

The World In Review

The allied invasion of Sicily has completed the initial stage. This has been accomplished with a success that is remarkable in comparison with similar efforts in military history. It may prove that what can be done in Sicily makes more practical and less costly, than has so far seemed possible, landings on the shores of the European continent. This value is, of course, additional to the strategic importance of winning Sicily and opening the passage way through the Mediterranean.

The first allied triumph is in the generalship, and in the ability of the officers and men of several proud nations, to work heartily, loyally and effectively under a commander in chief chosen from one of these nations. The commander of an international force must not only be a supremely intelligent and experienced soldier, but he should possess several personal qualities, good humor, consideration, even charm, and have recognition of the intense pride and jealous rivalry that go with the military profession.

Also, he must make prompt and clear decisions, that will necessarily occasion some disappointment and chagrin, and that will not always accord with the judgment of other officers of high rank. If he cannot do this, he cannot be a great commander, but in authority over an allied force much depends upon manner, and upon possession of what I can only describe as gentility.

This might be illustrated by the contrast between two of England's greatest soldiers, Marlborough and Wellington. Wellington despised England's allies, whether they were Portuguese and Spaniards in the Peninsular war, or Dutch and Belgians in the Waterloo campaign. He treated them with disdain and harshness. In his reports he loaded them with contempt, and very considerably, he failed to do them justice. He was not a competent commander of allied forces.

Marlborough was an equal, perhaps an even greater soldier. He had to deal with the tough-minded statesmen of Holland; in Bavaria and the low countries he had to share command with a great military colleague, Prince Eugene. But however proud Marlborough may have been at heart, he had enor-

mous patience, tact, and the ability to recognize merit in foreign soldiers, upon whom England was dependent for success. He was a notable commander of allied forces.

In heading any campaign, but especially one like that of Sicily, in which so much of the method is novel and untried, success depends upon patient, deliberate and thoughtful preparation, that sometimes seems like slowness and delays but after the operation starts upon utmost speed, vigor and audacity, until victory is complete.

This was always the method of Napoleon, who, in a sense, was his own general staff. He would brood and reflect for days, over his maps and the strength returns of his corps, until everything was ready in his mind for those matchless orders which he dictated to his marshals; and then from the moment that the campaign opened and Napoleon joined his army in the field, he was the embodiment of driving energy which produced speed, ruthlessness and the unremitting action.

In reviewing this Sicilian operation we see evidence of this same quality of generalship, cautious deliberation in working out the last details of the plan, and then celerity, boldness and unrelenting effort in driving the assault onward.

German generalship has effected dramatic achievements in this war, but it has shown no success in uniting the forces of other allied nations with the German army, and while it has introduced new tactics into the war and won prodigious victories, it has failed in strategic intelligence, in sound judgment of the strength and tenacity of the opponents.

In the opening year of the present war, the German armies taught the necessity of combining under one command air power and troops fighting on the ground. This was the basis of their blitzkrieg. The allied commanders have fully absorbed this lesson. They have improved upon it. They have added to this combination of arms, one branch which the Germans did not employ, because they did not have it. This is naval power acting in cooperation with land and air power, and taking its plans and orders from a commander and general staff set over them all.

The allied naval forces in the Mediterranean, under Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, have performed a great task in this Sicilian campaign. They have done some things that it was supposed that naval vessels could no longer do. This navy's first mission was to control the waters of the Mediterranean. This was essential. It had to contain the Italian fleet, which at this writing has not ventured to take the sea. It had to suppress the action of enemy submarines around Sicily, furnish swift and safe transport and convoy of troops and weapons from the African shore to the beaches of Sicily.

The many hundreds of transport barges and boats for landing tanks, artillery, heavy weapons, and detachments of infantry of varying size were I believe the invention and production of the allied army. But the navy's task was to assemble this great fleet of minor ships, guide them across the Mediterranean to hostile shores and beaches, and protect them at every hour of the night and morning, from observation and attack of enemy air and naval power. Perhaps none of us can appreciate how great a feat of organization and of convoy this naval achievement has been.

But in addition to conveying the expedition across the waters, allied naval vessels have taken a hand in the fighting ashore, such as has not been seen for a great while. Fire from naval guns upon

In Armored Force



PVT. WILLIAM W. GILLESPIE, above, son of Mrs. B. A. Gillespie, Brevard, Rt. 1, was recently cited as a sharpshooter for making one of the best scores in his company on the .30 calibre rifle. He is in the armored force replacement training center at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was home on a recent furlough with his wife and other relatives.

Florida Woman Died Here Last Wednesday

The body of Mrs. W. R. Stephens, of Jacksonville, Fla., who died in the Transylvania Community hospital here last Wednesday afternoon, was shipped to DeLand, Fla., where funeral services were held.

