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Last hand on the envelope, where could it have stopped? I am 612.

Senate Approval

Why there should be objection to Senate approval of the Anglo-American agreement is not clear, unless the idea of strengthening that branch of Congress be part of a long range plan to limit the legislative part of the Federal government and by extension and practice to allocate to the executive branch more and more authority to have final and sole right and responsibility in shaping the course of public affairs.

Unless there is something in the old agreement that the negotiators want to hide from the people who will not permit free and open discussion. There are such objectionable features of the pact that ought not to become operative in any event. The once-proud position of the Democratic party under Woodrow Wilson's leadership of "open covenants openly arrived at" seems to be disappearing and that by delegation and design.

Those who negotiated the agreement are represented as taking it for granted that it will go into effect as an executive edict. But there are many who think the executive already has too much authority and is constantly grasping for more and still more.

The old agreement is described as an arrangement which shakes a dead stand on world trade after the war, providing for full satisfaction of world petroleum demands at fair prices during peace, and the possibility of quick sanctions against aggressors. That sounds simple enough and reasonable. Why object then, to its examination under the white light of full and free publicity such as would result from consideration in the Senate? The very fact that there is opposition to such a procedure does not tell the whole story, of course, in the accord is a masterpiece.

Buying an Ally

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The Charlotte newspaper prints briefly in the following comment:

The United Nations once accepted Turkey as an ally and let's not be sentimental about it. The Allies are not fighting for freedom for oppressed nations nor for abolition of dictators.

They'll fight for money if they can get it all.

Waiting until the outcome of the war was clear and the winter picked Turkey still leaves the impression that she will not have to fight. She wants lend-lease, more trade benefits and finally American and British soldiers to do her fighting. She wants a voice in the peace talks, certainly for more benefits. What she really means is nothing more than the peace talks.

She must be made protected and pampered. It will gall Americans to read of American casualties in Turkey but that part of the price we pay for allies especially for all who anomalies in advance that she doesn't want to fight.

Something like this might apply in other directions. At any rate American wealth has been distributed around in a manner that savors of dealing akin to this—some of it sent south of the equator and some in other directions. Sometimes it pays to buy friends in an emergency, but in the long run diplomacy is not always the most desirable way of getting along with one's neighbors in the world.

In some respects this is little short of an insult to men who have been largely on their own resources during these war years, and who will be back home when they get home, as well as of their own ability to take care of themselves in an emergency, any reason of whatever kind may have come their way.

Many of the boys will find their old jobs waiting. For others there will be opportunities to start in on the ground floor to build a private business, provided government restrictions do not strangle their efforts.

The only way to provide a sound economy in this country when the war is over is through struggle and effort and with as little as possible of government interference. The history of America shows that men with brains and energy have been able to take care of themselves without bounties. That applies to all lines of activity. You will find farmers, workers and professionals who by native ability and willingness to work have succeeded and gotten ahead. Those who have neither will not become independent no matter how much or how large the government handouts may be, for the simple reason that it isn't in them to begin with.

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that so many people are unwilling or too lazy or just simply won't think and act for themselves, but wait for someone else to lead or order them around, and to offer the easy way of life in return for support for those who are smart enough to seduce or bully the mob into following after them. There have always been many people of that kind and always will be.

The tendency so rampant in America today of having the government condone this group or that will ultimately ruin its course because the load eventually will become so heavy that the government will be unable to carry it and it will collapse under the weight. When that time comes there will be a fresh start from the bottom up; we shall have had enough of isms and subsidies, and we shall return again to bedrock justice wherein there will be less talk of socialist rights and the like and more about honest effort by willing individuals.

Beams and energy will count after the war as they did before it. If the soldiers scramble into the saddle it will be because they have the ability to make the move to follow them with the energy to put their ugly schemes across. That looks like coming close to us.

How We Have Built

According to Aviation News, aircraft production schedules for the remainder of 1944 and 1945 have been revised out with basis reduced nearly 40 per cent under the present program. The new plan virtually discontinues production of current bombers and Germany is deleted, with all assignments to meet the Pacific war coming of the proper time.

In spite of the reduction in goods output this year will exceed 1939 planes, according to the publication, and total building next year will be about 140,000 planes less per month than now.

