Interpreting

The War

Given Jarring Blow

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON

Wide World War Analyst

Whatever else Premier General

Hideki Toji, the real ruler of Ja-

pan, told Emperor Hirohito in Ms

report on the war yesterday, he

had only bleak tidings from the

Midway island area. The scope of

the Japanese disaster there has

swelled day by day, hour by hour

Tokyo's failure even to admit there has been a battle at all i

proof positive that a jarring blow has been struck not only in grim retaliation for Pearl Harbor, but at

the very foundations of the Japa.

nese conquest dream. How serious

a blow Tojo himself may not have known nor been able to reveal even

That the Japanese sea force fled

the field under a radio black.

out to escape further American

vengenance is wholly probable,

to his nominal sovereign.

as the returns came in.

In Midway Fighting

Jap Conquest Dream

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And So The Poor Japs Had None

before Corregidor fell the troops had the unusual experience of lighting their cigarettes with \$100 bills. And not counterfeit money,

job of destroying \$100,000,000 worth of Philip- while the ultimate victory is assured, there ocean. pine pesos in currency. With a prodigal hand must be no let up in the vigilance that made he distributed much of this wealth (and it the Midway victory possible. was negotiable wealth, too) among the troops with the aforementioned result.

The whole fortune went up in smoke. When the Japanese arrived they found Corregidor's coffers as empty as Mother Hubbard's cup-

Strange Music

This ought to be good. If the succession of morale should be shot soon after we start dumping grand pianos, E-flat alto horns, bell lyres, 14-inch Chinese crash cymbals, euphoniums, piccolos and B-flat trumpets on Berlin, Tokyo and Rome.

won't fall on the Axis quite in their original ment's plans. But the fact that the broadcast forms. Rather, they will appear as shells and was made in the way it was made is well hole of Asia . . . Japan.—Vice President Henry that anybody who ever wrote centricity of Mr. Otto, whose specialty is the control of the New circles for the New hombs made from metals which no longer are calculated to breed confusion in Nazi minds, A. Wallace. going into musical instruments. They will be fabricated by skilled workmen no longer tied up in a desirable but not indispensable indus- ers are in actual fact becoming jittery at the may require a more general use of them in

ments is banned, it is pleasant to toy with the as to where the first blow will be struck. This possibilities. A plane equipped with precision radiocast will have no tendency to clear away instruments made by brass horn experts will the confusion or the bewilderment. Rather it E. Sorenson, motor company executive. tow a glider manufactured by a piano house. is more likely to increase both. The pilot will have received preliminary train- Furthermore, there is a definite promise to with steel and copper, incendiary bombs made of Nazi-harassed France were told to be pawith magnesium originally destined for musi- tient, to get out of the danger zone, wherever cal instruments. And charming music it will it exists, and to be assured that their deliverbe, to all but the Axis.

Help Wanted

EDITORIAL

For five years, come July 7, China has fought her losing war against Japan without a whimper. Now, for the first time, she sends an SOS to her occidental allies.

Both decency and common sense dictate that best of all the major news sources. the United Nations - specifically the United States—give China what she asks:

"First, bombers and pursuit planes; second, bombers and pursuit planes; third, bombers and pursuit planes!"

She doesn't ask for men. She has five millions, brave, hardy, experienced, moderately well-equipped at long last, eager to push the hated Japs into the China Sea She doesn't ask for ships. Apparently she is satisfied with dents still privileged to attend will frequently the other materiel we are managing to get pass them up for something "more important."

In sheer good fellowship, based upon gratitude for what China has done and is doing for us, we never can hold up our heads in inter- States. national society if we will not or can not get a thousand bombers and fighters to China now, when her very life depends upon them.

the finer emotions to the first instinct of man-Card of Thanks charged for at the rate of kind-self-preservation-how about making it 2000 planes?

> Brig.-Gen. Claire L. Chennautl, chief of the fighter and strategist entitles him to a lot of

> If again we send too little too late, Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Chinese spokesman, warns that 'the

waii and Australia away from Americans, British and Dutch, could turn their undivided attention on Australia, India, Siberia, Alaska, sen; Price Administrator Leon Henderson;

million happy Chinese push 800,000 little brown Agriculture; Secretary of State Hull (who is heathens off the mainland of Asia, we shall have Nippon on the run.

off place first for air raids and later for land up to them to know from now to now what invasion of Japan.

We shall be on our way to victory.

Eternal Vigilance

"One more crack at them Japs, and they'll be wiped off the sea." This is the opinion of one curbstone commentator in Wilmington, heard expatiating on the Midway scrap.

