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Letters To The Editor

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June 4, 1945

Dear Editor:
The article in the Washington Post May 9 saying that according to a report from a source that deserves to be taken seriously, the United States has received a conditional surrender offer from Japan should have a wide circulation.

This article states, "Here are the broad outlines of Japan's alleged suggestion: (1) Japan would be willing to surrender her whole fleet and air force; (2) Japan would withdraw her troops from all outlying regions, that is from China, Manchuria, the Netherlands East Indies, Thailand, Indo-China, the strip of Burma she still occupies and from islands other than those which comprise Japan itself. (3) The United States, Great Britain and the dominions of other nations at war with Japan were to renounce the right to occupy Japan proper."

I can see nothing unreasonable about the proposal, and for the sake of the thousands of lives being lost, I believe it should be explored. I have the information from a reliable source that "the President still looks at his mail and the State Department must be held responsible for all that Nazism has done. They themselves must break down their house of warped and tangled thinking and build anew. These two small cracks in the wall encourage hope that it can be done. — Christian Science Monitor.

ment has never been so public opinion conscious." That "the current talk in Washington is that peace will be made with Japan within two months or not for two years."

Let all who wish to save the lives of their sons and the sons of other mothers write to the President, to the Secretary of State, Edward R. Stettinius and to the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, urging them to stop this terrible war at the earliest possible moment.

Most sincerely,
MATTIE E. SAUNDERS

CIRCLE NO. 2

Circle No. 2 of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church met Monday evening with Mrs. Raymond Holmes.

A very interesting program prepared by the program chairman was given by several members taking part. Mrs. W. E. Hoffer gave the devotional.

After a short business session a social hour was enjoyed. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Olivia Hobbs, served a dainty sweet course. Members present included: Mesdames Charles Johnson, Olivia Hobbs, Tommy Miller, V. A. Holdren, W. E. Hoffer, A. A. Perry, Raymond Holmes, B. T. Wood, J. W. Hampton and B. W. Pennington.

The July meeting will be held with Mrs. S. C. Godwin at her home.

To Norfolk

Mrs. G. R. Anderson and children have returned to their home in Norfolk after visiting Mrs. S. T. Sutton for several weeks.

HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB

Miss Alma Leggett entertained the Wednesday Night Bridge Club at the home of Mrs. Ellie White. Those playing were Mesdames H. R. Christensen, F. B. Stevenson, Jr., R. E. Vickers, Vivian Mathews, Jimmy Johnson, W. E. Drake, Al Kenton, Misses Joyce Harrell, Nettie Day, Helen Willoughby, Tuck Chapman and Helen Morgan. High score prize went to Miss Chapman, second high to Mrs. Stevenson, and Mrs. Johnson received bingo prize. A sweet course was served.

ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

Miss Helen Morgan entertained her bridge club Tuesday evening at her home on Church street. Those enjoying the evening were Mesdames H. C. Stokes, T. L. Jessup, C. M. Williford, C. R. Holmes, G. W. Barbee, F. B. Stevenson, Jr., M. R. Campbell. High score prize went to Mrs. Jessup, second high to Mrs. Holmes and the bingo prize was awarded to Mrs. Stevenson. A salad course was served.

SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of New Hope Church will meet at the church Thursday, June 8, at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to be present, and visitors are cordially welcome.

HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. J. O. Felton was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday evening at her home. Those playing were Mesdames V. N. Darden, J. G. Roberson, B. G. Koonce, R. M. Riddick, W. G.

Wright, W. H. Pitt and Miss Kate Blanchard. High score prize went to Mrs. Darden and low was awarded Mrs. Koonce. A sweet course was served.

CIRCLE NO. 4 MEETS

Circle No. 4 of the Hertford Baptist Church met Monday night at the church with Mrs. Mark Gregory presiding. The meeting was opened with the hymn "Jesus Saves." The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison.

An offering was taken for a house party for the G. A.'s.

The roll was called, having nine members present. Mrs. I. A. Ward gave a very interesting reading on Stewardship. The meeting was dismissed with a prayer by Mrs. J. E. Everett, after which the members were invited to the drug store for refreshments by Miss Marie Stallings.