Mrs. Stephens was a summer visitor and had been staying at the home of Mrs. W. J. Wallis. She was 74 years old and died from a cerebral hemorrhage.

A daughter, Mrs. Philip Roll, of Jacksonville, Fla., is a counselor at Camp Mary Gwynn near here.

Extension's farm labor program is operating in over 2,800 counties in the United States. Nearly 500,000 placements were made in two months.

Sicilian coast defenses was a great aid in the infantry landings. This service is observable all the way around the Sicilian coast from Gela to Catania. Naval gunnery, probably from small vessels of the destroyer type, blasted the coastal resistance.

For a long time it has been axiomatic that naval vessels could not contend with shore batteries. The allied ships may have kept away from Italian fixed fortifications, if there were any, but they rendered a service to the troops on shore, that recalls the help of Admiral Porter's gun boats at Donatsee and Shiloh on the Tennessee river, and Farragut's Flotilla on the Mississippi in our own civil war.

TO ASK TEACHERS TO HELP PREVENT FOREST LOSSES

Shaddix Says That Material Will Be Distributed To Them

As an aid to forest fire prevention in Transylvania and other counties of Western North Carolina, a large quantity of forest material is to be made available to teachers this fall and winter thru the efforts of the Southern States Forestfire Commission, it was stated here this week by W. L. Shaddix, of the Southern States Forestfire Commission.

"The millions of dollars represented by the trees of this great mountain area are always in danger of destruction from fires, particularly in the spring when the sap is up, and when the wind is high and during a dry season," Mr. Shaddix stated. "Material distributed thru schools, work of teachers in explaining to the pupils how they can aid by being careful with matches and fire in the woods, and thru film shows for the children, the hazard is materially lessened," he added.

"Teen age boys are developing into volunteer fire fighters in cooperation with the Office of Civilian Defense which is furthering such a move, along with others. Interest here is keen among farmers and all as shown by letters we and other agencies received when we sponsored publicity and radio programs. We had some encouraging letters from Transylvania county as far back as 1939 when we were heard here over Grand Ole Opry from Nashville, and at which time we started the volunteer fire move to reduce losses in our woodlands."

Washington's state motto is: "By and By."

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the order of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Brevard, the undersigned will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the City Hall door in Brevard, North Carolina, on Thursday, August 5, 1943, at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property:

All of that lot on Franklin Avenue in Brevard, North Carolina, being known as lot number 26 of the Franklin Park Improvement property as shown by plat thereof prepared by A. L. Hardin and H. G. Bailey, surveyors, and recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 71, Records of Plats for Transylvania County.

This the 6th day of July, 1943.
VERNE P. CLEMENT,
Mayor, Town of Brevard.
7-8-4c

An American armored division requires 78,000 pounds of food every day it is in action. The area of the Soviet Union contains virtually every material natural resource of civilization. One-quarter of all the inhabitants of Argentina live in Buenos Aires.

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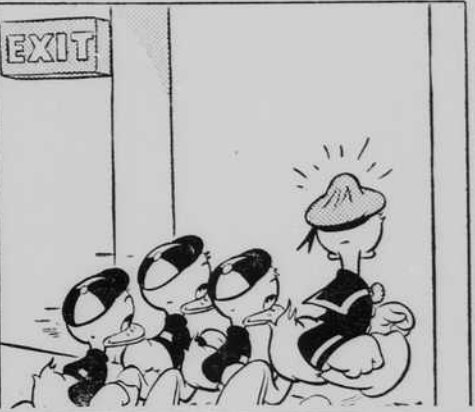
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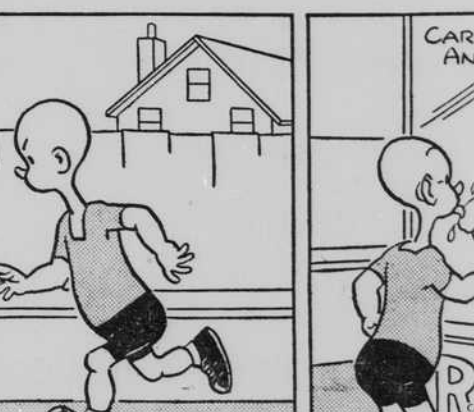
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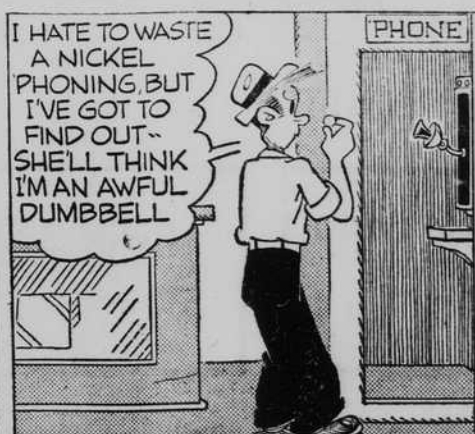
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