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Can We Break the Circle?

"As a nation, Americans haven't been fighting this war—not by a long shot, "said Life recently. "A comparative handful of boys and officers have been fighting bravely and eagerly. But at home the fighting hasn't even begun. Most of America is earning big money, eat-well, rolling up new betting records at the horse races, dashing around the country on rubber that is absolutely irreplaceable. . . . . The only battle the U. S. citizens have won so far is the battle ofthe newspaper headlines. Meanwhile the Axis pushes in, rings us with steel, accumulates real bases all over the world."

That is a pretty tough statement, but the facts certainly bear it out. The incredible optimism is concerning the war that still seems to prevail in some quarters is not shared by real military men. As General Somervell, the Army's chief of supply, said in a 4th of July speech at Detroit, the United Nations have taken a terriffic shellacking in every corner of the world. And most of us, he added, have no idea of the magnitude and difficulty of the job that lies ahead. The hard truth is that Hitler and his brother dictators have done more to change the map of the world than any conquerors in modern history.

The Russians showed great valor in the defense of Sevastopol. They were hopelessly outnumbered in both men and equipment, and after the first few days the Lutwaffe had command of the skies. The Red Army made the Germans pay tremendously for their victory, and, according to the Moscow account, Sevastopol was left a pile of useless ruins. But Sevastopol was a vital position, and its loss is extremely important. Now Germany can release many battle-trained soldiers for service elsewhere. Sevastopol is a key point in Hitler's drive to seize the oil resources of the Causasus, and to shatter the U. S. supply line to Russia. That is why the German commanders figured it must be taken, no matter how great the cost.

At this time, it is impossible to explain the British defeat in Libya—the facts are not available, and the Cairo censorship has been complete. As Mr. Churchill frankly admitted, the British had the edge in numbers and in arms. The fate of Libya was settled on a single day—when 300 heavy British tank went into action, and only 70 were left at nightfall. No comparable losses, Mr. Churhchill said, were inflicted on the enemy. Rommel seems to have lured the British into a trap. The British commanders seem confidnt that Rommel could not fight an offensive action in the desert heat. But Rommel did.

As yet, we have not fully appreciated the extraordinary fanaticism of Axis leaders and troops. With them it is "win or die". They take incredible chances. They fight under the worst climatic and geographical conditions. They violate classic rules of warfare. The commanders are, apparently, completely callous when it comes to shedding the blood of their compatriots. These Axis hordes can be compared in many respects to the brutal hordes of Ghengis Khan. To stop them, to defeat them, will require a comparable fanaticism held in a very different cause, on the part of all the United Nations.

From the U. S. point of view, the Jap landings in the Aleutians cannot be passed off casually, as some optimists have tried to do. It is true that a few rock island, shrouded in fog, off the tip of Alaska, aren't important in themselves. It is also true that Aleutian and Alaskan outposts could be used for devastating raids on the U. S. proper. General Billy Mitchell once said, in effect, that whoever controls Alaska would win the next war. There is no reason to suppose that the Japs raided Dutch Harbor and seized remote Attu and Kiska just for the sake of what military men call a diversion. The Jap commanders have shown, all long, that everything they do is part of a carefully-prepared plan, and that everything has a bearing on their grand strategy. It will be hard to drive the Japs out of their Aleutian footholds. The Axis is seeking to incircle this country now, and it has made gigantic progress. That circle must be broken.

NOT TOO HOT — NOT TOO COLD

Penalizing Marriage

It is being hotly debated in Congress whether husbands and wives be forced to make a joint income tax return, instead of separate returns. According to Treasury estimates, that would increase tax revenue by a few hundred millions annually.

What Treasury experts seem to forget is that a tax law must be judged in the light of justice and equity, not only in the light of just how much money it might raise.

Millions of women have jobs which have no connection whatsoever with their husbands' jobs and earnings. Other millions are the possessors of income-producing property which has no connection with their marrige and is so clearly and completely their own. To say to these women that they cannot make an individual tax return, is to say in effect, that the right of women to own separate property is abrogated.

Gift taxes now in effect prevent wholesale transfer of income producing securities or properties between husband and wife.

Competent lawyers are convinced that the mandatory joint-tax-return law would be unconstitutional. Whether it is or not, it is clearly unjust. It amounts to a penalty on the institution of marriage. The revenue it would produce can be and should be raised in another, more equitable way.

Greatest Post-Graduate Course In The World

A short time ago, the American Medical Association held its annual meeting in a eastern city. Despite gasoline rationing, more than 8,000 physicians from all sections of the country attended. And that meeting was of importance to all the American people because it was a symbol of this country's preeminence in medical progress.

