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SHOULD BE ON HIS WAY

You don't have to tell us that the disclosures being made in the Congressional Pearl Harbor investigation are important. We know of no recent inquiry in Washington which has answered so many searching public questions on the lips of nearly everybody for the past four years.

Just the same, we do not like and do not believe the public is in sympathy with this seemingly unending questioning of General George C. Marshall. His first 12 hours of testimony ended Saturday and it would seem that he would have during that period sufficient time to reveal all that came within his knowledge or under his observation.

But apparently not so. Senator Ferguson, of Michigan, one of the most persistent questioners on the Pearl Harbor committee has said he has a lot more questions to ask the former chief of staff.

If it had not been for this intimation on the part of Senator Ferguson, General Marshall would be on his way to China right now. The general has had a plane kept in readiness for the long trip to Chungking and is eager to get away to his new job as special envoy to that country.

As we have already intimated, the American people have a perfect right to know what happened at Pearl Harbor four years ago, but to our notion need for this knowledge is not quite as pressing as what is happening in China right now. If any further questioning of General Marshall is needed to clear up the Pearl Harbor incident, this could very well take place after he gets back.

He ought to go to China immediately; further delays should not be tolerated.

HIS LIPS SAID NOT GUILTY

"I wish to stand here and swear innocence to these charges." These were the words of General Tomoyuke Yamashita; his last, before adjournment of the trial which found him guilty of permitting monstrous atrocities by Japanese troops in the Philippines.

These were the strange words which emanated from the ever-strange mouth and mind of this Japanese; the opaque philosophy of believing an obvious lie and giving word to it with the air of one who states a sure fact. We have heard these words simply as sequel to those uttered a little over four years ago when another of the "honorable" Japanese declared, "I wish the United States to understand that the emperor desires nothing but peace. . . nothing but peace," and even then his last words were lost in the blast of Pearl Harbor's bombs.

Yamashita saw evidence in film and person of the rape of the Philippines, the Japanese bayonet in the stomach of the babe, the oiled heads blazing, women lying in death with death again clasped to their bosoms in small, pitiful packages; he saw men lying before altars with hands tied behind their backs. . . backs twisted and stiff in macabre poses. All these he saw and stoically lighting a cigarette, sat back and smiled at what he supposed must have been the classic speech of a martyred hero.

Just as incomprehensible was his statement that he wished to thank the U. S. defense attorneys and judges for having accorded him a fair trial.

ON THEIR OWN BOTTOM

Suggestion by Chief Walter F. Anderson of the Charlotte police department, as relayed through the columns of the Charlotte News, that the liquor evil may be partially curbed through the activity of the United States bureau of internal revenue in enforcement of income tax law, leaves us almost cold.

Naturally, we think a bootlegger is fair game. Anyway you hem him in is O.K. by us. If he has not been paying his fair share of Uncle Sam's charges on his ill gotten gains, then certainly the more revenue agents on his trail the better.

However, that is neither here nor there when it comes to enforcement of the liquor laws. Illegal possession, selling, and or transporting alcoholic beverages are crimes in themselves and should be recognized as such. Nor, can we see the advantage in beating all the way around the bush until we arrive at a civil action by the government to enforce our own state statutes.

Some day, some where these laws will have to stand on their own bottom. They should be enforced as if they do now.

ONE FOLLOWS THE OTHER



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THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

All who drink alcoholic beverages, whiskey, wine, champagne, brandy, beer, ale, or anything which contains alcohol should read this. It is the result of scientific investigation and is an accepted principle of the Alcoholics Anonymous, the most successful organization in the country, which deals with alcoholics.



REV. SPAUGH

My association with the group which promoted an Alcoholics Anonymous chapter in Charlotte continues to bring alcoholic problem cases to my desk. They all follow a similar pattern, and it is the same old story. The victim may go for weeks, months, even a year or two without taking a drink. Then he feels that he is perhaps strong enough to take one cocktail at some social affair. Presto! The sleeping demon habit is aroused. That first drink calls for another, and another, and soon the victim is on an alcoholic spree. Then comes that awful struggle of trying to sober up. Even if the victim has tremendous will power, he has a hard time of it.

