

# WHEN WILL THE WAR END?

## Babson Says Not Until After Election of November, 1944

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—First let us remember that the United States is the only functioning constitutional democracy engaged in the War.



BABSON

Neither China nor Russia are democracies. Certainly none of the Axis countries are democracies. England has no written constitution, although this fact is not necessary for my thesis this week. Certainly England and her Empire group are run on entirely different principles than is the United States.

### JAPAN OR GERMANY FIRST

The question of whether we shall first whip Japan or Germany, or go at them both 50-50, is already a question of politics. Many Republicans, lead by General MacArthur, are for whipping Japan first, or at least giving her 50-50 of the dosage; while most of the Democrats, lead by the President, are for whipping Germany first. Furthermore, sectionalism is a factor in this connection. The Pacific Coast is especially fearful of Japan; while the Atlantic Coast is especially fearful of Europe.

Then, this country is divided as to whether we are acting independently enough. Some seem to regret that when pulling our chestnuts out of the fire we also are pulling out England's. Personally, I believe we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to England and am not at all sympathetic with this group of "America Firsters". In order to save ourselves we are obliged to save England although we are not in this War, per se, to save the British Empire. If after the War a vote should be taken on what we should do for the British Empire, I am afraid our good English cousins would be disappointed. Therefore, this has become more-or-less of a political football, with the New Dealers lining up with the British Empire and the Republicans playing with the "America Firsters" program. This is further complicated by the leading Republican Candidate for 1944, Wendell Willkie, taking a broad-minded, global viewpoint; while another spectacular Republican, Clare Boothe Luce, backed by untold millions, seems to be for grabbing all we can for ourselves.

### INVASION OR STRANGULIZATION

Perhaps the most important political struggle will develop in connection with the policy to be used in bringing Germany to her knees. One group-favors the immediate invasion of Europe and I assume that President Roosevelt is back of these immediate invasion plans. By Europe, I

## TOKIO FLIER URGES BOND BUYING TO AVENGE BUDDIES

By CAPT. HAROLD F. WATSON of Hartford, Conn., one of the American fliers who was with Major General James Doolittle on the raid over Tokyo.



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mean the invasion of the Continent itself. Taking Norway is not invading Europe. Certainly, if this is not the intention of the Roosevelt Administration, it has been deceiving the American people. It is generally assumed that the real invasion jumping off points will be England, Norway, Africa and Turkey. The invasion may be centered at one point or scattered over several points. I am not a military man and am unable to comment on this problem. I do, however, understand that the Administration favors working 100% with Russia and England. This means doing what Russia and England want as they are in the majority. Hence, I admit that an invasion may come at any time.

Some Republicans believe that the immediate invasion program would require an uncalculated sacrifice on the part of our people. In this belief they may be backed by a majority of the mothers and fathers, sisters and sweethearts of the boys in the army. Furthermore, the larger the army becomes, the more sympathizers the Republicans will have to their substitute strangulation policy, rather than the Democratic invasion policy. These Republicans might favor an invasion of Norway or Turkey in order to get bombing fields; but their primary object is to surround Germany and her conquered countries with a series of bombing fields in Russia, Norway, England, Turkey and Africa, and gradually bomb the daylight out of Germany. They also favor the same policy as to Japan. As a student of political history, I know it is inevitable that this problem will get into United States politics.

### UNCERTAINTY RESULTS IN DELAY

All this will tend to delay a 100% War effort until after the 1944 elections. These are only

eighteen months away and eighteen months will go very rapidly in view of the uncertainties above, such delays are inevitable. The nearer we approach the time of elections, the easier it will be to leave many decisions until after the elections. Certainly, unless a real invasion takes place fairly soon, Germany and Japan can not be conquered before November, 1944. Therefore, it seems to me as a statistician that we will not have World Peace until January, 1945 at the earliest.

What does this mean to my readers? It means that farmers, wage workers, transportation companies and other groups which have been prospering from the War are justified in planning on a honeymoon of at least eighteen months longer. It means that businessmen and investors who have been suffering from the War must continue in their present situation for at least eighteen months longer. On the other hand all groups should remember that this Global War is not going to end so suddenly as did World War I. The final end will be far enough in advance so as to allow for discounting the event. Therefore, those interests now prospering with the War will begin to liquidate before the eighteen months are up; while those who are now in the dog-house will be sticking their heads out the door and feeling chipped likewise in advance.

S. L. Basden of Wayne County put a wooden frame on the rear of his tractor and fastened a corn planter to it, so that he could save the work of one mule. He did not have planting equipment for the tractor.

Pastures treated with lime and phosphate are giving earlier grazing and providing more grazing per acre than untreated pastures.

## Food Prices

Taking its first major step since the president's order to "hold the line", the Office of Price Administration has begun establishing specific dollars and cents ceiling prices on food items for stores in given communities, according to an announcement made today by A. F. Johnson, chairman of the Franklin County War Price and Rationing Board.



FIFTH YEAR—Colonel Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, pictured above, has started his fifth year as state director of the Brewing Industry Foundation's North Carolina Committee. He supervises the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign which has resulted in the elimination of more than 275 undesirable retail beer outlets in North Carolina.

Cities in North Carolina in which such prices have been put into effect are Raleigh and Charlotte.

The new series of prices, Johnson said, will not greatly alter prices as they now exist in stores in any community. However, in a number of cases, prices will be lowered, while, on the other hand, stores which are already operating under lower ceiling prices than those maximums set for the community, will be required to adhere rigidly to their lower prices.

"By translating ceiling prices into specific dollars and cents maximums which every housewife will know, we are placing in each housewife's hands the weapon to hold the price line," Johnson said. "I want to make it very clear that the new community prices represent the highest price that any store in a given locality can charge for an item. Any store may charge a lower price," he declared.

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### J. W. MITCHELL

Franklin, N. C.—J. W. Mitchell, 38, died Saturday at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson.

Surviving are his wife; one son; his mother; one brother, and several sisters. Funeral services were held Sunday at 5 p. m. from the home of Wheeler Allen in Franklin, with the Rev. S. E. Mercer, pastor of the local Methodist Church, officiating. Interment were in Fairview Cemetery here.

The average annual mean temperature in North Carolina is 59 degrees.

North Carolina, with more population than any other state in the South except Texas, has more native born than any other state in the nation—99.6.

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