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we will gain the inevitable triumph-so help us God. Roosevelt's War Message.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1945. THOUGHT FOR TODAY To be kind is to be like Christ. PAUL BARTON.

## **Sweden Takes Steps**

Relief for the newsprint shortage in Britain in the past. and the United States is seen in an agreement with the Swedish government for use of Sweden's merchant fleet by the Allied Shipping Pool as soon as the German holds on the Skaggerak and the western Baltic is broken. both countries will be cargoed with civilian health and productive energy and still meet supplies for Europe's liberated countries and military and other commitments. Sweden itself, according to the program. How the neutrals are beginning to get in in Europe is no longer in doubt!

## **Bridge** Collapse

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Collapse of the Lukendorff bridge across the Rhine at Remagen, which cost the lives of an undertermined number of American engineers might have been more tragic if traffic had been using the span in large volume.

Terrible as it was, American men and equipment might have been pouring into the Reich at the fatal moment if structural weakness had not been known in advance. As it was only men employed on repairs were present and although they were carried into the waters below, soldiers, by heroic effort, rescued many.

The collapse is directly traceable to German demolition charges placed some ten days

## Germans which cropped up some years after the last war.

No soldier or sailor who saw action in this war and no civilian who endured a bombing attack is likely to forget that experience quickly. But there are millions who never knew the actual experience of war, and a new generation will come along to whom the horrible reality of war will be beyond imagination.

So it might do no harm to bolster the future machinery of international peace with the vivid and frightful evidence of these war years, which could be brought out and shown L15 security of the world. lay

## Protecting Democracy's Arsenal

With the appointment by War Mobilizer Byrnes of a committee to allocate and coordinate food exports, there comes to mind once more a too-familiar question: "Why didn't somebody think of that before?"

Only the most selfish among us would complain of our government's zealous desire to pressed but untouched America. But certainly any citizen might find fault with the confusion and overlapping among various agencies that the announcement of the committee's appointment revealed.

There is one notable absence from the committee which Foreign Economic Administrator a by-word. Leo Crowley will head, UNRRA is not represented. It remains to be seen whether this humanitarian, highly publicized, highly expensive international relief organization is des-

But at least members of the various government departments and agencies concerned with production, rocurement and, distribution of food are finally going to sit down together. nomical way to manage a food supply, now Ships carrying newsprint and wood pulp to seriously low, so as to maintain domestic

> It is too bad that the government had to wait is beginning to show strain at the seams, and other essentials will surely follow suit if some orderly provisions are not made soon some orderly provisions are not made soon. If we include among those who will be un-quainted aboard a Naval vessel. supply, at a time when victory is almost in sight in one theater of war, would be dis-

astrous. It is understandable that our Allies might feel at least an emotional envy of our freedom from civilian death and devastation. But realistically they should be, and probably are, thankful that what is in sober fact the arsenal of democracy remains intact. It seems likely that we may eat sufficiently well without scrimping hungry Europe, and mend our domestic machinery without scrimpand the jealousies and secrecies of inter-departmental strife. At least it would help. Such a Utopia has long been talked about, but of wealth so both he and Roosevelt may be

# Fair Enough

(Editor's note.—The Star and the News accept no responsibility for the personal views of Mr. Pegler, and often disagree with them as much as many of his readers. His articles serve the good purpose of making people think.)

#### By WESTBROOK PEGLER (Copyright, 1945, by King Features Syndicate.)

In his moist and martyristic hour of selfsympathy at a political demonstration in New York, Henry Wallace said he felt no bitteras a warning "preview" if saber-rattling or ness but that men represented issues and relaxed vigilance should again menace the that all of us would have to stand up and be counted.

Well, bitterness is out of my line, too, but the issues do involve exciting differences of deep belief and sometimes our voices rise in a way to suggest to the neighbors that our people are arguing things out with ball-bats and tire irons.

