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PERFECTING DEFENSES AGAINST ATOMIC ATTACK

American scientists and military experts are working on the development of new mystery weapons which, according to the prediction of some experts, will do much to ease the threat of atomic bombs falling on American cities.

Without knowing anything about the super weapons, we pass on to our readers some of the highlights of an article recently published in U. S. News and World Report. This magazine says that billions of dollars will be spent at lowering, then ending the estimate that seven out of ten enemy planes attacking the United States, could get through our defense. It says that on the way are missiles that attract and blow up attacking bombers. "Homing devices" will carry missiles, and shells, to targets and a more efficient radar system will warn of attack, with supersonic interceptors going after the enemy.

For the first time in the country's history, says the magazine, defense against atomic attack is getting the most intense consideration. Many billions of dollars will be used for weapons that remain secret in detail but included guided missiles that can spot high-flying enemy bombers by radar, track them down and blast them from the skies. An intricate control mechanism, coupled with radar to spot enemy aircraft, will permit ground-control operators to guide the missile electronically and explode it near the enemy plane.

Another missile which can be aimed and fired long before the enemy bomber comes within sight, is able to track down and destroy enemy bombers at altitudes up to 12 miles above the earth. Other missiles are being developed for firing from interceptor planes, with radar-directed air-borne control, that will automatically aim them after computing a hit electronically.

There are other defenses in mind, including robot artillery, to bring down enemy bombers over the country. With an automatic tracking device, controlled by radar, electronic machines will figure the speed, altitude and direction of the target plane and aim the gun automatically. The weapon will use shells with proximity fuses to explode them if they pass close to a bomber. Anti-bomber aircraft are being equipped with new devices to knock down enemy planes.

Together with the development of a nation-wide radar screen, these devices are expected to add greatly to the safety of this country. Radar installations are now manned on what is virtually a twenty-four hour basis to give adequate warning of any atomic attack. Consequently, some officials believe that a surprise attack on the United States is "practically impossible."

Interesting is the assertion, based on recent tests with atomic weapons in Nevada, that the family automobile, with windows closed, provides an effective bomb shelter outside the radius of one and one-half miles from the blast center. Against anything but close-range bursts, the auto's metal roof is a good guard against falling debris and its shatterproof glass protects against flying objects. Consequently, those who are not actually in the center of a probable target area will be relatively safe inside their own automobiles.

WHY NOT STUDY WESTERN CIVILIZATION?

Harvard College, opening its 316th year, requires all freshmen to take a course in general education designed to give a broad understanding of Western civilization and its background.

This is a timely course. The term "Western civilization" embraces the advances in human freedom, largely contributed by races of Teutonic origin. It includes practically nothing from the Continents of Asia and Africa.

Without disparaging the people of those Continents, it is just as well for the people of this country to realize that there is an enormous difference between the culture and civilization of the Western world and those who live in other regions. What makes life worth living for most of us is embraced in the term, Anglo-Saxon civilization, which includes practically all of the freedoms which we think are necessary to satisfactory living.

There are numerous peoples in the world, including Russians, who do not agree with our ideas. It is essential for young people in this country to understand the difference between Western and other civilizations.

SOLDIERS AND GUNS ARE NOT ENOUGH

"Soldiers and guns will not save the free nations from Communist aggression and totalitarianism," declares Alcide de Gasperi, Premier of Italy, who says that there must be "full co-operation" in gaining a higher standard of living and social welfare. He stressed the necessity of strengthening democratic institutions by improving living conditions, so that nations will be better able to defend themselves.

What the Italian leader is saying is that there is a lack of capital in many free countries which makes it impossible to utilize potential productive power that would give employment. He warns that if this is not done, it means "discontent at home and a weakened social and economic position," which would be of great help to an aggressor.

The Italian Premier recognizes that Italy is unable by itself to put this program into motion. He calls for "international co-operation," declaring that disaster in one country must sooner or later spread to another.

