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AND THE KID IN UPPER 7
DIED LAST NIGHT

HO-HUM DEPT.

The flies have captured the fly paper - so said John Steinbeck in his novel, "The Moon is Down," in describing the conditions that existed when German troops occupied Norway, yet were unable to crush the spirit and determination of those so-called conquered people.

In an Associated Press report coming out of London this week was the story of 85 Polish men, women and children killed by the Gestapo when that organization found the underground press, *Glos Polski* (The Voice of Poland). After a short break, *Glos Polski* appeared again.

While Steinbeck's story was only a novel, the report coming from London about the unbreakable spirit of Polish patriots was far from fiction.

Those people prefer death to slavery under the German Reich. They aren't fearless, aren't superhuman, they are just determined, as you and I would be if the United States had happened to have been Poland or Holland or Norway.

To feel sorry for yourself because you don't like the weather when people are facing torture, concentration camps and death in order that they may hinder the enemy just a little and to keep the faith of their people kindled depicts a very small person indeed.

A Czechoslovakian printer said in the AP story, that were more than 200 underground newspapers in Norway, 80 in Poland, 30 in Belgium and varying numbers in other occupied countries. No one who works for the underground press has the slightest doubt what is waiting for him if he is caught.

We have a great deal more than ourselves to think about in this war we have even more than our own country to think about - we have all the people in the world who ask only that they be allowed to live a clean decent life, free of all tyrants as the Axis breeds, looking toward us for help.

New Dignity

The old K.P., as a title, is to disappear, officially at least, throughout the Air Forces Technical Training Command.

Henceforth the title will be "Less Attendant".

The idea is to confer dignity on what is regarded as a necessary duty, and to remove some of the humorous reflection which has prevailed in regard to the most familiar assignment.

"A PROPHECY"

The thwarted fiend paced his padded cell,
A caged hyena. Bloodied hands he laid
Upon the cold, unheeding bars that stayed
His imbecilic urge. A craven yell
That volleyed down the foulest depths of hell,
Escaped his tortured throat, and echo played
His punctured pride. Aloft a bus-ard made
Its fateful rounds; and terror tolled his knell.

Accusing eyes of bomb-torn babies burned
His filthy soul, and ghosts of Poles and Franks.
The victims of his heinous crimes returned
To crush his bones beneath his monstrous tanks.
It fanned the fury of his passing vile,
That none was there to bow and bellow "hell."

Frank A. Perry, 36th.

Twenty six years ago last Tuesday President Woodrow Wilson wrote his name on the resolution declaring a state of war with Germany - and the first American march to the Rhine began.

Today none can doubt that a second march into Germany is in the making by the United Nations Fellowship to smash Hitlerism and all the evils it has spawned although the how, when and where of it remain for events to disclose.

Last Tuesday also marked Army Day, but the traditional celebrations held afore years was not held. The usual "open house" at post and camps for American public was not held either.

There is no need of that this year, American troops and sailors alike need no further introduction to the folks at home than their deeds in far lands and seas afford. They kept "open house" this past

Pete was leaving Saturday, he knew where he was going and 'cuss Jane was so worried, he told her Jane was still worried but also proud and could not help bragging just a little. Pete had quite a few friends? and it was not long before many knew when and where Pete was going - just one too many

Oh yes, the train left on schedule all right, but it did not arrive at its destination, nor did many of those on board.

Jane doesn't have to worry about Pete any more because, there is no Pete to worry about.

If you know where you are going, FORGET IT. If someone tells you where they are going then, YOU FORGET IT.

THE GUNNER'S SONG

By
Sgt. Alex Karanikas

Here where the steel is white with anger,
The sky is red with flame,
With guns in fist we roar through mist
A savage foe to tame.

Sons of the clash of thunderbolts
We live to do or die,
That life on earth may have new birth
Beneath a happy sky.

How long did freedom feel the terror
Of every plane that soared
To drop with ire their tons of fire
On towns and cities doomed?

Kin of the flash and comet's flare,
How deep and great our glee,
To speed and strike to make it right
For Nations to be free.

When lighting gleams on summer night
In silence then it dies,
It may be we on some wild spree
Beyond the traveled skies.

You may then pause to meditate
How boldly we flew high
In plane up far like falling star
To swiftly win or die.

Amy Day from Africa to Australia
and back again around the world -
keeping it for the foe, proving
their mettle against seasoned Axis
veterans wherever they meet.

Men at Seymour Johnson Field
must also realize these facts. For
as already proven, the last war was
not really ended. And this is not
a new war, or the remarked World War
II, but the same war, delayed 20 or
more years.

Do we want another delay? Do
we want our children fighting an
unfinished war? You bet we don't!
So for the country's sake, for your
sake and for all those whom we love
and for God's sake - let us knuckle
down. Let's hold another "open
house" one to the public, one for
post-and camps...one in peace.

The Chaplain

One of the very important duties of the Chaplain is visiting the guardhouse. The purpose of his visits are many.

The Chaplain who makes inquiries and follows up the case of any particular man in the guardhouse does not do so because he doubts the justice meted out in the case. He does this because, perhaps one time out of fifty, he may discover some favorable factor that may have been overlooked at the time of the soldier's conviction.

The Chaplain visits the guardhouse primarily, however, because there is no occasion when a man needs a friend more than at such a time. To know that there is someone who still has a smile for him, to realize that there is someone who will pass out cigarettes with a kind hand, that there is someone who brings an encouraging word, makes the soldier understand that though he may be down, he is not out.

Some of the men in the guardhouse are incurable, but many, given the right encouragement, can be saved and made again into good soldiers. All the work and effort the Chaplain puts into the guardhouse is well repaid when even one man comes out with a new purpose and a new way in life.

Chaplain Abraham Goldberg

Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Chapel 3 Eighth at C and D Streets.

Sunday
0800 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green
0900 - General Service - Chap. Green
1030 - General Service - Chap. Green
1400 - General Service - Chap. Quick
1930 - General Service - Chap. Quick

Wednesday
0800 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green
Thursday
1330 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green
Chapel 2 B and Fifth Streets.

Sunday
0900 - General Service - Chap. Davis
1030 - General Service - Chap. Olson
1400 - General Service - Chap. Olson
1930 - General Service - Chap. Davis

Wednesday
1930 - Midweek Service - Chap. Davis

JEWISH

Chapel 4, Ninth and G. Streets.

Sunday
1030 - Sabbath Services - Chap. Goldberg
Friday
1930 - Sabbath Services - Chap. Goldberg
Saturday
0930 - Sabbath Services - Chap. Goldberg
1030 - Sabbath Services - Chap. Goldberg
1530 - Sabbath Services - Chap. Goldberg
Daily Mon. through Fri. 1000 - 1930

CATHOLIC

Chapel 1, E and Fifth Streets.

Sunday
0700 - Masses - Father Gorham
0900 - Masses - Father Kennedy
1100 - Masses - Chaplain Tainter
1330 - Masses - Chaplain Tainter
Daily Services - 0730

COLORED PROTESTANT

Chapel 4, Ninth and G. Streets.

Sunday
0900 - General Services - Clergymen

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Red Cross Auditorium

Sunday
0900 - Protestant - Chaplain Olson

0900 - Jewish (Annex) Chap. Goldberg

LUTHERAN SERVICES

Chapel No. 1 - Catholic

Wed Night Sermon and Devotions 1930

Chaplain Tainter

Chapel No. 3 - Protestant

Wed Night Devotions - 1930 Chap. Green