CURL-GOODWIN

Miss Helen Goodwin, daughter of W. E. Goodwin, and the late Mrs. Katie Goodwin of Perquimans County, and M. D. Curl, son of Mr and Mrs. G. M. Curl of Chuckatuck, Va., were married May 10 at 12 A. M. by the Rev. Mr. Sinclair of Smithfield, Va.

The bride was becomingly attired in a gold suit with brown and white accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of Talisman roses.

Mr. Curl is employed by the State Highway Commission in Virginia.

After a short honeymoon the couple are making their home at Chuckatuck, Va.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my son, John Layden, who was killed by the Captain of his boat; I don't know why, but Jesus suffered this to happen. I can't believe it was his will, but one thing I do know; it is a strict warning to the rest of his family and to the world to be prepared to meet God. We can join all the churches there are in the universe, but unless our hearts are clean we are not prepared to meet our Lord in peace.

He was a kind hearted child. No one was too old or too poor for him to help if he could. My poor broken heart has missed him so much. He was already away from me, but now I do know I shall never in this world see him. Goodbye, darling, no tongue can ever tell how I loved you. I am so sad and lonely without you. Now my unfailing God take care of his little children. May they be brought up the way they should.
Mama



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We Cannot Agree

Elsewhere on this page in a letter written to the editor of this newspaper is an appeal to the public to swap several offices in Washington with letters beseeching our Government to make peace with Japan.

We cannot agree with this letter, even though we believe deeply that the opinions expressed are sincere. We realize and know that the casualty lists from this war are growing each day and that many a heart is broken upon receipt of that telegram from the War Department notifying parents that a son has been killed, wounded or is missing.

This nation did not force Japan to attack Pearl Harbor, but from that day until our armed forces grew strong enough to launch counter-attacks our fighting men took a licking from the buck-toothed yellow rats from the Pacific; and now that licking is being paid back in kind—yes in even greater force.

We have a firm belief that our President and his advisers, both civilian and military, have no desire to force this war with Japan a day longer than is necessary. We believe their hearts are just as heavy over the casualty list as the next.

But we do think that Japan, like Germany, must be shown that war does not pay. We believe it would be a great mistake for the United States to accept anything less than unconditional surrender from the Japanese; to make these people realize that regardless of their might, they cannot by force rule the world. We believe that unless Japan surrenders unconditionally it should be bombed into oblivion.

We think it would be shaming our war dead for one person to write Washington to stop this war with Japan now when our military have gotten to the point where, by force, they can show would-be conquerors that they cannot "jump-on" the United States unless they wish to pay for the act.

A conditional peace with Japan now would probably mean that the warlords of that island empire would begin at once for a future conquest that would certainly lead to another war in 20 or 25 years.

This is no time to burden our Government officials, busy with plans to knock out the Japs, with pressure to offer the Japanese a soft peace. There is nothing soft or easy about war, neither should there be any soft conditions to a peace treaty.