In approaching the subject of employment after the war, Wallace adopted a trick of the new deal ideologist which was cribbed from Hitler in the first place. It is the trick of tossing off some fantastic proposition and then assuming that its soundness has been conceded without a contest by the other side. Thus, some years ago, President Roosevent referred to one third of a nation ill-fed, illrelieve the hunger of war-wracked Europe housed and ill-clothed and immediately, beout of the comparative bounty of a hard- cause he had said it, this dramatic concept of more than 40,000,000 gaunt and ragged hovel-dwellers became, like the perfidy of the Treaty of Versailles, a political fetish. Again, some propagandist estimated or arbitrarily decided that some few thousand Americans controlled all but about \$200 of our wealth and, again, like Hitler' similar charge against "Jewish exploiters' in Germany, this became

Wallace cried to his totalitarian friends in New York, to whom he gave final credit for Roosevelt's fourth election, that "the one outstanding issue in the campaign was set forth by Roosevelt, 60,000,000 jobs." Then, granting tined to do even less in the future than it has himself the wisdom of this figure, he continued, "I repeatedly einphasized the need for getting the 60,000,000 jobs." Later in the speech he mentioned the 60,000,000 jobs for

a third time. So, by now, in a certain proportion of the public mind, the proposition is accepted that, They will try to find an efficient and eco- after the war, six-thirteenths of all our people, almost half of us, must have steady employment.

But Roosevelt and Wallace surely are not in favor of child labor, so we must cross the children under 18 and thus raise the proportion of adult, employable women whom they so long before taking this step. But now that to work for wages, many of them in defeminout of the wet, now that the war's outcome it has been taken it seems to us that it izing surroundings and at masculine taks and should be followed by similar inquiries in oth- in male garments. We have a plan afoot, also, er fields than food. Domestic transportation to maintain a large Army and Navy after

as usual," suggests these other steps. We are person population and the unem-as the soldiers I'd known on the the kind that will draw them back noble reputation. Necessity, and not any desire for "comfort available for these jobs the elders, above 60

Without bitterness, but on the basis of his wife's autobiography, it may be conceded that isolation and monotony of the vast Roosevelt is personally unfamiliar with the Pacific. I believe they talk more normal American method of establishing a about wanting to go home than and do it well. They are very sinhome when two young persons marry. Nor even the soldiers in Europe. mally, the husband gets the job and provides the money to establish the home, us- lives. They have their work, and ship. ually a modest apartment or house. The wife stays home, bears the children, cares for them,

instructs them and makes sacrifices for them. When the Roosevelts were married he was



# Your War--With Ernie Pyle

### over. A lot of experienced people | dred times how I happened to come

BY ERNIE PYLE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC-(delayed) - It's easy to get ac-The sailors are just as friendly

They're all sick to death of the not in their blood.

Their lives really are empty their movies and their mail, and that's just about all they do have. And nothing to look forward to. They never see anybody but themselves, and that gets mighty

expect you to say that, but they are a little disappointed too.

They say "But it's tough to be

away from home for more than a

year, and never see anything but

water and an occasional atoll."

there are boys who have been in

their lives are pretty good.

deck.

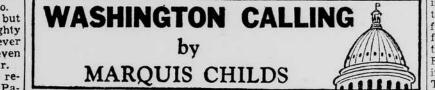
America.

were seasick during that storm. Very few of the boys have de-veloped any real love for the sea-the kind that will draw them back noble reputation

as usual, suggests these other steps. We are the only country fighting two major wars. In addition our Allies depend heavily upon our total of probably no more then so the point of addition our Allies depend heavily upon our total of probably no more then so the point of be put on a light carrier like this, be put on a light carrier like this, as the soluters is t addition our Allies depend heavily upon our probably no more than 80,000,000 elli-production. Any breakdown at the source of gible, men and women. temporary sailors, and the sea is being a newcomer to the Pacific through the Saarland and Pala I didn't know one ship from an- tinate to the north, however, and

Taking it all in all, they're good other, so this was the ship the west bank Coblenz in America boys who do what is asked of them Navy put me on. But that satisfies them just as

cere and genuine and they are well, for then they assume that up river. almost unanimously proud of their the Navy itself considers their ship a superior one - which I'm sure developed so swiftly by the T I think I've been asked a hun- it does.



Interpreting The War By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Associated Press War Analyst The extent to which collapse of he bridge over the Raine at Renegen may delay execution of

Allied plans for striking into to heart of Germany is unpredictable although field dispatches report it can and will be quickly restored to service. The structure has already serv.

ed its primary purpose of fa tating establishment of a wide and deep east bank American br head. No uneasiness at First Army or Allied Supreme Headquarter on that score is indicated. very terrain difficulties east the river which have made expansion of the bridgehead a slow and difficult business now must to deny the foe an oppo take advantage of Even if the German command the forces available for a m counter attack, as it obvi has not, it could hardly hope throw the powerful Allied for already massed on the east ban back into or beyond the Rhipe without exposing other sectors the east Rhine defenses to Allief crossing attacks.

The fall of the main bridge span therefore, seems likely to effect only the time element plans. It could delay the mome when sufficient men and materia have reached the east bank the mounting of power drives u or down the river.

