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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 Gripsholm, 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 entered 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 propaganda to blame the world's troubles on Hitler. His every act for the past nine years shows 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 German people today?

They ought to rebroadcast that inspiring bit of propaganda now for the benefit of the people of Cologne, Dunkerque, Essen, Emden, Wilhelmshaven, Dusseldorf, Duisburg, and numerous other cities that have been visited by British and American bombers dropping tons of explosives on 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: "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**

WALTER E. ISENHOUR,  
Hiddenite, N. C.

**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 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 doubts and unbelief, they could have lived such 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.

**Abnormal Absurdities**  
By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

**JUST RAMBLING**  
Sometimes we sit down to get this column together and we clip jokes from other publications. That is because we do not have time to write our own stuff, too busy to write, or have nothing to write, so take your choice.

Since we have just heard it, 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 received 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 boy was bound to get himself lost some time."

There has been much talk about controlling 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, jug, fruit jar or whatever it is in.

Recently we read some literature put out especially for editors about a book a certain company had to sell. "It will do half your work for you", the advertisement said. We ordered two.

A married soldier received three emergency furloughs on the grounds that his wife was "expecting." Finally the officer asked him whom his wife was expecting. "Myself, sir", was the prompt reply.

We have heard that a Wilkes father wanted so badly to see his son, who is in the army that he sent him a wire saying that his mother was dead. When he arrived home his mother met him at the door. Put us in the soldier's shoes and father would soon have been very near the condition he said in the wire that his mother was.

And there was another instance where a soldier received an emergency furlough on the grounds that his mother was dead. After the furlough was over, it was ascertained that his mother had been dead for two years.

A bunch of recruits were lined up for inspection. "Why didn't you shave this morning?", the captain asked Pvt. Jones. "I thought I did, sir, but there were 12 of us using the same mirror and I must have shaved somebody else."

To the fan dancer who asked the doctor to be vaccinated where it would not show: "Stick out your tongue."

**IS HITLER DEAD?**

While snooping around in the sanctum sanctorum of the editor's desk, we found that he has written an editorial on the subject, "Where Is Hitler?"

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 you as follows, hiding nothing from our seven dear readers who doubtless want the truth:

Our secretive service coordinator has a friend, who has a cousin who heard a friend of his say that he talked with a traveling man who stopped at a certain boarding house where a negro servant friend of his said that he heard from her boy friend who is in the army that he had heard from a buddy who knew a certain white sergeant who had returned from Africa say that he had heard in Casablanca that one man who knew another who had come from Berlin through France to Africa, say that he had heard the question, "Is Hitler Dead?" and that he knew a man who said "I do not know."

Now, we hope you are satisfied.

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**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 plane which was captured when the Allied forces took an African airport.

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**A MAIDEN'S PRAYER**  
O Lord, I ask nothing for myself, Nor for my older brother, But please, Kind Heaven, won't you send A son-in-law to my mother!

**BOTH AN OUNCE**  
A so-called philosopher was telling a group of young men to get the most out of life by tackling some great problem or falling in love with a beautiful woman. One smart young fellow said choose the latter and have both at the same time.

**IMAGINE HIS PLIGHT**  
A lecturer of some renown was asked to speak at a nudist camp. He was greeted by the ladies and gentlemen with no more on than nature saw fit to bestow upon them. They suggested that he would probably like to get ready for dinner. He went upstairs realizing that he must disrobe like the rest of them. He paced the floor to an agonized panic of indecision. The dinner bell rang. With the courage of utter desperation he stripped, and in Adamite splendor descended the staircase—only to find that all of the guests had put on evening clothes to do him honor.

**V**  
A high school in Hazleton, Pa., started a tin can collection contest between rooms and wound up the week with 29,000 cans.

**BUY MORE WAR BONDS**

**NOTICE!**  
Of Sale of Personal Property

NORTH CAROLINA, WILKES COUNTY.  
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mary Jane Wooten, deceased, I will, thereon, the 27th Day of February 1943, NEAR RONDA, N. C. at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. at the premises of the late Mary Jane Wooten, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described personal property:

**Piano, 4 Beds and Springs, 2 Washstands, 2 Tables, 2 Dressers, 1 Chest of Drawers, 1 Cedar Chest, Chairs, 1 Range, 1 Oil Stove and Heaters, 2 Closets, 2 Kitchen Cabinets, Dishes, Cooking Utensils.**

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**NORA WOOTEN MARTIN**  
Administrator of Estate of Mary Jane Wooten, Deceased

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

Delay in receiving allocated agricultural implements from the United States is handicapping Panama's new agricultural production program.