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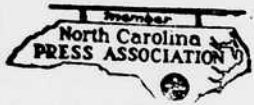
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### TOUGH GOING IN THE PACIFIC

Lieutenant - General Alexander A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps and commander of the Marines on Guadalcanal, warns that "the hardest battles of the war against Japan remain to be joined" and that "the road in any and all directions we take will be uphill. The going will be tough."

Predicting that coming operations in the Pacific will "dwarf anything completed" in the war against Japan thus far, General Vandegrift says that "our forces will be up against a still dangerous Japanese Navy and a Japanese Army as yet only lightly hit."

The Marine Corps Commandant should know what he is talking about. Obviously, his estimate of the situation is correct unless the Japanese can be brought to their knees by aerial bombardment of their cities and naval blockade of their islands. Even then, we may expect the fanatical troops of the Emperor to resist unto death and the process of killing them will inevitably involve the death of many Americans.

### FANTASTIC SAVINGS

At the end of 1941, less than three years ago, the American people had about half of the \$130,000,000,000 accumulated savings that they possess today, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The agency reports that the people of this country have \$84,000,000,000 in cash and deposits and \$46,000,000,000 in government securities. In two-and-a-half years the total has doubled.

The great gains have been made despite tremendous expenditures for war-making and the imposition of severe taxes by the government. The figures seem to demonstrate that the nation can carry its debts and that the future of the average American is as bright as ever before.

### AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

"We are well over a month ahead of schedule," declares a pooled broadcast from Paris, reporting on the progress of the Allied armies in Western Europe.

This means that the Allies have gained much time since the breakthrough into Brittany. It was stated, prior to the beginning of General Patton's dash through France, that the Allies were behind schedule.

Considering the heavy losses sustained by the Germans in the disaster in France, it should be possible for the Allied armies to break the Siegfried Line in less time than it took them to get out of the Normandy peninsula. If this is followed by gains as significant as those made in France and Belgium, the Nazis will be at the end of effective, organized resistance. It is a pleasant prospect.

Many parents are making a mistake in permitting their sons to quit school to make a little easy money. Ten years from today they will see how unwise this can be but it will be too late.

There should be no punishment of our enemies, just for the sake of making them suffer. Everything they are required to do should relate to the undoing of what they have done.

The presidential campaign is warming up but, after the election, everybody will be an American, determined to win the war and the peace.

Our own idea is that the Nazis have yet to learn what a concentrated offensive is like. The lesson is just ahead.

Haste rarely saves time; care often avoids trouble that takes time.

### MILLIONS TAKEN FROM HOMES

Some twenty million Europeans have been uprooted from their homes and dumped in other places as result of the war, according to the estimate of T. T. Scott, Director of the London office of the Displaced Persons Committee of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Mr. Scott calls attention to the difficulties connected with the repatriation of around ten million Allied nationals, recruited or forced by the Nazis to work in Germany. In addition, about two million were shifted by the Nazis from one Allied country to another.

These figures tend to explain the Nazi war exertions because every foreigner forced to work in the Reich relieved a German to become a soldier. Thus, it will be readily recognized, that Hitler successfully reintroduced slavery as an adjunct to modern warfare, repeating the practice of earlier peoples in that respect.

There are immense difficulties connected with the exchange of populations in Europe. Millions of people, rendered homeless by the processes of warfare, have no abode awaiting their return. Others will undoubtedly run into objections based upon actual, or alleged, assistance to enemy forces.

### THREE OBJECTIVES

Stop Mr. John A. (for Average) American in front of Bankers Life, Des Moines, or in the lobby of the Palace in San Francisco, the corner of Fifth and 42nd, or where you will, and ask him what's ahead. He'll reply, we suspect, and in this order:—

1. Win the war.
2. Win the peace.
3. Win prosperity.

These seem like three separate objectives. History suggests they may be one.

This war began long before the shooting began. It is hard to say when it began. Perhaps it began at that precise moment when the United States became for the first time a creditor nation. Perhaps it began when, ignoring its new fiscal position, the United States blocked out many foreign imports with tariffs, preventing some nations from buying the agricultural surpluses, causing said surpluses to pile up or to be plowed under, and setting in motion a long story of subsidies and payments.

Perhaps it started when European nations, denied American grains, began trying to be self-sufficient. Perhaps it began when, needing lands and resources to sustain their populations, some aggressors started seizing it.

And how will it end? With victory on the battlefield, and with troops and police forces left to sit on the lid? Or in a rational provision for the fair sharing of surpluses throughout the world, and with hopes encouraged that free men everywhere through exercise of their God-given intelligence can attain improved living?

Winning the war, and enforcing the peace, may seem like hollow victories unless we look at what all the shooting is about. Winning war, peace, and prosperity requires step-by-step procedure, and historical process, but we cannot win wars without bringing peace. We cannot have continued peace without prosperity.

