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Its quality and confidence shall be your strength.

Is It Worth It?

As in all its trends, and as the United States government does things generally, the Navy is projecting the atomic bomb test on sea in a really big way. The public debt is facing toward three hundred billion dollars, but that is not so much as that another half billion can be tacked into the bomb experiment. And so that is the basis for the pyrotechnics to begin the latter part of May in the wide open Pacific in the vicinity of the Marshall Islands.

The greater the number of vessels grouped together for the atomic blast, and the larger their variety, the more will be the knowledge gained from the force and effectiveness of this mighty weapon.

One wonders, however, if it is necessary to destroy, or at least offer up for the sacrifice if they are all sucked in, almost one hundred ships of all classes, including some battle-ships and some carriers, is the test worth it? There might be speculation, too, as to why captured German and Japanese naval units are not to be used for this purpose.

There can be no doubt that experiments probably should be made to learn as precisely as possible the force of atomic energy released at sea. Results observed might ultimately be the difference between our salvation—physically and nationally—and our destruction, in large measure literally, in some future war. But must the sacrifice be so enormous and could not the same knowledge be obtained on a proportionately smaller scale?

It could be that this government, when spent two billion dollars in developing the atom bomb, can well afford to lay upon the altar another half billion to test its effectiveness further and on a hitherto untried basis. Any amount within reason would not be misapplied if it definitely would outlaw all wars hereafter through the fear of all humanity to play with this kind of fire. Of course, the only way to learn that mystery is to make the test.

At any rate, the United States government, which is accustomed to spending billions where others put out only millions, has determined its procedure and is well on the way toward the big moment.

So that along in mid-spring the Pacific is to have the greatest display of fireworks to which any single area of the earth has ever since time began been treated. We can hope that information developed will compensate fully for the experiment.

Reaching To The Moon

Government scientists — so they say, and they ought to know—have contacted the moon with radar waves, and thus achieved a goal men have sought through the ages. Already there is talk of an expedition to the lunar body not so many years hence in search of facts about the universe that have challenged the inquisitive mind of man since first the study of astronomy was begun thousands of years ago.

There is conjecture, too, that radar waves that can reach the planet Mars, some thirty million miles distant, as compared with a mere 240,000 miles to the moon. Scientific speculation for centuries has been that no life exists on the moon, but it is theorized that on Mars some form of living goes on.

This new discovery of radar is an outgrowth of the war, and furnishes proof that great upheavals like the recent mighty conflict, while leav-

ing their scars perhaps forever, do bring some compensation and make some contribution to the general knowledge of man. Not that learning thus acquired is worth the cost, but since conflicts seem as yet to be beyond the control of the race it is well that there should be good of some kind to radiate from them.

Radar was one of the most valuable developments favorable to the Allied cause. The Germans knew and to some extent utilized it, but nothing like the extent to which it was carried by the Americans and British. Now, in peace, it seems destined to admit of hitherto unheard-of and undreamed miracles of communication on this planet and even to worlds thus far unknown to inhabitants of the earth.

Discovery of radar and of atomic energy will forever stand to mark milestones of progress in human endeavor. They need not be instruments solely of destruction. Indeed they should and one may dare believe will make their finest contribution in promoting lasting peace.

Inventors of the airplane never conceived that it would become the weapon of misery and destruction that it has. It was applied by both the aggressors and the defenders in the late war. But its greatest service to humanity lies ahead. It has been more extensively developed and perfected under the necessity and stress of global war than ever it was in peace or would have perhaps in decades without war. Here again, however, it is appropriate to meet the reservation that its advancement, in war does not offset the havoc it wrought.

If, though, these things come only through travail and intense suffering, the hour now has arrived as the mighty contribution to humanity of which they are capable in peace when the minds and energies of men are devoted to constructive instead of destructive effort.

Radar, the atom and other discoveries in war may be the vehicles upon which the race must ride in its advancement toward ultimate and total banishment of strife. If ever it could be said that war is in any sense profitable to those who engage in the vice, this may be the day when definite steps are taken to remove such advantage. When this achievement is attained, it will most likely be through scientific delvings into the deep mysteries of creation.

Is Peace Near?