Some field reports suggests possible major drive eastward from the Remagen take-off. glance at any topographical m of the region raises doubt such a movement would be ticable. There are few eastcommunication laterals north Coblenz or south of the Cole Dusseldorf stretch of the Rhine to invite it. The Remagen bridgehead.

ever, is a dangerous rip in Nazi east Rhine bank defenses because it potentially outflanks more er cal crossing areas both to th north and the south. It threate to roll up more or less impr enemy defenses in either or directions to facilitate new Rhu crossings at points where the rain is far more favorable f eastward drives and where good road and rail communications exist

hands, the center of immedia interest on the Rhine has shifted

The double or triple trap be and Seventh American armies the Rhine-Moselle-Saar is doing far more than put an timated 80.000 Nazi troops fused and harried flight air to place Allied forces the most vulnerable Rhine from Coblenz to matter of days at in a The forcing of the Rh would expose all sou The destruction in the north will, Germany to immediate inva

ago which damaged a lower girder. When this gave way the super-structure caved in and for the time being the Allies' chief access to Germany east of the Rhine is cut off. Engineers declare the damage may be repaired speedily, so the Germans will gain little, in the final count.

By a strange coincidence the accident happened a few hours before the German High Command announced the execution of four officers for cowardice and negligence for allowing the span to be seized practically intact on March 7.

## **Barauch To London**

The day's best news out of Washington is the probability that Bernard M. Baruch will he is scheduled to take up with the British Prime Minister and other London officials general postwar economic problems.

President Roosevelt, who is credited with selecting the aging financier and adviser of chosen better. When Mr. Baruch was at Versailles with President Wilson he opposed the prospect of another war. Now he favors a harsh peace with the Reich but not of the same type favored by Secretary Morgenthau of the Treasury. In other words, he is a logical realist. We may be sure he will propose that Germany be compelled to pay through the nose, but not with a clothespin pinching its nostrils.

Another reason to be thankful that he is to occupation of the Reich and complete destruction of its war industries.

## A Needed Reminder

There is considerable good sense in Samuel Goldwyn's suggestion that the delegates to the United Nations Conference in San Francisco look at a motion picure record of the war before sitting down to work out the struc- Western Front. ture of a world security organization.

Two or even three days of such movie going would be all to the good, it seems to us. after the war is responsible more than any oth-But the films should be more complete than er single factor for the loss to war producwhat we see in theaters, and free from the editing which softens the impact of war upon the sensibilities of the movie patron.

We also think that the film history of this of sentimental pity for the poor, misundersood ward R. Stettinius Jr.

it's really needed now.

## Sugar Shortage Relief

United Business Service of Boston sees some relief in the sugar shortage in the ingain will not be forthcoming.

Increased production of beet sugar offers go to London to discuss German reparations the quickest means of alleviating the growof average for the second successive year, was announced too late to affect 1944 output, reparations burden placed upon Germany, de- producers a total cash return of \$12.50 per claring the economic load would raise the ton, or about \$5.45 more than in 1940. Yet selling price is about \$3.30 higher. The outlook for refiners is thus relatively favorable. admittedly be limited. Labor is still short,

mechanization. Some observers expect no

point.

laid for greater beet sugar production from now on, and companies in this field should benefit accordingly from an earnings view-

We know we have lost the war, but we want to show you we are the finest fighting soldiers in the world. - German officer captured on

Failure to plan now for full employment tion of hundreds of thousands of workers in Detroit and other critical areas. - Walter Reuther, UAW vice president.

How durable and secure the peace will be cil for War Production. war should be preserved as a possible wea- after victory will depend upon whether we

still a student, and his mother bought them old. They sail and sail, and never not only a town house but an elaborate sumarrive anywhere. They've not even mer place, both completely furnished. It was seen a native village for a year. a matter of years before he undertook to be Three times they've been to re ing the fighting men, if Washington can put an the provider and even then the family formote, lifeless sandbars in the Paend to divided authority, duplicated effort, tune was still behind them. Thus subsidized, cific, and have been allowed to go Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was able to have her ashore for a few hours and sit under palm trees and drink three family without having to go to work for a living. Wallace, also, came of a background cans of beer. That's all.

> excused their ignorance of the family economic problem of young Americans who marry without money or with only a few hundred dollars for the furniture or a down payment cream-they probably eat better than they would at home. on a frame house in the suburbs.

