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"BATTLE OF TIME" DECISIVE IN WAR

GERMANY AND JAPAN DEFINITELY ON DEFENSIVE AS UNITED NATIONS GATHER DECISIVE FORCE

By Hugo S. Sims.

The outstanding development of the war against Germany and Japan is that the United Nations have managed to survive the enemy's bid for victory and that the potential resources of the allies are upsetting the Axis superiority that made possible successful aggression by Germany, Italy and Japan.

The "battle of time" has been won. The immense resources of the United Nations have been mobilized for effective attack upon the enemy everywhere. No longer is there great danger of a break through, either by Germany or Japan, and their strength is being confined by the slowly rising power of the coalition against them.

They begin to slug it out. Anybody who reflects upon the critical situation that existed when the Japanese attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor must realize how tremendous the difference is today. From a desperate defensive fight, against great odds, the United Nations, in the Pacific and in Europe, have acquired the initiative and are exerting steady pressure that increases daily.

Our strategy is not now concerned with gathering sufficient forces to stop the Axis at threatened points. It is devised to drive back the enemy, inflict losses and break down the will to continue warfare. It is a change from "holding on" to "slugging it out!"

Supply-Starvation Beating Japs. In the Pacific the Japanese have given several evidences of their inability to hold what they have seized. Basically, our advances in the Aleutians and the southwest Pacific have been due to the intelligent and successful operation of our air-sea team. Gradually, the waters of areas evacuated by the Japanese have been closed to Jap supplies and the inevitable withdrawal followed.

The present situation of our offensive against the Orientals involves the likely promise of more important action, designed to repeat, on a large scale, our manoeuvres against Kolombangara, where the Japanese were ousted by supply-starvation. The sea lanes will become more dangerous to Japanese shipping and, eventually, the garrisons scattered throughout the south seas will wither in "splendid isolation."

Increasing Pressure On Germany. The campaign in Europe is being conducted with far more intelligence than most of us suspect. The Russian army, despite Soviet demands for a second front, has been immensely assisted by the aerial offensive and the invasion of Italy. The threat to the Balkans has helped the evacuation of all Russian soil.

In Italy the Anglo-American campaign moves forward, with every indication that our commanders are following the same careful strategy that was successfully adopted in North Africa and Sicily. The progress forward is slow but the Nazis are fighting upon ground that is valuable and every mile lost bring the invasion of Germany that much closer.

Nazis May Risk Offensive Gamble. The possibility of a German drive against our men in Italy must not be overlooked. Much depends upon the race to secure adequate transportation facilities. With the Germans utilizing the rail lines through northern Italy and the United Nations depending upon the sea routes through the Mediterranean.

The man power problem of Germany is tight but the Nazis can, undoubtedly, assemble a striking force, if they see an opportunity to inflict a serious defeat upon the armies in Italy. They are held back by two factors, the heavy aerial bombardment and the threat of a direct invasion across the English channel.

Vigorous Action Is Likely. The present outlook is for more vigorous action, at sea, in the Pacific, and a gradual, rather than

spectacular, increase of pressure against Germany in Europe. Luckily, the war with Japan is largely an air-sea affair while that against Germany is an air-land battle. Consequently, the United Nations, with their great sea-air superiority can step up the campaign against Japan while pressing the advantage against Germany.

There is the chance that our enemies are nearer the end of their resources than most of us suspect. It will take some time to find out. Anyway, what happens in the next few months will give us a better understanding of the job that lies ahead.

With the enemy showing signs of distress this is no time to slow up, either in war production at home, or war moves abroad. The United Nations must be unrelenting, taking advantage of every opportunity to smash enemy positions. The harder they are hit, the quicker their outer ring of defenses will collapse and when they fall, the war will be coming to an end.

BEULAVILLE NEWS

One of the most important events in the social life of the town of Beulaville was a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bostic on the second Sunday of this month. The dinner was given in honor of their son Fitzgerald, who was to be inducted into service, also being the 6th birthday of the youngest child, "Nick" and near the birthday of Mr. S. P. Bostic, Sr.

Rationing points were not bothering Mr. Bostic on this occasion. He served a country dinner for which the people of Beulaville will always thank him. It consisted of two barbecued pigs, a barbecued raccoon, venison and fried chicken, with slaw, salads, sweet potatoes, lemon and coconut cake, hot coffee and condiments.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Vestal, State College; Mr. Berry Bostic, Greenville; Mr. Gudge Bostic, Atkinson;

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stroud and family, Kenansville; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brinson, Kenansville. About seventy five guests extended their best wishes.