Agreements between Ford and Chrysler on the one hand and the CIO automobile union on the other mark the first break in the industrial strife which for weeks has been tightening its stranglehold upon the economic life of the nation. This may be the beginning of the end in the current struggle for power and advantage, and may be followed shortly by peace between management and labor in other fields.

It was the brightest week-end of the home front the country has experienced in months. Instead of broadening fields of dispute, now for the first time there is contraction and an easing of tension.

First the Kaiser corporation got down to goal earth with its employees. Then the government seized the meat packing plants, and workers, choosing not to defy the axiomatic theory that no group could legally or patriotically strike against the government, agreed to return to their jobs. The railroad unions and the carriers consented to arbitration of their dispute, and simultaneously Ford and Chrysler got together with their workers.

This leaves the biggest smarting sore spots in the picture as the General Motors and steel controversies. There are numerous smaller disputes that torment other sections of industry, but these likewise will be ironed out.

All of which does not mean, however, that complete tranquility is assured from here on. There are other big industries which, according to all indications, are yet to pass through their Gethsemane. And for them also it will be a tug of war, unless in the meantime a formula shall be found to avoid stoppages of work and engendering of animosities.

The mere psychology of the present situation is such as to offer hope that the current disputes are about to be solved. Peace may be near, than is generally supposed. Even though John Lewis, clothed with greater power and prestige than ever, by reason of his affiliation with the AFL—though he had plenty before—rises again in the spring to demand still higher pay for the miners, there may come a brief breathing spell.

What the country would like to see, however, would be establishment of machinery to prevent these labor-management upheavals, in which labor leaders may be, and we suspect are, maneuvering for personal advantage over rivals or contemporaries. The public is the greatest sufferer and the greatest loser in the long run. Production stoppages have become so commonplace in American industry that it is next to impossible to plan not only for expansion but even to be certain of

ability to carry on upon current levels. Progress and development thus are retarded and certainly a measure of prosperity is held back. The nation more than once, in the last war and on other occasions, has demonstrated its ability to create and to produce. But jealousies, inequalities and greed constitute obstacles that he across our paths and block movements for the betterment of all the people. We shall never attain the peak of our potentiality so long as we are content to permit these policies to continue.

GRAB BAG

One-Minute Test.

- 1. What is a knob?
2. What is a lemon?
3. What is an enche?

Words of Wisdom.

Interest makes some people blind, and others quiet-spited. — Beaumont.

Hints on Etiquette.

If a neighbor's child becomes a nuisance to not complain to the person in whose care the child is, but to the mother or parents.

Today's Horoscope.

If today is your birthday, make the most of the talents you are blessed with, and always aspire to greater things. Be cautious and prudent, never let your jealousy or envy of others come between you and your happiness. Put your trust in those who are worthy of it. You are sincere, and will win through your sincerity, a firm, true love. Consider my cash outlay carefully today. Read over any letters you write and make changes in the wording if conditions in making other alterations, however, if you have an important efficiency test, write it down, and execute it now. With the prevailing influences, you should be inspired to great heights.

One-Minute Test Answers.

- 1. A knob or stud.
2. A protesting member left by cutting away the wood around it for the insertion into a mortise to make a joint.
3. A clasp or brooch, also a setting for a precious stone.

A Lift For Today

Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught— Luke 5:4.

WHY ARE WE timid, preferring to move in shallow waters, when rich rewards await us if we but obey his commands?

Our Father, banish fear from our minds and help us to fish deep for the souls of men.

ANSWERS TO DAILY QUIZ

- 1. One year, unless he is discharged for cause.
2. Long Island.
3. Adriei A. Gromyko (Soviet Ambassador to Washington).
4. Tuesday.
5. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt.
6. Benjamin Franklin.
7. Laurita Melchior.
8. Navy.
9. Halifax.
10. Portuguese.

Near Third Of Trials On Liquor

Twenty-eight of 76 defendants tried in Vance recorder's court last month were charged with some form of violation of the laws against prohibition, according to the monthly report today of E. O. Fakner, superior court clerk. Eighteen of the 28 were cited for public drunkenness, and five each with possession of whiskey and drunken driving.

Eleven were charged with operating a motor vehicle without proper license and eleven with reckless driving, while five were arrested for passing two were charged with non-support and one with false pretense.