There are three things I want to say to those of you who partake of alcoholic beverages: 1. Your use of alcohol in any form exposes you to the increasing danger of becoming an alcoholic who is allergic to alcohol. When you reach this point, you will be allergic to alcohol the rest of your life. Every case I have examined has commenced with social drinking. Others who deal with alcoholics will tell you the same thing. This is a cold scientific fact.

2. If you are allergic to alcohol, recognize the fact that you are an alcoholic, and leave that first drink alone. 3. Will power alone will not break the chain of habit. Those who have never suffered from alcoholism don't know what they are talking about when they say it is a matter of will power. It takes more than that. It takes what the Alcoholics Anonymous call Wise Power - the Power of God. If you are an alcoholic you will never win complete victory by yourself - you will have to lay hold on the Power of God.

EDITOR'S NOTE-Dr. Spough's new book 'The Pathway to Contentment' will come from the press shortly. It is being published in

Washington Daybook

By JACK STINNETT

(Second of Two Articles)

WASHINGTON - Complaints against the armed forces discharge system and failure to move troops back more rapidly from abroad are expected to reach their zenith about the first of the year.

After that the complaints will gradually die out-for the causes of them will be dying out. The usual answer to all complaints about getting the boys back so slowly is "lack of shipping."

After talking to War Shipping Administration officials as well as Army and Navy men who have come through the discharge mill in both oceans, the conclusion must be that "lack of shipping" is only the result of a fault that goes far deeper: lack of advance planning.

If VE-day didn't come sooner than expected, VJ-day certainly did. It caught the War Department in the throes of trying to move an army half way around the world and the Navy cocked and primed to unleash the greatest naval force in history.

Some of the worst early confusions have been ironed out. For example, the deluge of returning men are no longer being dumped into one port on each coast to cause irremediable land transportation gluts.

In both oceans, the War Shipping Administration has more than 500 ships (subject entirely to orders from the joint chiefs of staff, WSA officials point out very emphatically) with a capacity of more than half a million men. Add to these the fleets of Army transports and hospital ships and the aircraft carriers the Navy now is converting to troopships, and the contribution of the Air Forces and you can see that the "lack of shipping" can't last forever.

Taking just one week at random from recent ones, the Associated Press roundup of troop arrivals went like this: Sunday, 34,500; Monday, 28,400; Tuesday, 29,000; Wednesday, 18,600; Thursday, 34,000; Friday, 31,700, and Saturday, 20,600.

That's getting very close to 200,000 men a week. It doesn't take much arithmetic to see that the complaints from overseas can't go on for very many months at that rate.

Another bright spot in the offing is that re-enlistments are outstripping expectations. (The emoluments offered for re-enlistments have some of the veteran regular Army enlisted men mumbling in their beards.) Soon, there should be a steady stream of these men who want to stay in the Army on its way to replace those who want to get out.

response to the many readers, and contains material which has appeared in this column. The price is \$1.00 postpaid. Orders may be sent to THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR, Box 4145, Charlotte, N. C. Advance orders will be autographed.

When Yanks captured a German typewriter factory they found machines manufactured to write every modern language.

Literary Guidepost

By W.G. ROGERS

CROSS SECTION 1945, edited by Edwin Seaver Fischer; \$3.50. Stories with a meaning, stories

with a form to fit that meaning, stories that don't go noe syllable out of their way to persuade you to read them. . . that's what you'll find in this second annual of the Book-of-the-Month Club, has assembled some 350 more pages of the sort of writing, some verse but mostly fiction, that in his opinion does not stand much chance of being published elsewhere, but that is worth a bigger audience than the writer's own obliging friends.

