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Censorship Questions

ASSURANCES to the public by President Roosevelt that no press censorship is intended by the government unless it be "control of vital military information" are generally welcomed. The president made the comment in a letter to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, declaring that freedom of speech is an undisputed possession of press and radio and so far as he is concerned "it will remain there."

We take the president at his word, but anticipate increasing tendencies on the part of government bureaus to close up sources of information to the public. Machinery for closer censorship has been set up and presumably is ready to go. It will probably be seen in operation if the war situation continues to develop.

Reasonable censorship, intended to withhold military information from interests unfriendly to the United States, is probably inevitable and necessary. But the same cannot be said for unreasonable censorship, covering information which must certainly be ascertained already by the agents of "unfriendly" interests. In this connection, the Bend Bulletin mentions the arrival of a British ship in New York harbor in broad daylight, virtually under the windows of the German consulate—an incident that was called by government officials as undesirable for publication. Only American newspaper readers, who would have found the event significant and interesting, were denied the story. Everybody else most certainly had it.

This newspaper and the news agencies with which it is connected are cooperating with the government in the handling of news of military or naval importance but it hopes that censorship, voluntary or otherwise, will be asked or imposed only when absolutely necessary and vital to the welfare of the country.

Renewed Danger

WATER is again in the government canal, and already tragedy has been narrowly averted there. The danger of drownings, particularly to youngsters, must now be generally recognized and all possible done to prevent anything of the kind.

The open canal running through Klamath Falls used to be the principal hazard. But now, there is virtually urban population through a wide area outside of the city traversed by this big water-filled ditch.

Children are attracted by water in a stream or ditch. Unless warned and watched, they will be found playing on the banks of the irrigation canal in a way that invites such incidents as occurred near the Main street bridge Thursday.

Fortunately, when a child fell into the canal there, a quick-thinking motorist was on hand to pull him out. No such able assistance may be available next time.

FOUR-H INSPECTION JOURNEY SCHEDULED

Forty Klamath county 4-H forestry club members, accompanied by their leaders, John Sargison, ranger in charge of Rogue River national forest, and C. C. Jenkins, 4-H club agent, will leave Saturday morning for a two-day inspection trip through the county.

The boys will leave at 10 a. m. from the postoffice building for Klamath Agency where the Indian service will show them through headquarters, and from there they will continue to Agency Butte lookout and the Fort Klamath fish hatchery. They will plant 300 trees near the Crater Lake park highway at Annie creek.

Members of the tour will spend the night at Seven-Mile guard station where they will have supper as well as breakfast Sunday morning and prepare lunch for the day.

From Seven-Mile the boys will be taken around the forests

of that vicinity in a tree identification tour. On Sunday six 4-H forestry girls will join the group and accompany the boys during the day.

Schools represented will include Chiloquin, Keno, Bonanza and Altamont.

Of interest to forestry club members is the planting of a tree at the fairgrounds in observance of Arbor day, Saturday, April 26, at 12:30 p. m., under the direction of the 40 or 45 of Klamath Falls. This will be an annual event. One 4-H forestry club boy from Chiloquin will take part.

American Bombers Land at Singapore

SINGAPORE, April 18 (AP)—American-made patrol bombers—the same as the latest additions to the US navy—roared in here today after a trans-Pacific flight.

They were greeted by squadrons of RAF pilots in Brewster Buffalo fighters which, authorities announced, were in the air within 24 hours of their uncrating.

American-built Lockheed Hudsons also roared seaward to meet the big patrol bombers completing their voyage across the south China sea to join British and Australian patrols charged with keeping the empire's eastern sear lanes clear.

ONE SCRATCH TOO MANY

CHICAGO, (AP)—When draft board officials received a letter from a registrant asking deferment because of a "stiff arm," they called the man in for an interview.

During the questioning, the registrant, groping for an answer, unconsciously raised the "stiff arm" to scratch his head. He's in the army now.

EMERGENCY PLANS

OTTAWA, April 18 (Canadian Press)—The Australian Broadcasting corporation reported today that a government sub-committee is framing plans for emergency evacuation of Australia's coastal areas.

Pipes for Spring



SIDE GLANCES



"I want an orchid for the most beautiful woman in the world!"

Navy Cannons Bombard Axis Line on Coast

CAIRO, Egypt, April 18 (AP)—British warships are continuing to pump hundreds of tons of shells into axis positions west of Salum, Egyptian outpost just across the border from Libya where land fighting is raging between the British and Italian and German advance units. The shelling started 48 hours ago and helped put the brakes on the axis advance across the western desert, military authorities reported today.

Long columns of axis motor transport were declared destroyed by the British men-of-war, which moved close inshore and kept up the attack despite frequent axis air attacks.

Particularly heavy casualties were believed by the British to have been inflicted on axis forces by naval shells hitting the escarpment road west of Salum.