Forty-six of the total defendants were white men and one a white woman. Twenty-seven were colored men and two colored women. Fifty-two defendants paid fines or fees and costs; two were sent to the roads and five held for superior court. Nolle prosequi was ordered for eleven and ten were adjudged not guilty.

Total fines amounted to \$260 and fees were \$302.12, a total of \$562.12.

All-Star Girls Lose To Carolina By Score of 34-18

Henderson All Star girls lost to a faster University of North Carolina girls team by a score of 34-18 in a game Saturday night at the Woman's gymnasium at Chapel Hill.

The Carolina sextet took an early lead and did not allow the Henderson team to get ahead during any period of the game. Half-time score was 20-12.

Frances Polston was high scorer for the local lasses, with seven points. Jean Dixon put six points through the hoop and Minnie Hughes scored five points.

Viola Hoyle and Joyce Fowler tied as top scorers for Carolina, with 12 points each.

A return game with the Chapel Hill varsity had been scheduled for playing on the local court.

\$1,500 For Dimes Drive Is Received

Sixty Percent Of Goal Is Attained In 1946 Campaign

Entering the final week in a campaign which began on January 14, the March of Dimes drive has received \$1,500 toward its goal of \$2,500. Vernon Perry, chairman of the committee for the drive, which, as a result of the effort, is essential today.

The drive this year has been short because workers who sought to make a county-wide canvass for contributions have been unable to travel on muddy roads, the chairman stated.

Professor Patton, of Henderson Normal Institute, is making the Negro drive and his report has been obtained on his collection, it was said.

Canvassers are asked to start in earnest during this final week and get all contributions possible. Citizens in the city and county are urged to turn in their donations immediately to help in the final push against polio.

Half of the final report and kind be made on or before this date in Vance county and the remaining amount is sent to the National Foundation.

Appeal For Hospital To End Jan. 31

Leaders in the campaign to raise \$750,000 locally for purchase and improvement of Alma Park hospital said today it is planned to close the campaign January 31.

Dr. W. W. Noel, surgeon at the hospital, said subscriptions thus far amounted to approximately \$102,000, leaving \$648,000 yet to be raised through contributions. He said the program under way is vital to the community health and hospitalization, and urged support to get the drive across in success.

A number of large contributions already have been made to swell the total well above the \$100,000 figure. The first move will be to purchase the present property, and plans call for a new nurses home with forty or more beds as soon as building operations can be begun.

Drive For Clothes Is Ended Here

Melvin Johnson, chairman of the Victory clothes drive, which ended yesterday with a citywide collection, reported that many contributions of clothing were made, but gave no estimate as to how many pounds were received.

The clothing is to be boxed and weighed during the week, he stated, and the exact poundage will be given then. A large number of articles had been turned in at the fire station, which was the receiving point, and these were added to the clothes collected yesterday to be sent overseas for relief of persons in war-torn countries.

TWO LOCAL MEN JOIN NAVY DURING WEEK

Two Henderson men were reported by the Navy recruiting service today as having enlisted in that branch of the armed services. They are J. F. Brown of 125 Rock Spring street and C. E. Cimerro, Jr., of 920 Chestnut street.

Additional benefits of \$50 cash enlistment gratuity were announced by recruiting agents, with twenty per cent allowance for sea and foreign service duty.

The Navy recruiters have inaugurated a regular schedule of visits here on first and third Mondays of each month.

PENNEY ASSISTANT IS SENT TO ELKIN

Clyde E. Grigg, assistant manager of the J. C. Penney Company store here, has been transferred to the Elkin store and will take up his duties as assistant manager there on February 1.

Grigg has been at the local store since September 1, 1943, when he came here from Oxford. Grigg today expressed appreciation for the friendliness of the townspeople and for their patronage during his stay here.

BRITAIN AND EGYPT REACH AGREEMENT

London, Jan. 28—(AP)—The British Government was reported today to have offered to negotiate with Egypt for settlement of her demands for full independence and the evacuation of British troops from Egyptian territory.

Disclosure of the British action followed an announcement that Egypt would not carry her demand before the United Nations.

'MAT SEASON'



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