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Red Cross Sends Relief To War Prisoners

Between January 1, 1941, and December 31, 1942, the American Red Cross shipped \$379.598 worth of supplies to prisoners of war and American civilian internees in Europe. Shipment consisted of 61,500 food parcels, 113,379 pieces of clothing, 528,-900 bars of soap and eight tons of insecticide. The American Red Cross also arranged for the purchase and transport to the United Nations' prisoners of war of over \$6,000,000 worth of food parcels, clothing, canned meat, soap, cigarettes and other articles as gifts from other sources.

Since December 7, 1941, the American Red Cross-working through the International Red Cross Committee-has attempted to find a way to bring relief to American prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Far East. The United States government supported these efforts by parallel negotiations with the Japanese Government through Switzerland - the Protecting Power, and assurance was received that supplementary aid would be permitted. In the spring of 1942, a Swedish vessel was located to transport the supplies, but was not permitted to leave the Baltic by the German authorities. A second Swedish boat, the M. S. Kanangoora, was finally obtained through the War Shipping Administration and the Swedish Red Cross. It was loaded with supplies for prisoners of war, but after several weeks' delay the Japanese Government refused to permit passage for strategic reasons, and the ship was unloaded and returned to its owner.

Meanwhile all available cargo space on the diplomatic exchange ship Gripsholn., which has completed one trip and is expected to leave shortly on its second, was granted the American Red Cross for relief supplies. On its first trip to the Far East, the Gripsholm carried \$50,000 worth of medical supplies, 1,000,000 cigarettes and 10,000 cans of tobacco given by the American Red Cross for American prisoners of war in the Far East. Twenty thousand American Red Cross food parcels, 10,000 articles of clothes and \$15,000 worth of toilet articles from the United States army and navy also were transported in this way by the American Red Cross. All of these supplies have arrived in Japan and a part have been distributed to Americans in prison camps in Japan, Hong Kong and Shanghai. The International Red Cross Committee Delegates was instructed to reship the greater part of the supplies to the American prisoners of war in Philippines. Relief supplies to the value of almost \$1,000,000 were loaded on the S. S. Gripsholm for its second trip which had not begun at the end of the year. These supplies include \$35,000 worth of medical supplies and 10,-000,000 cigarettes donated by the American Red Cross and 70,000 American Red Cross food parcels, 543,100 pieces of clothing and approximately \$100,000 worth of soap, towels, razors, blankets, mosquito bars, toilet and sewing kits, etc., provided by the army and navy.

Where Is Hitler?

This question is interesting; so very interesting that some learned authorities and diplomats advance the idea that Hitler may be dead.

When he did not speak at the nazi anniversary a few weeks ago, the possibility that he is dead e stered many minds.

Also significant is the change in German propaganda, which does not sound like Hitler talking.

The four days mourning which was proclaimed in Germany for the lost army at Stalingrad does not sound like Hitler policy.

The almost frank admissions of near disaster in Russia is not at all like Hitler. Retreat of Germans from Rostov and Kharkov without fighting to the bitter end does not coincide with Hitler's war policy.

Because we mention the possibility that Hitler may be dead, do not get too optimistic and tell it for a fact.

We mention the possibility because it is something encouraging to think about.

We do not have to be fed on prapaganda jokes from other publications. to blame the world's troubles on Hitler. His every act for the past nine years shows lazy to write, or have nothing to plainly enough for any fool to see that his leadership brought the war on the world.

Borrowed Comment

WAR PRODUCTION

(Charlotte Observer)

"German production in the entire European continent, completely undisturbed by alien influence or military operations, is being extended every day systematically and according to plan."

That is what the German people were told by Hitler propagandists a year ago, February 24, 1942, to be exact. Would they dare repeat the statement to the Ger- jug, fruit jar or whatever it is in. man people today?

They ought to rebroadcast that inspiring bit of propaganda now for the benefit of the people of Cologne, Dunkerque, Essen, Emden, Wilhelmshaven, Dusseldorff, Duisburg, and numerous other cities that have been visited by British and American bombers dropping tons of explosives on asked him whom his wife was ex- from a buddy who knew a certrin their production plants.

And, in view of the American record of the past year in the production of warplanes, tanks, ships, guns and munitions, the Hitler propagandists ought to pick up and rebroadcast this further statement they gave the German people a year ago: the door. Put us in the soldier's not know.

"This production, according to the Fuehrer's own statement, surpasses the entire Anglo-American production even now, by a considerable margin, and is being further increased."

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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STAGGERING UNBELIEF

Unbelief staggers at the promises of God and fails to obtain the blessings of God. It is unknown what men lose through unbelief, while others accomplish it would not show: "Stick out great and wonderful things through faith in God and His Promises. If the great infidels and atheists of the past had had as much faith in God and his blessed Word and promises, according as they had tor's desk, we found that he has doubts and unbelief, they could have lived written an editorial on the subsuch lives that the world would have been blessed equally as much by them as it has been cursed. Yes, perhaps more so.

