent of its commerce and "is not worth the cost in blood and treasure of one week of modern war."

The United States, he said, is "doomed to become a fascist state" if it enters the war, regardless of who wins.

Thomas ridiculed assertions that America is vulnerable to military or economic attacks as an "hysterical falsehood." Even if Adolf Hitler seized the British fleet "it would be years before the master of a stolen and hungry Europe could even dream of turning that navy and his other military resources to so difficult a task as the invasion of America by way of Boston or Brooklyn," Thomas said.

OBITUARY

HOWARD LOUIS TRACY

Howard Louis Tracy Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Louis Tracy, passed away in this city on Saturday, May 31. Baby Howard Louis Jr. was a native of Klamath Falls, Ore., and was aged 27 days when called. He is survived, besides his parents, by a sister, Delores, of this city. The funeral service took place with a graveside service in the Linkville cemetery, on Monday, June 2, at 10:30 a. m., the Rev. C. C. Brown of the First Baptist church officiating. Ward's Klamath Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Some 300 places in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, England, have names which show they originally were Danish settlements.

Coming Tuesday

TODAY YOUR FAVORITE 4 ARE RIGHT



Piscella Lane, Rosemary Lane, Lola Lane, Gail Page

Columbia Pictures

Vox Theatre

6 DROWNED AS BOAT CAPSIZES

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., June 2 (UP)—Six persons were drowned Saturday when a disabled motor boat capsized in the ocean off Morro bay, 15 miles northwest of San Luis Obispo. Five other persons thrown into the water suffered from submersion.

The dead were: Dorothy Miller, 15, Fresno; Kenneth Miller, 26, Fresno; Opal Chilcote, 30, their aunt, a cook at Camp San Luis Obispo; Jack Roberts, 18 Morro Bay; R. B. Fanning, 24, Morro Bay; Buddy Fanning, 10, Morro Bay.

Holiday Party
The launch, crowded with a Memorial day party of 11, was cruising off shore when its motor failed. Witnesses said huge waves crashed into the helpless boat, finally engulfing it and causing it to capsize.

The survivors clung to the overturned hull, but before a rescue boat could reach them, six members of the party had been washed off and drowned. Five survivors were brought ashore by Buddy and Otis Bevela who effected the rescue in their power boat. They were: Fay Miller, Fresno; Blanche Sherman and Sara Belle Deklage, nurses at Camp San Luis Obispo; Freida Fanning, Morro Bay, and Claude Miller, of Fresno.

Ambulances rushed them to San Luis Obispo where they were treated for submersion. Miller said the party had been spending the Memorial day weekend at the picturesque seashore resort and had crowded into the launch for a ride along the coast. He said the carburetor fouled and caused the engine to die.

The craft was struck broadside by several huge combers as it wallowed helplessly in the ground swell. An exceptionally large wave completely engulfed the boat and capsized it, Miller said.

The survivors clung to the keel but one by one they dropped into the sea as the white caps surged over them. By the time the Bevela youths were able to beach the hull, six of the party had been washed away. The two youths hauled the five survivors aboard and brought them to the Morro Bay landing where ambulances rushed them to the hospital here.

INDEPENDENCE SIGNERS
Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, four were ironmasters: Stephen Hopkins of Rhode Island, and George Taylor, George Ross, and James Smith of Pennsylvania.

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Youthful Foursome Held After Search

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2 (UP)—Two boys from Susanville, Calif., and two Portland girls were held in Heppner Saturday after a two-day search by eastern Oregon officers.

Arthur Duncan, 16, and Eugene Bradford, 17, were wanted

in Susanville, Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman said, on an auto theft charge.

The girls, one 17 and the other 14, joined the boys at Klamath Falls, Bauman said. They had escaped from a Portland institution, he said.

So great is the pull of gravity on the sun that an ordinary man would weigh two tons there.

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