It is not quite as simple as that, "Them skies, they'll be striking again, where and island. when they can, not only because the will for In this victory one phrase of Admiral King's to save face.

it that now-did indeed throw an awful scare of the enemy Admiral King says: into them and left a section of their fleet reships inactive for months to come. Following The story comes out of Melbourne that just of the Midway fight, could drive them from the seas, as the optimistic gentlemen said, is

Hawaii, too. The Japanese, however, after fense, more planes. such damage as their Navy has sustained, will Six United States officers, the last to leave surely launch fresh attacks. They have not companied by aircraft carriers to counter the mobile driving. East Side drive executives and engineers. But line. It looks as if people underthe Philippines before General Wainwright's yet learned that the Pacific and all lands planes sent up by the carriers of the opposing and West Side highway, there is much of it has been possible also stood a good deal more about this surrender, and now in Australia, vouch for upon its shores are not to be theirs. Rather fleets. than such over-confidence as our Wilmington-One of them, Col. Royal G. Jenks, had the ian has voiced, it is time to understand that

Warning And Promise

The British Broadcasting Company's warn-Pyrenees, before they are engulfed "in coming Allies operations of capital importance," is not to be interpreted as an official announce. the invision of this continent by the fleets of ment that the United Nations intend to launch 1000-plane raids hasn't done the job, German boundaries. To give the Nazis a hint where a continental invasion at any point within these such an action will take place would be to forewarn them of where to concentrate their greatest defensive forces.

Nazis so stupid as to take a radio broadcast plane designer. The brass bands and symphony orchestras as a dead give-away of the British governcrafty though they be.

Reports multiply that the Nazi military lead-Now that the manufacture of musical instru- the European continent and are bewildered Commission chairman.

ing with blowers made by a pipe-organ fabrithe French people in the BBC warning, though of the historical Christian ideal.—Prime Mincator. He will drop demolition bombs made no word of it was spoken. Tacitly the people ister Jan C. Smuts of South Africa. 3 ance is not far distant.

Washington Daybook

running dry.

By JACK STINNETT WASHINGTON, June 9.- The old feedbox is

Time was in this administration and others when the White House was the biggest and Since the war started for the U. S. A., it has

become increasingly less important as a fount of information that makes daily headlines. A speech, statement or opinion from the President still is page one news but run back through your newspaper files for the last six months or so and see how few of those there are compared to the White House stories that were tops through the years before that.

The President's press conferences these days are so "dull" that many of the few correspon-(I know of two correspondents who skipped a But planes she wants—1000 planes, much less | White House press conference recently to get the WPB order on diaper laundry delivery than a month's output of our vast aviation service—and smart they were, too. The WPB industry. ference didn't.)

There are reasons behind this and they do no discredit to the President of the United

President Roosevelt is the first in history who has continued to hold press conferences in war time. World War I hadn't put one new gun into the hands of the first raw recruit But going beyond decency, gratitude and before President Wilson cancelled his press conferences "for the duration." And he kept

The reasons behind the decline of the White House as a major news source are simply that (1) few times in history has a President had to delegate so much authority to so many other Flying Tigers, says that with 2000 planes the persons, and (2) the Second World War all-out Japanese air force can be utterly destroyed. effort is so gigantic that there is hardly a min-He may be wrong, but his record as both ute when even the greatest brain can assemble all the loose threads to weave a pattern of truth which he can pass on to the nation he

Many times since Pearl Harbor and even before has President Roosevelt answered ques-tions on detail with the three-word phrase, "I immediate future of China is very grave." The don't know." The chances are he does, for few Japanese three - pronged attack, designed to Presidents (if any) have had a greater knowlknock China out of the war, could easily suc- edge of detail though none has had to cope with such a wealth of it. But with the scenes shifting by the minute and new factors coming Thereupon victorious Japanese forces, which into every problem by the hour, it would be already have taken everything between Ha- unfairness compounded to pass along as gospel a statement based on last night's reports.

Donald Nelson, of WPB; Gen. Wlliam Knud-General Marshall; Secretaries of the War and Navy, Stimson and Knox; Treasury Secretary But if we send the planes with which Jap- Mortenthau; Jesse Jones and Paul V. McNutt; anese air power can be destroyed, and five Vice President Wallace; Secretary Wickard of the only cabinet member who still holds daily press conferences); Transportation Coordina-tor Eastman—all of these and a dozen others We shall have preserved the ideal jumpingof our government and our armed forces. It is goes on and why.