The words of the Italian have some import to Americans who believe in what is called the free enterprise system. Obviously, it cannot prevail in a world if it is confined to the United States of America. Equally apparent is the necessity of American capital, either in the form of loans or grants, to assist other free peoples to build up their economy for the purpose of improving the standard of living, which means, in essence, satisfying the demands of their peoples.

The Point Four Program, proposed by the President of the United States, apparently takes cognizance of this necessity. If it is carried into effect, with the consequent result of gradually improving conditions in other countries, it will have a tremendous bearing in the economic war between Capitalism and Communism. Those who do not like it or think that the United States cannot afford it, should come forward with their solution for the present economic ills of the free peoples.

ATTLEE UNDER A DOUBLE ATTACK

Prime Minister Clement Attlee, head of the British Labor Party, now facing a general election on October 25, is under attack by some of the members of his own party, including Aneurin Bevan, a former Minister of the Government.

The extent of the attack was broadened recently when a Labor member of Parliament, described as a "pacifist widely respected for the sincerity of his views," issued a pamphlet, aligning himself against the government's expenditures for rearmament. The pamphlet asserted that the Soviet Union was "more approachable" than for years and termed the war in Korea "a ferocious massacre of the innocents." American attempts to secure bases in Spain are cited as proof that the British "may not be able to restrain the Americans."

Mr. Attlee, however, goes into the campaign reaffirming the very policy that the rebels within his party are attacking. He admits that rearmament means sacrifices and a lessening of other advances but insists that the free nations must build up their strength to "see that armed aggression cannot break out in the world." In general, he pledges good faith to the United Nations and says that British foreign affairs work on that principle.

In the offing, of course, are the Conservatives, led by former Prime Minister Winston Churchill. His party is now planning its campaign strategy.

In addition, the Liberal Party, which has lost considerable ground in Great Britain in recent years, is considering its course and will soon decide whether to make war on the Labor regime or stand pat while Labor and the Conservatives battle it out.

TROOPS TO MAKE ATOMIC TESTS

The Army is about ready to test newly developed atomic weapons against ground troops in order to see how rapidly ground troops can be sent into an area hit by an atomic weapon.

The test will involve a series of nuclear explosions and the participation of 5,000 officers and men in exercises to be conducted by the Atomic Energy Commission in Nevada. The soldiers will establish a battle position, including entrenchments, barbed wire and emplacements, near the center of one of the explosions. They will withdraw to safety positions before the blast.

Afterwards, Geiger counters will be used to determine the presence of dangerous radioactivity. This will show how soon troops can advance and occupy the ground affected by the atomic blast. This is important because experience in other wars has shown that, even when an area has been saturated by bombing, the aerial bombardment is useless unless troops quickly occupy the ground attacked.

The news of such a test indicates that some type of atomic artillery shell has been perfected for tactical use against troops. This means the use of our new weapon in co-operation and to assist army forces in their advance against the enemy and to protect them against overwhelming enemy attacks.

It is easier to utter brave words than to live a brave life.

Never be ashamed of what you are satisfied is correct.

Hugo Sims Says:

A UNION OF FREE PEOPLES

The idea of a federated Europe is running into some difficulties especially because the British and Canadians want no part of any unification that does not include the United States.

Even the sponsors of the United States of Europe seem willing to swap the scheme for one that includes the Atlantic community, including the U. S. Already, they point out, the free nations of this grouping have accepted a military partnership and argue, with some plausibility, that an economic and political affinity is just as logical.

We are quite prepared to admit that logic strongly urges the free nations of the earth to join hands and we know of no better proposal than that of Clarence Streit who years ago proposed that the free nations emulate the example of the American colonies and form a union that would be patterned after the example in this country.

We are ready to accept such a union, which would mean joint defense, a common currency and free trade, provided that membership be limited to those countries that have common freedoms, such as a free press, free speech, freedom of religious worship, trial by jury and popular self-government. We would not want to be tied up, even remotely, with any other nation.

