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When War Is Finished, Peace Can Be Far Away

FORECAST has been given of difficulties in the way of planning for a better world when the war is over.

Much persuasion and pouring of oil was needed to bring Gen. Charles de Gaulle and Gen. Henri Giraud together.

Soviet Russia's spurt of resentment against Polish political activity and premature assertions of territorial rights, seems to have abated.

In our own country, for many years the so-called melting pot of all nationalities, groups of diverse foreign derivation are beginning to bestir themselves in conflict of opinion.

An American-Hungarian organization, for example, is expressing distrust of the Czechoslovakian government-in-exile.

Another organization in this country critically questions the attitude of Count Sforza, chosen at Montevideo last year to be president of the National Council of Free Italians.

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We Cannot Be Sure

TESTIMONY before the Dies investigating committee has revealed that 450 Japs at a relocation center in Arizona have refused to attest their loyalty to the United States.

There are 11,000 Japs at the center. Among that number a large majority of the American-born Nisei doubtless are loyal American citizens.

Those Fighting Hearts

THE chance phrases uttered from time to time by American fighting men drift back to give us intimate glimpses of the spirit in which they have undertaken the grim business of war.

THE American fighter pilot, says one North African flyer, is "just automatically wonderful, because he flies with his heart."

Absence Makes the

SELECTIVE service officers in this state have announced that chronic absenteeism from war-plant jobs for which workmen have been deferred will make them subject to immediate reclassification.

THE British have made effective use of a slogan to counteract absenteeism in their war industries.

WE doubt whether slogans will help solve our absenteeism problems. Eloquence seems not to serve the purpose here.

A Little Higher, Please

IN language that bespeaks full respect for the necessary activities of the air forces in the Seattle vicinity, one citizen inquires of the City Council whether "it is helpful to the war effort" for planes to fly so low over Seattle house-tops.

IN justice to the military authorities, it should be pointed out that many of the instances this citizen asks about have been in connection with ceremonies at Victory Square, and with practice drills of civilian protection units.

THE City Council's inquirer is concerned chiefly with the roar of planes flying close to the ground.

CITY BEACHES GIVEN O. K.

MISGIVINGS as to the wholesomeness of the water at Seattle's municipal bathing beaches on Lake Washington and Green Lake appear to have been dispelled by careful tests made by the City Health Department.

THE water on the Seattle shore of Lake Washington has been given a clean bill of health for swimming—happily, since few of us will be able to travel much farther for a cooling dip during summer months.

THE state of the water on the other side of Lake Washington is less certain, a circumstance suggesting that Seattle health authorities must continue vigilance throughout the swimming season.

Too Bad To Take It Out On the Miners

By DAVID LAWRENCE

WASHINGTON.—Did the coal miners' union have a contract between May 31, when they walked out, and June 7, when they reported back for work?

When Fuel Administrator Ickes on June 4 proclaimed that he had extended the old miners' contract, did that automatically put it into effect back to May 31 after the miners had already gone out on strike?

These are the questions which envelop the new phase of the coal controversy, and it seems most unfortunate that Ickes has issued an order which is based at best on a confusing and unprecedented set of circumstances.

IT is true that the old contract under which the miners have been working calls for a penalty if the men go out on strike, and that penalty is a fine of \$1 a day.

When the truce expired Monday, May 31, there was no contract in existence. Nobody in the government asked that the contract be extended, though there is reason to believe the miners' union would have agreed.

No formal request on this point came till Fuel Administrator Ickes, in a telegram to John L. Lewis, asked that he order the miners back to work.

But at the same time, now, when penalties are imposed, a recognition is given to the interval between May 31 and June 4, when the miners did not know whether or not they had a contract.

There is no law on the statute books which explicitly empowers the President or any other governmental agency to impose a new contract or extend an old one on seized plant operations.

There is such authority in the proposed legislation just reported by the conference committee of both houses of Congress.

Should the miners be penalized under the terms of a law not yet passed? This is a question which clearly involves administration policy and fact.

HUNGARY'S regent, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, has become doubtful again and he is reported to have told Hitler bluntly that all the forces Hungary has left, after losing at least 50 per cent of her armies in Russia, will be kept in Hungary for the defense of the homeland.

THE situation in Rumania is not much more encouraging to the German Foreign Office.

NOT ENOUGH FLAGS

IT is strange but true that the American flag is being carried to so many parts of the world today that there is actually a shortage of American flags at home.

Reading Other Newspapers

THE Wall Street Journal explains that manufacturers are having trouble in keeping production up to last year's peak because "many of the men who make the flags are leaving to fight under them."

JAPS NEVER AMERICANS

WE are one of those who feel that it was a serious mistake ever to grant American citizenship to the Japanese, and that this great privilege should not only be forfeited after the war, but that the Japanese who are now citizens should lose American citizenship.