It seems inconsistent to include a selection from Gladys Schmitt's forthcoming book, which has already been chosen by the Literary Guild for March; it seems unwise to print Edith Morris' very slight story when she has published in regular channels, some work infinitely superior; and finally it seems unfortunate that the poets, except for Robert E. Hayden and Gwendolyn Brooks are not more impressive.

With these exceptions, this is a remarkable job of editing, remarkable in precisely those aspects which Seaver defined as his goals: stuff easily worth printing, but marked by differences, slight yet all-important, from what book and magazine editors usually suppose the public likes. Seaver reveals a nice discrimination than a lot of his colleagues. If he has dug up little or nothing that is great, he does present many pages that are vivid, individual and significant.

Ellis Abel's "Bus That Had No Sign," symbolizing in a trifling way the tragic fate of Berlin, is very close to pure surrealism and gets the book off to an exciting start.

The two prostitutes who went on a picnic, the traveler who was right about race prejudice but guessed wrong on which race, the soldier who wanted a little loneliness, the miserable couple with the barking baby. . . these are vital fictional material.

Among the writers are Jane Bowles, Norman Rosten, Isidor Schneider, Helen Wolfert and Richard Wright.

High Point Taxes Get 2-Way Radios

HIGH POINT, Dec. 10 - (P) - A local taxicab company today expected to have two-way radio communication in at least five of its cabs by Christmas.

J. P. Beck, president of the Blue Bird Taxicab Company, announced the forthcoming innovation upon notification from the Federal communications commission that he had been granted a license.

High Point, Beck said, is the second U. S. City where such a permit has been granted.

He pointed out that cabs will be in constant touch with a central dispatcher, enabling speedier answering of calls.

Cuba has a larger foreign trade per capita than any other Latin American country except Argentina.

Merry-Go-Round

Baruch Sought To Avert War

By DREW PEARSON
Lt. Col. Robert S. Allen Now On Active Service With The Army

WASHINGTON - Last month, Jap Ambassador Kurusu, special envoy) in Washington at the time of Pearl Harbor, stated that two high-up Americans were working closely with Japanese diplomats in order to head off war. He said that one of these was a member of the cabinet, another was an influential but unofficial American.

Since then, ex-Postmaster General Frank Walker has disclosed that he was the member of the cabinet, and this column can now reveal that the influential but unofficial American was Bernard Baruch.

Mr. Baruch, when questioned regarding his Japanese contacts, said that he was chiefly trying to get information from the Japanese in order to know what they were up to.

One of Baruch's contacts was through Raoul Eugene Desvervigne, former head of Crucible Steel, an organizer of the Liberty league, and former attorney for the Mexican and Cuban governments. Desvervigne was in touch with Kazuo Nishi, New York manager of the Yokohama Specie company, controlled by the Japanese government, and had been angling to sell cotton to the Japs. On Dec. 5, 1941—two days before Pearl Harbor—he gave a cocktail party for Mr. Nishi. The next day he wrote the Japanese banker the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Nishi:
"I am deeply indebted to you for the honor you paid me at the cocktail party yesterday afternoon. Please accept my sincere gratitude, also extend to your colleagues my thanks to them. I also wish you a safe journey home, but, more important, a prompt return. Please assure each one of them that if I could be of any help in their principles in this country, I am theirs to command. My only hope is I may be able to make some contribution toward clarifying the situation between the two countries."

When questioned regarding this letter, Mr. Desvervigne said he had no comment to make.

Mr. Nishi hardly had time to receive this letter on Sunday, Dec. 7, when his country blew up most of the Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor.

The FBI, investigating Jap files in this country, ran across this letter and started a probe of Desvervigne. It was at that time that Bernie Baruch intervened and said he had been helping him. The Justice department's investigation of Desvervigne was then dropped.

LION AND THE MOUSE
Freshman Representative Hugh Delacy to Seattle, Wash., whose speech is given credit for goading Pat Hurley out of an ambassadorship, was talking on the telephone to veteran Senator, Tom Connally of Texas.

