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MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1942 With confidence in our armed forces — with the unbounding determination of our people — we will gain the inevitable triumph — so help us God. —Roosevelt's War Message

Star-News Program

To aid in every way the prosecution of the war to complete victory. Public Port Terminals. Perfected Truck and Berry Preserving and Marketing Facilities. Seaside Highway from Wrightsville Beach to Bald Head Island.

TOP OF THE MORNING

No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife and all life not be purer and stronger thereby. —OWEN MEREDITH.

Money Saver

It required a terrible war to bring about the reform, but now there is talk that milk companies plan to cut out much wasteful duplication of distribution facilities.

Indians Pointed The Way

When few white settlers existed in these United States, and lacked a welcome from the natives, they suffered heavy losses both in life and property from Indian Commandos.

Obligations To China

The United States has two heavy obligations to China—the government for war aid and the people for help to the civilian population.

The equally great obligation for civilian aid rests upon both what has been done for China's war victims and what remains to be done.

United China Relief, Inc., has carried on a great work for the benighted people of that vast country.

The constituent agencies of United China Relief in China have enrolled on their staff thousands of doctors, nurses, teachers, social workers, ministers and priests.

Activities such as these provide the one most effective answer to the Japanese propagandists who are attempting to undermine Chinese friendship for America with their cry of "Asia for the Asiatics!"

Wilmington's part in this great work was a contribution topping \$2,000 last year.

Air Transport

Inspired by the enormously effective part which the airplane has played in this war, we are getting a bit over-enthusiastic about post-war probabilities.

Already, in a casual way, we are talking about a time not far distant when family planes will be as common as family flippers are today.

We take for granted the prophecies that after the war huge aircraft will largely supplant trains on land and ships at sea in the business of transporting both passengers and freight.

Though probably we don't really argue that far, we envision hazily the day, soon after we have pounded the Axis out of existence, when we shall fly to the unmourned funerals of the automobile and the railroad and the steamship.

Such a dream could come true, of course. In speed, in carrying capacity, in ease of control and in fundamental safety, the airplane has made unbelievable strides.

Without doubt, after this war airline's passenger, express and freight business will be multiplied many fold.

We shall have thousands of huge planes, built as bombers and transports and war freighters, plus the capacity to turn out more thousands every year.

The railroads and steamship lines will face intense competition. Efficient plants, which have been making fighters and trainers, undoubtedly do their best to sell us family planes in place of automobiles.

But that is only one side of the picture. The men who design and manufacture planes tell us, truly, such developments are mechanically feasible.

Huge bombers are built to give superspeed, to fly at extreme altitudes, regardless of the cost of construction or operation.

As for family planes, did you ever stop to think how much more extensive terminal facilities, involving how much greater tax cost, are required for a plane than for an automobile?

None of these problems is insoluble. Some aren't even relatively difficult. The point is that such problems, and dozens more, exist and at best will require time for their solution.

Don't sell the railroads, steamship lines and automobile manufacturers too short right away. Let's keep our shirts on.

Romance Lingers On

Even in the drabness of modern mechanized warfare, traces of romance are not absent. To those who want to abolish wars at any price

this is unfortunate. But for the soldiers a touch of old-fashioned melodrama sometimes is a lifesaver.

The Commandos have a glamor of their own which is akin—because it emphasizes individual courage and initiative—to the glory of General Mihailovitch's Serbian Chetniks.

Washington Daybook

WASHINGTON, June 7.—For the first time in history, so far as I can find out, this nation is publishing at its own expense a monthly magazine and a twice-monthly "News Letter" for consumption solely in western hemisphere countries outside our own borders.

If this were purely a propaganda effort shoved down the reading throats of our sister republics, it wouldn't be worth mentioning. But "En Guardia," a 10 by 14 inch slick paper magazine, filled with beautiful black-and-white and color photographs, started nine months ago with a timid 50,000 circulation.

Behind these two publications is an amazing publishing story.

Under a contract let by Nelson Rockefeller's Office of Inter-American Affairs, they are published and edited by the Business Publishers International Corporation.

Turned into foreign tongues by a staff of translators, the copy is laid out in New York, printed in Philadelphia, and circulated mostly by airmail to a selected list of officials, educators and industrialists in the Latin-American republics.

The first two numbers of "En Guardia" were put out entirely by the Rockefeller office. They were something of an experiment.

There is one amusing story in connection with the sudden popularity of "En Guardia" in South America.

There is talk now that "En Guardia"—or a little sister under another name—will be published in a cheaper edition and circulated (still without cost) to the hundreds of thousands who apparently are clamoring for it.

Editorial Comment

EXPANDING AIR POWER The gigantic role which American air power must play in the war is described realistically in the Aircraft Year Book for 1942.

The Chamber is the representative, have no illusions about the size of the job that has been undertaken. Picturing the global nature of the struggle, the Year Book takes the position that "our striking air force must be numerically superior in every mission everywhere."

The Year Book reveals that the present program for America calls for more than 100,000 airmen for the Army and Navy air force, including pilots, bombardiers and navigators.

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We must make peace blossom out of the war as our enemies made war explode out of peace.

It seems to me sisters, that never before has there been such a great responsibility upon women.

The duty of landlords is to keep rents down and tenants in.

