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**WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTATION**

"Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."—I Timothy 3:16.

**THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE**

By RUTH TAYLOR

Early on D-Day I went into the great church on Fifth Avenue, where I go to pray for the solution of any problem that harasses me. Even then I was not alone in the Gothic stillness. Worshipers before me, kneeling in silent prayer.

I looked up at the great stained glass window that glowed with living blue as the morning sun struck it. It seemed like a promise of the eternal beauty of an earned peace.

As I knelt, there came to me the realization of a fact I had not fully sensed. To see the promise of beauty and peace—I had to look across the altar of sacrifice.

So it was on D-Day. So it is today. The altar of sacrifice is not always an altar of marble. It may be—it is, in many homes—the altar of the human heart, giving sadly but freely its most cherished possessions.

Only as we are willing to sacrifice ourselves for the right can that right prevail. Our boys overseas are giving their all for us for a belief that tyranny, oppression, persecution are denials of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man in which—no matter what ritual they follow—they all believe. They are not divided by creed. They are not separated by class, or national background. They are just our boys fighting for us and for our way of life, for that creed of democracy which holds that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights—to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

They are giving their all—their futures, their hopes, their dreams, their lives. Those who come back will not be the same for they will have passed through the refiner's fire. They will have become so accustomed to death, that it will be hard for them to face life. They will have laid their youth as a sacrifice upon the altar.

It is for us rather who remain at home to see that that sacrifice is not in vain—that beyond the altar may be built the mosaic of beauty—the deep blue of peace, the clear rose of a world free from war—a mosaic through which the sun may ever freely shine.

Let us pray as we all did on D-Day. Let us also resolve in our hearts that this time the sacrifice will not be in vain!

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**RED CROSS SEEKS LABOR'S HELP TO RENDER PEAK SERVICE IN 1945—BUDGET WILL INCREASE**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—American Red Cross operations at home and abroad will reach their war-time peak in 1945, Chairman Basil O'Connor announced. The minimum goal for the Red Cross War Fund to be raised in March 1945 has been fixed at \$180,000,000.

To mobilize the support of organized labor in achieving this goal, agreements were reached between the American Red Cross and the official war relief committees of the American Federation of Labor and the CIO. Special labor posters, literature and recordings for local broadcasting and for use over loudspeaking systems in industrial plants now are being prepared in anticipation of the campaign.

"Our new budgets," Mr. O'Connor said, "represent an appreciable increase in the services we will render in Europe, in the Pacific and at home but we have been able to keep the total 1945 goal slightly under the one for 1944 because of oversubscription of our earlier campaigns and certain economies in this year's operations."

"After personally inspecting our operations in England and on the continent, and after conferring with Generals Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton, and Clark, I foresee an increase rather than a decrease in the need for American Red Cross services on the continent from now and for some time after the European fighting is over. Likewise it is obvious the American Red Cross must expand its Pacific and Far Eastern operations during the coming year."

"It is our intention that Red Cross stay with our troops until all of them are returned home and continue to serve them through their readjustment to civilian life. For this reason we must ask the American public to consider our goal of \$180,000,000 as an absolute minimum."

**Free Labor Will Out-Produce Nazi Slaves**

**Patriotic Quotes**

1747 1792



I HAVE not begun to fight!  
John Paul Jones

After hours of furious fighting in a naval battle on September 23, 1779, the British commander thinking the American ship under the command of Jones, famous U. S. naval leader, about done for shouted: "Have you struck?" Jones eyes back the famous reply quoted above. In the end the Americans won.

**LABOR DEMAND INCREASE IS RESULT OF STEPPED-UP PRODUCTION OF MUNITIONS**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The War Man-Power Commission's labor market area classification for January reflects increased labor demands as a result of stepped-up munitions production. Three areas showed improved labor market conditions and were moved down from group 2 to group 3. They are Fresno, Calif., Green Bay, Wis., and Wilmington, N. C.

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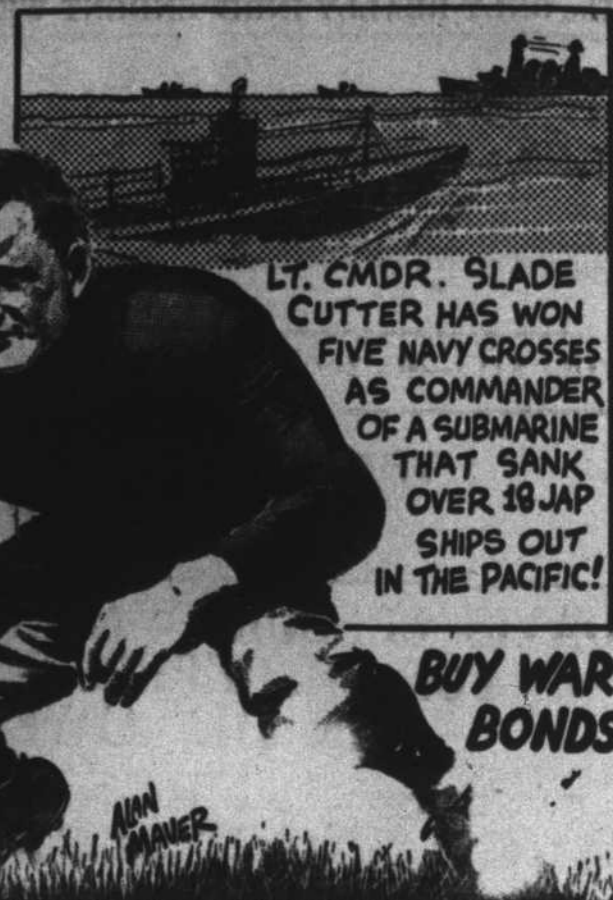
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**ARMY NEEDS OVERCOATS**

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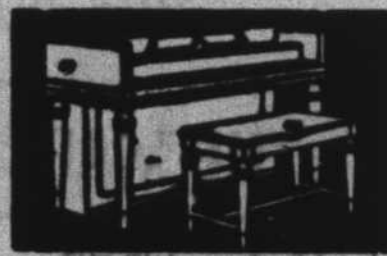
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