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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

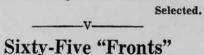
Our Chief Aim

To aid in every way the prosecution of the war to complete victory.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

God touch my ears that I might hear earth's din, Thy voice ring Above

clear. God touch my eyes that I might see The tasks Thou'd have me do for Thee God, touch my lips that I might say Words that reveal the Narrow Way God, touch my hands that I might do Deeds that inspire men to be true.



ments and consist of Army, Navy, Marine

Tunisia.

corporations in the first few days have re- to believe that while this winter's pattern sponded magnificently throughout the state. of Nazi defense on the Eastern front will But they obviously cannot bear the full bur- closely resemble that of last winter, it is den. In proportion as individuals with \$500 growing threadbare. or more subscribe these issues, we avert the growing menace of inflation.

It has been pointed out that the Victory Fund campaign in no way supersedes War Savings campaigns. The Victory issues as New Guinea, the Japanese have been mostly distinguished from war savings stamps and idle for some time, so far as surface indibonds are simply a different category of issues, being designed to meet the needs of sums, for varying periods of investment.

______ Hot Time in the Old Town

tion of this and that was first heard, and launching. at various times since, we have taken the by setting a good example.

baskets.

against as one guards against plague.

court.

above the maximum was the office of Harold be ready for it wherever it comes.

Ickes' appointed secretary, where the ther-One year after Pearl Harbor, the United mometer registered 77 degrees, and with win-States has armed forces at sixty-five points dows wide open besides. Ickes, himself, it outside the country. They range from full seems, has installed thermostats in his own armies down to guard and supply detach- offices and obeys the rule, but just two of-Their stations are just about globe-gridling. Henderson's secretary's office, the Sun says, Are we to assume that rules set up for town, Liberia, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Gabon, the common herd are too common for the Chad, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Eritrea, Egypt, for infractions of multiplying restrictions have of New York, a party of Chicago Democrats production of the weapons for it.

campaign will be a clear index of how seri- industrial production if air raids are a reguously we are behind these boys. The danger lar thing on his centers of output, and he of inaction or delay in buying these bonds cannot get what is made to the battlefront can be compared only with the danger in if his communications are blasted by perpetual bombing.

The banks, insurance companies and larger It is not taking too much for granted, then,

Lull Before Storm

Save for the fighting in the Solomons and cations show.

What does it mean? Secretary Knox is the larger purchases of securities in varying almost persuaded that Japanese naval losses have created a greater problem than can be solved at Tokyo. It seems more likely, however, that the Japanese are drafting plans for another major offensive and are concen-When the general proposal for conserva- trating land, air and naval strength for its

It would be silly to think for a moment liberty of suggesting that government depart- that the Tokyo war lords are discouraged by ments and agencies could help the crusade past naval defeats or the success of our arms in Guadalcanal and New Guinea. Fanatics It dates back to the time the people were of the worst sort, and determined to spend urged to save paper, and federal offices con- their utmost effort to gain domination in tinued to flood the mails with tons of litera- eastern Asia, the Japanese will never take

has been wiped out.

Then came the rubber salvage campaign It is more likely that the present calm when private citizens heard a demand for precedes the storm of another attack. Where articles of all sorts made of rubber, and will it come? We may be fairly sure of responded liberally, while federal office build- but one thing: it probably will not be against ings, by and large, clung to their rubber the Russians in Siberia. Time was when mats and runners, and on the heels of this, Japan would have come to Hitler's aid by the scrap metal campaign, during which setting up a second front there, but Hitler's brass cuspidors and other metal things, in- failure to take Stalingrad on schedule, coucluding brass stair rails, continued to occupy pled with the probability of Hitler's defeat conspicuous places in post offices, custom- in Europe, seems to justify an assumption that Japan henceforth will wage its own war, houses and other government buildings. The government's idea seems to be: "Do on its own lines and independent of all deas I say, not as I do." It must be some- mands from Berlin.

thing like this, else Washington's federal If this is the true state of affairs, Japan buildings would not now be overheated, when intends to go it alone, the next blow probthe public is told that temperatures above ably will be directed either against India the maximum fixed by the rationeers for or China, with Yunnan, the Chinese province the conservation of fuel, are to be guarded bordering on Burma, as the most probable objective.