"IN DUTCH" HARBOR



Civilian Defense Timetable

BASIC TRAINING COURSES Fire Defense A: Mondays at 8 p.m., High School room 109.

Gas Defense B: Wednesday at 8 p.m., High school room 109.

Meetings Carolina Beach, Wednesday June 10, New City Hall 8 p.m., for all members of local Citizens' Defense Corps.

Special Training Home Nursing: Wednesday June 10, 7:00 p.m., at USO building 5th and Orange street.

As Others Say It

PROVED RIGHT Los Angeles' first trial of the "staggered hour" plan, long a dream of traffic engineers, seems to have been a success.

Whether the optimistic prediction of Dorsey, that 85 percent of the city's transportation problems will be solved by the system, will pan out, remains to be seen.

AIDING HITLER—AFTER A FASHION

Hitler continues to purge his generals, we hear. But the people of the 'conquered countries' seem determined to relieve him of his source of supply and left us in an extremely serious predicament.

The Literary Guidepost

"CHARACTERS MAKE YOUR STORY" BY JOHN SELBY (Houghton Mifflin; \$3).

There's a new how-to-do-it-in-writing book every month or so, and he odd thing is that so many of them sell. There is, therefore, a very large audience waiting for the woman or the man who can explain simply how to write.

Now a woman from Hollywood named Maren Elwood is taking a fling at it. Personally, I think her life is more amusing than her book, and perhaps just as helpful.

Her idea is that characterization is important in fiction, and if there is any writer, beginner or adept, who doesn't know that, I'm a tadpole.

That's really all there is to the book. But there is more to Miss Elwood.

Miss Elwood is a professional writing coach and agent. She teaches, and she has had, her publisher says, experience in the publishing business.

Clapper Says Rationing, Congress Both Misunderstood

WASHINGTON, June 6 — Some of my friends in Congress have felt hurt or indignant because of something I wrote a couple of weeks ago.

I was a little heated up at the time by the scramble over X cards and particularly by the cry in Congress that the press, in criticizing the X-card scandal, was trying to destroy Congress.

When I read the piece over some days later, after it had cooled off, it seemed a little rougher perhaps than I had realized and I thought possibly I had been unfair.

Now I read the United Press report about the meeting of an "angry" bipartisan group of 100 House members which unanimously adopted a resolution opposing nationwide gasoline rationing unless a report is filed showing it to be necessary.

The United Press says the meeting rang with denunciations of Price Administrator Henderson, who was described as a "dictator" and a "smart aleck."

That's the effect of what they are saying. The effect of it is to incite public resistance to whatever rationing plan the government decides is necessary.

The Truman committee of the Senate spent months investigating the rubber situation. There was a lot that it could not find out.

That's not a bureaucrat speaking. It is a committee of the Senate speaking, a committee which is not playing politics and trying to grease the voters but is soberly considering what is needed to win the war.

Maybe I was wrong. Maybe what you hear in Congress isn't 99 per cent tripe, ignorance and demagoguery. Maybe it's not more than 95 per cent.

Factographs

It takes nearly two and one-half million tons of paper to wrap packages in the United States each year.

Two mortars which helped defend Fort Macon, at Morehead City, N. C., during the Civil War are now on the state capitol lawn at Raleigh.

Interpreting The War

Japanese At Midway Found Taking Major Risk Once Too Often

By EDWARD E. BOMAR Wide World War Analyst

The tremendous air-naval triumph of Midway is a smashing vindication of a painful strategic decision made by the American high command following Pearl Harbor.

Despite tragic appeals for help from the distant Philippines, Java and Malaya, the decision was reached first to make the vital key defense bastions nearer home as nearly impregnable as possible.

Six weeks after Pearl Harbor, Secretary of War Stimson let it be known that the air and land defenses of Hawaii and the West Coast had been made substantially stronger than ever before.

The decision to concentrate relatively near at hand the main aerial striking force that was available appeared to mean the sacrifice of any chance to save Java and Singapore, and it was not popular.

The answer to the complaints was an official observation made at the time that "scattering forces is the surest road to defeat."

The army's faith in the potency of long range, land based bombers hardly needed further confirmation in the light of their exploits against odds in the southwest Pacific.

Midway was not of course an exclusive aerial triumph but rather a victory for the plane ship team which the Nazis and Japanese were the first to bring to perfection in this war.

When I said the other day that what you hear in Congress is 90 per cent tripe, ignorance and demagoguery, possibly I was unfair.

Senators and congressmen believe it is popular with their constituents to scream against gasoline rationing.

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Is That So!

THAT POET if he had written the poem today might have worded that line: "Knee-deep in the June offensive."

The new ink which writes a glass should bring back a part of memories of boyhood Halloes to many a dignified business man.

Ups and downs of German generals' lives might be described as "A hero today—gone to Berchtesgaden tomorrow."

Japanese men are urged to show their bristles as showing foreign influence. And when they lose their shirts in this war they will be first rate nudists.

The only good that we can get that Hitler has done is that he assured historians of the future full-time job.

An African bird grows like a dog, we read. An ideal of folks who own one of those rican voiceless dogs.

How time flies! It was two and a half years ago that everyone was calling that phony war!

he glowing red of the suggested the idea that a distinguishable fire burned with the stone. From this came the assertion that this fire could not be hidden, it would shine through clothing wrapped around the stone.

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