Doctors didn't come there for amusement. They came to listen to learn, to see—to"talk shop." Six or eight motion picture theatres were in operation, showing medical films. There were special assembly halls for lectures, and scientific demonstrations were given on diabetes, heart disease, etc. Visitors from other nations expressed continuous amazement at the scope of the display. As one authority put it, the scientific exhibit was "the greatest post-graduate training course ever assembled any where in the world."

In war time, a meeting such as that takes on more than ordinary importance. Doctors discussed the advances that are being made in war medicine—in treating patients suffering from horrible wounds. They discussed how the civilian population may be adequately served at a time when thousands of doctors are being called from private practice into uniform. These problems that affect us all.

American medicine holds and will maintain world leadership. And in the hard years ahead, it will do more for suffering mankind than it ever did before.

Have Your Bucket Ready

The United States has been shelled by enemy warships. It is completely possible that before long, the United States may be attacked from the skies. And if those attacks come, fire bombs of one kind or another will be one of the principal weapons used. Unless this country is ready to deal with fire on an unprecedented scale, disastrous damage to our homes our factories and our farms will be inevitable.

In connection with this, James L. Landis, Director of the Office of Civilian Defense ,recently said: "Obviously the first thing that is apparent is that the fire-fighting forces of every city have to be enormously expanded. . . . Recruiting, training of auxiliary firemen, and the re-training of existing forces, are thus a mandatory obligation of every community in the vast target areas of this country. . . . Recruiting program cannot wait. It must not only be begun, but be completed now. . . . We dare not wait sourly and delaying for new equipment to roll off the production line and blame delays which we can avoid upon delays that are beyond our power to control."

In many localities, volunteer auxiliary fire-fighting organizations were started with enthusiasm long ago. Then that enthusiasm was slowly lost, and at the present time the effort has bogged down. And that is precisely what our enemies want. They aren't going to tell us when they will attack, or where. They will depend upon surprise—and an ill-prepared nation would be an easy victim.

Every house should be a fire house. That simply means that all people should be ready to combat fire whenever and wherever it strike We must prepare thoroughly. Every day brings the time of possible attack closer.

You Are The Government

With taxes a tremendously growing burden on every citizen in the United States, the people must take an increasing interest in all affairs of government, from the smallest, school district to Congress itself.

Taking an interest in the affairs merely sit back and kick after assessments have been levied. Instead, study the legitimate needs of government and sift them out of the thousand and one purely political items that have crept into public budgets.

The people must begin talking to or writing to their city councils, their local school boards, their county courts, their tax commissions, their state legislators—and at last, but not least, their congressmen and senators who are today levying taxes which are taking the lion's share of the tax payments of every individual, every business and every industry.

Your congressmen are anxious to know what you think about various measures proposed which deflate your pocketbook. They cannot know if you never express your opinions. A postcard message from a man on the soil, a workman in an industry or a small businessman struggling to meet the tax problems, it the best index of public thinking. There should be sacrifice and economy in government, just as there is sacrifice and economy and scrimping in every home in the land.

Let your public officials know how you feel on legislative and taxation policies that effect every job, every industry and every dime of savings. The future or representative government is in the hands of the people in more ways than one. Remember, you are the government. Don't expect it to be any better than the thought you contribute to it.

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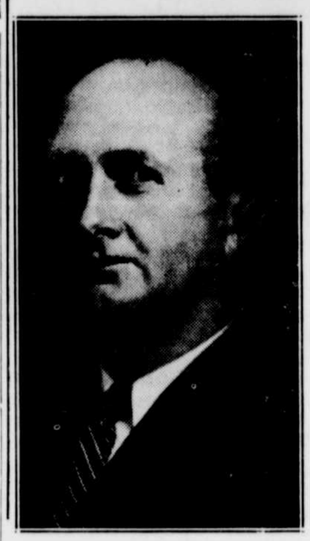

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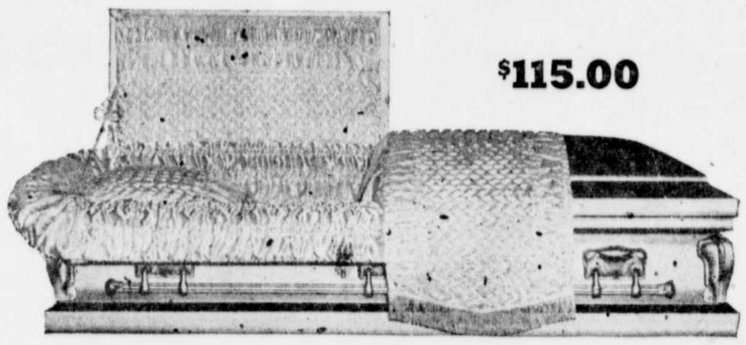

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