The White House holds the wheel and steers the ship. But if you are after any more infor- at 8 p.m. High School room 109. mation than what stars we are steering by don't bother with the Helmsman's press con-

Editorial Comment

SHORE BASED PLANES Fayetteville Observer

All America thrills today over what appears Japs" still have the power to deliver many a to have been a smashing victory in a full-dress blow, and as sure as there's a star left in the naval engagement over Japanese war craft in naval engagement over Japanese war craft in the Pacific ocean in the vicinity of Midway As Others Say It

inquest is still their consuming passion but report has an important message for every American who is concerned with the conduct American who is concerned with the conduct of this war and the tactics which are used in cattle, 115,000,000 sheep; cultivates pines and the Southwest Pacific. For a country as free as American the American purposit of th The Midway defeat—it appears safe to call fighting it. Discussing the American pursuit 20,000 square miles of sugar cane;

quiring heavy repairs which will keep many has shore-based aircraft) would not be well-ples, bananas; makes 2,000,000 Training of troops has matched at least free men do not need a divised."

so closely on the Coral sea losses the Japanese est battle of Midway shorebased aircraft playest battle of Midway shorebased aircraft playone of men and materials to done it without hysteria and withthat had dogged them for half Navy is badly crippled. But to assume that ed a big part in the defeat of the Japanese off worry about how our boys can be the fronts is the chief difficulty to out many silly antics. It's been a a decade. And the bones of Japanese off the Japanese off worry about how our boys can be the fronts is the chief difficulty to out many silly antics. It's been a control of the bones of Japanese off the Japanese off th one more engagement, even of the magnitude Midway, and the American navy does not in- fed and clothed "down under."— be overcome. tend to dash into a similar trap.

The events of this war have given Navy men on both sides a healthy respect for air to place too low an appraisal on their fleet. craft. Time and again planes have demonstrat-Midway, obviously is safe for the present, ed their ability to sink the larger warships. Against these planes there is just one de-

For that reason all fleets now must be ac- threatens to do away with auto- Government officials and industrial must be used to club people into

The Admiral feels that with everything else Mamie O'Rourke to do the light of the people of the country. equal the one will neutralize the other in an fantastic on the motor boulevards Because the people have been engagement of war vessels well out in the of New York.—New York Times. fully behind this effort we are not

But when the fighting comes near shore it akes on a different aspect.

Then the advantage is definitely with the side which can fling fleets of planes into action against the enemy from the shore bases.

Unless an enemy can be caught napping and triotic brat, "so I can swipe all Harbor has been substantially predict the sugar I want." — The New served; entirely so far as fundation in the sugar I want." — The New served; entirely so far as fundation in the sugar I want." — The New served; entirely so far as fundation in the sugar I want." — The New served; entirely so far as fundation in the sugar I want." — The New served; entirely so far as fundation in the sugar I want." — The New served; entirely so far as fundation in the sugar I want." — The New served; entirely so far as fundation in the sugar I want." — The New served; entirely so far as fundation in the sugar I want." his shore airdromes put out of action in sudden raid—as the one at Pearl Harbor on Yorker. ing to the French people to evacuate the December 7-his fleet is at a definite disadcoastal areas from the Belgian frontier to the vantage when it approaches the coast of an

> This may militate against an invasion of Japan by our fleet and it also militates against any other power.

Quotations

For 300-mile-an-hour planes to depend upon 0-mile-an-hour convoys to get them there is And we are not justified in supposing the absurd.-Maj. Alexander De Seversky, famed

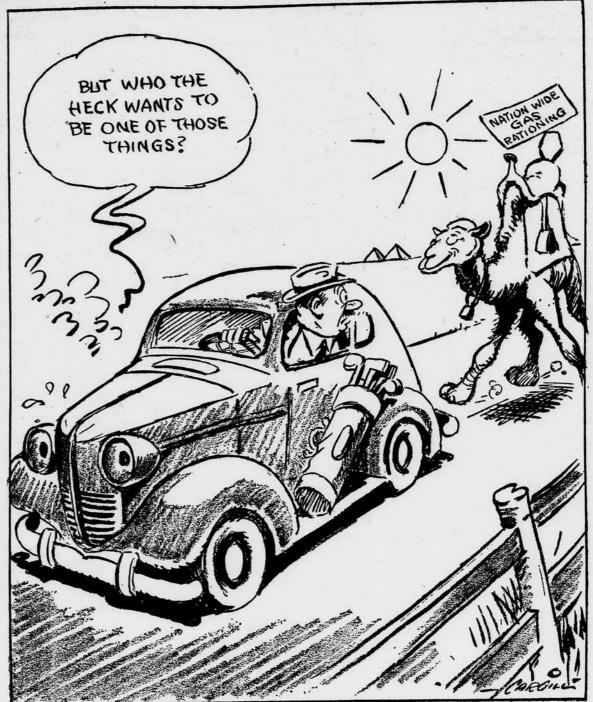
> Women have shown that they can do or these pieces into a book with a the pieces into a book with a the pieces into a book with a the pieces into a book with a learn to do almost any kind of work, and we snazzy title. Because of this the tied all the ties."