MAY MEAN ANYTHING

There is much talk in the United States about constitutional government, the free enterprise system and the "trend to socialism." The speakers, who use these terms, do not always mean the same thing. When a reactionary, conservative representative of big business speaks of constitutional government, he is interested in the protections that the document throws around the ownership and control of property.

When a liberal uses the same term, he is apt to have in mind the constitutional safeguards thrown around the rights of the individual. Both groups, however, will emphasize their adherence to the Constitution and their earnest endeavors to make it prevail.

When the talk swings to free enterprise, the same observation is applicable. The representatives of business decry governmental interference with what they consider their right to exploit natural resources and organize business enterprises into monopolistic groups for the purpose of making profits. This, to them, is private enterprise.

When liberals use the same term, they are apt to refer to the right of the small individual to enjoy a fair share of the resources of the country and to embark upon any organized effort to improve conditions for those in their ranks. Yet, both groups will vociferously and glibly talk about private enterprise, the rights of the individual and the American way of life.

When we come to the "trend to socialism," the division of people is along the same line. The proletariat class and those who have great wealth consider that any infringement upon their prerogatives is a distinct step to socialism. Practically every reform passed by any government has been denounced as a "trend toward socialism" by those who find themselves compelled to consider the human rights of individuals in connection with their quest for profits.

The liberal group, of course, says that the cry of "socialism" is raised against every proposal designed to improve conditions for the great mass of people and represents nothing more than the effort of reactionaries to distract public attention from their unearned privileges and prerogatives.

The smart individual, whether reactionary or liberal, should not be confused by what individuals assert, but should look to the substance of their activity. They will want to see if the individual is interested in the rights of others besides himself and to ascertain whether the ancient and respected shibboleths are being used for selfish greed.

The best seller is a Union Label product. The best buyers' guide is your local labor newspaper.



- 1. Name the main Japanese homeland islands.
- 2. Who is considered the most famous of horticulturists?
- 3. What is an erg.
- 4. Name the three sons of Noah.
- 5. What country contains more lakes and inland waters than any other in the world?
- 6. Who is the present Secretary of Commerce?
- 7. Identify Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.
- 8. What was O. Henry's real name?
- 9. Who wrote, "True worth is in being, not seeming...?"
- 10. On what date did World War II begin? (See "The Answers" on Page 4)

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Easy To See

The stories of Cinderella and Snow White have been banned in East Berlin as "unsuitable for progressive children." Easy to see why, too, from the Communist viewpoint: one concerns rich folks and the other people who whistled while they worked.—Little Rock Gazette.

Must Be

Religion has been described as that which you have if you continue dressing for church after the Sunday paper has been thrown on the porch.—Oskaloosa Herald.

What We Need

What this country needs is a permanent wave as permanent as a temporary tax and a temporary tax as temporary as a permanent wave.—Waterloo Courier.

About Time

The Senate Judiciary Committee approves a constitutional amendment for equal rights for women. It's about time we passed a law making them no better than the rest of us.—Minneapolis Star.

Said One Deer!

Said one deer to the other, "Gosh, I wish I had his doe."—Coast Guard Magazine.

In These Inflated Times

General Sir R. Gale, director of military training believes the accurate, simple, robust, self-loading .280 rifle is "a weapon which will give us the ability to kill economically; that is a very fine thing if we can do it."—Manchester Guardian.

Precious Child

Little Claude's mother had reluctantly allowed her precious child to attend public school. She gave the teacher a long list of instructions. "My Claude is so sensitive," she explained. "Don't ever punish him. Just slap the boy next to him. That will frighten Claude."—Sea Hawk.

Where They Come From

Some people seem to have opinions that have been in their families for generations.—W. O. W. Magazine.

Buy Union and fight the aggressors who would destroy American labor standards.

VIEWES and REVIEWS

WHAT THEY SAY WHETHER RIGHT OR WRONG

Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of Western Germany: "No people in still free Europe knows Russia and Communism better than the German."