Other units of the British Mediterranean fleet operating west of Tobruk, where a British force is battling repeated axis assaults, delivered a terrific blasting against the air base at El Gazala. At least five planes on the ground were said to have been destroyed and huge craters torn in the air field.

EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

JASPER, Ind. (AP)—Last November Dr. A. H. Held, democrat, was elected Dubois county coronor.

His two-year term started in January. He'd not been in office long, though, when he was called to navy service.

His brother, Dr. G. A. Held, took over.

Now Dr. G. A. has been called to army duty.

Dr. Joseph Hennessy, erstwhile deputy coronor, is filling his place—with fingers crossed.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their sympathy and beautiful flowers extended during our bereavement, the loss of our beloved son and brother.

Mrs. Levada Delgado Carrillo
Carmen Carrillo
Jesus Carrillo
Sulo Lopez
Cordelia Lopez
Yndalecio Lopez.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 18—The exultant German press is asking: "Is Hitler invincible?" The answer is "phooey."

Hitler's army has been invincible on the continent of Europe (not elsewhere) because he has a superiority of equipment. For years he has been accumulating tanks and planes in quantities his adversaries are unable to match in a short time. His invincibility is as limited—and perhaps as temporary—as that single fact.

There was nothing invincible about his tanks in Greece. The answer to a tank is a 3-inch anti-tank gun which shoots a piercing projectile that explodes inside the tank. The British and Greeks simply had insufficient anti-tank guns to defend the numerous mountain passes, any one of which he might have struck. Shifting of material behind the allied defense lines was impossible because mountains intervened. What guns they had, they placed in passes where they expected the attack, and Hitler, with his always superior spy system, slipped down through Yugoslavia where they thought they were protected by the Jugo army.

A second answer to tanks is demolition of approaches, tank traps, and obstructions. The British could not adequately prepare their lines in Greece because the Greek army was in front of them, and the Greek way of retreat through British lines had to be left open.

Against such obstructions, Hitler's mechanized army has a superiority it is true. With each tank army is a corps of engineers called "The Pioneers," who are undoubtedly the best military engineers in the world in view of their long training for this war. They carry steel girders, wooden beams, structural materials. Whenever tanks are destroyed (and dozens were jammed up in some passes by the British in Greece) they come up and clear seemingly impassable roads in a few hours.

Furthermore the Germans were not only superior in Greek air, but dominant. The allies did not have enough planes on the spot to challenge their enemy.

Their makeshift resistance to the Hun was more political than military. General Wavell is known to have opposed a stand in the Balkans. He knew he was bound to be inferior in equipment. No one of competence had given the Jugoslavs more than a few weeks, and most expected another Dunkerque in Greece.

LIKE A BURGLAR

Hitler is, therefore, invincible only if you consider a burglar invincible. There are not enough

police anywhere to stop a burglar from committing well-planned crimes. But the world has felt reasonably safe from burglars because of the regularity with which they are caught later.

Wherever Hitler conquers on the continent, he runs up against an ocean, and his invincibility stops. There the situation is reversed. The British have been preparing for generations for that kind of warfare. He has not. They, therefore, have a superiority of marine equipment which he cannot match for a good many more years than it will take Britain and the U. S. to build anti-tank guns and planes.

WATER BARRIER

Hitler is not invincible in Africa or the British Isles. In Africa the British have the interior lines of supply. Hitler must take his tanks across the Mediterranean, thus reversing the British predicament in Greece. At home he has not dared challenge them.

Even if Hitler captures Alexandria and uses its air facilities to bomb and close the Suez, he cannot hope to accomplish much more than a change in ministry in London. If Alexandria falls, Churchill will probably go, but he will be supplanted by Bevin who is just as anti-Nazi.

CONSOLATION

Hitler has used the area of his proven invincibility almost to its limits. In doing so he has thinned his lines drastically as he lengthened them. But the British lost much of their mechanized stuff at Dunkerque, are losing more in Greece, and have not the wherewithal to puncture this line at any point. They cannot accumulate what they need for at least a year, probably two or three or more.

Meanwhile they may console themselves with the knowledge that the conquerors of all history took the first step toward their downfall the moment they began

President Still Opposes Sales Tax

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—President Roosevelt asserted today he did not have the faintest idea how \$3,500,000,000 in taxes ought to be raised, but he indicated that he still did not like the idea of a sales tax.

Administration officials and congressional leaders of both parties agreed yesterday on a huge program to raise \$3,500,000,000 in new revenue next fiscal year to bring government income up to two-thirds of expenditures.

EARLIEST CLOCK

The earliest forms of time-measuring devices constructed by man were the water clocks, or clepsydra, of the ancient Chinese, Egyptians, and Romans.

to consider themselves invincible.

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