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Interpreting The War

By ELTON C. FAY

There is growing possibility that

the Nazis will fight out the last

round of the war on the disint.

grating Rhine line rather than

fall back to a redoubt in the up

If so, the decision will not be

entirely of choice. The German

command, its Rhine defenses slash-

ed by a mounting number of

bridgeheads, is confronted with

the most difficult of all military

Some of Hitler's most cherished

troops, including the First Para-

chute Army, are engaged at the

far northern end of the line. They

can't let loose; Allied forces are

at their throats; they don't dare

turn to run. And if they did, the

once fine German road net is

blasted by armadas of American

German commentators speak vaguely of establishing new fronts. Setting up a new front across the

flat land of northern Germany,

with transportation cut to pieces

and the whole area under aerial

attack, would be all but impossi-

How rapidly the Nazis' Rhine

line is going to pieces is exempli-

fied not only in the reports of

new Allied crossings but in the

swift linking up of airborne units

with ground forces of the Allies on

the lower Rhine bridgehead. One

of the valuable contributions made

by airborne troops is to drive the

enemy from positions where he can

observe and correct his own artil-

ery fire on the crossing areas,

There has been a sudden acceleration in the rate of prisoners tak-

en. Presumably, part of this ac-

counted for by the swift lunges

of the Allied forces with resulting

encirclement of small groups. But

in part, the decline in the Ger-

man will to fight probably is

reflected in the increasing prisoner

This is not to say that the morale

slump has extended universally,

even among civilians. One report

spoke of German civilians and

police firing at Allied troops, using

Military men say that the Nazi

elite troops, heart of the party's

power, can be counted on to fight

until they fall. They are the tough

young men of the SS, thorougrly

indoctrinated and battle-wise, kill-

ers. This age group of these men

These are the men the Nazi party

hopes (a now fading hope) to take

into the fastness of Bavaria and

Austria. It is true that at the

southern end of the front the pro-

bazookas and rifles.

is about 18-27 years.

and British aircraft.

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naneuvers-disengaging.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY No life is victorious that has not been

laborious. -"EARNEST WORKER."

At Half-Way Mark

While it is fine to know that the Red Cross from the Fort. War fund campaign is at, or past, the halfcial drive is hardest.

in their rounds. The phychology probably is ing."

goal on time. of funds alloted necessarily must go to the major Red Cross war activities during the next fiscal year. Without a surplus this will leave the chapter in hard straits to maintain the quality of its customary service without piling up a deficit or seeking other sources of support.

then could we hope for a prosperous America in a postwar world full of wrecked cities and farms, and populated by sick exhausted people. Reconstruction and active world trade will be hard enough to achieve without the added burden, economic as well as moral,

of preventible sickness and death. This is not to say that we must or should weaken ourselves or cease trying to make our food production and distribution more efficient. It is not to say that we should not remedy the blundering at Washington, which has con-

on tributed so largely to the nation's scarcity. It is all right for Mr. Roosevelt to intercede, but it would be far better for him to place at the head of dispensing and regulating their real duties are and equally capable of performing them in a business-like manner.

> _v_ Fort Caswell

paid medical care. A typical plan allows individual subscribers with incomes of up to \$1,800 a year, to pay 52 cents a month, a husband and wife \$1.12, and a family with an income up to \$2,500, two dollars for surgical operations, the treatment of fractures and dislocations and pre-natal and post-natal maternal

While this plan covers the most serious of family medical problems, it does not cover orbureaus men capable of understanding what dinary sickness. A plan to do that and give the worker or other insured a chance to have the diagnostic and therapeutic service at the lowest possible cost, will be a logical development.

