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## 1941 And Hitler

We cannot know now what future historians will say of 1941 but our guess is that it will mark the beginning of the downfall of Hitlerism in the world.

On January 1, 1941, an arrogant Hitler told his seemingly invincible armies and his duped followers in Germany and elsewhere that the year would bring the nazis complete consummation of victory, triumphant and decisive.

As this is printed there are two days left in 1941 and Hitler is farther from victory than he has been at any time during the year.

The last two months have been filled with world-wide excitement. For the first time in the war, the nazis' bloodthirsty war machine has been fought to a standstill and better.

Russian armies today are driving the Germans back with terrific losses and British empire forces are mopping up Germans and Italians in North Africa.

Now Hitler promises his people victory in 1942.

During 1941 America was brought into the war, along with many smaller nations, on a complete, all-out scale. Germany and Italy received an assistant in the form of Japan but in the deal took on the United States, Mexico, Central America and several smaller powers.

While we believe that Hitlerism has finally passed its pinnacle and is on the downgrade, we would caution against overconfidence. It will take fighting and working among all the allied foes of Hitler to keep his regime on the downhill slide to ultimate defeat of all he stands for. There can be no let-up because that would endanger our cause. Because Hitler's armies have suffered reverses in Russia and in Africa is no reason to believe that the war has been conclusively decided.

We have every confidence in final victory for our nation and its powerful allies and that confidence is based as much on the belief that our people will not let up as on any other element in the struggle. Our vast resources will mean little unless the resources are manned by determined people.

Hitler now is faced with a dilemma, but the world may expect that he will do something drastic. Otherwise he cannot keep his people united and satisfied. In a nationalistic country the people in war can live only on victory. Now he must seek some foe to conquer to keep his people satisfied.

But whatever place his hordes strike next, we can get some satisfaction out of the fact that it will be one more place to fight back.

Invasion of the European continent now seems impractical for the Allies. But if Hitler strikes at Turkey, or Spain and north Africa, that will mean a great part of his armies pulled away and vulnerable to attack by British, Americans, Russians and others on our side. Hitler may try invasion of England. In which case we believe his forces will be disastrously defeated. Because no one of his generals would assume command and try to carry out his crazy schemes against their better judgment, he has taken command himself. Just what the mad man will attempt is not known now. But before this reaches print he may have already started something.

The coming year will be decisive for America. There may be setbacks which will make the picture look dark, but the year will be the time for preparation, and probably for carrying out, the death blows to the axis powers.

So far in the war with Japan our efforts have necessarily been defensive, but the time for great offensive measures will arrive and the might of America will be felt by Japan in a most effective manner.

## Everybody's Job

"What can I do?"

That's a question that millions of Americans all over the country are asking today. We who are behind the far-flung battle lines of freedom—how can we help?

The answer isn't hard to find. Not all of us can fly a bomber or operate a tank, but there are many other ways in which we can—and must—aid our country.

For one thing, we can all work harder at our jobs than ever before and in that way help increase America's production efficiency. We can be more careful and cut down accidents. We can build up our health and our endurance against difficult days that are bound to come. We can avoid waste both at work and at home and help to conserve materials that Uncle Sam needs now more than ever before. We can save waste paper and scrap metals that nearly every household has in the form of unused tools, kitchen utensils and similar articles.

Our plants and factories have long had well organized methods of salvaging such materials. One company saves enough aluminum to build ten two-engine bombers every month from machine shop left-overs alone. Another gets 75,000,000 pounds of non-ferrous scrap metal every year from parts of its equipment that have outlived their usefulness. Now it's up to us—every one of us—to work out salvage campaigns in our own homes and save whatever we can that our country needs.

Many of the articles we have been accustomed to buy won't be available any more. Industry will have to cut down on many products to speed the output of weapons. Instead of blaming our industrial system for these shortages, we can accept them cheerfully, keep up our morale and realize that metals and materials that in peace-time we would use, are now building up the best army, navy and air force in the world.

## On Our Way

When the aggressors attacking America chose a war of machines, they turned right down our alley. For America's industrial combination of men, management, machines and resources makes it the greatest mass production nation in the world. In that fact lies our strength and our victory.

What is the present status of our industry? It's got to be expanded of course, and expanded rapidly to meet the needs of war production. But what have we got to go on at the present time? A survey of facts shows that we've got a lot.

Modern war burns up huge quantities of oil. America's production of crude oil today is 4,100,000 barrels, and our capacity is 4,750,000 barrels. And we're well on our way to producing 5,000,000 gallons of 100 octane aviation gas every day—enough to "keep 'em flying" at the rate of 50,000 planes at a time.

We can produce about 720,000,000 pounds of aluminum a year and that, together with Canadian production, puts us ahead of the Axis and the Axis-controlled countries in this respect. We're way ahead on steel, too, and at present can produce about twice as much steel as the entire Axis-controlled European continent.

