

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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No Foxholes Offshore

The attack upon Tarawa was "well planned and skillfully executed," declares Lieut. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, new commandant of the Marine Corps.

"There are no foxholes offshore" for the men who storm beaches, declares the officer, who adds a warning to the American people that they must expect that losses in such attacks will be heavy.

Gen. Vandegrift says that there is a difference between an attack upon a large land mass and a small island, because in the latter case the enemy can concentrate everything at the point of attack.

The operations in the Gilbert island were a brilliant success, only marred by the unavoidable loss of brave men. The uproar in this country over the 1,026 men killed is explainable by the ignorance of our people in war.

No Super-Cargo Planes

When the U-boat menace was at its worst there was a psychological stampede toward aircraft, with some enthusiasts suggesting that the ship-building program be cancelled and the nation throw every resource into the building of giant cargo planes.

Luckily, sounder wisdom prevailed. The ships were built and the U-boats were beaten. As a result the flow of men and material to the fighting fronts is proceeding at a pace entirely unsuspected a year ago.

A start was made, however, on a super-cargo plane program. Henry J. Kaiser undertook to construct three sixty-ton flying boats, the first full-size test model being due this month. Another was due in March and the third in September.

The money for the experiment was put up by the Defense Plant Corporation, a government financing agency. It now appears that the planes will cost more than expected, the models will be delayed and there are some doubts whether wood will prove suitable.

For White-Collar Group

Economic pressure upon the so-called white collar group will be investigated by a Senate sub-committee, which will hold hearings in Washington on January 25-27th.

It is estimated that millions of Americans have been caught in the squeeze between frozen incomes and increasing prices. They are unorganized and hence unable to secure the benefit of the "Little Steel" formula, which serves 12,000,000 organized workers.

Of course, there is now law to prevent the white collar group from organizing for their own economic protection. To secure this they will be inevitably involved in the political pressure game, which seems to be necessary these days even in the solution of economic problems.

The Best Men Required

The American Institute of Public Opinion tells us that Governor Dewey of New York, is in front, having the present favor of more Republicans than any other likely candidate for the G. O. P. nomination.

At the same stage of the campaign in 1940 it is added, the same Mr. Dewey was in the same position. Subsequently, Wendell L. Willkie came through with a garrison finish and won the race on the home stretch. The same result may be seen in 1944.

Frankly, we are not bothered with the problem of the Republican party. We trust that it will nominate the best possible American, so that, in the event of victory at the polls, the nation will have a capable chief executive.

The better the man the G. O. P. can find to offer as its candidate the better we will like the approaching campaign. The Democrats, on their part, must offer their best man and the people will be able to take their choice.

To Reduce War Production In The Spring of 1944

War production, now at a peak rate of about \$80,000,000,000 annually, will probably be cut back considerably by mid-summer 1944.

The time and extent of the reduction in output will depend largely upon the aircraft and naval ship program. For the present, the demand for invasion craft and several key items is expected to continue through the first quarter of 1944.

Beginning in the Spring, the reduced program will probably relieve close to one million workers from war plants for the production of civilian goods. Studies are now underway to facilitate the change-over with the least possible confusion.

Along this line, Fred Vinson, Director of Economic Stabilization, has instructed the WPB to determine what civilian goods should be produced in increased volume. The OPA has been empowered to revise existing price schedules to afford "a production stimulant."

The Vinson program for "adequate production of essential civilian goods" will attempt to safeguard the price structure, if necessary, by requiring producers with exceptionally high over-all profits to produce certain needed consumer items and sell them at cost.

Parties Should Speak Plainly About Our Foreign Policy

There is some discussion about the possibility that both major political parties get together on foreign policy, adopting the same declaration in order to keep the war out of the campaign.

Former President Hoover thinks the matter should be considered about six months hence and Alfred M. London, Republican nominee in 1936, has

"WE'VE NEVER BEEN LICKED"



Naah Beery, Jr., and Carolyn Richard Quine and Martha O'Driscoll in "We've Never Been Licked" at State Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

discussed the adoption of identical planks with Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Other party leaders, however, intimate that the proposal is not feasible.

The nation does not require that its political parties unite upon foreign policy. There is no objection to either party taking any position, so that the people may express themselves at the polls.

We are not much interested in a political get-together but we think the voters have a right to expect straightout declarations from both parties. The necessity of the moment is for frankness and honesty in expressing the attitude of parties toward foreign affairs.