American medicine is rendering not only a

The State Port Pilot, Southport's energetic patriotic service, but a public service from weekly newspaper, announces in its most re- which all citizens are benefiting, as it works cent edition that it has learned the federal out plans which spike the agitation for muni-When remitting by mail please use check or U. S. P. O. money order. The Star News can-not be responsible for currency sent through that the Fort has its own waterworks, power reached its highest development under the government will not again sell the Fort Cas- cipal, state or Federal interference in the field and sewage facilities, and the probability that spur of individual incentive and opportunity. some government use will be made of the site Given new fields to conquer in the way of is borne out by the presence of some thirty prepaid medical plans, American medicine is men engaged in looking after the buildings approaching a level of public service without

> readiness for occupancy in twenty-four hours. With which introduction it notes:

"It would seem to the layman that Caswell presents admirable possibilities for the use of "Ducks" and the training of crews. Landing places of almost every conceivable sort, with and without the obstacles that are needed in training could be found on Bald

through an "initial gifts" group there is al- summertime breezes, the freedom from mos- lowing is the result: ways a goodly amount of money in hand be- quitos and other insect pests and the unsur- on the Monetary Fund has evidently found fore such drives get fairly started, the phycho- passed sport fishing that can be found just a a mark among some thoughtful persons. The logical effect of which is to energize solicitors short distance at sea, as well as shore fish- main point of objection seems to me to be

solicitors find the going increasingly hard as graphically within Wilmington's recreation principles. To this end they would merge the the end of the campaign nears. They have area and any project undertaken by the fed- Fund with the Bank. Then the Fund would

In this particular case it is imperative not fit. Wilmington naturally hopes that the State ficers reasonably conservative and thoroughly but it was so big he didn't know good idea. only to reach, but to far surpass, the goal if Port Pilot's information is correct concerning experienced in banking practice. But because the local chapter is to have enough money for the Fort and that some of the uses it points the sun, they cannot be sure the Administra-_V-

Record Of Service

The Urge To Serve

One good result has come out of the various political proposals for state medicine in the United States. All over the country plans are being launched to provide the public with precare.

Peace Aims



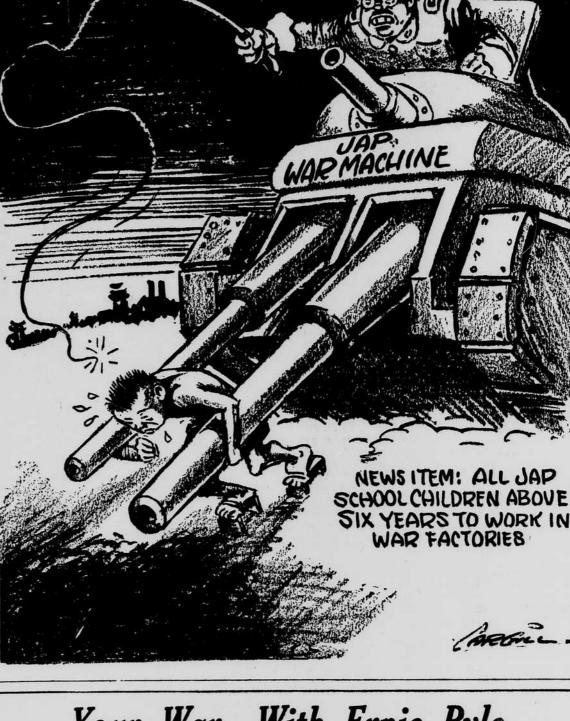
While the pro- and op-ponents of the Bretton Woods plans for an International Monetary Fund were being quizzed by the House Banking and Currency Committee one day this Head island, the Cape Fear river banks and week, I found myself also at the center of a along the ocean in short and long distances quiz on Bretton Woods. I suspected that in the group around me-and at me-were a number of persons who knew more about the "If the amphibious forces do not need the subject than I do. I sensed that one or two way mark, it must not be forgotten that the place it still presents a wonderful possibility were professors, and that another one or two time for the campaign is also half over. It as a hospital or great rest camp. It has its might be financiers. But you don't call a man is equally true that the last half of any finan-own hot salt mineral water baths with waters a thing like that in public, so I just whit on trying to answer their questions as if they a thing like that in public, so I just went that contain very potent medical properties. really didn't know the answers. Then I hiked By the system of seeking generous gifts Then there is the ocean with its ever cool home to reflect on the experience. The fol-

the A. B. A. experts, convinced that the Monegood, but the ultimate result is that the same To which we add that Fort Caswell is geo- mand that it be guided by sound lending

to turn it literally into a drive to reach the goal on time. Wilmington's no loss than Southeast's have the same Board of Governors and Ex-Wilmington's, no less than Southport's bene- experts count on the appointment of Bank ofthe Fund appears as something new under its extraordinary service. The apportionment out as available will be fully materialized. tion will have to name the type of men to head the Fund whom bankers would feel they could rely on.

