

## LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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### Our Foreign-Born Consider Interests of Native Lands

The United States, as a nation, is handicapped in its dealing with certain foreign powers, including Germany and Italy, by the presence of many citizens who are intensely interested in what happens to their former homelands.

We have only to consider the problem of Italy to understand the complicated situation. The attitude of the United States toward Italy, in the eventual settlement of war questions, will be inevitably influenced by the presence in this country of many people of Italian descent.

When it comes to problems affecting Germany, the decisions of this nation will be influenced by the voting power of American citizens of German descent.

There seems to be no doubt of the interest that these hyphenated Americans have in the fate of European countries. Nor is there any basis for believing that our political candidates, seeking election or re-election, will not pay careful attention to the reactions of these Americans, some of whom were born in enemy countries.

In this democracy, they vote along with everybody else and, consequently, affect the outcome of elections which determine policies.

This matter comes to mind in connection with the radio broadcast from Italy, which quotes Count Sforza, anti-Fascist Italian, who recently arrived in Italy from the United States. Among other statements, Count Sforza replied to a suggestion that public opinion in the United States might turn against Italy, declaring:

"There are five million voters of Italian origin in the United States who oppose any policy unfavorable to Italy's legitimate interests."

It is fair to infer from this utterance that Count Sforza expects the five million voters of Italian origin to exercise their right of franchise to protect Italy's legitimate interests.

It is also reasonable to believe that these voters of Italian origin will be concerned with the future of Italy and that the bulk of their political strength will be given to the candidate who promises the most generous treatment for Italy.

### New Carriers In The Pacific Will Certainly Bomb Japan

The new 45,000-ton aircraft carriers which the Navy plans to construct will be almost twice the size of the Essex class, our 25,000-ton carriers, which have a complement of more than 2,000 men and carry more than eighty aircraft.

Construction of two of the mammoth carriers will begin immediately, with the prospect that the ships will be completed in 1945. Obviously, they are designed to accommodate heavier bombers and to make possible devastating aerial attacks upon islands protected by considerable water.

The description fits the Japanese mainland. Closer bases, in Siberia, or China, will be available only when the United States and China, or Russia, are able to deploy an army of considerable size to protect them.

Since this means the outlying of the Japanese army from the Chinese mainland, which presents a formidable military task, the chances are that the two carriers will be completed before Asiatic bases are available.

When the war with Japan began, the United States had seven carriers, but the Lexington, Yorktown, Wasp and Hornet have been lost. Only the 19,900-ton Enterprise, the 14,500-ton Ranger and the 33,000-ton Saratoga are left. They have been augmented by a number of new carriers which are generally known as the Essex class.

These include, besides the Essex, the Lexington, Bunker Hill, Yorktown, Intrepid, Wasp, Hornet and Franklin. It should be noted that four of the new carriers are named for the lost ships.

In addition, the Navy has converted some 10,000-ton carriers into smaller carriers, including the Independence, Princeton, Belleau Woods, Cowpens, Monterey, Cabot, Langley, Bataan, and San Jacinto. Moreover, a considerable number of converted merchantmen are in service as carriers and are performing well with the fleet, as well as in trans-Atlantic convoy duty.

Of course, no one knows whether the United States has a greater array of carriers than those listed above. It is possible that, because of the war, complete information has been withheld.

### High Court Strained

The United States Supreme court finds itself in the novel position of not having a quorum for the consideration of two important controversies. Four of the nine justices have disqualified themselves from hearing the cases involved in suits against the Aluminum Company of America and the North American Company, a public utility holding company.

The high tribunal is without a quorum of eligible justices to proceed in the cases because, but on cold days a quorum becomes avail-

### Our Policy Toward Spain Should Not Help Franco

When General Francisco Franco, with the military assistance of Hitler and Mussolini, snuffed out democracy and imposed a totalitarian regime upon Spain, the Republican leaders were forced to seek refuge in foreign countries.

Some of them now reside in Mexico. They are interested in bringing about the collapse of the Franco regime but complain that their efforts are spiced by the attitude of the United Nations.

Senor Martinez Barrio, last President of the Spanish Republican Cortes, termed the Anglo-Saxon policy "realistic and apparently determined by military necessity, but censurable from all other points of view." He wonders how long the policy will continue.

While there has been considerable debate about affairs in Spain, there is no doubt but that the neutrality law of the United States and the British fiction of non-intervention was responsible for the destruction of the Republican form of Government in Spain.

