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Soft-Hearted Sentiments Tiring American Patience

Continued agitation about the Japanese-American problem is in keeping with our American way of doing things. Having once made up our minds what to do with all the Japanese formerly resident along this coast, and having done it, we must listen to a perpetual rehash of the question from those who now think we should do something else.

No one will deny the problem is perplexing. As Mrs. Roosevelt points out, there are those educated the American way, those who were taught to be loyal to their ancestral country and some who came to the United States before Pearl Harbor to avoid fighting for either country.

Among the considerations involved, the first must be to safeguard the nation's interests, for we happen to be at war. Only secondary to this come considerations of humanity to the loyal Japanese, their welfare, present and future.

Some who keep harping about it think a congressional committee should investigate and a committee of California congressmen now has worked out a program which indeed seems to be a step in the right direction.

THE shoe rationing program has fallen with dire consequence upon the dummies used to display footwear in the store windows. A new Office of Price Administration prohibits one store from lending shoes to another to tempt the eyes of prospective shoe-purchasers.

ON fact or pretext of impaired health, Erwin Rommel, sometime fearsome desert fox, was called home from Africa many weeks ago. Now that the Tunisian "affair" is about over, Nazi censorship releases news that the considerate Fuehrer brought the enfeebled marshal back to Germany, so that he might recuperate for service on some other front.

JUDGES of the Superior Court have their manpower problems, arising chiefly from the scarcity of citizens available for jury duty. But while lamenting this situation, jurists report at least two compensating tendencies.

THE case of the young pinball machine operator Woodward, "wanted" in both King and Snohomish Counties on charges of numerous criminal assaults, speaks so loudly of official inefficiency as to call for little if any comment, save that which shocked readers of the news may make for themselves.

Another Move To Perpetuate Dictatorship

WASHINGTON—One immediate effect of the reactionary decision by the Supreme Court giving the government the power of censorship even in peacetime over all radio programs will be to widen the special investigation of the Federal Communications Commission which was recently authorized by the House of Representatives.

THE fact that five Roosevelt-appointed judges upheld the right of bureaucracy to supersede what over the air means that the public will now be interested in the arbitrary method by which the F. C. C. has drawn up regulations exercising a power of coercion over the radio stations and networks amounting to intimidation.

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WHAT the foregoing means is that the citizen isn't capable of making contracts if he happens to be the owner of a radio station and that he needs his master—the all-powerful state—to protect him.

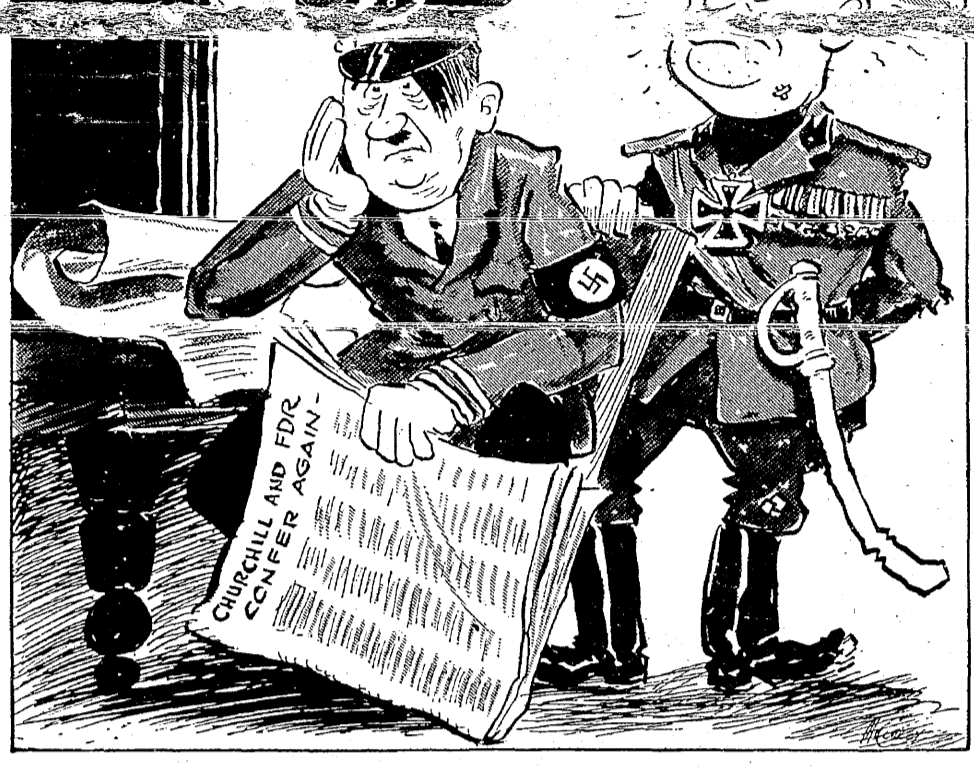
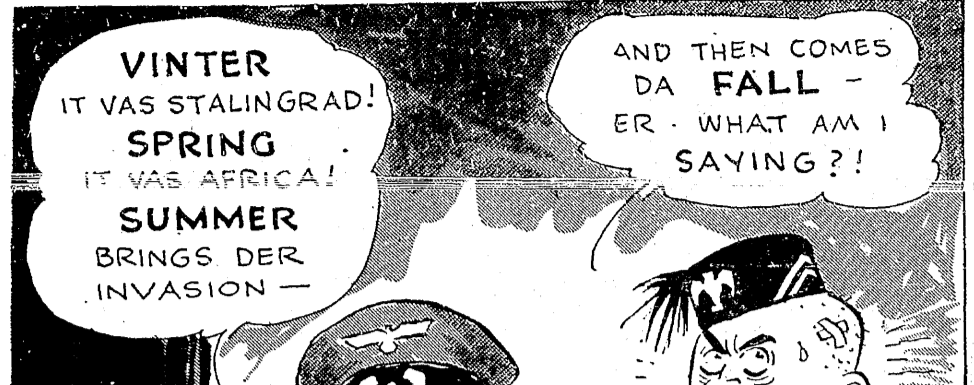
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SOMETHING THAT 'MEIN KAMPF' OVERLOOKED



