

THE SPIRIT OF D-DAY

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Today in millions of American homes, fathers and mothers are anxiously waiting—hopefully, fearfully, proudly—not knowing what the next hours will bring. D-Day has brought new hope of liberation to millions in Europe, yet to others it has brought anxiety and lonely hearts.

D-Day began the decisive test of arms. How men and nations receive the news coming from the beaches and towns of Europe will be the decisive test of faiths. For this is a war of faiths as well as a war of arms. We will need the strength of spirit inside ourselves that will carry the nation forward to greater and greater effort, no matter how hard the blows fall on each one of us personally.

In these days of waiting the stark realities of life and death tear down the man-made barriers of money, class and race. Men who have opposed each other in bitter industrial battles, stand silent, strangely united by their common need for understanding, for peace of mind, for the answer to stunning bereavements.

"What is the immediate problem that hundreds and thousands of mothers and wives are facing today?" asked Daphne du Maurier, author of "Rebecca," as she tells in her book "Come Wind Come Weather" how the work of Moral Re-Armament brought new faith and courage to thousands during the blitz in Britain. "It is how they themselves are to endure the strain of anxiety while their sons and husbands face danger every hour." The gods of materialism and the false ideologies that men have bowed to have no power to heal and bind up the wounds of a nation. They are cold and empty, heartless and inhuman, merciless and cynical.

EQUIPMENT FOR VICTORY

Our fathers looked to one God for strength and direction—and built America. Today we need their faith, not only to liberate Europe, but to free hearts and minds from the paralysis of anxiety, fear and loneliness, and release the energies of all our people for the greatest effort of all time. The days to come will demand clear minds, strong hearts, true vision.

Our most cherished leaders will be those who discover the way to become fathers to the nation, in binding up and healing its deep wounds. Giving comfort to the bereaved, and restoring their hearts and minds with new courage to face the future, will take riches of understanding and caring that money cannot buy.

Such men will rise up from every section of the nation's life, men of moral stature and faith in God, who put their country's welfare and destiny before any thought of self. Under their leadership America can rise above all misfortune, and go forward morally strong and deepened in faith to win the war, and lead all nations into the sanity and security of a hate-free, fear-free, greed-free world.

WM. GREEN WILL PRESENT A. F. L. PLANKS TO REPS.

CHICAGO.—AFL President William Green will appear before the Resolutions Committee of the Republican National Convention here on June 23 to present labor's recommendations for planks to be included in the party's 1944 platform.

In conformance with the AFL's non-partisan political policy, Mr. Green also will present the platform recommendations to the Resolutions Committee of the Democratic National Convention when it meets here July 19.

To acquaint the entire country with the policies which the American Federation of Labor wants both major parties to adopt, Mr. Green will discuss recommendations in detail on the "Labor For Victory" radio program over a nation-wide NBC network on June 25. This will be the final Labor For Victory program until after Election Day.

EXECUTORS NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA, MECKLENBURG COUNTY. Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Jaunice B. Bentley, deceased, late of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 214 Johnston Building, Charlotte, N. C., on or before the 22nd day of June, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 22nd day of June, 1944. J. HARRISON DANIELS, Executor of the Estate of Jaunice B. Bentley. H—June 2-29, July 6-12.

CHINA ENTERS EIGHTH YEAR OF WAR JULY 7

July 7 will mark the beginning of the eighth year since Japanese troops opened fire on the Chinese Army at the Marco Polo Bridge on the outskirts of Peiping.

Of the United Nations, China has fought for the longest period of time. Years before the Marco Polo Bridge incident, China had in many ways

persistently resisted Japan's aggression and had championed the maintenance of international law and order. Inadequately armed, she has faced heavy odds.

APPLICANT

A Southerner once dictated a letter in which he rejected an insurance policy because the applicant had a heart murmur. Transcribed by a Northern girl who hadn't learned to decipher the lilt of the land of Margaret Mitchell, the insurance was denied because policy seeker "had a hot mamma."

WATT CHOSEN FOR A STATE DEPT. POST

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Robert J. Watt, AFL international representative, was appointed adviser to the Department of State's Division of Labor Relations, Secretary Hull announced. He will advise the State Department on labor aspects of economic and political problems in the international field.

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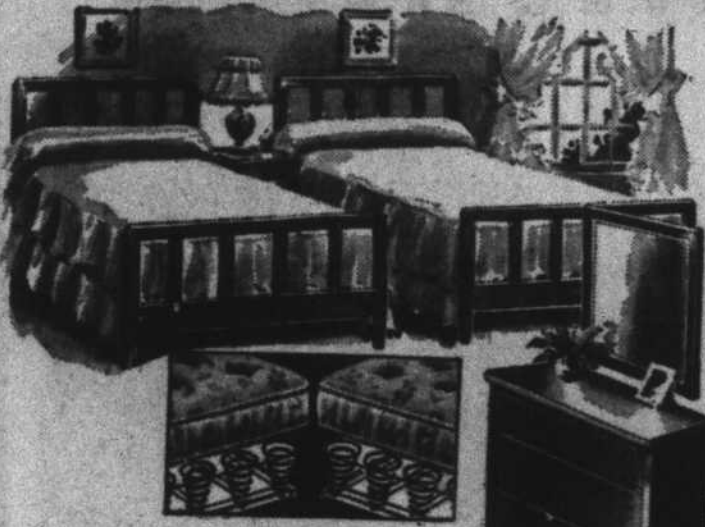
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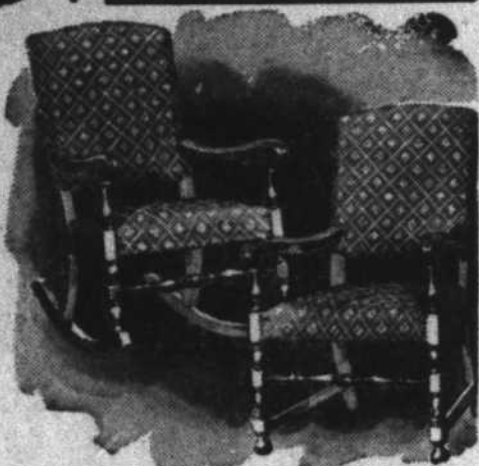
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