In behalf of the chapter, therefore, it is Vork Trust Company, shows how state regu-this behalf of the chapter, therefore, it is with the base of the couldn't put it on the tab In behalf of the chapter, therefore, it is only just to call upon all persons in the city only information of the solvency and ability of the

antagonistic foreign exchange controls.



'RICKSHA BOY'

IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC- to bake a cake for me, and he said was flying from one when we in-The second I was aboard our car- well he had got through his regu- vaded Morocco in 1942, and he rier, the chief steward came up lar baking a little early the night was there.

to my cabin and happily announc- before, and hadn't anything else He had made around 120 carrier ed that he had a cake for me, to do, and just thought it was a landings before he came on this how to handle it.

For a while I couldn't get what and Ray was studying to be one, many landings on a carrier and is he was driving at, but finally he but now after all this business, he still making them, didn't learn it made it clear. It seemed the night bakers had school.

And so the case stood while questions to left was to be served at dinner that think I'd about as soon be a baker some of them are lots older, and of me, questions to right of me volleyed and evening. The steward was wor- as anything else. The bakeshop too they have three times as many Commenting on the historical development thundered. Now, however, the Committee for ried because the cake was so big is always clean as a whistle, and planes to land every day. and financial growth of the fire insurance in- knich may bridge the misty chasm between enough to put it on, and therefore are almost your own boss. Economic Development has issued a proposal they didn't have a board big it always smells good. And you I think the record in our oldest dustry, the "Index," published by the New the opposing bankers and proponents of the York Trust Company, shows how state regu-

But that evening when we went a bakery is so wonderfully clean. enough flour for 80 cakes. own to dinner, here was the cake "I can't stand to work in filth,"

ship, and now his total is up

Ray's father is a school teacher around 200. A guy who makes that kind of doubts he'll want to teach in correspondence school. Eight thousand landings is small

baked a huge cake for me and it If I had to be in the Navy, I stuff for the big carriers. For

carriers is something up around

spect are better, even good. But they are only a part, presumably a small part, of the total elite troop strength. For some reason-perhaps the German hatred of the English be-

cause England has been exploding German's continental conquest dreams for a couple of centuriesthe Nazis usually deploy many



Your War--With Ernie Pyle

fund to send in their contributions now, and in all possible cases, to increase their gifts if they have already been made.

This is the crucial week in Wilmington's Red Cross War fund campaign. It is up to the people of the community involved to see that the goal is topped-and well topped.

We Shan't Starve

ian meat supply with a warning that the coun- preserving infallible solvency. try will have to tighten its belt before vic-

This attitude insists upon the assumption and put into operation. that, since we shall eventually win our two

This attitude likewise places the blame for every shortage upon Washington bungling and bureaucracy. There have been bungling and mistakes. They have gone too long uncorrected our labor force diminishes.

food to Europe which implies that we should speech.

be fed in peacetime abundance, no matter what happens to the rest of the world.

This implication is vaguely supported by noted and deplored. Now comes a radio anthe assumption that we here in the United nouncer talking about the "standers-by" at States are unbombed and comfortable as a re- some function, followed the next day by a ward for some special virtue of our own at- newspaper story about the "lookers-on" extainment. With that is the corollary assump- pected at the San Francisco conference. tion that European civilians somehow, and for We can't figure why the ancient and pre- at the next desk, it is utterly powerless, howsome reason, are getting only what they de- valent custom of prefixing prepositions to ever, against the singing commercial. serve. nouns (a heritage of English's Latin and Saxon

Mr. Roosevelt invoked justice and decency ancestors) is now being reversed, with such Zadok Dumkopf suggests he might utilize Geras reasons for denying ourselves a little so tortured results. Perhaps someone felt the need many's atom-smashing machine. as to save Europeans from actual starvation. for distinguishing the bypassers of General It may be hoped that such a plea will move Patton's Third Army from the ordinary those who have talked of "starving" this passers-by, and the idea spread from there. country while "our butter is used to grease We've always found passers-by awkward and Russian boots." But if it will not, perhaps hard- uncomfortable, and have usually managed to headed business reasons might.