Our airplane industry has expanded at such a rate that more planes have been completed in 18 months than Germany is supposed to have been able to produce in four or five previous years.

We are building ships faster than any two Axis nations combined, and, through the speed-up of operations, are turning out 25 per cent more ships this year than was thought possible last May.

In the confusion of hourly radio reports, facts like these give us plenty of reason for confidence and courage. The battle of assembly lines has started well for us. It's far from finished. Under our vast new victory program many more factories must be built, more weapons produced.

Well, we've built factories in the past year, and we've produced weapons. In the years to come we shall continue to do so. We're well on our way, and no combination of alien enemies can stop us now.

"Dix Hill attendants get a \$5 a month raise. That's better than nothing, but a \$45 maximum for that sort of work is still a State disgrace". — Greensboro Daily News.

It is claimed that Japan is sending untrained youngsters to fight in the Philippines. But enough of them may be able to get in the way of General McArthur to bother him no little. — Statesville Daily.

We fully appreciate the fact that it is the last victory that counts, but we do wish our statesmen in Congress had given that handful of Marines on Wake something to fight with. — Statesville Daily.

## THE MARKET BASKET

With the settled cold weather of December and January comes the season for the home slaughtering of meat. Next on many a farm homemaker's calendar of special events is meat canning.

This year, as a result of the Food-for-Freedom campaign announced by the United States Department of Agriculture in September, home meat canning takes on added importance. For this program emphasized the value of nutritious foods grown and preserved at home as a means of improving diets throughout the country.

As a result of the Food-for-Freedom campaign, too, more meat canning may be done on a community basis this year. In the past, canning centers for a community have been found to be an efficient way of putting up home-grown produce for families and for schools serving lunches. This year, with canning equipment limited in many respects as a result of the defense program, community centers can be valuable in making the best use of equipment on hand.

In the following paragraphs, canning specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Home Economics make recommendations for meat canning as of December, 1941.

**Conserving Canning Equipment**  
Meat cannot be canned safely unless there is a steam pressure canner available in good condition. Only with steam under pressure is it possible to get the temperature of 240 to 250 degrees Fahrenheit needed to make sure of killing the organisms likely to cause spoilage.

Material most used in making steam pressure canners until recently has been aluminum, which is now a vital defense material. Therefore any homemaker who owns an aluminum canner can help by taking the best care of it. Other canners are available in enameled steel and tinned steel.

No matter what the canner is made of, it should be cleaned after each use and stored where it will not be dented or the surface roughened. If the canner is of enamel, take special precautions not to chip it. Keep the safety valve in good working order. Never let the pressure gage get under water, and keep the opening to it clean with a toothpick.

Check the pressure gage occasionally to see that it is registering correctly. If it isn't, you may not be getting the temperature you think you are getting in the canner, and consequently failure and loss of valuable food may result. Pressure gages may be checked with the help of local home demonstration agents or sent to manufacturers.

In some neighborhoods several families band together to buy a canner among them, then plan their canning so that all can use it. The community canning center carries this cooperative still further by making a comparatively few canners serve many families.

Zinc, used for certain types of tops for glass jars, is another strategic material. Take special care of these zinc tops. As long as they are not dented on the edges, not misshapen, and the porcelain lining is unbroken they may be used over and over again with a new rubber each time. When you open jars with this type of lid, never pry it with a knife blade or other metal instrument. That dents the edges and ruins the top.

**Special Tips**  
It is possible to can a great variety of meat products. But it is more economical of containers and equipment to can the meat alone, then combine it with other foods and seasonings when it is opened.

Some homemakers believe they are conserving jar tops when they use half gallon jars for meat canning. In that way one top does cover twice the meat it would in a quart jar. But home economists say that it is dangerous practice to can meat at home in containers larger than a quart jar or a number 3 tin can.

In a larger jar or can of meat, heat penetrates so slowly that much longer processing periods are necessary, so long they are impractical for home canners. If the heat does not penetrate so that all the meat is sterilized, spoilage results and the meat is wasted.

Meat usually is precooked before it is processed. Quickest way to precook it is to heat the meat in a kettle or broth until the red color changes to brown. Frying is not a satisfactory way of precooking meat. For the brown crust that tastes so good if you eat the meat right away becomes hard and dry in the can and gives the meat a disagreeable flavor.

Meat should be kept cold until it is canned. But watch it carefully to see that it does not freeze.

Frozen meat may be used, but is not a high quality product. Community Meat Canning Centers are being set up in many neighborhoods. Community food families can get to these centers in a neighborhood way to preserve or otherwise oversupply for a coming year as old as America, and as all-out defense," according to a new handbook released last month by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Taxlisting In The Various Townships Of Wilkes

## Friday, January

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