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**Taking Stock**

There would be nothing wrong with the United States Senate changing down, even temporarily, on our free hands to other countries while it took stock of American resources and reserves. Apparently something of the kind needs very much to be done and the people would appreciate such a course.

Almost every day some uplifter or dreamer rises up in Washington to tell us that our land is getting sicker and sicker and that we would have as much to eat this year as before, and that a lot of belt-tightening is coming. They talk like this so much that it has begun to appear they really believe the talk of bearing bad tidings, of throwing a scare into the people's minds and exciting fear and worry, when we see that this war is being fought by one thing, to free us of fear. Since there have the cameras of reticulation and regimentation, and it would not be surprising if, back behind the scenes, such matters actually rank in the minds of these legislators.

It more or less shortage, where has all our food gone? Oh, yes, service men have to be fed, but they were fed before they went into service, and there was no shortage then. Admittedly they eat more food, but even so, such extra consumption should not cause a food shortage in the face of years of our years of unimproved production.

We are told that our allies have to be fed. And there is no doubt we can't eat that it is the duty or responsibility of the American people to feed the world, and on a production basis, it is not. As we suggested in this column a few days ago, why are they not making an effort to feed themselves? That is, they may never become self-supporting so long as they can have an abundance at our expense and with little or no effort on their part.

Will some one, as a correspondent writes, and as was asked in this column, explain why the United States has had most remaining for two years and Canada never has had, unless very recently, half Canada in the war the same as we are, and hasn't Canada as much at stake, in proportion, as we?

If there is so much meat in Canada that rationing is not necessary, why couldn't some of it be imported into this country to ease the situation to some extent?

We do not possess the facts, but the pretty pass to which we have come with respect to food leads to the belief that there has been serious bungling somewhere along the line—so much mismanagement that our predicament is said to have become serious.

It is difficult to think of a better word than to say that we have been and are being made suckers of by a lot of other people in the world in the matter of their getting from us for no consideration at all the fat of the land, all under the guise of making us feel that unless we feed them they'll run out on us and leave us to hold the bag. Well, except for Russia, we have just about fought the war single-handed anyhow, when actually we had nothing to do with starting it.

Let the Senate and the House start an investigation. Let them clamp down on this squandering of American resources, including money obtained from crushing taxation, and let's take stock of where we do stand, yes, even before the San Francisco security conference, so that we may better know the proper course to pursue and the right policy to adopt.

**Why Not MacArthur?**

Fortunately for the United States and its allies, we are personally not running this war, but as a private citizen venture to seize upon the rights of such citizenship to express an opinion. That pertains to rumors about disposition of General Douglas MacArthur.

A Washington dispatch to The Christian Science Monitor says that it was learned on good authority in the capital that a sweeping reorganization of the top command of the United States Army for the final, frontal assault on the Japanese homeland is in prospect. That reorganization is said to contemplate placing General George C. Marshall, present chief of staff, to a new post, to supreme Allied commander in the Pacific. General Eisenhower would be brought home from Europe to become chief of staff in succession to Marshall.

No reference whatever is made to General MacArthur. That means, presumably, that he would fade out of the picture except as a second rate commander.

According to comments that have been heard more than once, General Marshall is about the most highly respected military tactician and strategist on the Allied side in this war. No one is in position to doubt his abilities, and certainly what is said here is not so intended, by not even remotely.

But if MacArthur is to be sidetracked, the picture does have the appearance of a desire somewhere to shut him down the ladder, despite his brilliant leadership in the Pacific in the last three years, and to make way for another to drive in for the kill and scoop up the glory and honor to be derived from victories for which MacArthur has so well laid the foundation.

For our own part, we have had the highest admiration for MacArthur from the outset. He would have gone much farther in the Pacific than he has, had he been furnished the material with which to work. We are entirely in accord, at the same time, with the theory that has been followed of regarding Hitler and his Germany as the No. 1 enemy to be destroyed first, and since we couldn't put all our strength in two places at the same time, the Pacific war had to be a sort of holding operation until America could gather its might.

MacArthur's campaigns have been little less than remarkable, particularly in view of the distances he has had, until lately, with which to carry out. Note that Germany is about out, and such enormous might is being assembled in the western Pacific, such as Japan or China—on both—a prospect, why should not MacArthur be allowed to lead the way?

There has long been a feeling in some quarters that MacArthur has been purposely played down—just why has not been formally and officially explained, but there are opinions on the subject. It would appear now that well-laid plans are about to be brought to fruition. We are not necessarily yelling politics, but it seems to be that. It will be recalled that a lot of folks breathed more freely a year ago when the Pacific campaign announced he was not a candidate for President and would, under circumstances accept the nomination if tendered.

**Deserved Defeat**

Defeat of the manpower bill in the Senate was a late measure deserved, and many Americans will hope that there can and will be no compromise. It was too stringent, was un-American and conferred altogether too much authority upon one man in controlling the lives of the people.

The proposal came too late, anyhow, to be of much value. The war in Europe has been won. And if War Mobilizer Byrnes considered it was no longer necessary for him to stay on the job, why should his successor, as it turns out to be, have the authority to compel others to go where he and his agents should decide to make their contribution to the war? It was freely admitted in the Senate before the vote Tuesday that some senators changed their vote to be against the bill specifically because of the Byrnes resignation.

