

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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War Absurdities. U. S. Owes Nothing. Not Even A Second Front.

We have developed, it seems to me, two monstrous absurdities in regard to our participation in the war now raging on two sides of the globe.

The first is that the United States "owes" anything to Russia or China, the sense of a debt to be repaid at a point of honor.

The second is the attitude, apparently developed in official circles in this country, that if they can win, they will secure greater assistance from the United States.

We don't understand where they get the idea that it is our business to provide them with arms, munitions and supplies. We can see, very clearly, it is smart war-making for us to do so, but not as an obligation to either country.

The Chinese, with Madame Chiang Kai-shek in this country, are on the verge of telling us what they need, according to what we read in the newspapers. There is an easy assumption that whatever China can do to defeat Japan must be furnished by this nation.

We must not only supply China but must wage a campaign in Burma to drive the Japanese out of that country in order to deliver more planes, tanks and guns to the Chinese. This is good strategy, we recognize, but what seems strange is the assumption by the Chinese and some Americans, that it is our sacred duty to do this.

The United States has a right to use all resources in any way that the military leaders of this country think best. There is no other obligation and no other duty.

If it is to the best interest of the United States to stop all shipments to China, then all shipments should cease. If, on the contrary, our military experts believe that certain advantages will accrue to us by virtue of sending supplies to China, then the supplies should be sent.

The same reasoning applies to Russia. We have no obligation under the sun to send supplies to Russia, except so far as the military leaders of this country have agreed to send them in the interest of the United States.

Premier Stalin's remarks about a second front are his business and for Russian consumption.

Naturally, we believe in the opening of a second front but not as a matter of obligation to Russia. We likewise think it smart war-making to assist the Russians with supplies,

but not as a duty to Russia. At the time, this represents the best interests of the United States.

The sole purpose of our warfare is to protect the United States. If this is accomplished through the dispatch of assistance to Russia and China, or through the services of another nation, the interests of the United States will be served.

**Senators Seek Patronage.
McKellar Bill Bad**

The McKellar Bill, which will require Senate approval of all Federal appointees to posts paying \$4,500 or more, is designed to give Senators the opportunity to appoint Federal employees.

While the original idea behind the confirmation of presidential appointments was good, in actual practice, the Senators not only confirmed but actually nominated individuals selected for the jobs. In fact, it is an unwritten rule of the Senate that no individual in any State who is personally objectionable to a Senator will be confirmed for any appointment.

Senator Hatch, author of the Act bearing his name, which prohibits participation in political activities by Federal office-holders, opposes the McKellar bill, declaring that it "is completely destructive of the merit system and would be the greatest setback to civil service that has transpired in many years."

It is estimated that the McKellar Bill, if enacted, would affect from 33,000 to 35,000 officials and employees of the Government. To subject every one of these executive employees to the whims of a political Senate would mean, in actual practice, that the Senators would name the officials and thus become responsible for the administration of the entire executive department.

**Worrying About Russia.
Stalin As A Bogey-Man**

It is somewhat amusing to find so many Americans straining their ears to hear what Premier Stalin, of Russia, has to say.

Some of our citizens who were busily engaged in denouncing the Red menace a few years ago are now worried lest the Soviet Dictator stop his army on the border of Germany, leaving the conclusion of the war to the forces of this country and Great Britain.

The Communist scare varies. Either the Reds are about to become all-powerful in Europe, in which case we should be worried because the threat of communism will spread all over the world, or the Red Army is not interested in anything except the recovery of Red territory, in which case we should be worried lest we have to fight Germany and Italy without Soviet assistance.

The Russians will continue to fear a strong Germany and it is not likely that Stalin will miss the opportunity to assist in requiring an "unconditional surrender" from the Axis powers.

After all, regardless of anything that Stalin may say, the Russians have more to fear from a strong Germany than either Great Britain or

the United States. If Russia stops fighting when the battleline reaches the German border, the Soviet will invite another German attack in the future and Stalin knows it.

The truth of the matter is that nervous individuals are attempting to read more into the Stalin speech than the Dictator said. He emphasized that the Red Army was created for the defense of Russia and that its prime purpose is to expel the enemy from Russia.

This statement should give some reassurance to those who have feared that Russia, after winning the war against Germany, would attempt to become an aggressor nation. Instead of reassuring them, however, the Premier's statement has been placed under the microscope by those seeking to sow some seeds of discontent between the Soviet and the democracies.

It should not be overlooked that such discussions play into the hands of Hitler. Nothing would suit the Axis powers better than for the United States and Great Britain to lose faith in Russia and for the Russians to lose faith in the democracies.

Persistent rumors that Russia or the democracies plan a separate peace with Germany, under certain conditions is pure Axis propaganda, regardless of its source.

Whether Americans like the prospect or not, the peace of the world after our victory over the Axis powers, depends upon the cooperation of the four great United Nations. In such a combination, it is impossible for any one nation, even the United States, to have every issue settled according to its desires.