Report, of Executive Council, A. F. L.: "The lack of freedom of the American teacher today is alarming."

Charles E. Wilson, Defense Mobilizer: "The time has come when even the richest country in the world has to consider the problems of raw materials scarcity and the need for conservation."

Harry S. Truman: "We have the greatest government in the world and the most loyal and efficient government servants."

George C. Marshall, retiring Secretary of Defense: "Our whole future depends on the strength of our economy and the solidarity of our people to stand fast."

Eric Johnston, Economic Stabilizer: "It is the kind of production we are undertaking that is causing inflationary danger."

John Sutherland Bonnell, minister: "There are too few courageous non-conformists."

Daniel A. Poling, Clergyman: "No true friendship exists between two persons who are exactly alike."

Oscar Ewing, Security Administrator: "We have not yet succeeded in adapting ourselves to the needs of older people."

Arthur Schlessinger, Jr., historian: "We are living in a jungle and we must do something about it."

Karel Truksa, refugee from Czechoslovakia: "I want to go anywhere that I can live without the police."

Marshal Tito, Premier of Yugoslavia: "We do not persecute religion but we require that no political elements be introduced into it."

Thomas L. Sidlo, chairman, American Bar Association's Public Relations committee: "The judge and the editor, the lawyer and the reporter, are the nation's watchdogs."

The very rich man was interviewing an applicant for the job as his personal valet.

"You may have trouble with me," he said. "I have a wooden leg, a glass eye, a toupee, an artificial arm and false teeth."

"That won't bother me," replied the applicant. "I used to be on the assembly line at Lockheed."



WILL YOU SMILE

Well Acquainted

A young teacher substituted for a friend who was taking a week's honeymoon. A month later at a party someone started to introduce the groom to her. "Oh," he answered brightly, "I know Miss Royal very well indeed. She substituted for my wife on our honeymoon."

That Explains Everything

When Jones met his old friend, Smith, whom he hadn't seen in six months, he was shocked by his altered appearance. His face looked haggard, his eyes held a glossy stare, and the way his clothes draped his frame spoke eloquently of a considerable weight loss.

"Good heavens, man!" Jones exclaimed. "Have you been ill?" "No," Smith answered, wearily; "but my wife is on a reducing diet."

He Stuck It Out.

A young lad in the lower grades complained to his teacher that he had a terrific stomach ache. The teacher sent him to see the principal.

When the little tyke returned to the classroom, he walked in such a manner that his stomach stuck way out. When the teacher asked him why he was walking that way, he replied: "I told the principal I had a stomach ache and he said if I could stick it out till noon he'd drive me home."

Quite a Gal!

At a national Sunday School convention answers were given to the roll call by states. When the State of Texas was called, a brawny specimen of southern manhood stepped out into the aisle, and with a strident voice exclaimed: "We represent the great State of Texas. The first white woman born in Texas is still living. She now has a population of over three million."

There was a pause of bewilderment for a moment, and then a voice from the galleries rang out clear and distinct: "Send that woman out to Wyoming! We need her!"

The defendant acknowledged that he hadn't spoken to his wife in five years and the judge put in a question. "What reason have you?" he asked severely.

Replied the husband, "I didn't want to interrupt her."

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Self-contradiction is the only wrong.—J. C. F. Schiller.

When a mouse falls into a meal sack, he thinks he is the miller himself.—Dutch Proverb.

Self denial is an indulgence of a propensity to forego.—Ambrose Bierce.

Few men survey themselves with so much severity as not to admit prejudices in their own favor.—Samuel Johnson.

The gods help him who helps himself.—Euripides.

Every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.—Proverbs 19:6.

BIBLE VERSE TO STUDY

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come unto the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

- 1. Where is this verse recorded?
- 2. Who spoke these words?
- 3. Unto whom?
- 4. Is the discourse found elsewhere in the Bible?

(Answers On Page 4)