This is not so much an indication of a feeling that the war is ending as it is a tribute to American mass production of this type on the occasion. It goes to show something of the capacity of American factories, of American labor and of American manufacturers. It is the genius that has made the United States great and which, if allowed, will make it greater still.

The very fact that in total war and with victory still well ahead we can afford to begin curtailments is an evidence of how well we have done already. In that this people can afford to take a pride.

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ANSWERS TO DAILY QUIZ

1. Three times.
2. True.
3. Tequila.
4. Goats.
5. True.
6. Ohio.
7. President William McKinley.
8. The Orient or East.
9. Geyser.
10. It causes tides.

Bombers Cut Deeper Into Nazis' Fuel

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Allied air forces.

So many depots in the battle area have been destroyed the Nazis have to go farther afield for vital fuel supplies needed to keep tanks and other vehicles moving. The Germans are known to be drawing fuel supplies from as far as 200 miles from the front.

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State's New Hospital Plan Goes Forward

BY LYNN NISBET
Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—Most important feature of the announcement that by action of funds from the contingency and emergency account for use of the State hospital system, is the act that needed improvements and additions can be made immediately at the State institutions. These include addition of recreational directors and psychiatric social workers of Raleigh and Morganton, and more adequate physical and medical facilities at these places.

Perhaps of equal or greater significance from the long range view, though of little immediate consequence, was the statement that through cooperation with the State University the hospitals will have the benefit of faculty and student services from the university, while the university will have the advantage of study and practice in psychiatry at the hospitals. The far-reaching effect of this arrangement may not be understood when it is noted that such arrangements will mean an accredited school of psychiatry at Chapel Hill, the first to be established south of Washington. Much immediate result will be availability of this specialized service to hospital patients without cost to the state.

The arrangement worked out at recent conference of the Governing Board, Chairman Ewing, of associated hospital board, superintendents of the hospitals at Raleigh and Morganton and university officials will only mean immediate advantages to all institutions involved, but may prove a more substantial advantage of full cooperation among all state departments and institutions. Rivalry and jealousy among them in the past has led to duplication of effort, extravagance in building and inefficiency in operation. Cooperation can be substituted for rivalry every department will profit and the people who lost the tolls and benefits are being served will benefit equally.

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To every taxpayer in this district who is entitled to a credit on his federal return, Robertson stated, your credit is being increased as rapidly as possible. I cannot tell you exactly when your refund will come through because it might be delayed but will not be for a long time. But I can assure you that you will be paid interest at the rate of six per cent per year for every month it is delayed after March 1.

Throughout the country we have about 15 million refunds to make. In order to do this in just a few days, we will be working with the tax collector and other departments. In many cases returns contain errors that must be corrected.

This is the job at tremendous expense that must be done with as comparatively small staff due to wartime manpower shortage. Obviously, the entire \$100,000,000 refunds cannot be completed at the same time, and some taxpayers must wait another few months.

However, a million checks are being distributed every three weeks, and so soon as you can, in your case, you may get your refund fairly soon.

Collector Robertson suggested that taxpayers refrain from writing letters to inquire about their refunds, because it takes time to all taxpayers, the checks are being written in the order in which they are mechanically processed and it is impossible to decide without disrupting and slowing down the whole procedure.

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GRAB BAG

One-Minute Test.

1. What are actors called who go from town to town in summer, using any available buildings as a theatre?
2. Just what is a theatrical "tune-up"?
3. What was the last play completed by William Shakespeare?

Words of Wisdom.

Speeches cannot be made long enough for the speaker nor short enough for the hearers.—Perry.