In this plan for 60,000,000 jobs there seems to be no provision for the preservation of the laundry washes their clothes. Their industrial centers is not sufficient American home and of the integrity of the quarters are crowded, but each creased production of sugar beets, although family unit. It appears to count on the reguman has a bunk with mattress and the government's objective of a 60 per cent lar employment for wages of the young wives sheets, and a private locker to but their hours are regular.

liarity with the customary way or some idea, not yet revealed, that here, as in Russia, the children should be mothered by public with Winston Churchill before the San Fran-ing sugar shortage, as cane crops normally agencies which, being political, doubtless other side. I can only answer that cisco Security conference. In addition to what take two or more years to produce. The beet would teach or, in the fashionable word of this is much better. They seem to war costs shall be levied upon the Germans, crop last year was only about 60 per cent the day, "indoctrinate" them after the manner of the communists and the Nazis.

Unquestionably, this relationship between and the Government has set its 1945 goal at husband and wife makes for jealousy, en-1 1-2 times the 1944 acreage. Incentives to vy and divorce. At best, in the past, it has greater production-cash subsidy payments given the wife an excuse not to concern herself with the homely but essential duties of And I say yes I know it is, but -have not been increased. However, the boost housekeeping and to postpone or forego moth-President Wilson for this visit could not have from \$1.50 per ton to \$3.00 in 1944, which erhood. Often the motive for this dual jobholding has been mere luxury and women is being continued in 1945. This will bring have competed not only with men in holding jobs which they did not need but with other women who thus were denied their chance to marry because their suitors, in competithe net cost of this sugar to beet factories is tion with working women, could not earn only about \$1.67 more than in 1940, and the enough to undertake family responsibility. The Roosevelt-Wallace plan appears to hold

that henceforth as many women as men shall be job-holders, a proportion which obviously The gain in beet production this year will threatens the home and the birth-rate and invites some public mothering service for such right," he says. "The point with can be said about this now. and is being only partially offset by increased children as do impose on their working mothers for the favor of birth.

Wouldn't 40,000,000 workers, mostly men, be more than a 15-20 per cent increase over able to do the work and business of that the beaches, and the Infantry in make a trip to London is that he favors long 1944 in acreage. Much will depend on changes wonderful new world of the future? And if Germany. I can stand a lot of agree that Italian divisions are perin economic and war conditions later in the it is necessary for both wife and husband, monotory if I know my chances forming a valuable service. The year. Nevertheless, the groundwork has been mother and father, to hold jobs in order to are pretty good for coming out pressure on the Allied line runs earn enough money for a living, isn't there of it alive.

something wrong with the wage scale of that idealistic economic system? Roosevelt, as his wife revealed, wouldn't being persecuted by being kept out

the big rough figures. They seem to regard to kep your mouth shut to a remark like that. jobs as an end in themselves without con-At least 50 per cent of the sailsidering why the average, normal American

adult male wants a job in the first place. hree things :-

Supplying weapons needed in the Pacific is going to be a bigger job than the people extent to which the industry's facilities will realize. Nor do they fully understand the extent to which the industry's facilities will be almost completely tied up after VE-Day. -George Romney, director Automotive Coun-

ROME-An endless source of hope, which today seems to have point between those the speculation here is why the Ger- died utterly.

mans kept large numbers of their if possible, be even worse than the And there are no high banks best troops in Northern Italy when, destruction in the south. What has rising ridges east of the rive Yet they do live well. Their nod by withdrawing to the passes of not been knocked down by Allied help balk such a crossing is the best I've run onto in this the Alps, they could have held that bombing will be demolished by the contain it once the river itself have

war. They have steaks and ice frontier with only a few divisions. Germans, who have had ample been spanned. The industrial plants of the north time to prepare for the kind of are one answer. But the volume demolition they do with Teutonic They take baths daily, and the of production in Milan and other thoroughness.

Another possible reason, incidto justify such an illogical use of entally, why Kesserling's forces military manpower. In fact, recent have held on in northern Italy is reports indicate that, through re- the fact that more than 400,000 and mothers and to suggest either unfami- keep his stuff in. They work hard, peated Allied bombing and through Italian workers, including many of with its restraints and sabotage by the Italian under- the ablest and most highly skilled, is biting into all our lives. The boys ask you a thousand ground, production in the Po valley are working in Germany. To aban-

times how this compares with the has been greatly curtailed. don all of Italy would be to risk It may suffice to supply Mar- the loss of their productive cap- loving Lord. Like our loved shal Kesselping's 26 or 27 divisions, acity. but there is little left over. And if

bombing of the passes of the Alps The decline of production in Gersisters. productive part of the countrypoints up the extremely effective

Europe more than three years, and have slept on the ground a work done by Italian partisans. good part of that time. And they The partisans in the rugged Apensay yes, they guess in contrast nines have shown extraordinary courage and tenacity. By their Seaman Paul Begley looks at his wartime life philosophically. He is have saved countless American a farm boy from Rogersville, Tenn. lives.