The years between the two World Wars lookers-on any better. And we hope that amply demonstrated that depression is a con- the would-be lifters-up of our language will tagious thing, and that this country can't soon be busying themselves with something grow rich when its neighbors are poor. How else.

fire insurance companies to meet claims un- to detour around the International Monetary middle of the table, almost filling der the worst conditions.

sulting record of lowered rates, broader cov- many countries during the years between the the white cake were the words adjoining table. Did I see red! erage and financial strength, is an outstanding wars.

surance companies have provided continuously may tend once more to operate as they did at first. age costs. They have reduced the rate of Each fund in those days was devoted to de-barrassed by this first official ing on our carrier. It seems that's

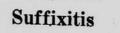
President Roosevelt found it necessary to loss of life and property in our increasingly fense of its own national currency. They were a loss of life and property in our increasingly all part of a world complex which was furpreface the news of a 12 per cent cut in civil- hazardous and complex way of living, while ther complicated by imposition of mutually my friends. They said they'd been

Under state regulation, adherence to the tory is won. He also felt called upon to assure principle of liquidity has increased the cer-the country that it will not starve even though trinty that country that it will not starve even though trinty that the country that it will not starve, even though tainty that companies would be ready for Nazis, and in about every other imaginable we send food to Europe to avert starvation losses that may continue to increase under hurdle which men could raise against the

the stress of war and reconstruction. It is goods-and the good will-of their neighbors. It is well that the President made this highly desirable that this sound condition can be removed automatically by adoption statement. For in doing so he took cogni- should not be impaired by competitive price of the Monetary Fund, the need for one-sided zance of an attitude which, though held by cutting that might follow sudden wiping out of defense mechanisms can be greatly reduced only a small minority of the public, has been the principles that have controlled a sound under its operation. It is a stated purpose expressed with enough frequency and noise system of state regulation, while another new, gether for their reduction. of the membership of the Fund to work tountried system of Federal control is devised Progress toward freer trade may mean for

some members that they must risk tempor-Both state regulation and insurance have get currency to tide them over tight spots ary strain. They must know where they can major wars, living ought to get easier as we earned a reputation for public service which before they can commit themselves to freer get closer to victory. It holds that since Ger- should protect them from current political at- competition in trade. They want access to this many is already reeling, the time has come tempts to extend Federal control at the ex- currency as a matter of right, and at Bretton Woods they worked out plans for a pool, or

pense of state authority.



some important American bankers is indicatand should be remedied. But the great cause of A living language, we suppose, must change ed in testimony by Edward E. Brown, presiand should be remedied. But the great cause of shortage obviously is the staggering expendi-and develop to remain healthy. But we've before the House Banking and Currency Comture of all sorts of supplies every day, an noticed a couple of recent threatening trends mittee. Mr. Brown said that the A. B. A. reexpenditure which continues and grows while in the American branch of the English langu- port did not "by any manner of means" repreage which, while perhaps healthy, do little sent unanimous opposition by bankers. If the

-Then there is the attitude toward sending to beautify, simplify or enrich our native powerful organization and articulate expert-

ness. It will be a spry Congressman who fol-The wartime vogue for -ee suffixes, like lows its intricate trails through Bretton Woods. dischargee and returnee, has already been

-Christian Science Monitor. SO THEY SAY

static from radio. Unfortunately, says the man at the next desk, it is utterly powerless, how-icillin," by J. D. Ratcliff (Ran-

partnership, of currencies, with safeguards

both for the Fund and the self-respect of the

That these safeguards are satisfactory to

members, large and small.

department in Washington announces the invention of an onion-peeling machine!