General Franco's revolt would have been decisively defeated except for the support, in men, materials and equipment, provided by Hitler and Mussolini. It might have been suppressed if the United States and Great Britain had permitted the Spanish Republican Government to buy munitions.

However, at the time, France and Great Britain were anxious to avoid a general war in Europe and so, winking at Axis intervention, they practically blockaded the struggling Republic.

It is not practical at this time for the State Department to give its reasons for its policy towards Spain and until complete information is available, it would be premature to fix responsibility and assess blame.

General Franco and his regime have been openly sympathetic with the dictators, Hitler and Mussolini. Spain has openly supported the Axis, permitting a division of Spanish troops to fight with the Germans against the Red Army in Russia. The Franco regime has flirted with the idea of recapturing some of the ancient territories of the Spanish Empire.

It is reasonable to suppose that when Hitler bites the dust, the Spanish people will make another effort to regain their freedom. When this happens, it would be lamentable if the United Nations, through misguided politics, lend assistance to the repressive and totalitarian regime of General Franco.

### Argument For Unified Command Goes Against Past Experience

Because our operations in the present war have been almost wholly amphibious, requiring cooperation among land, sea and air forces, there arises considerable demand for the merger of the Army and the Navy into one capable defense force.

Our experience in the present conflict certainly justifies insistence upon one supreme command of all forces engaged in a specific amphibious campaign. Operations of this type have dominated the fighting so far, but it does not necessarily follow that future wars will be conducted along the same lines.

The background for separate Army and Navy organizations is to be found in past experience and in the knowledge that each service presents technical problems that engage the full capacities of highly-trained

specialists.

In the future, it is probable that the Air Corps will be given equal recognition with the older services. An independent Air Force is desirable but this should not mean that the Army and Navy are to be denuded of their air arms.

The desirability of a single unified command depends largely upon the nature of necessary warfare. In Germany, for example, where there is little connection between campaigns waged by the Army and Navy, separate commands are probably more efficient. The same observation probably applies to any war in which the campaigns are distinct and separate.

The United States has already organized a joint Army-Navy Staff College, designed to train leaders in the strategy and tactics of land, sea and air fighting. The advantage of having such officers is apparent in connection with all amphibious operations.

Generally speaking, the organization of the American Army, with its General Staff system, is far superior to that of the Navy with its independent bureaus. While it may not be advisable, in the midst of the present war, to merge the Army and the Navy, it seems desirable to reorganize the Navy Command in order to avoid the delay, inefficiency and difficulties inevitably connected with the present organization.

## Food Fights For Freedom Campaign

If you hear a loud "Bang" some time during the first part of November it will be the opening gun in the "Food Fights for Freedom" campaign. Newspapers, magazines, radio, motion pictures, and advertisers will cooperate with agricultural representatives of all agencies to carry the message to every home in the United States.

Food is as much of a weapon of war as guns and tanks, as ships and planes. Everyone who produces extra food and cooperates in food rationing is a true soldier because food really fights.

The State College Extension Service is preparing a special bulletin, entitled "North Carolina Fights With Extra Food," for Tar Heel neighborhood leaders who will take part in the food fight of production and conservation. The publication outlines how food fights, what the food needs are, and how North Carolina can best serve in the campaign.

Thousands of leaders in every walk of life will be needed to put the food

program over and North Carolinians are asked to rally to the cause. The need is so great and the demand for extra food is expanding so rapidly that no matter how much food is produced there still will not be enough to meet the demand.

North Carolina is already leading the Nation's food parade. In the value of farm products used by farm households North Carolina lists 19 counties in the first 100 counties in the entire U. S. In the value of vegetables grown for home use on farms, there are 24 counties in the first 100. But, this is no time for slapping ourselves on the back. As to 1944, we have led the parade before and we can do it again.

## Save Good Peanuts For Planting Seed

Growers who have peanuts suitable for planting purposes should by all means save a supply of seed for 1944, says Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of Extension agronomy at N. C. State College.

For those growers who do not have good peanuts for planting, the Commodity Credit Corporation is setting aside through the crushers and the Growers Peanut Cooperative a sufficient amount of peanuts of all three types for planting purposes.

It has been announced that peanuts which have been determined to be good for planting purposes will be sold to dealers by the Commodity Credit Corporation for sale to farmers for planting purposes. Prices for seed peanuts have not as yet been determined.

Peanuts have been harvested under excellent conditions this season and the germination on the nuts should run comparatively high, especially where there was no rain to damage them while in the stack.