"Young fellow," the Texan advised, "you've got so much power in your voice, you'd better be careful. You'd better not criticize your wife out loud, lest the good Lord hear you and reach down and take her away from you."

Delacy assured Connally that the information on China which he used in his criticism of Hurley had not come from the State department, as charged by the ex-cowboy ambassador.

"I know that young fellow," replied Connally. "It becomes more and more obvious that you didn't need secret information. The facts you mentioned in your speech were available to anyone with industry enough to put them together. When this hearing got underway today, even we got a lot of wires at the committee from newspaper correspondents who had been in China, offering to testify. And they weren't proposing to support Hershey's charges."

U. S. FIGHTS DUTCH WAR
While the senate foreign relations committee is looking into our policy in China, it might also cast an eye on the Dutch East Indies.

It's not supposed to be known, but two months ago the Dutch asked the foreign economics administration for lend-lease equipment to outfit 5,000 Dutch marines—whom we trained at Camp Davis, N. C. FE, however, flatly vetoed the request.

But the Dutch quietly went to the navy, where they dealt with bellucose Adm. Joseph M. Reeves, navy lend-lease chief. He was a pushover. From him they got \$16,000,000 worth of equipment for the Dutch marines in this country, most of it going to Camp Davis, but some being sent to their part of embarkation for the Dutch East Indies.

The five navy requisitions, labeled "NEN 10001 to NEN 10005," included 450,000 gallons of 80-octane non-aviation gasoline, 25,000 gallons of lubricants, medical and surgical supplies, field rations, yard and dock materials—including pontoons for invasion landings—and post-exchange supplies sufficient for a force of 5,000 men for three months.

Representative Ellis Patterson of Los Angeles is demanding a complete investigation.

U. S. TIED TO BRITAIN'S SKIRTS
Before Congress okays the \$4,400,000,000 loan to Britain, it ought to take a look at the way the U.S.A. is getting the blame for British cut-throat imperialism in various parts of the world.

The Dutch East Indies is one example. Greece is another. One of the worst is Ethiopia, where British troops still insist on occupying part of a nation which fought to the death against hav-

Behind The FRONT PAGE

By HOLT McPHERSON
Managing Editor

BECAUSE SOMEONE HAD THE HAPPY IDEA THAT STRONG legs run so weak legs might walk, the Carolinas all-star high school game was brought forth and in nine years has grown steadily as an event in its own right and as an increasing support to the hospital for crippled children maintained at Greenville by the Shriners of the two Carolinas. Saturday's great event when 25,000 fans overflowed the Charlotte stadium, testified to the greatness of it all and caused some \$20,000 to be raised for the strengthening of weak and deformed young legs.

It is a tribute to the Shriners who stage it, to Charlotte which plays host to one of the most publicized of Carolina sports events, to the people who support its worthy purposes that this thing has grown to its present proportions. That it will continue to grow depends only upon facilities being available to handle larger crowds—there were thousands, many of whom has bought tickets, who were unable to get into Saturday's game because the stadium was overflowed.

People like a spectacle like that, and they like more the fact that its commercial value accrues principally to so worthy a work of making good legs out of crippled ones.

ONE REASON THE LITTLE BOND BUYERS ARE NOT as enthusiastic about bond buying, causing the Series E sales to lag so badly everywhere, is that returning service men are so fed up with the waste of money and manpower by the government that people don't have the urge to make personal sacrifice to the extent they did before. The boys and girls who have seen this wasteful extravagance first hand don't like it, their parents and loved ones are learning of things they don't like and it's high time the administration got around to realizing that the winner of the 1948 election is going to be a candidate and party committed to plugging the holes of waste through which the nation's substance is pouring out. The Victory E Bonds' lagging sales are a symptom of a national concern—the treatment after that diagnosis ought to be clear.

THINGS I NEVER KNEW BEFORE: SO SMALL ARE NEWLY-born o'possums that a dozen will fit in a teaspoon. That it's against the law in Dayton, Ohio, to feed a cow or hog on any of the city's sidewalks.