W A Cs Need Electrical Appliances

A request from the Commanding Officer of the W A C Detachment of Camp Davis for any type of electric hot plates or small grills that can be used in the girls day room. The W A Cs do not on all occasions, operate under a schedule which enables them to attend their regular mess at all times.

If you have anything of the kind and can do without it why not let the girls have it? They deserve all we can do for them, I think, don't you? Mrs. Harvey Boney will help you get your donation to the girls.

POST-WAR FUTURES. In highly specialize vocations such as photography, radio and aviation are available at the expense of the Army of the United States to girls who enroll now in the Women's Army Corps, Lieut. Lucy Page, liaison officer in the current recruiting campaign in North Carolina, said today.

Young women who look forward to technical careers after the war will do well to consider enlisting in the Army where technical history is being made, she declared.

Especially. Reading in busses is very bad for the eyes, writes an optician. Especially when the person whose paper you are reading won't keep still.—London Opinion.

Girl Fatally Stabbed At Mount Olive

Last week Lottie Mae Artis, 18 year-old Mount Olive Negro girl, was fatally stabbed in the heart by Richard Roberts, 23 year-old Tallahassee, Florida Negro, who came to Mount Olive last May to work in the potato harvest and since then has been employed by the Mount Olive pickle company, according to reports from Mount Olive. The stabbing took place

VOICE FROM THE FRONT



on Center street in the southern part of town.

The report says: Roberts and the Artis girl had been going together during his stay in Mount Olive. On Saturday night they were walking in the Hillsboro section and the girl told Roberts she was going into Annie Mae

Manly's juke joint. Against his will she went in and later the couple was said to have had a heated argument. While walking

past the colored Methodist church Roberts, allegedly drew a long knife and stabbed the girl through the heart. Someone in the neighborhood called officers who found her dead when they reached her

five minutes later.

Officers captured Roberts about one mile from Mount Olive. Reports said that Roberts and the Artis girl saw her brother awhile before the stabbing and that Roberts told him to "take a good look at your sister now because I'm going to kill her tonight."

It takes a wise man to distinguish between heroes and pseudo-heroes.

Arm-chair warriors have been blood-thirsty from time immemorial.

Too much time is wasted upon non-essentials. Did you ever attend a committee meeting.

As our editor is still on vacation at this writing, I'll try to fill his position once more. E. J. Nazelrod (the linotype operator).

Our editorial last week was about editors, this week, let's say; newspapers, or if you will, our home-town-paper.

We will attempt to deal briefly, simply and adequately with the many phases and relationships between the newspaper and the territory it serves; its aims, objects, ideals and problems.

Just a glimpse of the intangible things about a newspaper that make it such an important asset in the district it serves.

We borrow these words from another writer to explain why we feel that if we were to lose our voice of the press, many things which we hold dear would utterly vanish.

"I am the guarantee of the American way of life - the way of liberty - the way of free enterprise, for national well-being and upward advancement.

"I go into your home in winter and summer - in spring and fall, I chronicle your birth, your marriage, your death, and the intervening years which mean for joy or sorrow, depression or exaltation, health or pestilence, poverty or wealth, weakness or strength.

"Freedom am I and true to my heritage. I am not the subservient carrier of propaganda which enabled a Hitler to become the master of Germany, nor am I the complacent press which contributed to the downfall of France. I am a friendly visitor. You'll find me constantly at your right hand, week after week. I have character, and even when I hurt you, I know you would not have me spineless.

"I provide you with special civic service. I support to the last drop of my ink your charities, your Red Cross drives, your

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"I am the home town newspaper, and without me your liberties would vanish."

Evils Of Liquor

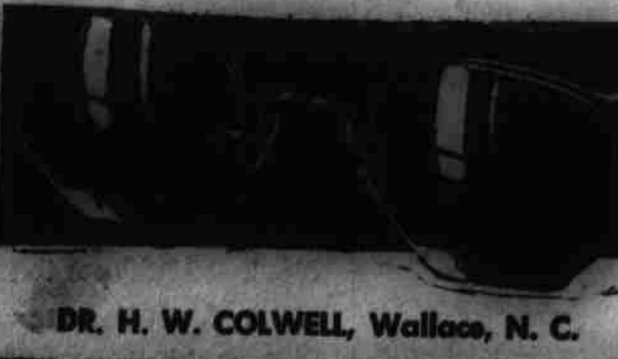
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