Last year there was a shortage of good peanuts for planting purposes and many growers were forced to plant run-of-the-mill nuts which were low in germination. Poor stands resulted and yields were correspondingly reduced. The present program has been inaugurated so that growers will have a good supply of peanuts for planting purposes in 1944.

## WFA Rescinds Order Banning Turkey Sale

With enough turkey on its way overseas for the holiday dinners of U. S. military forces, the War Food Administration said today that turkey sales to civilians may be resumed Monday.

The turkey embargo had been in

effect since August 2 to make it possible for the U. S. armed forces to purchase 12 million pounds of turkeys in time for shipment overseas, and to obtain part of the requirements for the forces here at home. Overseas requirements have been met in full and a good share of domestic military needs have been assured.

The entire turkey needs of the armed forces, totalling approximately 35 million pounds, represent less than 10 per cent of the total U. S. supply. The remainder of the supply—expected to total 445 million pounds—will be available for civilians.

Lifting of the turkey embargo order at this early date, Army and Food Distribution Administration officials state, is indicative of the cooperation of the public and all branches of the turkey industry. In responding promptly to the Army's call, they have helped to assure turkey dinners on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years, for our men and women serving overseas. The order (Food Distribution Order 71) has

worked smoothly and successfully and is being revoked now because the goal has been reached.

Wouldn't Dare  
"I'm afraid the mountain air would disagree with me."  
"My dear, it wouldn't dare."

CARD OF THANKS  
We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kind words of sympathy and services offered by our many friends and neighbors at the death of our mother, Mrs. Dessie Chappell. For the many beautiful floral tributes and every deed of kindness in any way offered we are also thankful.  
—Her Children Dorrie Mae and Anna Rea

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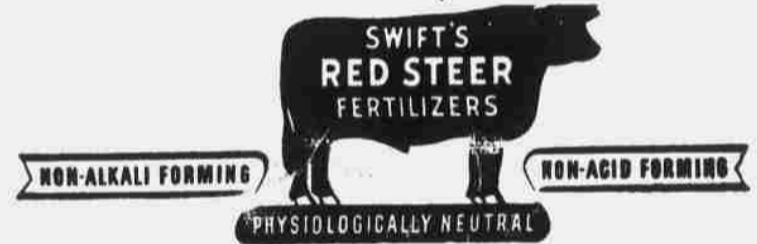
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NEXT THURSDAY is Armistice Day. In other years that day has been dedicated to the memory of the men who gave their lives in World War I. But this year we believe those honored dead would rather join with us, the living, in paying honor to the men of another generation who have taken up the weapons that fell from their lifeless hands.

This year we in this community are asked to observe Armistice Day not with words but with deeds. This year we have a special responsibility.

This Armistice Day marks the beginning of a new drive to make up the shortage in pulpwood. Everyone who can possibly do so is asked to cut an extra cord in honor of some friend or relative in the service.

There are two good reasons for putting the drive on this basis.

First, it takes nearly a ton of pulpwood to supply each man in the service with the many things he needs.

Second, the present pulpwood shortage, 2½ million cords, is just about equal to the number of service men who come from the pulpwood-producing areas.

So if every one of us in this and other pulpwood-cutting communities cuts an extra cord for our service man, the emergency will be met. No fighting man will lack any of the thousand-and-one war essentials that are made from pulpwood.

No boy shall die because we failed.

## TAYLOR THEATRE

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"WE HAVE THE SHOW"

Friday, Nov. 5—  
Dorothy McGuire, Robert Young and Ina Claire in "CLAUDIA"

Saturday, Nov. 6—  
Charles Starrett and Jimmy Wakely Trio in "ROBIN HOOD OF THE RANGE"

Sunday—Matinee Only—  
Judy Canova and Dennis Day in "SLEEPY LAGOON"

Sunday Evening, Nov. 7—9:15—  
Premier Showing of "THIS IS THE ARMY" Benefit of Army Emergency Fund Admission—\$1.10

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 8-9—  
"THIS IS THE ARMY" Regular Schedule Regular Admission

Wednesday, Nov. 10—  
Double Feature 11c and 25c Warner "Buster" in "CRIME DOCTOR" Robert Paige in "FRONTIER BAD MEN"

Thursday, Friday, Nov. 11-12—  
Claude Rains, Robert Montgomery and Fannie Goddard in "SO PROUDLY WE HAIL"