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# As Individuals, We're Slow To Feel Real Urge To Fight

ROM many quarters the American people are urged to adopt an aggressive mental attitude; to change the course of thought from terms of defense to terms of war. The psychology of this is that defense is primarily to prevent disaster and defeat, while nothing short of the grim satisfaction of victory is im-

Until recently the greater number of the people of this country were under charge of indifference to war. Even since Pearl Harbor, it has been said that many people seem unaware that war is going on. And even yet the war effort is impeded by petty demands and squabbles, and by delays and confusions in lead-

More recently, however, it has been conceded that the American people, as a whole, are thoroughly aroused to the fact of war and fairly well informed of what must be done. The urge now turns to mental attitude and terms of thinking in order to clear up the question of whether the American effort should be for national and possibly hemispheric defense, or whether the United States should set

Positive action by government already has settled that question. The commitment to aggressive war is irrevocable. And if the government, in this respect, has outrun any considerable body of public opinion, the reason is not far to seek.

The truth is that most Americans regard this war impersonally, except as members of their families may have been called to active participation. War is

or chaplain.

SEATTLE citizens should not forget the

zines for men in the armed forces.

campaign to provide books and maga-

The Victory Book campaign committee,

working with the library service committee of the Seattle Defense Commission, reports

an unusual demand for Bibles in recent

weeks. These requests appear to come from

soldiers and other service men who face the

prospect of being sent to isolated outposts,

where they will be without benefit of church

latest books and magazines when they have

finished with them, or to send in small do-

of the presence of a fifth column in this

Puget Sound area. In recent weeks they have

arrested 378 alien enemies, whom they found

possessing 7,200 rounds of contraband am-

It would be interesting to know how many

of treachery as individuals, and how many

have acted under instructions from some

local or Pacific Coast headquarters of espio-

ctive federal agency for continuing into

war-time the good work for which it became

the F. B. I. may divulge in good time.

celebrated in days of so-called peace.

While Yet They May

munition and other dangerous materials.

Giving Us Protection

Citizens are invited to give also their

the nation's business. They expect the nation to fight and win it. But there is reason to The Bible in War-Time doubt their appreciation of what it means to each of them as individuals.

In this there is no reflection upon the loyalty of the people. It is simply that they have never known defeat; never suffered the consequences of enemy invasion, occupation and rule. The onset of war caught the British in similar state of mind. Their islands had never been invaded since William of Normandy came across; their navy was mistress of the seas; their strongholds everywhere impregnable.

First rumblings of war found most of the people of Europe reliant upon scant defenses; upon non-aggression treaties and the determined neutrality of their countries. One after another, their countries went down. These were not merely national defeats; they were highly and intensely individual. The consequences visited upon every man, woman and child in those countries have been and continue to be appalling.

There is no more reassurance or comfort in the idle thought "It can't happen here." What once seemed incredible has happened. The United States is at war. The lives of millions called into active service are at stake, along with the future and fate of the nation,

But that is not all. See what has happened in Europe and Asia; and you will see much more than the overthrow and exile of governments—the robbery, persecution, degradation and slaughter of innocent, inoffensive, peace-loving people. Seeing and knowing of this, the people of this country surely must sense the extremely personal issue

## Stalin the Appeaser

SOVIET RUSSIA and Japan have just extended their fisheries agreement, whereby the Japanese may continue to fish in Siberian waters. Japanese Ambassador Tatakewa tried for another long-term agreement, such as that which ran from 1928 to 1936, but Foreign Commissar Molotov held some recreation for boys and girls. firm for another annual pact, and the new one is for only the remainder of this year.

Under a series of agreements, Japan has long been getting a large part of her food supply from Siberian waters, and still more, without any agreement, from American waters. With American waters now made risky for Japanese poachers, the Russian concession is all the more important.

The concession means no profit for Russia; the advantage is all on Japan's side. The new agreement again reveals Stalin's willingness to indulge a potential enemy to the last point of endurance. It also suggests that Tokyo again may be playing the pretense other than fishing in Siberian waters before the year is out.

## Let Japs Build Our Military Roads—But Pay Them

GIVEN the belated consent of the Ottawa government, the United States is now committed to construct and pay the costs of the new highway, running all the way through Canadian territory, to a junction with the American highway system in Alaska.