The Baltimore Sun says that the average Possession of Yunnan province would give temperature of federal office buildings at the Japanese a distinct advantage in the Washington is in excess of 76 degrees, and Chinese area and place Generalissimo Chiang that the average has been determined by Kai-shek under necessity of engaging in the actual tests in widely scattered sections of greatest campaign of the protracted Sino-Japthe capital with "two carefully calibrated anese war.

thermometers from the Bureau of Standards." It seems very probable that with the ar-That is pretty good evidence in any man's rival of the new year there will be a new offensive by the enemy in the Pacific. The

And the irony of it is that among offices direction it takes is not so important as in which the temperature was found far that the Allies, with their increasing strength, of a catapult.



(Editor's Note .- The Star and the News accept no

must be made safe for civilized people to go about their business.

U. S. Obviously Learned Lesson At Pearl Harbor

By RAYMOND CLAPPER one year gives us perspective to WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.-We ob- recognize the achievement for abroad. viously have learned the military what it is. lessons of Pearl Harbor. What hap-

pened a year ago jolted us forward as if we had been shot out

Within a year we have reached tempo of military preparation

Reduced to essentials and noth-

would lose their press not only

because people gone primitive

of the town crier and the gossip

ernment press which would tell

Our housing and the privacy of

PERSISTENT CHILDHOOD



Raymond Clapper Says:

in learning another lesson?

Will we be as quick to learn world slipped back into the con-pering seriously his long and dithe lesson that the world is now dition it was in after the last ficult supply lines. led in such a period. We have so small we can't escape the ef- war would be so costly that our

war industry is matched by the we see that the super-bomber, still work of the Government in mo- to come, puts us at the mercy of bilizing an army which must be any other nation that can built Pearl Harbor but I was before lection. His broadcast plea that now around five million. When we it in volume? Will we see that the fall of France. Events since NEW YORK, Dec. 8-Years and years ago, criticize the government for inef- the super-bomber also gives us when a smooth and amazingly pushful county fiency, we forget that the raising and like-minded nations the weaptown, Liberia, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Gabon, the common herd are too common for the French Equitorial Africa, Belgian Congo, rationeers, that inspectors employed to watch up things for his man, Governor Roosevelt is an achievement to match the their tracks? Our engineers and our indus-One year ago we discovered that trialists are smart enough to de- a thorough trial. It didn't work. tentious prizefight at the ball yard, expect- this was war, and it didn't take sign and build those bombers, ones ing, one and all, to sit in the first row, as the country very long to rise to that will make the present Flying befitted their station, among the leading boot- the all-out demands that total war Fortress look like a sparrow. Will one of these wars. It is not even leggers and men and women about the me- makes. If we seemed slow from the rest of us be smart enough a risk. It is a certainty. tropolis. Their leader, the late Tony Cermak, week to week, the look back over to use that production genius to Pearl Harbor brought the war to us a second time. It ought not end this crazy business of German or Japanese war maniacs setting take three lessons to teach us the world afire every time they what is so clear now after the can accumulate enough powder to second lesson.

Whatever the political repercus. sions of General Eisenhower's deal with Admiral Darlan in French Africa, its military advantages are not only clear cut but still ex. panding. It has now placed the vitally important Dakar base and a formidable portion of the French bat.

Interpreting

The War

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

tle fleet and substantial French cargo tonnage there at Allied disposal. That, too, at the moment Secretary Knox was revealing in Washington that part of the French fleet at Toulon was still intact and in Nazi hands.

The Eisenhower announcement as to Dakar included this para. graph:

"Details regarding future em. ployment of French naval units and shipping are to be developed at later conferences at Dakar." Knox may not have been aware of that when he said the Dakar agreement was primarily a "negative" asset for the Allies in the it denied the enemy use of that key observation post overlooking south Atlantic traffic. Given an tive participation of the French fleet at Dakar against the Axis. as well as Allied use of urgently needed base facilities and French merchant tonnage, very positive values attach to the new Eisen. hower-Darlan agreement.

The Dakar deal more than off. sets any salvage value the foe can hope to get out of the Toulon flee: in time to figure importantly in the African - Mediterranean str gle. The French fleet at Dakar is a powerful force potentially, and possibly now ready for action. I includes one modern battleshin half a dozen cruisers and fast destroyer leaders, some destroyers and a considerable number of sub. marines.