The Russians are entitled to a voice in the peace which will follow this war and it is obvious nonsense to believe that there will be peace upon any other basis.

**Franco Is Our Enemy.
But He Is Still Afraid.**

We do not share the fears of some Americans who are worried lest Gen. Franco swings his forces to the side of the Axis although we certainly agree with them in their conclusion that the danger is one that we assisted in creating.

When Italy and Germany helped Franco to launch his revolution against the government of Spain, the democracies, led we presume by Great Britain and France, refused to sell munitions to the government of Spain.

This, it appears, was a serious mistake. It was against the position which the United States had maintained for many years to protect the right of a belligerent to buy munitions.

Because Great Britain and France were anxious to avoid a showdown in Europe they repeated every plea of the Spanish government that it be allowed to exercise an admitted right, under international law, to buy munitions. This right was more precious to Madrid because the Axis powers were pouring men and supplies to Gen. Franco.

Gen. Franco is a devoted follower of the Axis cause. His policy is one of "moral belligerency" on the side of Hitler and Mussolini. He would help them if he dared but we suspect that the Spanish dictator has had enough war and, moreover, he has no fancy for getting on the losing side.

Gen. Franco's excuse for fighting his own country was that it had become dominated by Communists. It is the same shallow pretense that Hitler gave for his invasion of Russia. It is the hope by which the dictators attempt to fool the people of democratic lands, the bogey-man by which they seek to scare individuals everywhere.

The Franco government is doomed to disappear. Its demise will occur when Hitler and Mussolini pass out. The reasons are plainly stated in Thomas J. Hamilton's recent book, "Appeasement Child," where the author points out that the "Franco government, which restored and increased the privileges of the aristocratic landowners and the Catholic church, has neglected or been incompetently unable to bring any real improvement in the lot of the people."

utilize as much space for farm family gardening as possible, and to plant early and often, throughout the year.

As incentives to achieving outstanding gardening results, awards are offered by Sears, Roebuck. These recognitions for helping to "Feed a Fighter in 1943" include medals to four county winners; \$25 War Savings Bonds to eight champions in each State, and all-expense trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago to eight sectional participants who as national winners will each also receive a \$100 War Bond.

The contest will be conducted, along with other 4-H wartime projects of production and conservation, under the direction of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, State Agricultural Colleges, and County Extension Agents.

Peanut Pickers To Be Available This Year

A substantial number of peanut pickers will be available for distribution in 1943 to help surpass the nation's peanut minimum goal of 5,500,000 acres, W. T. Parker, manager of the Grower's Peanut Cooperative, Inc. said today. He added that

effort will be made to have additional pickers manufactured in 1943.

They will be sold on fair terms in communities where they are needed, he said, although everyone who wants a new picker may not find it available to him. Replacement parts should be ordered now, he declared, and repairs made well in advance of harvest time.

Every picker—old and new—in order to thresh the peanuts designated this year as one of our "front line" war crops should be worked to capacity. Farmers should plan their work in advance on a community basis in order to achieve the best results, Mr. Parker said.

NOTICE!

MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

The Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County will meet as the Board of Equalization and Review in the Court House on Monday, March 15, 1943, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of hearing complaints and the equalization of property values, and said Board will adjourn from day to day until this work is completed.

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Register of Deeds, Perquimans County

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Friday, March 12—
George Murphy, Carole Landis and Anne Shirley in
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Saturday, March 13—
Charles Starrett in
"PARDON MY GUN"
Serial - Comedy - Popular Science

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday,
March 14, 15, 16—
Robert Taylor, Brian Donlevy and Charles Laughton in
"STAND BY FOR ACTION"
With Walter Brennan

Wednesday, March 17—
Double Feature 10c and 22c
Weaver Brothers and Elvira in
"MOUNTAIN RHYTHM"
—and—
"WE ARE THE MARINES"

Thursday-Friday, March 18-19—
Paul Muni and Lillian Gish in
"THE COMMANDOS STRIKE AT DAWN"

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Old North State's 4-H Gardeners Ready To "Feed Fighter In '43"

North Carolina's rural youth, together with those in other states, are enrolling en masse in the 1943 National 4-H Victory Garden contest to produce adequate supplies of essential vegetables and garden fruits on home plots for their entire family's use.

One million 4-H Victory Gardens are the 1943 goal. Government officials emphasize that the more food each community grows for its own use, the easier it will be for the county to meet its military needs for garden fruits and vegetables. They also point out that the annual garden product needs of a man in the armed forces, which include 34 pounds of tomatoes, 250 pounds of potatoes, and 168 pounds of leafy green and yellow vegetables, can be produced on plots of 3-10 to 1/2, 1 to 1 1/4, and 2 1/2 to 3 acres, respectively.

The primary purpose of the activity is to encourage every 4-H'er to

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