Whales, according to an item, seem to be disappearing. Maybe they are just in hiding bypass the word. We don't like standers-by or until the naval battles are over.

Fund would seem to ignore the part which it up. They had solved the prob-I was feeling pretty stuck-up Nearly a century ago, Congress left the reg- stabilization funds have already played in in- lem by getting the carpenters to about my cake, and then next ev ternational currency affairs. They are relative- make a board. ulation of insurance to the states, and the re-ly new devices, to be sure. But they grew up in Written in pink icing on top of per, here was a big cake on the ening when we went down to sup-

"Welcome aboard, Mr. Pyle," and I made a few discreet inquiries accomplishment of cooperation between state regulation and private management. Fire in-as the Fund proposed at Bretton Woods, they Pyle'' that I didn't recognize it it was for the pilot who the day without waiting on the building Some of the funds exist today. Unless they as somebody suggested, I was so to see who had the gall to have it was for the pilot who, the day

fense of its own national currency. They were cake of my lifetime, and of course a tradition, for every thousandth today. So after the meal I went around

slaving on that damn ship for a and introduced myself to this cad. This financial world war had its trade coun- year and nobody had ever baked He was Lieut. Edward VanVranken, of Stockton, Calif.

I said "I'm plenty sore. Then one of the ship's photographers came and took pictures thought I was the only one around of me ostensibly cutting the cake here who rated a cake. And he said "We'll, I'm jealous, when I wasn't cutting it at all. You had photographers taking pic-

After supper I groped my way get a photographer? No." through the labyrinth of passages So I said "Well, that's better. below, and finally tracked down So you made the 8000th landing?

the thoughtful person who had Was it a good one?" And he grinned and said, "Well, He was Ray Conner, Baker Sec- I got aboard." And then he said

"As a matter of fact, it was a ond Class from LeGrande, Ore. LeGrande is in eastern Oregon pretty good landing. And if you're ever in California after the war, not far from Pendleton, and Ray was moaning that he hadn't seen come to Stockton and we'll have the famous Pendleton Roundup something better than cake." Lieut. VanVranken is no neonow for three years.

I asked him how he happened phyte at landing on carriers. He

House; \$3.)

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS "The Generals and the Admirals," portraits by T. H. Chamberlain, biographies by Newsweek editors (Devin-Adair; \$4.50.)

a special cake for them.

And then we ate it.

baked the cake

Navy chiefs make up the roster tion happened or how it is used, of this book, which is rather a souvenir volume than a history. The generals and admirals will like it most; the wrinkles are smoothed out of their faces, the years cut away by the glamorizing Chamberlain. It is not indicated whether he made the draw-Frequency modulation, we're told, eliminates ings from life or photos.

> dom House; \$2.) Dr. Alexander Fleming,

the dispense with W. H. Hudson." The If little Joe Goebbels decides to end it all, Englishman who devoted his life romantic novel of the beautiful, to the search for wound antisep- elusive Rima has been reprinted tics, is the hero of this book; he with illustrations in color by E. dispatch from Washington found the "magic" drug in the McKnight Kauffer. This artist, per-Genevieve Tabouis said today Weep no more, my lady-the agriculture Penicillium family Other person- haps best known for his admir- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt hopes

tos, too.

ti this book in 1915, "I could least

ages are American doctors who able posters, would seem to be to vis France in the near future. guided experimentation, and in- an unlikely choice as illustrator dustrialists who took the risk of of a work of such subtlety and mass production. Beneficiaries are fancifulness as "Green Mansions." time in particular, soldiers. This a forest as full of wonders as Hud-is enough to supply the nickel great amount of the world's water isn't a new story, at least to news- son's, and the novelist's truths are required for making 675 magne- supply was locked up in solid ite Instead of producing lionlike weather the paper readers, but it's a fascinat- interpreted feelingly by the for- sium bombs. Instead of producing holinate total the paper readers, but it's a fascinat-interpreted feelingly by the tot-month of March, in many sections of the country, is proving just 31 little lambs, all fact the penicillin is mightier Hudson with Kauffer to Hudson

than the sword. Illustrated. without

Machine Tool Trading of their best troops in front of Arrangement Effected For Army, Navy and WPB north, with American bridgeheads

British positions. That is where they are deployed now, far to the pushing out to trap them to the outh.