The problems, and the objectives, are one. — Christian Science Monitor.

### GERMAN CAUSE HOPELESS

General Eisenhower declares that Germany's military position is hopeless and that the length of the war depends upon how long the Gestapo remains in control of the Reich.

As usual, the leader of the Allied armies is right. After the debacle that occurred in France the Nazis have no hope of winning and little of long-delaying the inevitable.

The Gestapo, however, has nothing to gain by surrender. It does not care how many Germans die in the vain effort to prolong the war which merely postpones the inexorable fate that awaits guilty Germans.

Farmers are producing bumper crops, which is good for the nation, but the indications are that there will be surplus-trouble after the war.

Don't overlook the boy in the service; get your Christmas package off immediately. It might make his Christmas happier.

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### PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD'S SAFETY

When Johnny goes marching off to school for the first time, he assumes a new responsibility. He is responsible for his own safety.

But Johnny still is just a little fellow, and that responsibility is confusing. Heretofore it has been his Mother's task to see him across the streets and to guide his rapid steps outside the realm of danger.

He can meet this new duty of protecting himself with the help of his parents, Dr. Forrest E. Long, child care authority of the National Safety Council, believes.

"No parents want a scaredy-cat or a sissy for a child," says Dr. Long, "but neither does a parent want his child to be one of the 6,650 children who will be killed this year if the present rate continues. The answer is to teach a child safe living early in life.

"If you live in a city, teach your child the meaning of traffic lights, what each color means and how to follow signals. Be sure he knows which side of the traffic light to follow. Teach him to cross at corners—never in the middle of a block. Caution him to look both ways and watch for turning cars.

"If you live in the country so that the child has to walk part of the way to catch the school bus, go over this distance with him pointing out dangerous spots. Teach him to walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming cars.

"Teach him the wisdom of keeping hands, arms and head inside the bus—not to lean from the windows. Caution him about horseplay which might distract the driver and cause an accident.

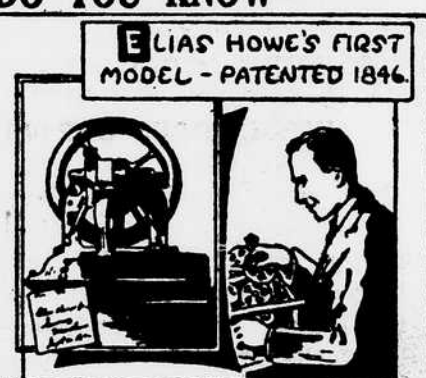
"Once the child is safely inside the school building, teachers will assume some measure of his responsibility. But again he must know certain means of self-preservation. For instance, has he been taught never to run with pencils, crayons, marbles and the like in his mouth? Does he know to walk—not run—down hallways and through doors?"

"A child can be taught the difference between being a sissy and being foolhardy. His life may depend on it. Parents share this responsibility and the time they take to acquaint him with the more dangerous hazards may mean that difference between a strong healthy youngster and a lifetime invalid," Dr. Long concluded.

### "COLUMBUS" AND "PULASKI"

October 11th has been proclaimed by President Roosevelt as "Pulaski Day," and October 12th as "Columbus Day." In his proclamation, the President paid tribute to the Poles, "who were the first to take up arms against our common foe," and to "the superb faith and resolution" of Christopher Columbus. "Pulaski Day" will honor Count Cassimir Pulaski, a Pole, who died fighting for American freedom in 1779.

### DO YOU KNOW—



That the first practicable sewing machine was invented by Thomas Saint, in England, in 1790. The real development of the sewing machine as a competitor with hand labor, however, begins with the machine patented by Elias Howe, Sept. 10, 1846.

### Brief Wartime Rationing Guide

**PROCESSED FOODS**—Blue A8 through K5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens in groups of 10 only. Blue tokens now invalid. Stamps good indefinitely.

**MEATS AND FATS**—Red A8 through K5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with red tokens. Both good indefinitely.

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**SHOES**—Airplane stamp No. 1 and No. 2 (Book Three) valid indefinitely.

**GASOLINE**—A-11 coupons valid through November 8.

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Ration rules now require that every car owner write his license number and state on all gasoline coupons in his possession, as soon as they are issued to him by his rationing board.

### SURPLUS LAND

With 1,034,100 acres already disposed of, the War Department has begun divesting itself of 22,322,542 acres, which were acquired to house, train and equip its army of 7,000,000 men, and which is no longer required for army use. The disposal rate is expected to be stepped up with the collapse of Germany.

About 95 per cent of all butter produced goes to Americans and 5 per cent to the Russian army for hospital uses.

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This the 27th day of September, 1944.  
J. W. WINBORNE,  
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