The people of the United States should not have another campaign filled with loose talk about international cooperation and peace, and then discover, after the voting, that the isolationist and pacifist minorities are to be permitted to sabotage any and all practical efforts to carry out the ideals proclaimed.

Pacts Useless Without Force Peace By Resolution Futile

As early as 1929 the French government expressed fears over the prospect of an alliance between Germany and Italy and concluded that absolute security for France required a defensive entente with Great Britain and favorable interpretation of the Kellogg Pact by the United States.

The Kellogg-Briand pact, it will be recalled, outlawed war between all nations, which signed, thus specifically disavowing war as an instrument of national policy. The great powers fell over themselves signing the document but Aristide Briand, French Foreign Minister, felt that it "lacked something."

Briand wanted an article which would justify the powers in taking action in an emergency. Our Ambassador to France, Walter E. Edge, saw no objection, "provided, of course, it did not envisage military intervention of any kind." The Frenchman was "in accord" on this attitude which goes far to explain the military activity that now grips the world.

Here we have an illustration of the ill-fated determination of the people of all the democratic powers to avoid any commitments that might lead to war. They over-looked the fact that this was just what the aggressively-minded nations wanted.

Automobile Tags Late Arriving

The 1944 Town of Hertford automobile license tags, which were ordered early this year, still haven't arrived at the Town Office, W. G. Newby, Town Clerk, stated today. Immediately upon arrival, the tags will be placed on sale.

HOSTESS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. Henry Clay Stokes delightfully entertained her club at two tables of bridge on Tuesday evening.

Those playing were: Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Mrs. S. M. Wuedbee, Mrs. L. L. Jessup, Mrs. Chas. E. Johnson, Mrs. C. M. Williford, Mrs. G. W. Darbee, Mrs. C. R. Holmes and Miss Helen Morgan.

High score prize and also floating prize went to Mrs. Johnson, with second high going to Mrs. Brinn.

During the evening a delicious salad course was served by the hostess.

CIRCLE NO. THREE TO MEET

Circle Number Three of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church will meet Monday night, January 3, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. G. R. Tucker.

CIRCLE MEETS MONDAY

Circle No. 4 of the Baptist Church will meet Monday night, January 3, at 7:30. Mrs. E. W. Mayes, chairman, will preside.

STATIONED IN FLORIDA

Alfred M. Riddick, formerly a Navy inspector here at the Harvey Point Naval Auxiliary Air Station, who was inducted into the armed services, is now a cadet in the Army Air Forces and is stationed at Miami, Florida.

September 17.—Contractor selects Gaither property as site for housing project; Town and County Boards invest surplus in war bonds; Stores start Thursday afternoon closing; W. E. White appointed labor assistant to County Agent.

September 24.—USO leases Morgan building for recreational center; Rationing office renews A gas books; Contract awarded for surfacing Harvey Point road; War Bond sales pass \$200,000 mark.

October 1.—First group of fathers drafted from county this week; County over-subscribes Third War Loan; Postoffice issues notice on Christmas mail.

October 8.—High School opens football season; Aircraft spotters relieved of duty at local observation post. Final plans made for War Farm Drive; Ration Book No. 4 issued.

October 15.—J. W. Zachary killed in automobile accident; White schools on short session to relieve labor situation; S. P. Jessup cotton gin burns.

October 22.—County Fire Warden James Carwar states program for fire control in full operation. Red Cross furnishes 100 kits for soldiers; Major-Loomis Company seeks to employ Italian war prisoners.

October 29.—Perquimans War Fund campaign goes over top; A. R. Winslow, chairman of salvage committee, announces new scrap drive; Silas Whedbee re-elected chairman of Perquimans Red Cross Chapter.

November 5.—Farm Bureau conducting membership drive; Dr. Perry transferred from Health Department; Short session of Superior Court held this week.

November 12.—Influx of Naval personnel creates heavy demand for housing; Health Department conducts TB clinic through county schools; Milk shortage in Hertford.

November 19.—Salvage campaign extended indefinitely; Top York prices announced by D.F.A.; Methodist Church holds open house; Leland White dies suddenly in South; Christmas Seal sales announced.

November 26.—Largest Christmas Savings reported by Hertford Banking Co.; Eighty men to be called for draft during December; Christmas Seals go on sale; County has smallest war bond sale in months.

December 3.—District meeting held at Methodist Church; Perquimans football team closes season by losing Edenton team; Hertford Grammar School P. T. A. requests gifts of canned goods to aid lunch room project.

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