Its active participation in the fight in the Mediterranean or the Atlantic where American supply lines to French Africa run mu substantially increase the odds sea in Allied favor

The Dakar base also must short Also, we expect to have a lot en the turn-around for American of business to be about after the naval and cargo craft convey and war. War production has built up reinforcements or supplies to At-American manufacturing capacity rica as well as the Atlantic air that will need markets all over ferry span for bombers moving to the world. We will have an enor-

power. It is a reasonable guess that value goods. We want markets Eisenhower himself looks upon his dealings with Darlan including the Dakar pact, as the most critical and essential element of his whole Will we be as quick and as apt state of preparedness for total war sistance in Morocco and Algeria that would be necessary if the might still be jeopardizing or ham

Even the damage to the French fects of what happens anywhere standard of living would have to fleet at Toulon can be specula surprised ourselves—as 1 know from a visit to war industries in the Detroit area last week. The monumental performance of war industry is matched by the had much to do with its destruc-I was not an isolationist before tion. Its officers were of his se they escape the Nazi clutch to join then have convinced me that we the Allies carried with it an implied order in any case not the last war that we could escape let their ships fall into German another one by keeping our heads hands. down. We tried that. We gave it **Civilian** Defense We know that policy will only bring us back again to another

mous shipping fleet, and airplane

capacity for passengers and high-

We also want to relieve our-

selves of the heavy cost of mod-

ern war. Even to keep in the

You're

Telling Me

Zadok Dumpkof has made the

supreme sacrifice. Strictly a two-

porkchop man, today he proudly

ordered - and ate - a fishburger.

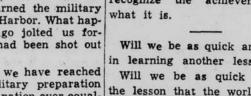
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Too many people still travel for

pleasure, we are told. Must be 11

cause so many hoped to grow up t

become locomotive engineers-and



and Air Forces.

Note the locations: Northern Ireland, Eng- the temperature was 76 degrees. land, French Morocco, Algeria. Tunisia, Free-Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Iran, India, China, had a tip from higher up to keep away from came on to Brooklyn to attend a rather pre-Philippines, Australia, New Guinea, Solomon the sacrosanct bureaucrats? Islands, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa, Canton Island, Palmyra Island, Johnson Island, Hawaii, Midway Aleutians, Alaska, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Canal Zone, Galapagos Island, Santa Elena, Ecuador, Aruba, Curacao, Trinidad. Venezuela, British Guiana, Surinam, Brazil, St. Lucia, Antigua, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Jamaica, Cuba, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Newfoundland, Labrador, Greenland and Iceland.

While it is heartening to know that this country, so illy prepared for war when the Pearl Harbor attack came, has been able to assemble such large forces as this catalogue indicates, and get them to danger points in one short year, there is some reason to wonder anxiously if we are not scattering them too thinly. This, naturally, is for the military leaders to determine, but some among us probably believe that greater concentrations at the most vital points, rather than at so many places, some of which may not have real strategic value, would speed ultimate victory.

At the same time, it must be remembered that it is a world, not mere sections thereof. that must be saved from the enemy.

Victory Fund Campaign

done if everybody does his part.

Pattern Grows Threadbare

ward positions, when they could not hope to

the establishment of supply bases, and from trolled a number of votes to be cast in the lors which are to be found even has a glimpse of imagination terial, but not so heavy that they could not come back in the spring with tremendous striking nower striking power.

Don-Volga salient, it is obvious that this win-ter's activities to the part of the part o

With the announcement of Richard S. Rog-air forces to further cripple his war indus-last minute and only just caught the tail-board of the bandwagon to clamber aboard ers, chairman of the Region 6 committee in tries in Germany and Nazi-held countries. before it went around the ring for the last charge of the Victory fund campaign, that Hitler cannot hope to hold his chosen posi- time, already alrost full. the committee will be increased to speed tions in Russia indefinitely unless he can the drive, it may be said that there is ab-build up reserves in men and equipment. The point of this parable, if that is what there seems to be a deter-mination among the rulers for whom Mr. solute necessity, not only on behalf of the His reserves in manpower are no longer great. Farley sacrificed his own social standard that war program but in the interest of the na- Vassal states upon which he has drawn heavtional economy, that the full amount of these ily in the past, particularly Rumania and to do the same in the name and at the Victory bond issues be subscribed as quickly Italy, are near the bottom of the man-power expense of the people of the United States lest the people of other lands in the rearas human effort can do the job. The task barrel. Germany itself is not capable of pro- ward rows envy and resent us. The Ameriis to sell nine billion dollars worth of Vic- viding many more divisions and keep war cans, it appears, are to move back among in that they are not used beyond tory bonds in a few short weeks. It can be industries working simultaneously. France, them, vacating the front seats altogether,