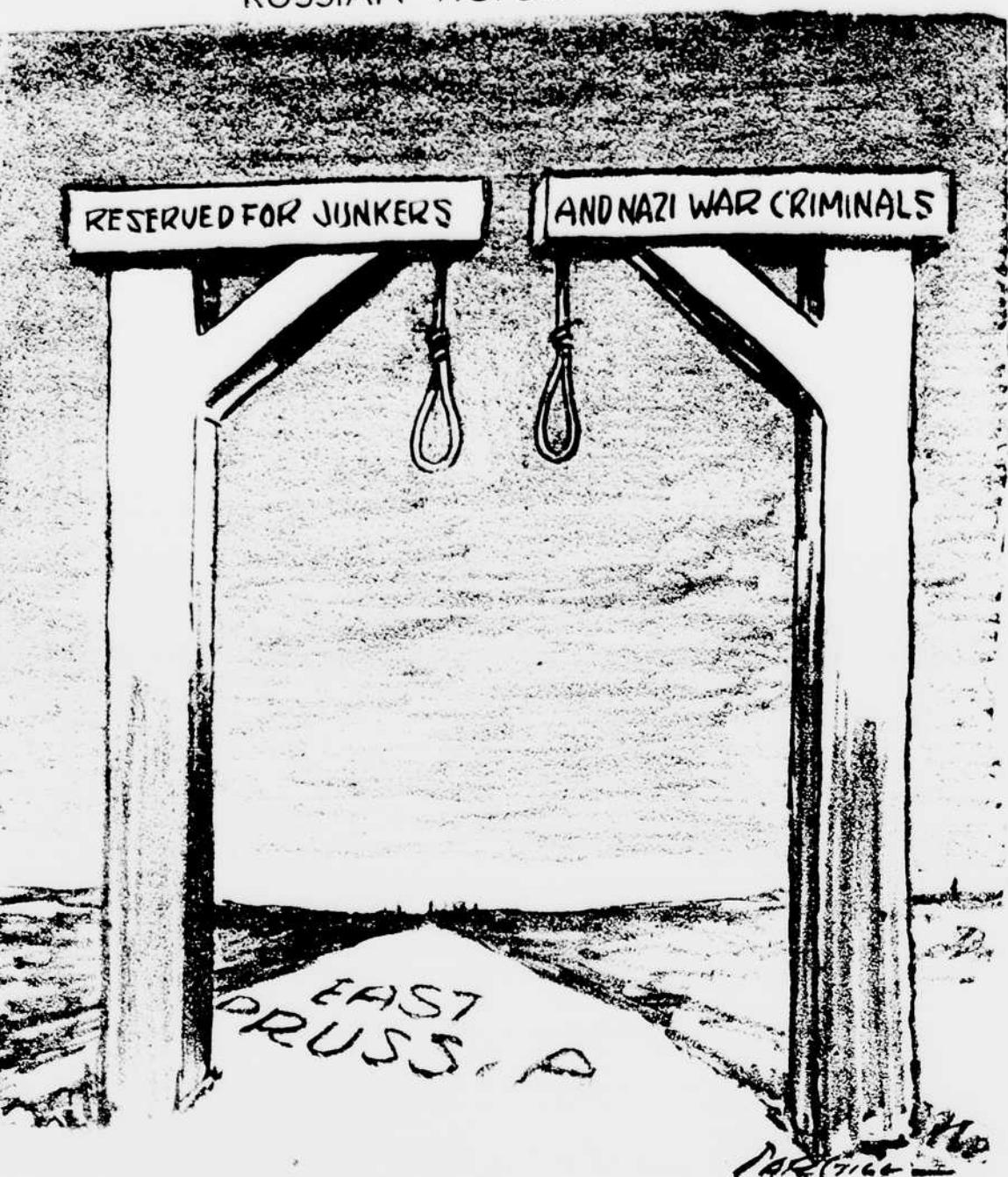
Today's Horoscope.

If you have a birthday today, you are generous and must take care that you do not overlook your own interests. You have great executive ability, good judgment, and take a prominent part in everything. You are a good talker and convincing in an argument. Although you have many outside interests, you make your home life happy and pleasant. Do not spoil good chances of promotion in the near future by obstinacy and a display of excessive emotions. Safeguard your health. Gain by exercise is significant on this date will be exceptionally clever and go far. A kind, loving disposition is shown, also a love of speculation. Inheritance is probable.

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RUSSIAN VICTORY ARCH?



USO Saves G.I.'s Cash in Trinidad



The Money Exchange, above, at the Port au Spain USO Club not only serves G.I.'s in Trinidad as a convenience in the exchange of a quarter-million good old American greenbacks each month for British West Indies dollars but also saves them \$5,000 a month that would be lost if they swapped their bucks through commercial channels. The money exchange vies in popularity with classes in Spanish, native dancing and dramatics and a weekly G.I. radio show produced at the USO Club, one of nearly 3,000 USO Clubs and other operations for service personnel supported by the American people through the National War Fund.

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