He talks a lot in a soft voice that Supplies are dropped to them is southern clear through. He's one from the air under conditions of the plane pushers on the flight which subject fliers to great haz-

"I can stand this monotony all ards. For obvious reasons, little In many ways, the Italians are us is that we've got a pretty good chance of living through this. Think helping the Allied war effort. of the Marines who have to take Military men with whom I have talked in this theater almost all

across the peninsula is great and But others yell their heads off Italian regiments have helped to

about their lot, and feel they're relieve that pressure. Behind the lines, in connection already delineated as secretary of dle, followed the races. et with the vast tasks of supply and state and President in the previous plays of Shakespeare. know about this problem from personal ex- of America a year. I've heard with the vast tasks of supply and state and President in the previous plays of Shakespeare. I perience and both he and Wallace seem to some boys say "I'd trade this for transportation, you see them work-volumes, "Jefferson and Hamilton" and the worldly Congre admire the Russian system on the basis of a foxhole any day." You just have ing everywhere. It is true that their and "Jefferson in Power." The entempo is slow. As one GI put it, tire three-part work is no less augirls. the man who said Rome wasn't thoritative for having been writ- like the company of French built in a day must have watched ten hindside first.

The terrible typhoon they went lied manpower.

through off the Philippines; the Italian service troops, using would still be one of America's French political phil times they were hit by Jap bombs

way as the three destroyers that

capsized. This ship is inclined to uing vitality of the Italian people laration of Independence and the And don't be deceived There can be but one command: to defy all roll badly anyhow. Today she still in spite of Fascism, disgrace and "Summary View of the Rights of buy it by the silly illust war should be preserved as a possible wea-pon against militarism in the future, and particularly against any repetition of the wave particularly against any repetition of the wave marked the particularly against any repetition of the south are united, particularly against any

Daily Prayer

FOR SACRIFICIAL LIVING Already the bitterness ing new burdens and anxiet These we would lay upon The in uniform, we have had

The road back for the Italian up our own ways and wi there were any surplus, continuous people is bound to be a long one. to face deprivations and n Their normal bankruptcy is pain- ties. Cherished plans have has made it all but impossible to fully evident. Even hard-boiled be abandoned Irksome get it into Hitler's besieged Reich. GIs are shocked by young Italian have been laid upon us boys who, in parts of southern It- pray for the soldier spir man-held Italy-by far the most aly, solicit on the streets for their may bear all and do hour enjoins with good The extent of thievery is appall- cheerfulness and ever-fla

ing. U. S. property must be pro- triotism. We thank Thee tected at all times. If jeeps and have such a Country and command cars cannot be stolen Cause to serve. May no because they are locked and ishness or fear come knowledge, skill and boldness, they double-locked, then leather is cut and his high opportu off the seats and every part re- ty with our Service men, we moved that can be pried off. Pil- ly offer our all to Thee, and Land we love. Amen. - W.T.E

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The Literary Guidepost

BY W. G. ROGERS "The Young Jefferson," by Claude state G. Bowers (Houghton Miflin;

teens as a brilliant student

growth and formation of the man besides student; he played the fid-. .later in Paris he would

men.

a newcomer like myself, is about in the hard drugery of the war has the Virginian had died before grapher corrects past er meant an important saving in Al- Washington's inauguration, the misconceptions. Jefferso ardent biographer claims, "he debted more to Engl

mules, have carried munitions and few immortals." Many of us might did not force his attenti and their desire to get back to supplies right up to foxholes over have agreed before reading the neighbor's wife. He almost impassable mountain trails. book; we have to agree afterward, abandon Virginia to the

The typhoon was awful. Many thought they would go the same ience have counted for a great deal. ments, as compiled here, include own skin as the Terror to All this is evidence of the contin- not only authorship of the Dec- It's a book we all need

ling liberal reforms in his Bowers pictures the youth

With this volume Bowers com- liam and Mary intimate

pletes a trilogy on Jefferson. In royal governor on his ov "The Young Jefferson" we see the But the redhead was rather than as a scion '

ors' conversation, when talking to Italians at work. But their help Bowers is all for Jefferson. If On several scores