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War's End May Find Change In Sentiment Toward Japs

SOME time ago when, as we were later to learn, occupation of North Africa had been decided upon, with a "second front" in Italy plainly in mind, all Italian residents of the United States were relieved of the stigma of "alien enemy."

Nothing has been done about the Japanese in this country. All those of the Pacific Coast defense area are interned at points farther inland.

Should there be any change in the present status of any of these Japanese? What ultimate disposition is to be made of all or any of them? If the Department of Justice or any other seat of federal authority has plans in mind, they are carefully guarded.

Meanwhile, how do the people of states from which the Japanese have been withdrawn feel toward them? Something of an answer to this is given in the Gallup Poll published today.

The division between those who would let all and those who would let none return is close. The fact that 16 per cent of those polled are undecided also is significant.

The preponderant opinion indicated by this first poll is exonerative, not to say lenient; certainly less harsh than might have been expected.

Not the Time, or Place POLICE CHIEF HERBERT D. KIMSEY expresses the sentiment of the great majority of Seattle citizens in discouraging large and noisy gatherings of New Year's Eve celebrators in public streets.

That kind of celebration has been the traditional greeting for the new year in Seattle, as in most large American cities. It is out of place this year.

The innate good taste of patriotic citizens should prompt them to moderation in their observance of the occasion. But if that does not serve, official reminder will be in order.

Wrong Vote; Right Opinion IN the matter of money for the enlargement of Harborview Hospital and for civilian defense in the area outside Seattle, the King County commissioners have been well advised to go slowly.

There was some talk of emergency appropriations; but in the opinion of Judge William Hickman Moore of the county attorney's office, such appropriations would be unlawful, since the voters in the recent election refused to authorize special tax levies for these purposes.

The opinion is sound. The voters were wrong in failing to meet necessary occasions; but their decision must be respected. To spend money when they have said they didn't want it spent, would not be the proper cure for the case.

Wallace Visions of Global Planning May Look Different to Other Peoples WHETHER the task is self-assumed or assigned by his chief, Vice President Wallace is making for himself many opportunities to tell what the United States and other nations of the world must do when war comes to an end.

President Roosevelt, of course, has his time fully occupied in running the war, controlling the domestic economy, and making ready to deal with a Congress which seems likely to be less pliant than some that have gone before.

This leaves Mr. Wallace free for his congenial métier of long-range planning. "Conscious planning" was the term he originated as secretary of agriculture, and applied at vast cost and with poor results in the regimentation of American farmers.

It may be that Mr. Wallace is doing no harm in talking as much as he does. His visions of a world council "to direct a planned global economy," and of an ultimate federated world organization, a super-government of all peoples, are not unpleasant to think about.

Visions of other men, in this country and elsewhere, are somewhat more stern. They embrace a reckoning on human nature; the variability of human desires; the inconstancy of human purposes.

The United Nations, says Mr. Wallace, now are "groping for a formula which will give the greatest possible liberty without producing anarchy, and at the same time will not give so many rights to each nation as to jeopardize the security of all."

He seems to think he has the right formula; but here again he raises doubt in the minds of many by saying that the freedom for which Woodrow Wilson fought when he helped set up the League of Nations was "the forerunner of the Roosevelt New Deal of 1933."

With so many of the New Deal devices discredited and discarded, that reference seems ill-advised, to say the least. The world, at war's end, will have trouble enough without any New Deal inflictions such as this country has been compelled to suffer.

What leaders of other nations think about Mr. Wallace's plans for their future is not yet known. There has been no positive reaction. They must feel that he speaks with authority; and they may not relish the inescapable implication that the United States means to do most of the planning and boss the whole show.

They Help Fighting Men Keep Warm

—By BILL CUNNINGHAM

BOSTON.—I crave your patriotic motherly and sisterly attention today to an organization known as Bundles For America, Inc.

It wears a bum name, for it sounds like an old clothes collection agency, or possibly a domestic rebellion against Bundles For Britain, when, as a matter of fact, it's neither.