However, they were doubters and unbelievers, therefore lived and died without God, lost their precious souls and maybe caused multitudes of others to be lost. How fearful! I wouldn't be in the place of an atheist and infidel in eternity for ten billion worlds. They staggered at God's holy Word and promises through unbelief, therefore left the mark of atheism and infidelity upon the world to mark their pathway through life, and to cause others to live likewise. It is indeed a fearful thing to live a life of unbelief in God and His Word, yield an influence for the devil to curse others, then die and meet God.

Suppose the great and mighty men of God about whom we read in the Bible had been atheists and infidels, what might have been the effect of their lives upon the world? They would have cursed thousands and perhaps millions and multiplied millions of souls instead of blessing them, Suppose great and powerful preachers of the Gospel and soul-winners had staggered at God's promises instead of accepting them, living by them, and blessing mankind in a marvelous way as they did, what might have been the result of their lives and influence otherwise? They might have been just as great a hinderance and curse to the world as they were a blessing. Thank God for every faithful, true believer in God and His promises that has ever lived on earth to bless humanity. Praise the Lord.

We are told that Abraham "staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was also able to perform." (Romans 4:20, 21). This has reference to the promise God made him in his old age, and Sarah's old age, that she should bring forth a child, and that in him, or through him, the nations of the earth should be blessed. This child was Isaac. So Abraham's faith "was imputed unto him for righteousness." Then faith in God and His promises is life's better way.

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

JUST RAMBLING

Sometimes we sit down to get this column together and we clip That is because we do not have time to write our own stuff, too write, so take your choice.

Since we have just heard maybe we are a jump ahead of our readers, which is going some. Anyway we are going to tell you an instance where a couple re ceived a letter from their son who had sailed with army forces to faraway places. He told his parents that he had arrived safely and was all right, but that he could not tell where he was. His mother said: "I knew that crazy mother said: boy was bound to get himself lost some time".

There has been much talk about centrolling liquor, but from what we have learned from observation the only way to control it is to never let it get out of the bottle from our seven dear readers who Recently we read some literature doubtless went the truth: especially for editors about a book a certain company had to sell. "It will do half your tor has a friend, who has a cousin work for you", the advertisement that he talked with a traveling said. We ordered two. man who stopped at a certain

A married soldier received three emergency furloughs on the "ex- heard from her boy friend who is was grounds that his wife this wife was neard from her oo, the had heard Finelly the officer in the army that he had heard pecting." pecting. "Myself, sir", was the prompt reply.

from Africa say that he had heard have heard that a Wilkes We have heard that a Wilkes in Casablanca that one man who father wanted so badly to see his knew another who had come from son, who is in the army that he Berlin through France to Africa sent him a wire saying that his say that he had heard the quesmother was dead. When he artion, rived home his mother met him at he knew a man who said "I do shoes and futher would soon have been very near the condition he said in the wire that his mother

O. Lord, I ask nothing for myself And there was another instance Nor for my older brother, where a soldier received an emergency furlough on the grounds that his mother was dead. After A son-in-law to my mother! the furlough was over, it was as certained that his mother had been dead for two years.

A bunch of recruits were lined telling a group of young men to up for inspection. "Why didn't get the most out of life by tackiyou shave this morning?", the captain asked Pvt. Jones. "I in love with a beautiful woman. thought I did, sir, but there were One smart young fellow said 12 of us using the same mirror choose the latter and have both at and I must have shaved somebody the same time.

To the fan dancer who asked your tongue"

IS HITLER DEAD?

While snooping around in the sanctum sanctorium of the edi-

Immediately after learning that the editor was perplexed about the question and had no answer, this column put its Z13 secretive cooperator on the case to find out the facts, and we present them to

What You Buy With

That new cooking range, whether it be gas, electric or otherwise, is something to look forward to when the War is won. But you can start saving now to buy it. Put a definite amount, every payday, ten percent of your pay check .



When your Bonds mature you will have the money ready for that new range. You will have made a good investment, getting back \$4 for every \$3. And your purchase of War Bonds is helping that boy, husband or sweetheart on the fighting front.



Grounded Heinkel Vulture Examined



This bird of prey just didn't get out of its nest quickly enough. United States army officers are shown inspecting an intact Heinkel HM3 ; which was captured when the Allied forces took an African airport. cting an intact Heinkel HM3 plane

Our secretive service coordina-

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"Is Hitler Dead" and that

Now, we hope you are satisfied

A MAIDEN'S PRAYER

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An 82-year-old Gaiesville, Whs. mechanic, with a single machine in his home, turns out parts for naval ordnance as a war producion subcontractor.

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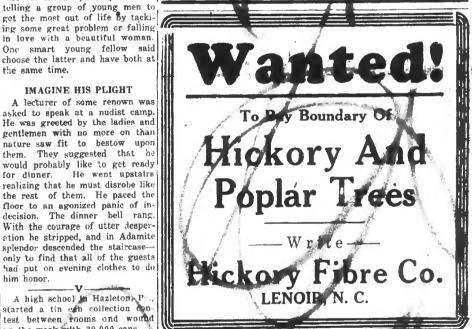
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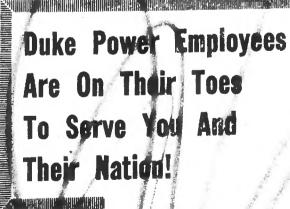
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