HARDY PERENNIAL

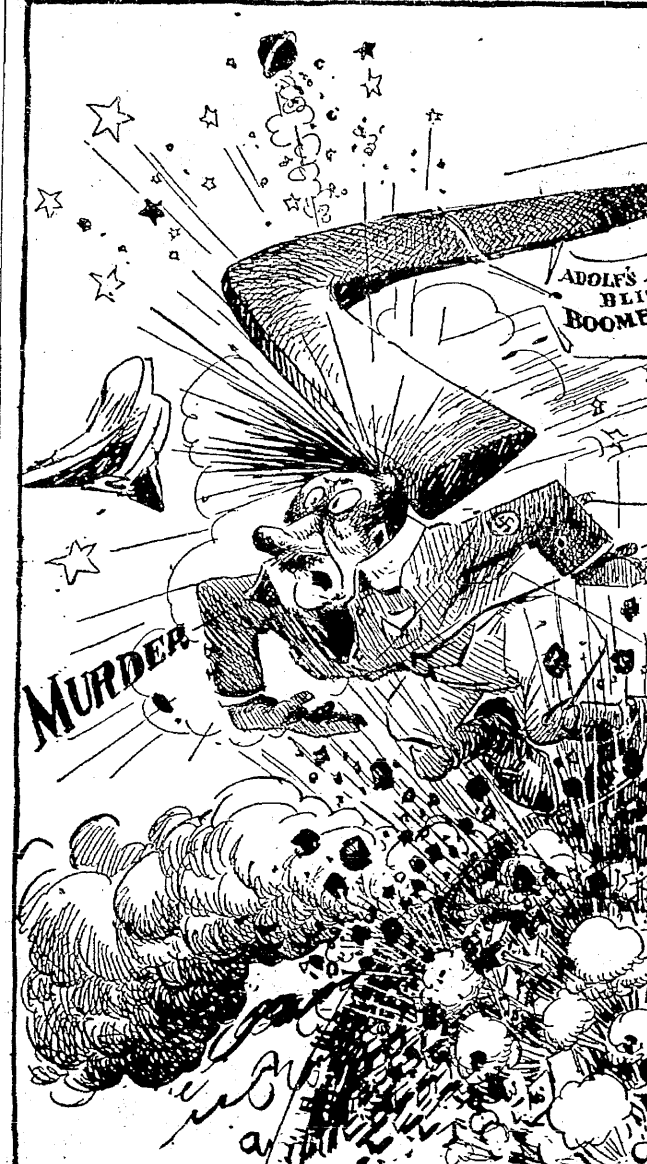
ONE of the hardy perennials this country has had to deal with in the past ten years is the Florida ship canal.

KNobby AND Nifty

WE think this is carrying patriotism and thrift entirely too far. Since the limit on buying footwear went into effect, two local citizens are out on our Front Street in the high cloth-top button shoes with the knobby toes they wore in the nineties.

BACK TO THE MAN WHO THREW IT

By Ding



Hitler Satellites Ready to Jump the Track

By CONSTANTINE BROWN

WASHINGTON.—A dolt Hitler, who has been practically relieved of all worry regarding the military operations in Europe, has a tough job keeping the Reich's satellites in order.

IT is reported that the Hungarian government and the bulk of public opinion is beginning to believe that Hitler hasn't a chance of winning the war and the Hungarians are determined to look after themselves as best they can.

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Seattle Girl Tells of Ride In Bomber to African Base

(Rita Hume is a former member of The Seattle Times' advertising and editorial staffs. She left Seattle last year to enter the overseas service of the military-welfare division of the American Red Cross.)

By RITA HUME

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, June 12.—(Special)—We sat in the glass case of a Mitchell bomber counting the swarms of Flying Fortresses, and Lightning's roaring into the morning sun.

"That poor little island is sure going to catch hell today," said Col. Robert D. Knapp of Auburn, Ala.

He meant Pantelleria, of course, for our ride tonight—a non-combat jaunt to pick up equipment and mail at a distant base—was made just as the bombardment of the enemy island was reaching its peak.

Lightnings came first in near formations of 24 planes and then there was a breathtaking sight of great green 4-engine bombers soaring high over the rolling wheat-fields and vineyards of the Tunisian countryside.

"By golly, there's at least 200 there and I have 36 going out from my field this morning," exclaimed Colonel Knapp, who commands a Mitchell bomber unit.

The day before Colonel Knapp had been in his first air crash in North Africa as a result of engine trouble but none of the crew in his Mitchell was injured.

As he set his automatic controls he assured me: "Our casualties in operation are no more than those we suffered during training in the states. Our unit flew in a group to Africa, you know, and we've been active ever since."

It isn't quite customary for American women to go riding in American bombers but the colonel had let me become an aerial hitch-hiker from one field to another as a favor to the Red Cross.

Since the Tunisian campaign closed, the air forces under Lieut. General Carl A. Spaatz moved into fields captured from the Axis and by arrangement between him and William S. Stevenson, Red Cross delegate, clubmobiles have followed first and bomber groups forward as permanently attached auxiliaries.

The clubmobile units, composed of one man and two girls, service air and ground crews with doughnuts and coffee.

Once we were on the field a tall, lanky, Texan, commanding general of the wing, met us in a stucco farm house where pictures of pretty girls and movie stars, as usual, decorated the walls.

The general grove me to another field where the planes were returning and a leather-jacketed squadron leader getting out of his plane reported: "There's nothing but a few puffs of flak coming at us today, sir."

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DAILY BRIDGE

By ELY CULBERTSON

Shrewd Maneuvering

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PRIVATE LIVES

By Paul Ford