The military necessity and general desirability of such a road is recognized everywhere. There is also general realization that it must fall short of full peace-time usefulness unless ultimately linked in, through British Columbia, with the highway system of Pacific Coast States.

Leaving routes and other details to be settled by those who think they know best, we renture to suggest that this project affords at least partial solution to another problem made acute by war.

You'd do me one last favor.

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Much labor will be required. There is no labor supply in the country to be traversed. Virtually all manpower in the United States and Canada is otherwise engaged. Federal, SHE: The world will hardly be holding its breath, my little chickadee,



# Soviet-Jap Battle Sure To Come in Siberia; But Right Now Each Is Too Busy Elsewhere

WASHINGTON—An ultimate clash between Japan and the U. S. S. R. it has in order to obtain a decision both in Australia and in India is inevitable, but for the time being neither the Russians nor the nations of money with which the committee an buy reading matter. Such gifts may be and are doing their utmost to avert any possible friction.

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RESIDENT EUROPEANS WHO WERE ACCUSTOMED TO PLAYING REGULARLY ON HIS PRIVATE GOLF COURSE. NEXT TIME THEY

HAD BEEN REPLACED OVERNIGHT BY A SMALL TREE .

ARRIVED TO PLAY, THEY FOUND THAT THE CUP ON EACH GREEN

left at branch libraries or at the Victory left at branch libraries or at the Victory waters is expected to be followed by other agreements of "mutual Book campaign headquarters in the Rialto Ruilding and manufactured materials from the United States will pass Japanese

The reason for the courteous attitude of the two governments toward each other is that the Russians must worry, for the time being, about checking Hitler while the Japanese have other more important problems than tackling the weak, but distant Russian defensive forces in the maritime provinces. A CENTS of the Federal Bureau of Investi-

gation are daily giving conclusive proof THE Soviet High Command has withdrawn from Siberia the best available divisions and the bulk of the air force. These additional forces have enabled the Soviet general staff to operate successfully against Hitler during the winter.

During that time they received but scant assistance from the United States and substantial, but not sufficient, help from Great Britain.

The large air force stationed for several years in Siberia between Vladivostok and the Urals has been reduced to a skeleton. The best Siberian divisions—all well-trained professional soldiers with more than nine years active service on the Manchurian border—enabled Marshal of these aliens have stored these instruments Timoshenko to begin last fall's offensive against the Nazis and to push

them back after they had reached the gateway to the Caucasus.

Whatever divisions remain in Siberia are neither sufficiently equipped nor trained to start an offensive against the Japanese Kwangtung army and the forces of Manchukuo.

nage and subversion. That is information A SIMILAR situation exists in Japan. The bulk of its aviation is now

Siberia, even though the Russian forces are much weaker than they THE Japanese know the American-Australian forces under General

for at least another 8 or 12 months.

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experiences in Bataan were only a foretaste of what they will encounter in Australia, where the American generalissimo has far better equipment and better facilities for obtaining both men and supplies than he had in the Philippines.

Things will be assisted.

Things will be easier for the Japs in Burma than in Australia, but even there the resistance of the British, supported by Chinese and Americans, is stiffening and Tokyo cannot afford reverses as easily

Americans, is sufficiently as Hitler has.

Hitler has suffered great injury to his prestige and has lost many comfort is problematical, but it is men and much war material in the Russian adventure, but he can readily make up his losses because he is operating only a short distance ican public will not be told about the details of its expenditures and the details of its expenditures and the details of its expenditures and the details of the major items.

from home bases. Setbacks like those Hitler has suffered would, however, be fatal to the Japs.

They must operate thousands of miles from their principal bases of the way the spending program of supplies against the increasing air and naval power of the United is being conducted unless it suits Nations. Any diversion of forces to theatres of operations like Siberia the political purposes of the ad-F. B. I. may divulge in good time.

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# Mr. Roosevelt Versus MacArthur

By DAVID LAWRENCE

WASHINGTON - Out in Austra-lia, to an assembled group of newsnanermen General MacArthur said the press is a valuable and in-fluential medium in wartime and that it is an essential instrument

in fighting the war.