thought that a second front will be set up on war work .- Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower The Wllow Run bomber plant is an invitation for Adolf Hitler to commit suicide.—Charles

Fundamentally, the world has no need for

America is awake! America is alert! America is at work! Two-fisted fighting men Boer mines Kimberley. will have arms and ships .- John M. Carmody, member U. S. Maritime Commission.

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"Grim Irony"

of a \$46,000,000 East River drive and those responsible for expand-dragooning that occur when public just as gas and tire rationing ing war production including both sentiment isn't solid and force plenty of room now for little because of the full-hearted support war than we did about the last

The Patriotic Brat

Raymond Clapper Says:

U.S. Doing Pretty Well But Confusion Is Bad

By RAYMOND CLAPPER WASHINGTON, June 9-We have calls made by the government. where. ncreased military plane produc- Men of both political parties have tion nearly 85 per cent in the six given their public support to the American contact with the foe west months since Pearl Harbor. That war program. Thousands of men of Midway, the results of the batsued by the Aeronautical Chamber have hit some communities with dow on the "Victory" summary of

of Commerce with the permission heart-breaking force. The govern- six months of war Tojo might of the war department. Engine pro- ment caught in a two-ocean war otherwise have laid before the pri-Wednesday duction has increased nearly 80 with a one-ocean navy has had soner of the palace at Tokyo, his per cent. With this have one to announce much unfavorable puppet emperor. Like the Coral countless improvements in plane news. Yet the public is not griping. sea fight and General Doolittle

months of war have been unsatisfactory. We have suffered some Hoover has said the government find herself beseiged by air and serious defeats. We were caught unprepared at Pearl Harbor and the war and is throwing no mon-Australia has 13,000,000 head of we lost many planes in the Philip- key wrenches.

Much of this has been possible virtue of a high standard of public the north central Pacific are an because of the steady application intelligence which can dispense ill omen for the son of more than Borough President Nathan found and labor of those responsible for with the hysterics the barn-paint- a hundred emperors who sits in "grim irony" in the completion building up the military forces ing and the other forms of mass Tokyo.

conscious of what difficulties and rebellion has been over the matter delays might have been caused by of extending gasoline rationing. Just last week we asked a six- a deeply divided public s nti- Here probably the trouble is that year-old if he knew what he'd like For that we can always be grate-the public has not been educated to be when he grew up. "I'm go- ful to Japan. The unity which was as to the necessity. The adminis- 1944, say astronomers. But

The Literary Guidepost

life makkers of books as the text, by the way. You have the ures as it is accepting other meas-We shall cleanse the plague spot of Europe, Shirers, the Sheeans, the Porters eccentricities of Mr. Harris' wed- ures necessary to win the war. which is Hitler's Germany, and with it the hell and so on. It is, indeed, a rule ding ring customers, and the ecmore than one piece for the New cialty is tying ascots for smart peculiar literary tenets of that strange magazine are better perpetuated than those of any other

Meyer Berger's "The Eight Mil. now. One of the worst is the lion" is better than most of these pointless piece on the spice mill, collections, better, for example, and this, incidentally, contains a than Sally Benson's 'Meet Me at remarkable mistake in arithmetic.
St. Louis,' or the grab-bags of The United States uses, according E. B. White, because Mr. Berger to this piece, about 100,000,000 The motto of the state of North Pounds of spices a year. "Per Carolina, is "Esse Quam Videri" stories-he has mined Manhattan capita consumption . stories—he has mined Manhattan capita consumption . . . is someas a Boer mines Kemberley. If a thing like 1.35 pounds," the para-

graph concludes. And he has produced a mosaic. the whole of which is a pretty Million," if you want it,

marine warfare.

to speak his mind this solid supand he may be the last. His late
to speak his mind this solid supand that of his empire are now
and that of his empire are now marine warfare.