Nine billions-or one billion-is beyond men- as many as a million reluctant men into formula of the man who couldn't heft his tal grasp of most of us. Suffice it to say, Axis armed ranks, though this is questionable. drunken friend out of the gutter, and to show block, used in rotation could retire however, that for present purposes that stu-But there is no reason to think that Hitler his earnest humanity, lay down beside him. half a dozen others to the smeltpendous figure represents the amount of mon- can again raise the personnel of his fighting American people nobody has said specifically John L. Lewis used to say that ey necessary to keep our government in busi-ey necessary to keep our government in busi-and reserve forces to the high total under in any of the platforms on which the party off the necks and fill in the real all his project is worthy. The book just project is worthy. The book just project O. S. Loomis, C. Either we are behind our fighting men, or world.

we are not. The outcome of a Victory Loan | Nor can he hope to raise the level of

fice beyond, his secretary must fling open his windows to keep from suffocating. In Leon his windows to keep from suffocating. In Leon

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

got seats for himself, and one, in this su-

The strength of Nazi counter-attacks in cen- perior company but the rest of his party, or cosmetics trade, for example, tral Russia seem to indicate Hitler's purpose mob, were offended to find themselves pewed which consists of paint for ladies' to pursue the same general policy on the ers' dugout and when Mr. Cermak heard of and sweet-smelling greases and start a war? Will we be so dumb Eastern front this winter as he did last. In this his loyalty was touched and he rose up, oils, and glue and dye for their as to have the weapons in our the blizzardy months of the last winter cam- himself and one, and declared that he would hair, is important in our economy hands and still let them go on paign, Axis forces were withdrawn from for- not sit above his friends and so moved back as giving work to a great number of workers and yielding imamong them.

To Mr. Farley and the American people portant taxes to the Treasury. increase their advance, to towns farther back as it turned out, this was a portentious mis- This is strictly a luxury trade and where Nazi thrift and foresight had seen to carriage of protocol, for Mr. Cermak con- nonessential and the beauty parimpending convention and was a man to be in the shabbiest little towns, emwhich the Russians, with all their skill in wooed and placated at any cost. As the pre- ploying workers and yielding which the Russians, with all their skill in wooed and placated at any cost. As the pre-ploying workers and rent, are an are to come, knows what Anthony winter fighting, could not dislodge them. They liminaries moved along toward the semifinal, wages, profits and rent, are an Eden, British Foreign Minister, suffered heavy losses, both in men and ma- Mr. Farley could be seen bustling among extension of the same industry. lows and give up their seats for his sake, try caters mainly to and mainly While Hitler has been compelled to with-draw much of his air force and great num-draw much of his air force and great num-gotiated places for about half of Mr. Cer-and music and most, if not all of our annual list of 10,000 book titles, to be allowed to view with the places for gangsters to be allowed to view with the gravy trains, won't be While Hitler has been compelled to with- a favor which he would never forget, and, lives on vanity and extravagance, meet the Allied expeditionary forces in Tu- of stout mind, however, and he refused to are items that a people returned nisia, and so has loosened his grip in the come back to the ringside without all, includ- to the primitive could do with-

ter's activities to the north are to follow the of Governor Roosevelt for the presidency fi- ploying some shocking total of same general pattern as last year. His ability nally did his best by vacating his own front pairs of hands and consuming foodstuffs unnecessarily and the or failure to do as well as then must depend seat and moving back with Mr. Cermak. clothing trades produce vastly Incidentally, Mr. Cermak's feelings were upon the power of the Russians to hit harder, not entirely cured by this sacrifice for, as more new garments that could be done without than are absolutely with the additional war tools obtained from may be remembered, he held out against Mr. necessary as replacements of gar-America and England, and the power of Allied Farley's man in that convention until the ments utterly done for by long wear and tear. ing more, the American people

could get along with the services or, at most, with an official, gova small fraction of their whole whereupon the flagpole and dugout areas will through Laval's apostacy, may force perhaps whereupon the happott on according to the capacity according to the Russian become ringside sections according to the communal housing customs and Who authorized all this on behalf of the ers for scrap.