FOR DAYS OF BAD NEWS

Great victories and grave losses

WASHINGTON, March 26 .- (AP)-A "trading pit" for machine tools Dailv Praver may trade production equipment without waiting on the building

of new tools was announced by Reconstruction Finance Corporation

have come to the United Nations The pool operates five days a have come to the United Natural week at RFC headquarters, with in Thine overruling providences, the Army, Navy and War Produc- O Lord God of Battles. And daily tion Board reporting tools no long- there arrive in stricken homes the er needed and available for trans- dread tidings of dear ones dead fer to other types of production. or wounded or in captivity. War's The same agencies bid for tools news is always bad to somebody The cry for comfort is continuous. needed by them. Sales are made not on a price Hearts are forever breaking as

basis, RFC said, but upon the hopes are dashed and fears hu showing of urgent need made by filled. These dark providences are the various bidders. Any request beyond our understanding. We can made by the Army or Navy for only pray to Thee for enduring new equipment costing over \$3,000 faith, as we bow under Thy ways is checked against the "pit" list which are past finding out. May to determine if a used tool can be our sorrows minister to our sol deeps, and to our assurance of the employed . instead.

perfect bliss of Heaven. While we wait for the tearless time of Te-**Treasury Will Assist** union with our loved ones, and d full knowledge of Thy Father put-American Creditors In poses, may our faith manifest is self in re-kindled loyalty and min-**Clearing Foreign Debts** istry. This we ask in the name of Thy Son, who went home to Thee by way of a cross, Amen.-W.T.E.

WASHINGTON, March 25. -(AP)-The Treasury opened the way today for American creditors to colfunde in this out of certain frozen WMC Plans To Recruit funds in this country. Canol Oil Workers For

'New World of Machines," by Funds involved are those belong-Harland Manchester (Random ing to firms and individuals in France, Belgium, Greece, Finland, This is science made pleasant Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lith-

and, on the whole, easy to take. uania. The War Manpower Commission The author smartly piques your All of those European areas today took steps to recruit work. interest by telling how the invenhave been virtually cleared of the enemy and are no longer classed as enemy territory. Postal come then stuffs the drier facts down your throat while your mouth still as enemy territory. Postal complants elsewhere. munication has been restored with waters. Subjects range from elec-The agency announced that in each country. connection with closure of the Ca

tron to polarizing glass, fluores-The Treasury said it now is precence, telephoti, high-octane gasoline, Diesel engine, turbosuper- pared, "in appropriate cases," to Department, the Petroleum Ad charger, plastics. There are pho-grant licenses for payments to Department, the Perioteum creditors from the blanks to ministration for War has agreed creditors from the blocked ac-"Green Mansions," by W. H. Hud- counts. son (Random House; \$3.95.)

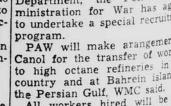
Treasury officials said the action was particularly designed for Am- Canol for the transfer of workers "Of all living authors," John Galsworthy wrote in a foreword erican creditors.

> ANOTHER TRIP PARIS, March 25. - (AP) - The newspaper Aurore in a frontpage nished transportation to new jobs

Genevieve Tabouis said today that

GREATER IN WAR USE The nickel that used to go into lantic N. J., before reaching the

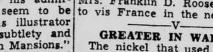
Singeing the hair may make used in armor-piercing projecties the ends of the hair more brittle. and erosion - resisting gun iner



to undertake a special recruitment PAW will make arangement at

All workers hired will be fur-

ICE COVERED WATER Had you been living during the



nadian project soon by the War

to high octane refineries in this country and at Bahrein island in

Jobs In Other Sections

WASHINGTON, March 25.-(P-

by by the employer.

Great Ice Age, you could walked 20 miles east from At