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Should Praise God

Since Lend Lease ended some three weeks ago a few newspaper and a great many Open Forum writers have been stirred up over how we are ever going to get back for what we loaned to our Allies.

This should not be a matter of worry to the American people. We have already been paid back much of both the principle and interest. Much of it has been paid back by the war being won, by American not being destroyed as Germany and Japan were destroyed and by millions of our people living today, who perhaps would not be living if we had not aided our allies with Lend Lease.

Lend Lease during world war II meant passing the ammunition to those who fought with us. We should now praise God that we did so.

Responsible Somewhere

Three years ago a local boy who had not reached the age of 15 stopped school. We have no record that his leaving his books was a result of his need to work, rather it seems to have resulted from a spirit of freedom created by war times. It appears that he work some but that most of his time was spent at place and with companions which could do him no good.

He failed to realize that what is mischief in a boy is criminal in a man. Several times he got off easy following various escapades cause of his youth. Because of this he apparently got the idea that nothing would happen to him.

But, last week he was sent to State Prison to serve three to five years following his conviction for a crime committed only three days after the courts had released him from another charge.

If that boy had been kept in school, instead of idling around, he would probably be a respected citizen today. The fault was largely his but there were other also at fault.

Would Have Done It

One day this week we idly picked up an old copy of Collier's Magazine, an early 1944 issue. Turning the pages we came across a feature story about Adolph Hitler, world's master criminal.

The story gave many facts concerning Hitler's life, his general madness, thirst for world power and general brutality. Describing one of the rages in which Hitler frequently fell the writer quoted him with saying he would destroy the whole world, except that part which he ruled, with atomic bombs.

He would done it if he could, and he could if the United States had not beaten him to the punch. With England and Russia fighting our battles during the first years of the war and with our giving them aid through Lend Lease, Hitler was checked in his overwhelming ambition to conquer the world. Even his mad efforts to get control of atomic energy with which to carry out his purpose were defeated.

Germany never got around to using the atomic bomb for the simple reason that they never got around to making it. If they had made it, and they doubtless would have with a little more time, they would probably have wiped up the earth with it. Certainly the United States would have been destroyed, or driven to unconditional surrender.

Nobody knows how far Hitler and Germany got toward producing the atomic bomb. There is no denying that they were engaged in a great effort to produce them. Likewise, nobody knows how far Japan may have gone in the same effort, aided by Germany.

The simple fact is that we got there first. In using the bomb we were justified. The use of the bombs took the lives of many Japanese but in taking these lives it also saved the lives of thousands and thousands of men.

War Not Over Till Congress Says So

When will World War Two actually end—or did you think that VJ-Day ended it? Already the United States has had its VE-Day, its two days of rejoicing over the defeat of the Axis, its one day of prayer and devotion, its VJ-Day. But none of these marks the end of World War Two.

It is the job of Congress to officially end the war either by passing a resolution to that effect requiring the President approval or providing legislation assuring orderly reconversion that will permit the President to issue a proclamation declaring an end to a state of war.

World War One did not end officially until two and a half years after the fighting stopped. We celebrate Nov. 11, 1918, or Armistic Day, as the ending of that struggle. But officially it did not end until July 2, 1921, when President Harding signed a joint resolution declaring an end to the war against Germany and Austria-Hungary.

How long will it take, then, to officially close World War Two? President Truman has said he hoped Congress would not act precipitously. He has stated a declaration by him wouldn't come for some time yet. He like President Wilson following World War One is not anxious to officially close the war immediately on surrender.

President Truman has very good reason for not wanting to officially proclaim a state of peace immediately. There is war legislation that terminates with the end of the war or six months thereafter that the country's security requires indefinitely after VJ-Day. There are peace treaties that need to be made with Germany and Japan and ratified before the war can be officially closed. Yet, it is possible to write these treaties now, or for some time to come, until there is both closer agreement among the victors as to what the future of the Axis Powers is to be.

For example, there is the Draft Act which, because of the demands for occupation forces, the Government feels should continue indefinitely. Yet that is to cease six months after the proclamation of the end of the war.

The fact that World War Two may not officially be ended for some time yet does not mean certain controls in wartime legislation cannot be removed. Congress can terminate the activities of any agency or the operation of any law by refusing to appropriate funds for its continuance. Or it can by a joint resolution repeal such legislation.

How and when the end of World War Two will come no one can say at this moment, not even the President. He is recommending to Congress that it not act precipitously to end it and advising it he is not prepared to proclaim the war's end until there is Congressional legislation that assures an orderly re conversion. Christian Science Monitor.

Atomic Global Defense—

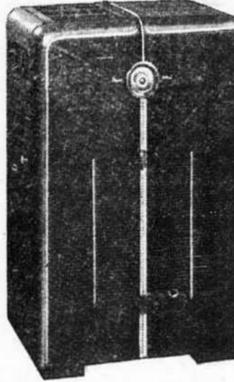
The late General Billy Mitchell used to say that whoever controls Alaska in an age of air power dominates the world. Events in years to come appear likely to add to Mitchell's reputation as a prophet. Alaska will be a crossroads point for global commercial aviation. Of that there no longer is much doubt. Also, future plans for military defense of the United States and preservation of world peace are likely to call for launching sites in Alaska for long-range, rocket-propelled atomic bombs. Presumably the United Nations will—individually or collectively—maintain a number of such sites, bringing every city on earth within range.

If you wanted, today, to choose a remote abode which would be likely to survive another war, you'd be hard put to know where to locate. The best bet would be a piece of land far from the nearest town and hemmed in, as far as possible, by hills on all sides. At Nagasaki, a city of hills and ridges, damage was chiefly confined to the valley in which the atomic bomb burst.

There is no doubt that this is a very good deal for Russia, as well as for China. However, observers feel that Moscow exercised considerable restraint, under the circumstances. Noted particularly was Stalin's snub to the Chinese Reds, who may have hoped for Soviet support on ideological grounds.

SUPPLY NEWS

Miss Patricia Ann Holden has returned home from a two weeks visit with her brother, L. L. Holden, in Wilmington. Mrs. Roy Calhoun left Sunday for her work in the office of the Southern Bell Telephone company, in Wilmington. Fred Cumbee was in Wilmington Monday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gore and children, of Maffitt Village, spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Murchison Holden. Mrs. Roy Calhoun left Sunday for her work in the office of the Southern Bell Telephone company, in Wilmington. H. T. Sellers, O. B. Sellers, W. G. Sellers and E. E. Sellers were in Bladenboro Sunday. They went to see Rev. P. T. Britt, who has been in failing health for some time. Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin and their daughter and her husband were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Griffin, Sunday. Miss Margaret Hewett, now working in Wilmington, is spending a few days at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Hewett, and brother James. The Teen Age Girls of Supply had a good time Labor Day. Mrs. M. C. Barnhill and son, Calvin Eugene, have been spending a few days here from Rocky Mount.



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9:00 A. M.	10:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
1:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.	1:35 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	4:00 P. M.	5:30 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	6:20 P. M.	7:45 P. M.
		10:00 P. M.	11:20 P. M.

Daily—Except Sunday

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 A. M.	8:50 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	10:20 A. M.
10:45 A. M.	12:15 P. M.	1:35 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	6:20 P. M.	7:45 P. M.
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