Must We Look Into Guns to Realize It?

WASHINGTON—I am for the honest working man, the union man, against any and every injustice, inequity or attempt at exploitation that any individual or corporation may try to collar on him to his, or its, selfish advantage.

TO finish the story of that episode, God must have heard the prayers of those wounded marines, for a torrential storm promptly blew in from nowhere, adding much to their personal misery, but at least, stopping the Japs. Dawn came eventually—and rescue.

ONE man who evidently can't is John L. Lewis, who threatened to halt our war effort completely, just as it's hitting its peak and we're about ready to go.

THE story in the home state is that both men were Lewis puppets and that Neely pulled out of the Senate and went back to run for governor only to take care of certain matters Lewis wanted steered. The Lewis sponsorship apparently was the kiss of death in both cases.

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No Feathers Or Fuss About This General

LONDON, ENGLAND—Frank Andrews wore his stars as lightly as a corporal does his stripes. As the commanding general of the American forces in the European theatre, he was the main actor in the show, but he preferred the wings to the footlights.

SHORTLY after I came here, one of his aides arranged an interview for me. I was prepared to be ushered in and ushered out in a few minutes, but the general was as gracious in his big office, which was papered with maps, charts and graphs, as though it were the drawing room in his home.

THE general was born in Tennessee and we found that we had mutual friends in Nashville. We talked about them and about Vanderbilt football teams and how good it would be to have another breakfast of Tennessee ham, grits, red-eye gravy and fried sweet potatoes.

ANDERSON was a meeting place and ball session ring for all of us. He served tea and cakes every afternoon at four and one had to get there early to get standing room.

BRIGADIER CHARLES BARTH was another friend who died in the tragic crash like Andrews. General Barth was never too busy to answer the questions of correspondents.

HITS and Misses

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Home Styles Won't Do Any Quick Change

CHICAGO—"Pencil dreams, fairy stories and freakish publicity about post-war houses will do great harm by causing buyers to wait for miracles that probably won't happen—or at best take years to develop."

ON the other hand, builders are fully aware of the technical progress that is being made and are anxious to deliver the best home values ever created as soon as construction is resumed.

THE Colopel was a favorite with Londoners who attended the games regularly. He wasn't exactly Hal Chase when it came to batting average, but his batting average was strictly a bunch of decimal points, but his unflinching good humor more than made up for his weakness in the field and at bat.

DECORATING many of the fanciful promises of new developments hinted at a long specific line, the builders point out: "We must have something definite on which to build; after land and improvements must come plans which can immediately be turned into homes. Simplification should be the keynote in plan with new heating, ventilating and electric equipment influencing interior designs. Great changes are expected in kitchens and baths following functional design."

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