

# NO SURPRISE SEEN IN PLAN FOR U. S. WAR

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The Chicago Tribune caused much discussion with its copy-righted report that a joint army-navy board has prepared a confidential recommendation which includes provision for an American expeditionary force of 5,000,000 to fight the axis by July 1, 1943.

That report will stir diverse emotions among the American public—but surprise shouldn't be one of them.

Surely there can be few people who don't recognize by this time that the United States is at war with the axis.

Since this is true, the logical corollary is that the government must be prepared to implement the commitment by action. This means that our army and navy chiefs must prepare plans, and they must do so before the event and not after it, unless we have been bereft of all reason.

As White House Secretary Stephen Early pointed out yesterday, it is the duty of the navy and the army to devise plans for all possible emergencies. Even the most improbable situations are studied and planned.

Every major power in the world has filed away in its secret archives plans calculated to meet all sorts of hypothetical positions. It would be astonishing and most disconcerting to learn, for instance, that our fighting branches didn't have detailed plans for our conduct in event of war with Japan. And the Japanese, shrewd people that they are, naturally are equally prepared.

I'll even wager, despite the traditional talk about the "impossibility of war between America and England," that our war and navy departments know what they would do if the impossible happened.

Most certainly if Hitler tries an invasion of Britain—and that remains a possibility—the British will ask us for naval aid which they are able to crush the Nazi attempt right at the start. Should things go badly for the allies in the Mediterranean, there would be a demand for our navy.

We don't need to rehash the dangers of the Japanese-American crisis.

But what about an American expeditionary land force—say the 5,000,000? Well, come the spring and the intensified fighting, the allies are going to need well-trained and well-equipped manpower. It will be a surprise if they don't turn to Uncle Sam for it.

The great call for man-power will come from the middle east and the Russian theatre, as I view it. More and more it seems that this front will develop the decisive land engagements of the war. As remarked before, ultimately the allies will undertake an invasion of western Europe, but this can only come after the German resistance has been broken from other directions.

The British have a great army in the British Isles for defense, or for western continental invasion when the time is ripe. The Yankees will be wanted in eastern Europe and the middle east as things look now.

**DOG HOUSE ANNEX**

CHICAGO, Dec. 4 (UP)—Mrs. Bessie Redmer, seeking a divorce and \$300 a month alimony, charged today that her husband built an annex on the family dog-house, installed a telephone and moved in.

Superior Judge Joseph Sab-bath delayed decision.

## Shoes for Salvation Army



The barrel of used shoes—traded in on a new pair as used automobiles are traded in on new ones—shown in this picture was donated by Frank Bogatay, of Moo's shoe department (at left), to the Salvation Army. Mrs. Norman Bowyer (right), is accepting the shoes for the Army.

### Landon Charges Administration Controls Radio

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 5 (AP)—Alf M. Landon told the Young Republicans in convention last night the "administration controls the radio" and said "we are overlooking x x x the systematic campaign to discredit the press."

Landon, unsuccessful republican candidate for president in 1936, said administration spokesmen are "attempting to use the holy cause of national solidarity in this great crisis as a smoke-screen to stop all criticism of domestic policies and the national defense failures."

"We are overlooking the perils in the third term business," Landon went on, "the systematic campaign to discredit the press over a long period of years, the continual support of those who believe our capitalistic system is a failure and no longer can perform its historic function."

"The administration controls the radio. If it can make the people of the country lose confidence in the press, and eliminate any real worth while minority party, then anything is possible. We will have a one-party system and the machinery to perpetuate it."

**Altamont**

Attending the ball game at Eugene Saturday was A. C. Olson and C. Howe of Merrill.

On the sick list are Mrs. Helen Perry of Bisbee street and Mrs. Roark of Delaware avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Lee have moved from Bisbee street to Owens. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will occupy their former house.

The So and Sew club which meets on Wednesday had a get-together Saturday night and the women with their husbands had a progressive dinner. Dessert was served at Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Provost's home in Merrill. Those in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Churchill Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lysons, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bunderson, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Botens and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Provost.

Mrs. Wheatley's Bible class met at Mrs. Norseth's, 4029 South Sixth street, Monday, with 15 ladies present.

The Altamont E. U. Study club will meet Friday, December 5, at 3117 Bisbee street, at 2 p. m.

Sleepy? ... Try Wieland's Ale at bedtime for 30 days — note change!

### Three Portland Pedestrians Killed

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5 (AP)—Traffic accidents claimed the lives of three pedestrians in and near Portland last night.

Minnie Brackebush, 76, Scholls Ferry road, was struck by an east-bound car as she crossed Canyon road south of the city. Her companion, Herman Black, 48, leaped backward to avoid the car and was struck by a west-bound car. An unidentified man of about 60 was fatally injured on S. E. Sandy boulevard.

### Elsewhere In Oregon

**EUGENE, Dec. 5 (AP)**—The Werner Timber company of Taft has contracted to plant 500,000 seedling trees on its logged-over areas, the West Coast Lumbermen's association reported today.

**BEND, Dec. 5 (AP)**—Drifting snow piled up on the McKenzie Pass highway last night and highway maintenance crews struggled to keep the route open. As soon as the snow is too deep to clear with push plows, the highway will be closed for the winter.

**ALBANY, Dec. 5 (AP)**—Farmers in this area have agreed to plant 331 acres of flax if a co-operative retting and scutching plant is built, County Agent Floyd C. Mullen said today. A total of 1000 acres is needed to assure the plant, he said.

**MCMINNVILLE, Dec. 5 (AP)**—The fourth annual Pacific coast turkey show opened here yesterday with 450 birds entered from points as far distant as Sonoma, Calif., and Bellingham, Wash.

### Malarkey's Wage Losing War With Rat Problem

PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—The Tom Malarkeys wished today they could start all over again in coping with their rat problem.

When rodents began pestering them in unusual numbers they planted poison around their Portland Heights home. The rats ate the poison, scampered into the basement, crawled into an aperture in the furnace ventilating system and, forthwith, died.

Unable to reach the dead critters, the family tried pouring a strong disinfectant down the hole, which served only to make bad matters worse. The odor, heightened by heat from the furnace and well circulated by the furnace fans, was less endurable than any number of live rats, so they shut off the heat and shivered.

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**GOT THE ROAD, ANYWAY**

CORVALLIS, Ore., (AP)—A deer stubbornly refused to yield the right of way to Bill Craft.

Craft left his car, took the animal by the horns and tried to shove it off the highway. The deer tossed his head angrily.

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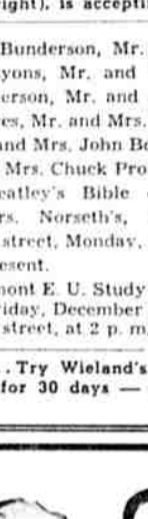
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