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Keep 'Em...

A Slogan Has To Stop Somewhere—Or Does It?

It was a good slogan when the Air Corps brought it out. Keep 'em flying. That was before it was corrupted and applied to everybody and everything. We note the following usages:

Defense bonds: "Keep 'em buying." The Japs: "Keep 'em dying." Green Garbo: "Keep 'em sighting." Defense witnesses in any trial: "Keep 'em lying."

Stand-In

He Could Do a Good Imitation of the Star

It was not without a pang of regret that we read how the House of Representatives, with great show of virtue, had cut Donald Duck off without a cent. Donald was to have received \$80,000 in a trifling sum by Washington standards for his movie cartoon on how to file out an income tax blank.

All that may be said for such an appropriation is that Congress has made many a worse. We had rather looked forward to seeing the Duck wrestling with his return, becoming more and more furious as he went on. Yes, sir, Donald's film had been just as significant and twice as entertaining as some of the murals that have been perpetrated (at Government expense) against the walls of certain of our post offices.

Gossiplice

If It's About Sugar-Hoarders, Frattle On

In rather unhappy sequence, Government officials have announced (1) that they are continuing to work to stamp out sugar hoarders and (2) that the nation's school teachers will handle the rationing plan.

We are sure that this is no effort to place the burden of the rationing on the teachers. And just as well, for gossip is a clumsy and dangerous weapon—one that often injures the innocent as well as the guilty.

Indeed, the Government itself has always been ready to condemn gossip as vicious and un-American. Now we are told that gossip about sugar hoarders has been officially licensed and endorsed.

"Don't tell a soul," Mrs. Babbie may say with impunity, "but I hear that Mrs. Brown has 50 pounds of sugar in her pantry."

Only Mrs. Brown could possibly didn't have 50 pounds at all, but 10 pounds, which she had declared in accordance with the law. And it wasn't Mrs. Brown, it was Mrs. Smith, who happened to be wearing a coat that looked just like Mrs. Brown's when she was at the grocery counter. And Mrs. Smith has such a large family that she's entitled to buy might near 50 pounds.

Gossip may be very effective. So is a stick of dynamite. Both can do a lot of damage when handled carelessly.

On The Side

It's a Poor Rule to Which Exceptions Are Never Made

The Council's action in tightening up the City ordinance which fixes charges for use of the Army-Auditorium is one of those things that is sound in theory but of some unavoidable disadvantage in practice. An immediate disadvantage was in effect to prohibit the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra from using the place for its concerts.

Annual upkeep and maintenance of the Army run nearly twice the revenue that it produces. The difference is made up, of course, from tax money, but that when the City waives the rental charge for the use of the Army, it is indirectly making a donation of tax money.

That may be commendably generous but it is hardly legal in the great majority of instances. The State's horridly-buggy constitution contains an injunction against disbursements of tax money by municipalities for any save

"necessary" purposes. Orchestra concerts aren't necessary, hence the specified fee must be charged.

Still, logical as the Council's reasoning may have been, the innovation works out anything but beneficially when it serves to prevent the use and enjoyment of this community facility. We think the Council would do well to agree, tacitly, that an un-rented Army brings in no more money than an Army made rent-free for worthy uses, and not to concern itself too much with technicalities of the law.

Long Months

They Have Brought Us Face to Face With Grim Reality

If anybody had dared to say, two months ago, that the Philippine Islands would have been invested in force and renewed force by the enemy and that the American defenders there would have gone those two months without (known) relief by the U. S. Navy, either his sanity or his patriotism would have been subject to question.

In some respects, the geographical position of the Philippine Islands in relation to Japan is comparable to the position of the British Isles in relation to Germany. Both are within easy bombing and invasion distance of enemy bases in conquered territory, yet are distant from the enemy's own cities and production centers. The advantage geographically, that is, lies with the enemy in both instances.

In other respects, the positions of the Philippines and the British Isles are exactly opposite. Germany's naval dispositions are such as to threaten Britain's vital sea-borne supplies, whereas the Philippines lie athwart Japan's route of supply for her extended forces in the South Seas.

The full possession of the Philippines by the U. S. would gravely menace the whole Jap plan of operations. Packs of submarines, Flying Fortresses and the audacious Q-boats preying upon his transports, his escorting naval vessels, his ammunition convoys, could cut off the limbs at the ends of which he has reared his most vital over-seas Pacific. But that is a thought to be expressed in the subjunctive.

The actually is, and it would have been incredible two months ago, that the Philippines have been invested in force and renewed force by the enemy, and the American defenders there have gone those two months without (known) relief by the U. S. Navy.

Indictment

Sir Stafford Cripps' Speech Was Not Pleasant Optimism

There is considerable difference between what was the most important part of Sir Stafford Cripps' latest speech and what we might prefer to think was the most important part. It would be much more pleasant to abide by the current fashions in wishful thinking and say that the British Ambassador to Moscow was right when he said that Germany might possibly be defeated by 1943.

