

COMMITTEE NAMED ON DEVELOPMENT

A joint meeting of the City Planning Board and an invited committee of the City's leading business men resulted in the appointment of a seven-man committee to work on economic and industrial development of Wilmington yesterday.

The group met at 11 a. m. at the Wilmington Savings and Trust Co. to hear a report of an industrial and economic survey prepared by the City's planning consultant, George W. Simmons, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla.

The special committee appointed was E. L. White, chairman; J. Holmes Davis, R. B. Page, Warren W. Bell, Harris Newman, J. G. Thornton and H. A. Marks.

Their nominations were accepted with the provision that funds necessary to finance the proposed program be appropriated by the local governments and the group voted to request a hearing before the city and county officials at an early date.

Also recommended for submission to the city and county for further approval was the hiring of an industrial agent to act as secretary for the economic committee in the prosecution of their plans.

Henry R. Emory, chairman of the City Planning board, who presided at this morning's meeting, explained that with the appointment of this new committee to

consider the proposals submitted by Mr. Simmons, the Planning board wished to retire to its job of city planning and zoning and to turn over to the new committee the planning of Wilmington's industrial future.

The blueprint for the new organization's program is contained in the 100-page manuscript submitted at this morning's meeting by George W. Simmons, Jr., industrial survey of Wilmington to determine its future economic potentials.

The study was initiated by the City Planning board in an attempt to retain in this community the gains of its wartime economy, and to forestall any postwar depression. In making his survey, Mr. Simmons has spent months conferring with local businessmen, manufacturers and professional men to evaluate Wilmington as a unit in the industrial Southeast.

In his report Mr. Simmons observed that Wilmington "had grown in spite of itself, and that it is now in a position to capitalize on its vast store of diversified resources Impressed with work so far done by Industrial Properties, Inc., Mr. Simmons said that to fully exploit Wilmington's natural advantages it would take further hard work.

In enumerating Wilmington's assets, he pointed out that within a radius of 100 miles of Wilmington live 700,000 residents, more than the area surrounding Charleston embraces, and he said by way of comparison that the buying power of the residents in this area also exceeded the buying income of those in the outlying area of Charleston.

To promote Wilmington's economic well-being, Mr. Simmons suggested increased port activity through the construction of storage and handling facilities. He placed particular stress upon the logical need for erecting here a tobacco warehouse so that Wilmington could serve as the outlet for the up-state tobacco industry. In this same connection, he mentioned the development of South and Central American trade and the importation of hardwood from these countries to feed the furniture manufacturers in North Carolina.

Development of the retail merchandise trade in Wilmington on a scale which would attract the logical nearby consumers was also urged. His survey of residents in the Wilmington area indicated that Wilmington merchants were not being patronized to the logical extent.

In his investigation of industries suitable to Wilmington's natural resources and economy, Mr. Simmons listed between forty and fifty industries that could profitably operate in Wilmington. Some of those mentioned were: small boat building and repairing, baskets for fruits and vegetables, book binding and publishing, canning and

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Interpreting The War

By JAMES D. WHITE
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12—Will Tojo's attempted suicide really teach the Japanese anything about the criminal futility of aggression? Does it show them now their militarists really look?

It may do that for a few Japanese who already know and don't need telling. But for the vast majority of Japanese it's probable that the little war lord merely added one more theatrical gesture to consolidate the great Japanese fairy tale. Here it is:

"Once upon a time the Gods created Japan, and the Japanese, firmly united under their Emperor, may make mistakes but can do no wrong."

Part of this fairy tale is the artificial military tradition of hara kiri. The unsuccessful militarist bumps himself off because he has blundered in furthering the interests of the Empire. Not because he regrets committing crimes against humanity.

The fairy tale is strong. Japanese disapproved openly of Tojo because he waited as long as he did to commit suicide. Presumably their disapproval is lessened now that he has satisfied Japanese ideas of what's right by pointing an automatic at his tummy and pulling the trigger. They show no concern for the mass murder, raping, drugging and demoralization of Asia for which this man stood.

In western countries suicide is most commonly an escape from a life which has become unbearable. The Japanese have labored mightily to depict suicide as noble and above self.

If we think the Japanese commit suicide for different reasons than we do, we may be falling for their fairy tale.

Life in Japan is cheap. Death is not feared as it is with us. And life is more crowded with possible catastrophe than we know it. Life is a career of avoiding catastrophes, among them acceptance of responsibility. We have no means of gauging how powerful this urge to avoid responsibility can become in a man's mind.

The Japanese militarist who bumps himself off always says he does so in order to take responsibility for his failures. But does he? Wouldn't it be more painful for him to live—even briefly—with the chaos he has wrought?

Tojo himself said that as former chief of government he could not face trial as a war criminal. That was what an Associated Press interpreter caught as he mumbled to the crowd around his prostrate form. But note that Domei, the official Japanese news agency which General MacArthur is reported to have "clamped down upon," omits this damning admission. Instead it carefully paints Tojo as assuming full responsibility for what has happened and winding up with the automatic Bangal for the Emperor. Thus is the fairy tale—the noble abnegation of all Japanese for their Emperor and race—maintained intact. No word reaches the Japanese people, apparently, that Tojo admitted he couldn't bear to stick around and face the music.

The highest value of a trial for Tojo and other war criminals will be in direct proportion to the extent it shows the Japanese people the sordid treachery which has dominated the doings of their leaders, how their conquests led the nation to depravity instead of glory.

There are simple, honest people in Japan fully capable of realizing that, but that capacity is drugged with ignorance and lies and must be rescued and exploited.

For the Japanese undoubtedly welcome Tojo's attempted flight from reality because it takes that much blame off their own shoulders, they hope.

They do not think of it as an escape, but as the right thing to do.

They still believe the fairy tale.

The entire area drained by the Mississippi River and its tributaries is about 1,240,000 square miles, or over one-third the area of the United States.

Victory Menus

By CHARLOTTE ADAMS

Soup For The Entire
Pea Soup with Frankfurters
Chicory with French Dressing
Garlic French Bread
Cottage Pudding with Cherry Sauce
(Recipes serve four)

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7 cups boiling water
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Cherry Sauce

1-2 cups seeded drained canned or cooked cherries
1-4 cup sugar
3 tablespoons flour
1-8 teaspoon salt
1-4 cup orange juice or water
1 cup cherry juice
1 tablespoon lemon juice

It is believed that the mouth of the Mississippi River was discovered in 1519 by Alonso Alvarez de Pineda, but it cannot be declared definitely because of the vagueness of his manuscripts.

J. N. Johnson, school teacher at New Balaine, Ark., taught his wife, three brothers, two sisters, a nephew, seven sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, three nieces, and 28 cousins. Total 47.

Louisiana leads all other states in the production of rice, the yield over a period of years averaging nearly one-half the total raised in the United States.

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