Here in Washington, President Roosevelt, speaking to an assembled group of newspapermen said, in an-other connection, that he didn't think the press has much influence and seemed inclined to belittle its

THESE are not to be taken on their face as contradictory statements. They merely reflect two contrasting aspects of the pres-

ent war.
For General MacArthur is fighting only a foreign war and President Roosevelt is still fighting a domestic war as well as a foreign

Mr. Roosevelt still reveals him-self in the role of political cam-paigner coddling the labor vote and paigner conduing the labor vote and New Dealer fighting on for re-forms, irrespective of all else. At-torney General Biddle gave the key-note of this policy when he said in a public address—never denied or disavowed—that the New Deal fight, must go one even during fight must go one even during

THE President has made no secret of his dislike for the press. The reason, of course, is that the press criticizes him and his acts and few people in public life enjoy criticism.

Lately, the press has been a bit outspoken concerning the overtime penalties that employers must pay to accelerate industrial produc-tion. The President chose to imply the effort to substitute straight-time for overtime may not have been sincere or spontaneous but somehow artificially created.

HIS own spokesmen have endeavored to tell the people that the campaign for removal of over-time penalties is connected with efforts of the enemy to promote fric-

tion in our midst.

The enemy must be pretty stupid about its own interests. For if it doesn't know that 40-hour week and penalties for overtime will slow up America's war production, it is badly informed as to which side of the argument will help it more.

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Japanese losses in planes and men have been relatively small, yet

THE representatives of the press have no easy time of it, of course. With an administration in office that resents criticism, the a-day schedule, but Japanese manufacturers cannot expect supplies of public doesn't suffer in peace-time, raw materials in large quantities from the rich, conquered territories out and printed.

But in war-time, the administra-tion has a powerful weapon—news suppression, the threat of jail, and Hence, everything that has been stowed away and everything that is being produced is needed for the fighting forces in the Western Pacific. There is little, if anything to spare for operations against the easily offered excuse that the enemy would be aided or comforted by the news.

THIS has now gone so far that

oureau of the budget.

Just what the budget bureau knows about the remote relationreceipts or any of the major items

of figures ists and statisticians of the country is an adventure in useless censor-ship. Yet within the political background of the whole censorship policy, it is understandable.

GENERAL MacARTHUR, on the pendent of MacArthur are to say what supplies and forces he is to be given with which to fight his battle?

The plaudits he has so justly won by doing so much with so little have left a sort of impression that he is a military magician who can morale. morale.

He recalled to newspapermen in

have left a sort of impression that he is a military magician who can do anything with nothing. Australia the days when he was press relations officer at the War His job is to reconquer a quarter of the globe half a world away Department. The United States Army, at the time, had sent a in distance. He can no more do that without a vast supply of men punitive expedition into Mexico IF he fails to do it( as he must fail without adequate supplies) his delicate period in our foreign relations.

If we do not see to it that he has adequate supplies, we shall be accused of not meeting the vast responsibilities into which we have those press conferences very well, somehow been euchered and now find ourselves; and, worst of all, we will be seriously hampered and threatened on our Atlantic and European front. The loving friends, admirers and even idolators of MacArthur's are He would put his feet on the desk thus doing him and the country no service by overemphasizing his in unmilitary fashion and talk for genius and paying too little heed to the dread considerations mentioned a half hour or an hour on any subhere. Those who go further, at this crisis, to push him toward domestic ject the correspondents wanted to talk about.

THEY do not remember the history of our country or General Winfield Scott, who was refused command in Mexico by President when he asked for the with-polk in favor of Zachary Taylor, because Scott was a presidential holding of any particular piece of aspirant—refused that command while the MacArthur-like victories information, he gave a good reason. of "Old Rough and Ready" made him a popular idol. Then Scott was and it always appealed to the newsput forward in an unsuccessful attempt to destroy Taylor.

They forget the political fight that prolonged the Civil War.

They trusted him because they

They forget that MacArthur is neither a politician nor a Democrat knew he had no axes to grind, that much less a New Dealer. We should give at least one American lidier a clean break. but the success of the Army.

NOT many of us are left in Washington today who remember MacArthur at the War Department then, but it was not surprising to read that he is handling his press conferences in Australia with the same deep respect for and confisame deep respect for and confidence in the press that he had a quarter of a century ago, notwithstanding his many tough experiences with some publicity channels in the intervening years.