German Sense Of Guilt

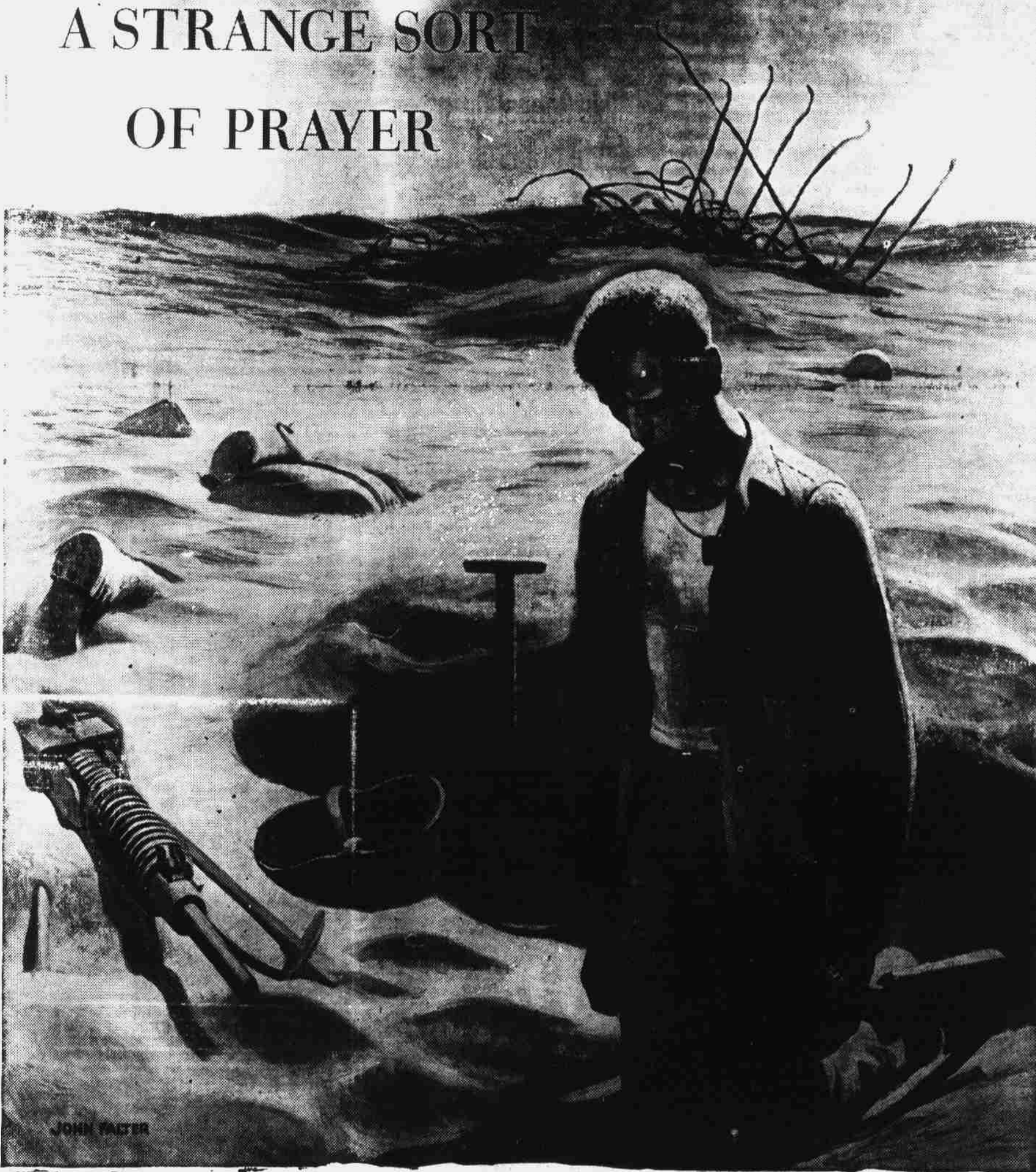
The first investigators into the state of the German people's thinking reported coming up against a blank and solid wall. There was no sense of guilt for the war or for Nazi atrocities. And there was complete lack of information other than what came through the Goebbels funnel. The mental isolation of the German people had been almost complete for ten years.

These two facts taken together explain the wall. How could a people feel guilt for acts which they had been kept from knowing or which had been presented in so distorted a form as to bear little resemblance to the facts?

Now the news tells us two cracks in this wall have appeared. They are perhaps no more than a hairbreadth wide, but they are cracks. And they, too, should be taken together. One is the Lutheran service held at Leipzig in the Thomas Church in honor of Pastor Niemoeller. Here the minister prayed before a congregation, many of whom wept openly, for forgiveness of "our colossal blood guilt which became manifest in the last period of the war." Note that the repentance did not include regret for the war. But it is repentance; it is a beginning.

The other is the hunger of the Germans for news, reported by the SHAEF correspondent of this newspaper. They stand in line to get copies of the journals put out by the Allied occupation forces, pass them from hand to hand until they are dog-eared. Here the moral vacuum is being broken, the insulation from facts torn down, although the harm of ten years will not be thus undone in a day or a year.

The German people are responsible



WELL, GOD, here we are.

You up there. Me down here, with a burning sun, a mess of insects, too much ocean, and other buddies just as lonely as me.

Oh, God, how nice it must be back home, with Germany licked, and the folks humming, and some of the boys all finished with the fighting.

But I guess that wasn't meant for me, was it? And tomorrow and tomorrow I'll still be dodging bullets, still

feeling lost in the middle of the night

Well, no hard feelings.

I'll go wherever You say, and do whatever You want me to. For You know what's best for me.

But say, if You can only get the people I remember me, maybe they'll still bear down. Maybe they'll still send us their blood, still stay on the job, still keep making the stuff we need.

You see, God, I'd like to get home, too.