"For us to rush in now (where the enemy anges lemons, grapefruit, pineap- ward and it will continue to move. the war is proof that up to now him by his military monitors inpairs of shoes annually and ex- our industrial production as a swift Gestapo to make them support the Nazi strength at arms and seeking As we read between the accounts of the lat- ports 72,000,000 cans of fruit, \$70,- and efficient performance. Trans- government in a crisis. We have escape from a "China incident for the later of the l

ing to be a waiter," said the pa- established overnight by Pearl tration has done a miserable job that time the sky will be so ft trouble is. Every official in Wash- able to see 'em. ington who is working on rubber is alarmed at the situation. They are extremely pessimistic as 'to rare as a day in June? We when there will be rubber for ci- know-it's a friend who doesn' vilian use. Yet President Roose- stop you on the street to ask how velt recently dropped a confusing you like the fine weather we'th By JOHN SELBY highly colored, but recognizable, remark at his press conference which led some to think that the picture of New York. You have remark at his press conference having! er Berger (Simon & Schuster; Richard B. Harrison (De Lawd of situation was not very serious aft. "Green Pastures") being buried er all. Many congressmen and sen- know if a champion show THE lit'ry boys who sit com- from St. John's Cathedral, and a ators added to the confusion by refuses to chase anything but fortably at home and take catty stoic group behind two guarded screaming against rationing. When aristo-cats. jabs at the number of books by doors cutting diamonds. You have the administration is able to conreturning foreign correspondents a man making fiddles and hard vince the public that the rubber forget something. It is that the by, a group of supers in "Boris shortage is a grim reality the boys who stay home and fiddle Gudunov" at the Metropolitan. public probably will settle down round Manhattan are just as pro- "Godunov" is misspelled in the and accept the necessary meas-

Factographs

The Office of Defense Tranpor-Two of the best pieces are on tion recently inspected a giant the old Tombs and its fortunate- trailer bus designed to solve the petuated than those of any other contemporary periodical, barring, perhaps, the "Old Farmer's Alcinct house, also gone to glory contemporary periodical, barring, ly-ended history, and on the old wartime home-to-factory transporposes.

West Forty-seventh street pretation problem. The bus, which finish. cinct house, also gone to glory uses practically no war materials, seats 141 persons, and is almost twice the size of the largest street cates he must be getting fatter. car.

-"To Be Rather Than to Seem."

Many race horses, says Facto-

There are strong indications its losses have not yet been fully scor. ed up. Its plight was so desperate once the midway trap was sprung upon it that its laggard sea units battered lame-duck craft, must have became a menace. They were the spoor of the sea trails. Falling behind uninjured or less damaged craft, they gave clues to the far-ranging American air scouts as to where their more fortunate fugitive comrades might be seeking refuge. That could bring American submarines on scouting

duty into their path. Nor could Japanese pride permit surrender of injured craft even when hopelesly cut off. What hatpened to those enemy lame-ducks may never be known; but the ancient Samurai code to which Ja. pan's military caste still clings sugests wholesale hari-kari for ships and crews somewhere in those wide waters.

Face-saving by self destruction when confronted with defeat or disgrace still is a functioning relic of Japanese feudalism. It is the fate that seems certainly in store for the Japanese who commanded or planned that ill-fated sortic against Midway island. It could have been ordered for wounded ships to blind the trail of those The public has responded to all still able to run for refuge some-

Whatever happened to break Congress has voted what the ad- bomber sweep across Japan, they In many respects our first six ministration has said was needed spell out into portents of an ap-

> Tirchito is the 124th Japanese em, r of his line in a dynasiy that antedates the christian era, and he may be the last. His fate at stake in a conflict brought 01 matter-of-fact businesslike affair. nese dead men and ships that lil-It looks as if we are doing it by ter the floor of the Coral sea and

NOW that giant Grand Coulee is in operation we'll have to re-The first real sign of popular vise our time estimate involved in the old saying about "Muca water over the dam."

Big sunspots will appear

What, asked the poet, is

Zadok Dumpkopf wants to People who are always raising

questions, Grandpappy Jenkins avers, usually harvest nothing but a crop of quarrels. American soldiers stationed there are reported popularizing

baseball in Australia. Well, we've always known that Sydney, Ade laide, Melbourne and Brisbane were big league towns. Hitler, we read, is forced to wear spectacles for reading pl

poses. Hope he now can see his . . . Mussolini's latest picture indi-

That's odd—since it is obvious that he's lost plenty of weight with his

Over the past 15 years Japan has been the biggest market for United States timber export - a But Manhattan is in "The Eight graphs, are eccentric, And don't fact of strategic importance be cause of the war.