### Hits and Misses

One thing the great national igure of a bygone age would say, f he were here today: "Boys, there

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Although the rubber shortage
may not be boosting the spirit of
diligence, it is making even the laziest motorist a tircless worker .-The Bremerton News-Searchlight.

Worth thinking about: The The Everett Daily Herald.

# Heaven Save MacArthur From His Friends

loving friends

not permitting the war to interfere with their continuing programs to provide whole-The University Commercial Club has

raised \$1,500, the Magnolia Playfield Association \$450 for playground improvements in their respective districts. The Park Board is wise in agreeing to supplement these private sums from park funds. Boys and girls are of no more importance

now than ever. They are always so. But when all else is askew in the world, it is of more than ordinary importance to give them the best possible opportunities for normal stark realities of this confused generation soon enough.

with Seattle. Apply quickly to Seattle Port

Commission.

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state and local authorities are wrestling with the question of what to do with the Japanese place in well who must be moved from coastal areas.

Almost to the last able-bodied man, these Japanese are industrious, accustomed to hard work. They are to be taken from their homes anyway. Why should not a considerable should get killed way from home, I certainly would appreciate to the last able-bodied man, these Japanese are industrious, accustomed to hard work. They are to be taken from their homes anyway. Why should not a considerable industrial areas.

He: Well, skip it, then. I'm merely trying to make arrangements to have my office know the worst promptly so it can make prompt poison among others. Should get killed while away from home, I certainly would appreciate their husbands to the last able-bodied man, these Japanese are industrious, accustomed to hard arrangements for assigning my chores to other willing hands. If you should get killed while away from home, I certainly would appreciate for the last able-bodied man, these Japanese are industrious, accustomed to hard arrangements for assigning my chores to other willing hands. If you should get killed while away from home, I certainly would appreciate their husbands to have my office know the worst promptly so it can make prompt poison among others.

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WASHINGTON-May heaven save Douglas MacArthur from his PROGRESSIVE neighborhood groups are

The Australian request for his services as the clock of doom regis The Australian request for his services as the clock of doom registered the 11th hour and the 59th minute tends to make him personally responsible for what the President says is—"Everything from here to Singapore." This is all messed up with some kind of British Empire politics involving Mr. Curtin and Mr. Churchill.

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on top of this, some little American groups are forming under the and materials than Napoleon could have done it from his prison island into American politics. into American politics.

THE tendency of all this is to entangle our feet more deeply in some kind of war mess involving, as it now begins to appear, conflicting and very complex wishes or aspirations of Britain, Australia, Canada

Even as a loyal selfless ally we can't be altogether under British utelage. We can't submerge the whole of our interests or accept responsibilities for matters which we do not and cannot control. India and China both apparently feel entitled to independence if the war is won and if they help to win it. Indeed, if the "Four

fun and healthy exercise. They will face the AND yet if the war is won, will Britain be content to see such subdivision of the Empire?

Freedoms" meant anything they must have meant something like that,

And if she be not content, are we at last to learn that we have been fighting and sacrificing to give the Malayans back to the Dutch, the East Indians to the English, and the Chinese to their semi-sovereignty last Indians to the \_\_\_\_,
inder alien concessions?

safe forecast is that there will be something cash of share use AND EXPENSES of field MACARTHUR'S "supreme command of everything east of Singapore is a sort of supply of sample is a sort of symbol of some such position as that into which he is being dragged—and with him our own independence of action to both

our east and our west.

heroically won fame will be frittered away.

politics, are doing him an even worse service.

Because Some Fail, No Reason To Condemn All

NEW YORK-Family Dialogue:

will know that the world will be informed of his passing.

even if every one in this block were killed. Death is too common-

He: I would detest myself as a cad to deny it, sweetheart. Such

no business liking each other—certainly not liking each other better than when they were married.

She: I see nothing wrong with it. She says she made a splendid financial settlement, and that now she doesn't worry about anything.

He: Why don't those women mind their own business? Having failed to make their own marriage succeed, they want to spread the discovery of the spirit of may not be boosting the spirit of may not be boosting the spirit of may not be boosting the plaz-

She: I do think, though, that many wives would be better off away from their husbands than with them.

He: But the nasty fellow would be expected to send her chunks of

She: Only a brute would do less.

(The conversation continued an hour. P. S.—They are still happily the less the news to reach the Jap.—married.)