

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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Leaders Not Overly Optimistic. Officials Suggest Long War.
James F. Brynes, Director of War Mobilization, declares that "there is nothing to justify the hope of unconditional surrender of the Axis powers in the near future."

In his radio address to the people of this country, the former Supreme Court justice expressed confidence in ultimate, overwhelming victory over both Germany and Japan, but declared that he was "authorized by the President to say that, in his judgment, as of today, 'the major battles lie ahead of us, not behind us.'"

Along this same line, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in Quebec, issued a vigorous official denial that he ever predicted the end of the war in six months. The Prime Minister denies that he made any such statement.

The words of these high officials are spoken to prevent the people of this country from concluding that the war is over. It is true that the trend of the war has completely reversed itself in the past year but it is, without doubt, equally true that the hardest fighting lies ahead of the Anglo-Americans.

Obviously, it is possible for the Axis powers to collapse in six months, but it would be foolish for us to depend upon it. The best way to expedite victory is to increase our pressure upon the enemy. This requires increasing activity on the home front. Any let-up in production will give the Axis a breathing spell and lengthen the war.

Self-Determination Problems. Idea Not Easily Applied
The principle of self-determination was enunciated by President Woodrow Wilson during the last war. It has been emphasized during the course of the present struggle and apparently represents one of the ideals of the post-war world.

In his remarks, commemorating the first anniversary of the Atlantic Charter, President Roosevelt referred to "self-determination" and "world-collaboration" as two of the purposes and principles on which "we base our hope for a better future for the world."

It might be interesting to subject the thought of "self-determination" to some analysis. It is referred to by the President as "respect for the right of all peoples to choose the form of Government under which they will live." This is a general phrase of considerable magnitude and its meaning depends upon its application.

The question arises as to the "peoples" who are to have "the right to choose the form of Government under which they will live." Obviously, it must apply to the peoples of Europe, dominated by alien governments and unable to establish nations of their own.

The principle probably applies to the people of Southern Ireland who have asserted the right of "self-termination" against the British Empire, and, presumably, it also applies to the people of Ulster who have decided to remain a part of the same Empire.

If these conclusions be correct, does the principle apply to the Mohammedans of India, in their demand for Pakistan and the Hindus, in their demand for an Indian nation, complete and intact?

In the affairs of the United States, the principle apparently applies to the Filipino people, who have been promised their independence. The question is, "Does it apply to the people of Puerto Rico, who have been conducting something of an agitation for independence?"

Does it apply to the people of Hawaii, those of the Virgin Islands, or to the inhabitants of Texas, should that State decide to re-establish the Republic which was founded when it gained its independence from Mexico?

It should not be forgotten that the only effort at self-determination on the part of the people of this country was smothered with bayonets when the Southern States attempted in 1861 "to choose the form of government under which they would live."

Opening A Second Front Would Shift War Burden

While the United Nations have not opened a "second front" that meets the definition and desires of Joseph Stalin, the democracies have rendered considerable assistance to the Soviet.

The United States and Great Britain have contributed greatly to the fighting power of the Red Army by sending thousands of tanks, planes and guns. Enormous tonnage of supplies have been sent to Soviet Russia despite the peril of enemy action.

In addition, the steadily increasing aerial bombardment of Germany has compelled the Luftwaffe to withdraw some of its squadrons from the Eastern front. London officials suggest that over half of the German fighter squadrons and probably one-fourth of Nazi bomber formations are concentrated throughout Northwestern Europe.

This represents considerable assistance. In London, the total of enemy strength is estimated at 4,100 combat planes. Of these, probably 2,000 are in Northwestern Europe and Western Germany, 1,200 in Russia and about 900 in the Mediterranean sector.

In addition, the campaign in Tunisia, followed by the offensive against Sicily, has disposed of more than half a million Axis soldiers. It has almost eliminated Italy from the war and weakened the Axis hold upon

the Balkan States.

The threat in the Mediterranean area compels Germany to devote serious attention to its defenses, which weakens the Teutonic effort in Russia. While the Soviet bears the bulk of the war against Germany, it is receiving aid in the form of materials, the aerial offensive and the campaign in the Mediterranean.

If, in addition to these activities, the Anglo-Americans open an attack in Northern France of sufficient magnitude to compel Germany to withdraw troops from Russia, the burden of the war would shift from Russia to the democracies.

While this development is inevitable in the course of the struggle against the Axis, we do not believe that Stalin or the Soviet Government have any just cause to be suspicious of the democracies, although it is easily possible to understand why the Soviet is anxious to be relieved of some of the burdens of the war.

Interests Determine Allies. Can United Nations Cooperate?
There are millions of people in the United States who distrust Soviet Russia and millions of people in Russia who distrust the United States.

Despite this fact, the two nations are now engaged in warfare against Germany and Italy and must accommodate themselves to the policy of friendship that is dictated by world conditions.

Obviously, it is impossible to remove the deep-seated and long-standing suspicions that disturb people in both countries. No parley, conference or pact, regardless of announced results, would have much effect upon suspicious citizens of either country.

We should also not lose sight of the fact that Russia, Great Britain and the United States have been driven together by the convergence of their interests. Consequently, we should seek to make this relationship permanent through mutual adjustments which will permit the major interests of the three nations to be identical.

Obviously, there exists the danger that when the menace of aggression is passed, eliminating the common peril which produced unified interests, the three nations might assert interests which are incompatible. Unless amicably settled, by mutual adjustment, issues that arise could lead to a break that would offer Germany an opportunity to get on one side or the other and thus recoup, to some extent, the losses of war.

The danger of such a squabble between the Allies is seen by a number of observers, who believe that the Germans will make an attempt to divide the three nations. It is presumed that Germany, before utter defeat, will attempt to make peace with the Soviet or the Anglo-Americans, with the intention of successfully defending Germany against invasion by the remaining enemy.

In view of the treaty between Great Britain and Russia, pledging each nation not to make a separate peace, there seems to be little reason to worry about German diplomatic manipulations.

It is hardly probable that either country, after the hardships and perils of the present war, would be foolish enough to give Germany a breathing spell, the chance of a partial victory and the opportunity to re-arm for another effort to dominate the world.

LEGAL NOTICES

North Carolina, Perquimans County.
G. D. Towe, Administrator, Alfred Turner

Vs.
Harrison Turner and his wife, Rosa Turner, Emma White Smith and her husband, Dave Smith, and Cora Turner Jacobs and her husband, Henry Jacobs.

NOTICE
The defendants, Emma White Smith, and her husband, Dave Smith, and Cora Turner Jacobs and her husband, Henry Jacobs, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Perquimans County, North Carolina, to sell real estate to make assets, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county in the courthouse in Hertford, N. C., on the 20th day of September, 1943, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 20th day of August, 1943.
W. H. PITT,
Clerk Superior Court.
aug.27,sept.3,10,17.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Jennie W. Morgan, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 160 Fayette Ave., Norfolk, Va., on or before the 10th day of August, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 10th day of August, 1943.
MRS. ELSIE BANKS,
Executrix of Jennie W. Morgan.
aug.13,20,27,sept.3,10,17.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Joe Weeks, deceased,

late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Chapanoke, N. C., on or before the 29th day of July, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 29th day of July, 1943.
G. D. TOWE,
Administrator of Joe Weeks.
aug.6,13,20,27,sept.3,10

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administrator

of the estate of George M. (Pat) Armstrong, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Chapanoke, N. C., on or before the 29th day of July, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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