Manpower legislation was supported by this newspaper at the outset. But when it became evident that labor already hired was not giving an honest day's service and was engaged in other activities than war work when on the job and receiving government pay therefor, and when a bill was offered that would make slaves and vassals of a large element of American citizens, why, frankly, it was too much for us.

We are glad the legislation was killed and hope it will remain dead. It is surprising that so many members of Congress should be so submissive and so amenable to the executive branch of government as to

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suppress their own convictions and go along to such radical procedures. Meanwhile, absurdities of this sort do not contribute to increasing confidence in certain agencies in Washington that have so much power over the eyes of the people. But if this and other instances of the kind will tend to arouse the American public as to what is being done to them, it is being attempted, it will not have been entirely in vain.

**Slowing Down**

The rate of the increase in State revenues is gradually slowing down, as indicated by March figures, and, while the total is still an amount of considerable periods a year ago, it is not as far ahead as was formerly the case.

This condition indicates the stand of the recent General Assembly, following the advice and suggestion of Governor Chavis, in refusing to launch an all-out revenue program of spending for the State which had when post-war finances seemed to deteriorate, and may even bring difficult times to the State.

Definitely, the last year's budget was a success in spending. There were some mistakes in the budget, some mistakes and some that, but that might be easily have gotten out of hand and the result been held back. Fortunately, the budget was kept down and developments in the next session may prove to all new, and was the cause pursued in the budgeting will into fantastic programs and schemes that were urged by many municipalities plugging for pet schemes and hobbies.

**GRAB BAG**

**One-Minute Test.**  
 1. What is "exigim" olive oil?  
 2. What is a chaparral?  
 3. What is meant by alpha and omega?

**Hints on Etiquette.**  
 When a man is not sure whether he is expected to wear a tuxedo on full dress occasions for a certain occasion, he should wear the tails. The swallowtail coat is appropriate for either formal or informal occasions, while the dinner jacket is not.

**Today's Horoscope.**  
 You have a winning personality, are a natural leader, and possess great resources of energy. Strive to conquer the restlessness of your nature, disregarding the trifling events which often irritate you. Double your efforts, if necessary, to make this a productive cycle, because the Solar vibrations are beneficial for many things. Decide what you want to do, without wasting time in idle wishing.

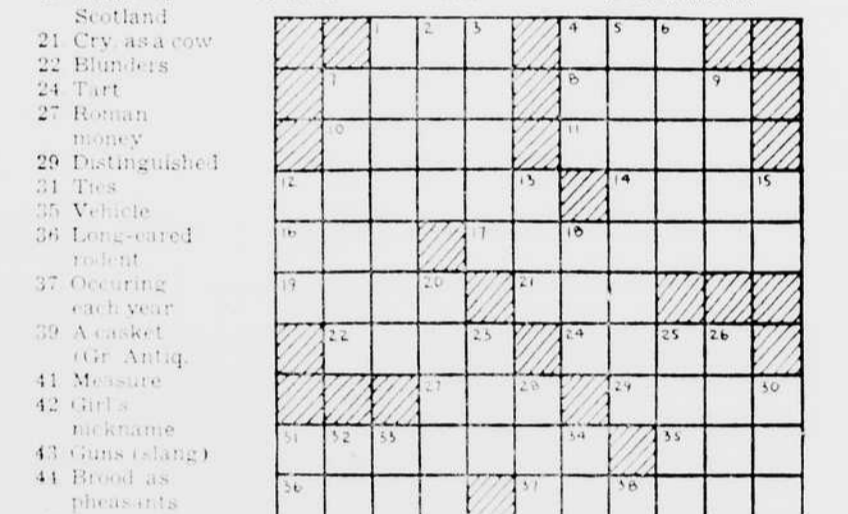
**One-Minute Test Answers.**  
 1. The first oil that flows when olives are pressed.  
 2. A dense thicket of shrubs or dwarf trees.  
 3. The beginning and the end.

**ANSWERS TO DAILY QUIZ**

1. Thomas Carlyle.
2. Henry George.
3. Who.
4. Muscles.
5. Mammals.
6. Ahasuerus.
7. True.
8. The five dollar stamp.
9. United Automobile Workers (CIO).
10. Painter.

**DAILY CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
1. Punter
  2. Conclude
  3. Vend
  4. Point of land
  5. Corn (It)
  6. Spanish chaise
  7. Girl's name
  8. Worthless bit
  9. Lots of hair
  10. Native of Scotland
  11. Cry as a crow
  12. Blunders
  13. Tart
  14. Roman money
  15. Distinguished
  16. Ties
  17. Vehicle
  18. Long-eared rodent
  19. Occurring each year
  20. A casket
  21. Gr. Antiqu
  22. Messure
  23. Girls' nickname
  24. Gins (slang)
  25. Broad as pheasants
  26. Before
- DOWN**
1. Real-estate broker
  2. Leather flask



**CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation**  
 DENRE ANTPWEDY OTRFZOK XTNYD  
 REBO BO WOKNERDJWI QBO—BWTY-  
 ZWY

Yesterday's Cryptogram: LIFE IS A PURE FLAME, AND WE LIVE BY AN INVISIBLE SUN WITHIN US—BROWNE.  
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- NOTICE—OPA PRICING CHARTS and worksheets as required by OPA regulation No. 580 are available at Afford's Printing and Office Supply Company. 30-47
- FOR SALE CHEAP 1937 LINCOLN Zephyr coupe, pre-war tires, in good shape. Motor A-1 condition. See Henry A. Orr, at 212 North Main St., Phone 434-W. 5-14
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