The United States is a luxury country. The most others.

doing that to us?

Anybody who has flown over the oceans and continents, as many have done now, and anybody who about the kinds of airplane that are to come, knows what Anthony Chungking. Anybody who starts didn't. using his shooting irons anywhere

to be allowed to play with ma- pestered with the meat shortage .chine guns. The street of the world Statesville Daily.

The Literary Guidpost

By JOHN SELBY

were chaperoned over the country "Bombs Away: The Story of A Bomber Team," by John Stein-naturally saw that he got to Army Wilmington beck (Viking; \$2.50). fields exclusively. Therefore, the John Steinbeck's "Bombs Away" extremely important Navy side of is part of a project called the the subject is practically ignored. Air Forces Aid Society Trust And the brass hats appear to have Fund, the purpose of which is to insisted that Mr. Steinbeck do a care for dependents of men in the gloss on a factual basis, which is

air force perpetually. not his forte. "The Grapes of "Bombs Away" represents a Wrath" was a striking job in spite very large contribution to the of the fact that the author's acfund. It already has been sold to quaintance with Oklahoma and Giplomatic correspondent the movies for \$250,000, and all her Okies was superficial-or perthe royalties normally due Mr. haps because of that fact. them only what the government desired them to know or believe. Steinbeck and his photographer, What has emerged is a kind of the royalties normally due Mr. haps because of that fact. What has emerged is a kind of the royalties normally due Mr. haps because of that fact. John Swope, are also to go to the super-ad for the Army Air Force. ed in Berlin as a 'great fund. In addition, the publisher is It is scrupulously truthful about championing the European turning over his profit. So much the difficulty of the course, and and as a spiritual declaration the background and as a spiritual declaration demonstration of the course and and as a spiritual declaration demonstration of the course and and as a spiritual declaration demonstration of the course and and as a spiritual declaration demonstration of the course and and as a spiritual declaration of the course and and as a spiritual declaration of the course and and as a spiritual declaration of the course and the for the background.

It would be a pleasure to say calibre of the men in the force. and Bolshevism." that the book is a typically good The reader's admiration for the Steinbeck job, but unfortunately thoroughness and speed of the one lawn mower on a suburban this is not the case. It is the training is inevitably high. You worst job of writing Steinbeck ever like the boys, you think Mr. Stein- Lt. Gov. Walter Goodland has done, at least in the form of beck is a fine fellow, the photo- into the political spotlight stood for election nor in any of the speeches leys and this nation, as a whole could have turned out under the its fundamental ideas too often for gal advice that he prepare reading comfort, like the "begats" as acting governor for the nex

Mr. Steinbeck and Mr. Swope, in the Bible.

Timetable

BASIC TRAINING COURSES High School Room 109 at 8 P. M. Fire Defense A-every Monday. General Course-every Tuesday. Gas Defense B-every Wedne

day. FIRST AID 10 HOURS Room 106, New Honover High School

First lesson - every Monday. Second lesson - every Tuesd Third lesson - every Wedne

Fourth lesson - every Thursda Final lesson - every Friday.

SPECIAL COURSES Police course - every Thursda high school room 109, at 8 P. M HEALTH FOR VICTORY CLUB

MEETINGS Nutrition Program 2nd. December 10th, 2 P.

St. Paul's Parish House, 6th Princess streets. Mrs. Cordelia ter, instructor.

3rd. (Negro) December 8th at P. M. at Salem Hall, 8th and Cross streets. Mrs. Cordelia I ter. instructor.

If you hear or observe anything suspicious in character report

Wilmington Police, 5244. Wrightsville Beach Police. Carolina Beach Police, 2001. Captain of the Port. 2-2277 County Defense Council 3123 Sheriff, 4252.

PRAISE FRANCO SPEECH BERLIN, (From German

casts), Dec. 8.-(AP)-Tra

lavishly appreciative of the high war against liberalism.

READY TO SERVE MADISON, Wis., Dec.