Instead, it's a knitting outfit principally consecrated to the cause of keeping Service Men in the open from freezing to death, and to do a little something in a knitting way for their new-born babies, if they need it.

THIS is a national organization with departments in 42 states. I don't know what it conflicts with, if anything, nor what it meshes with, if anything, but I'm for it, and so's the Army, Navy and Coast Guard.

Since then, it has supplied 13,566 knitted articles to the Armed Forces of the United States—all branches of them. It has completely outfitted 60 ships.

Individual shipments include such notations as 1,267 articles to the Coast Guard, 279 knee-length stockings to the American Field Service in Libya, 173 articles to the air forces, 1,420 to army camps, etc.

SINCE June, they've likewise been running a sewing department where the good volunteer women make clothes for the needy families of men in the armed forces.

A lot of the sewing is also done at headquarters, where women who can run a machine or who are expert with needle and thread, assemble on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Volunteers are welcome in this particular department, but the staff is hitting quite a lick. They've sent out 702 finished garments, including a lot of bath-robos which went to the Naval Hospital for the use of sailors wounded in action and recuperating there.

THEN their baby department has sent out 194 jackets of such a nature as to be expected of a baby can write from no matter where he is in the world, telling the organization where his wife can be located, and this grand bunch of women will see that the new little heir or heiress of such a dad has the warmest and best to help him, or her, get under way.

THE organization is endorsed by both Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles and Rear Admiral Wilson Brown. The services like it because they can call up, state a need, and have it taken care of immediately.

Many times a warship in the Navy Yard, due to sail in the afternoon, has sent a truck in the morning and taken back complete cold fatigue outfits for every enlisted man on the vessel.

What do these outfits consist of? Well, beanies, cap mufflers, chest protectors, gloves, helmets, knee caps, mittens, scarves, sea boots, socks, sweaters (both sleeveless and turtle neck), watch caps, wristlets, mine sweeper mittens, etc.

If you want to do something that's plenty helpful, look up your branch of Bundles for America.

Hits and Misses Some years ago we suggested a public vehicle that would run up on its hind legs and shake the standees to the back of the bus. As always, we were ignored.—Wallis Wallis Bulletin.

Of the race horses of the year, Whirlaway is picked as the stand-out. But there's Rommel.—Yakima Herald.

OFF THE RECORD —By Ed Reed

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GREEN KITCHEN HELP

By Ding



Britons Expect Gas Attacks by the Nazis

—By CONSTANTINE BROWN

WASHINGTON.—Although the German high command continues to pour troops into Tunisia and Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces are racing toward Bizerte and the Little Maginot Line, Allied strategists are not convinced that Hitler intends to make that area the main battlefield.

The Nazis will give up only when the pressure becomes too heavy. In responsible military quarters, it is believed that Hitler's plan of action in North Africa is to delay the Allies as long as possible in order to fortify Europe and permit him to prepare an offensive on some other front, either against the British Isles or the Middle East.

THE pincers movement from the east and the west—the army of Gen. Bernard Montgomery and the army under the command of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, which had been planned at the outset of the Allied campaign in Africa—by way of starting very shortly.

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which would break completely the morale of the home front.

THIS view is not shared by the American military men, who do not believe Hitler will attempt to "commit suicide" so early in the game.

In support of this theory, it is pointed out that the Nazis are continuing to concentrate forces in Bulgaria, Greece and Crete and that they are building new airbases and landing places in that area.

A STUBBORN defense of Tunisia with a force of between 75,000 and 80,000 men—in the event Marshal Rommel manages to move all his divisions into Tunisia—would be more than sufficient to hem in the British 8th Army for a sufficient time to permit other German forces to operate against the relatively weak 9th Army guarding the Suez Canal and the Middle East.

Should this suspected plan be in effect by the Nazis, the sacrifice of the Africa Corps would be a purely defensive role.