BEG PODD'N DEPARTMENT: SHORTSTUFF LAUGHRIDGE says, in light of reflections and genuflections appearing here, he's not speaking to me any more. I'm sorry that I have so many things on my mind I find it impossible to remember not to speak to anyone—so I've asked him to forgive me when I speak to him anyhow.

MISS MARGARET MOOSE, WHO FOR SEVERAL YEARS WAS secretary to George H. Hart, sr., at Lawndale, is going to accompany Department of Justice attorneys to Tokyo for the war criminal trials. She's one of eight secretaries chosen from over 300 applicants for that interesting assignment for which she's giving up her recent job in Charlotte.

WHEN MAJOR LEE HOPPER, FORMER SHELBIAN WHO made his home with his parents at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., got his discharge at Camp Blanding he shifted from rating of sergeant to plain major. Another man there named General Wall had the unique handle of Private General Wall. Then there was Ensign Fence, which is a good place to stop this nomenclature business.

CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IS BEING GIVEN TO COVERED bridges, fast disappearing as picturesque parts of the landscape. I'm wondering if there's one remaining in Cleveland—I fail to recall one but would be interested in getting a picture if there be one yet.

WHILE UNQUESTIONABLY MANY MANUFACTURERS and fabricators are holding back shipments to take advantage of a more favorable tax structure after January 1, a lot of people are in for disillusionment because they seem to have the idea that with New Year's day such a torrent of merchandise will pour forth to relieve shortages. Don't you believe it, for the vast mass of American consumer demand will bring up months and even years of the swiftest production of peacetime goods and all that's held back will constitute hardly a drop in the bucket when it breaks forth. Of course, it will be that much, but it will be a long time before a buyer market will be back.

IN A FEW WORDS AL RICH SAYS:
It's better to give than to lend, and it costs about the same. The kind of religion that makes a man look sick cannot be expected to cure the world. The best way to break a bad habit is to drop it. The man who does as he pleases is seldom pleased with what he does. The hardest fall a man can take is to fall over his own bluff. Those who go to college and never get out are called professors. Some people have concrete opinions—thoroughly mixed and permanently set.

Farmers To Meet To Discuss Production

RALEIGH, Dec. 10 - (P) - G. T. Scott, state director of the production and marketing administration at State College, announced yesterday a proposed meeting scheduled for the latter part of this month by farmers in this state. Crop production goals will be the central theme of discussion, Scott said.

ing Italian troops on its soil. Latest case is Siam, a nation with 700 years of proud independence, but over which the British now demand a protectorate. The British are censoring the Siamese press, handling all trade and intercourse with the outside world, controlling all the banks, and keeping troops in Siam indefinitely.

Meanwhile, the State department stands by, quietly acquiescing. Last fall, U.S. papers were full of stirring stories of how the Siamese underground had fought the Japs, how the Regent of Siam was the head of the underground and closely affiliated with U.S. agents. Now all that is forgotten.

The British are using lend-lease tanks and guns in the streets of Bangkok, while more and more Siamese are wondering what the difference is between the Japs and British.

Most tragic fact is that Orientals tied U. S. policy up with the British. And now that we are handling the British a four billion dollar loan which everyone knows will not be paid back, they figure it's a definite American stamp of approval on British policies.

Gay New Year's Eve Promised For N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 - (P) - The gayest New Year's Eve celebration in New York City since before the war was assured today as the state liquor authority announced it would permit bars to operate all night for the occasion, provided they obtained a special \$10 permit.

The regular weekday closing hour is 4 a.m. Hotels and night clubs reported they already had been receiving a flood of early reservations.

Returned F.H.S. Vets Will Meet On Tuesday

There will be a meeting of all returned Fallston school district servicemen at the school building at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening for the purpose of making plans for a future banquet or other celebration.

Although there are only 92 chemical elements in nature, scientific experiments have produced almost 500 unstable (radioactive) types in the laboratory.

The Army had more than 900 post exchange outlets in the Pacific.

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