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NO TIME TO QUIT

When the battle is three-fourths won, it is no time to quit. That may sound like a platitude for, of course, no general and no soldier ever thought of retreating on the road to victory. Even when the going is tough, the soldier keeps on ever mindful that one step backwards means two hard steps to push forward again.

The soldier knows. But what about us.

There has been a battle going on in our country for 41 years, a battle in which each of us should be participating. It is a battle against a disease—tuberculosis. The soldiers in this battle are volunteers who have "signed up" because they want to serve humanity.

Forty-one years ago a group of these volunteers, both laymen and physicians, formed the National Tuberculosis association for the purpose of conquering a disease which at that time was the first cause of death in this country. The mortality rate was 200 per 100,000 population.

Today the National Tuberculosis Association has 2,500 affiliated state and local associations, each with a well-planned campaign for attacking the enemy on home territory. The campaign has so far met with a large degree of success, for the death rate from tuberculosis has been cut 75 per cent. Still, TB today kills more people between the ages of 15 and 45 than any other disease.

The battle is three-fourths won, but victory is not yet attained. The forward march must continue—and it will continue if we, you and I, support the organization which is directing the campaign. We can do this by purchasing our full quota of Christmas Seals. These seals furnish the ammunition for the battle against tuberculosis. The sale of these Seals is the sole support of the local tuberculosis association, which is fighting for your health and mine right now in our own community. When we buy and use Christmas Seals, we are saying, "You've done a good job so far. Keep it up till final victory."—(Contributed.)

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE FUTURE

There has been a lot of talk lately among some of the world's big about the atomic bomb and what it would do to civilization in case there is ever another war. They have apparently concluded to make the "secret" the property of all the nations of the world, and have the hope and belief that the joint organization of these nations will be able to control its manufacture and use effectively.

During the twenties there was discussion of the horrors of poison gas and the devastation it could produce if used in a war. In the early

forties the world had a war and all belligerents knew all about poison gas. It was not used because each side was afraid of what retaliation with it by the other would mean. Humanitarian considerations being minor, in our belief. Could such a situation arise as to the use of the atomic bomb in some future conflict. It appears to us that it possibly could, unless a power could be absolutely certain that destruction would be complete and absolute. Inasmuch as the other power would know all about the atom as well.

If this status of affairs comes about we will be in much the same fix we have been in for the past four years as far as having our men killed by the older and more conventional methods is concerned. For avoiding this, it seems that the past has proved that about the being too big for anyone to want to fight. It looks as if serving one year in safety would be preferable to serving several at some later time with a much smaller chance of surviving the several.

We ran across a comment on this conscription question by a veteran of the first battle of the Philippines the other day. He merely suggested that persons who argue that we are big and untouchable and will always be able to build up and win a war after we are in it should find someone who was at Bataan or Wake or Corregidor in those months of 1942 when there was no help and no hope, and ask his opinion. One concrete and definite idea as to our future actions would no doubt be forthcoming.

Vets Service Officers To Attend School

The first state-wide Veterans Service Officers School, conducted by the Institute of Government for the North Carolina Veterans Commission, opens Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. with registration of local and district service officers at the Institute building in Chapel Hill, it was announced today by Albert Coates, Director of the Institute.

Officials of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Fayetteville will join with officials of the Veterans Commission organization and members of the staff of the Institute of Government in presenting a study program covering different phases of the federal, state and local efforts toward rendering assistance to returned veterans, including the following subjects: Powers and duties of the federal, state and local agencies engaged in veterans service work, and their interrelationships; the basic legislation conferring benefits to which veterans or their dependants are entitled, including disability compensation and pension, death compensation, burial allowances, dependency allowances, vocational rehabilitation and education, hospitalization, medical and dental treatment, home, farm and business loans, readjustment allowance and unemployment compensation, and life insurance.

Neill James Blue of Raeford and Sam Snead of Red Springs, who are associated with the North Carolina Veterans Commission, plan to attend this school.

Men who enlist for three years in the Regular Army may choose their branch of the service and their overseas theatre.

RAEFORD THEATRE

Theatre Opens At 5:00 P. M. Daily

— Thursday-Friday—Shows 5-7-9 P. M. —

"State Fair"

Jeanne Crane and Dick Haymes

— SATURDAY From 2:00 P. M. —

"Trigger Law"

Hoot Gibson and Bob Steele

Also

"Bewitched"

Phylis Thaxter—The Star of 30 Seconds Over Tokyo

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY

— Sunday—Shows 3 and 9 P. M. —

"The Story of G. I. Joe"

Burgess Meredith as Ernie Pyle

Bob Mitchem as Lt. Walker

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

"Captain Eddie"

The Story of Eddie Rickenbacker

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