According to available reports, the Nazi generals are opposed to using gas, not because of any humanitarian reasons, but because they are afraid of retaliation, have paid ample dividends.

New Year's Eve Playboys Might Try Wearing Khaki

—By HENRY McLEMORE

NEW YORK.—Unless the governor comes through with a reprieve, or there is presidential intervention, I must go to a costume party New Year's Eve.

I would much rather have Damocles' sword and a bank safe hanging over my head than the prospect of dressing for this gala affair.

My dread of costumes, other than the standard O'Janes prescribed for the male frame by Hart Schaffner and Marx, started when I was a child and custom forced me to dress for Halloween.

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Many Westerners Oppose Return of the Japanese

—THE GALLUP POLL

ONE of the burning public questions along the Pacific Coast at present is whether the Japanese who were evacuated from the coast area should be permitted to return after the war is over.

It is the kind of question on which the state of public opinion has a most important bearing, because the solution to the problem will depend in large measure on the relative amount of hostility or friendliness which the people of California, Oregon and Washington show toward the Japanese.

In order to determine just what the attitude is today, the Gallup Poll conducted a special intensive survey of public sentiment in the five western states most concerned with the problem of Japanese residents—California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona.

IT found a fairly even division of opinion on the part of the public in the five states, as follows:

Approximately one-third of the people in the five states say they are opposed to allowing any of the former Japanese residents to return, whether they are citizens or not.

Another group, constituting slightly more than one-fourth, take a more tolerant attitude and would allow all the Japanese to come back.

A third group would allow only Japanese who are American citizens to return to the West Coast after the war and would not permit former Japanese residents who are aliens to return.

THE question put to voters was as follows: "Do you think the Japanese who were moved from the Pacific Coast should be allowed to return to the Pacific Coast when the war is over?"

Would allow all to return 29%
Would allow only Japanese who are citizens to return 24
Would allow none to return 31
Undecided at present 16

ALTHOUGH the problem is primarily a Pacific Coast problem, the Gallup Poll also tested public sentiment throughout the country on the question of what should be done with the West Coast Japanese.

Results show that the country as a whole is more tolerant than the residents of the western area alone. The national vote is:

Would allow all to return 35%
Would allow only Japanese who are citizens to return 26
Would allow none to return 17
Undecided 22

THE 1940 population census showed that the Japanese population in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona consisted of 93,721 who were American citizens, and 55,734 who were aliens. In other words, the citizens outnumbered the aliens by a little less than two to one.

Voters in the five-state western area who are opposed to allowing the Japanese to return were asked: "What should be done with them?"

The largest proportion—more than two-thirds—thought they should be sent back to Japan. The legal basis for such action is not clear; it would probably require an act of Congress.

Most of the remainder thought the Japanese should be left in the inland areas where they are now interned, or in some other inland place.

IN order to determine the general social attitude of West Coast residents toward the Japanese, the Gallup Poll reporters asked respondents whether they would be willing to hire Japanese servants after the war is over, and whether they would be willing to trade at Japanese-owned stores.

The questions and results follow: "Would you be willing to hire Japanese servants to work in your home after the war is over?"

Yes 26%
No 69
Undecided 5

"Would you be willing to trade at Japanese-owned stores after the war is over?"

Yes 38%
No 58
Undecided 4

THROUGHOUT the western area there is almost unanimous public approval of the Army's action in evacuating the Japanese from the coast and sending them to detention camps.

Of those questioned, 97 per cent said they thought the Army did the right thing, while 2 per cent disapproved and 1 per cent were undecided.

Reading Other Newspapers

VISITING THE FOLKS PEPS THEM UP THIS war is much more terrible than the last, in all of its phases. But, in preparing for it, we've learned much about the treatment men deserve to keep their morale at top notch and thereby make them better fighting men. For instance, scarcely a week passes without marking the return of some Snohomish boy from one of the other fighting fronts for a few days of vacation and family and friends.

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THE NEIGHBORS —By George Clark