About the good news, Hitler lettering. "Don't read any further; jump to the conclusion. We must keep our optimism at all costs."

But Cripps said also that the Germans were preparing the greatest blitz in history, aimed at the Caucasus. He said there was too much complacency and selfish individualism among those people opposing Hitler. He warned repeatedly against optimism, the kind that blantly assumes a happy ending, somehow, to everything. He hinted that unless there was less supineness and more effort on the part of Russia's allies, Hitler could go a long way toward winning the war.

When Sir Stafford really said, then, was that either side could lose this war. He heeded his own side to make further effort and more sacrifices. Of what earthly use is it for us to dwell upon the prospect of Hitler's defeated merely because it is pleasant to contemplate him so? It is a symptom of a kind of dream-world thinking that has lost this country thousands of men and its greatest opportunity to strike an over-extended Japan.

We need to realize that in spite of German set-backs in Russia, the free world today is closer to losing the war than at any time since France fell. Closer than that, perhaps. It is a decidedly inappropriate time to be combining bits of optimism from a speech that was an indictment of complacency.

Hitler's "Surprise"

By Paul Mallon

THE diplomatic air is laden with crackling rumors about Hitler's surprising all-out surprise drives in the sensational, typical, typical, typical or lose this year. Mentioned most are:

A campaign through the Near East to meet and join with the Japs in India to rule the world; Invasion of England; the long declared move through Spain, or something mysteriously new that no one outside of Berlin has considered yet.

These rumors are too tall for anyone here to visualize as possible. They are too tall for anyone here to be required to cut his Spring suit to the size of the cloth he has worn in Russia.

NO SENSATION SEEMS LIKELY As he is committed there to a front 1200 miles in length, he cannot spare more than 500,000 to 600,000 remaining troops for action elsewhere. No one here can see how he can sacrifice more than 200,000 or 300,000 first line fighters from his Spring offensive.

With such a loss for the year he cannot attempt anything the rumors suggest, nor can he create very much of a sensation anywhere.

The tall, threatening tales continue to be told by the press, diagnosed as Axis grease designed to cover his embarrassment.

Invasion of England sounds foolish, also because the Luftwaffe now are twice as strong in the air as when he tried to prepare the way for invasion here. While he is weaker, there is nothing in his own in Spain except Spain and Gibraltar.

In Libya, Rommel now has 75,000 or 80,000 men and outnumbers the British in fighting forces at the front.

If Hitler reinforced Rommel further and uses the 200,000 or 300,000 he has in the West, he could force penetration of Turkey. He could get something good out of the East and Iraq fields from two sides. That is a logical military objective, far closer to the realm of reasonable hope for him.

Turkey, at least expects it, and has been getting ready.

HITLER MAY BE DOING SOMETHING NEW IN RUSSIA The general attitude here toward Russian prospects has a few weeks ago been that the Red Army cannot get going much better. The mud up to their knees in the mud, the Red Army is striking again for Moscow, where the Red Army is being engaged. No one doubts will be coming.

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About Jimmie Series Let The Axe Fall

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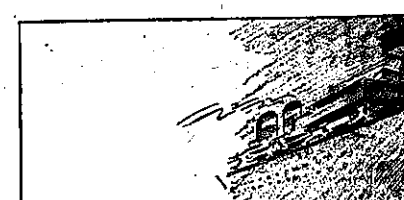
T. Best is head of the State department of public welfare. One would think off-hand that the welfare department is the institution of Morganton. A journalist in Raleigh last Friday wrote that he had investigated the appropriations for Morganton and found that money appropriated for food for the patients at the institution amount to 14 cents per day per person. This, together with the cost of the institution, brings the total to about 20 cents a day.

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Conversation Piece

—By Herblock



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About Morganton

Her Son Died There

Editors: The News: This is a true story from a mother who recently lost her son in the State Hospital at Morganton. I have been reading Tom P. Jimkon's stories about the hospital. My son spent thirteen years there.

On Behalf of The Good Doctors... Editors: The News: I'm sending this in response to what was supposed to be an insulting card I received from Mrs. H. Mayo concerning an article I wrote that was published in last Tuesday's issue of The News. Thank you very much for printing it.

More Fool, Larger Personnel Needed Editors: The News: I wish to commend you for publishing articles which have led to a program of improvement of conditions in our State Hospital for Insane.

Prod To Cupidity High Point Enterprise Agitation of the question of conditions in the State Hospital for Insane at Morganton may have wholesome results, regardless of how that and other kind of agitation of Tom Jimkon's expose. The result we have in mind should certainly be the institution at Morganton but those at Raleigh and Goldsboro.

Senator Sooper Says: On the road to Mandalay, where the flying ladies play, and proud highways are no longer flat, and they aren't playing.

Visitin' Around: One of the most interesting sights in the neighborhood has cleared up, namely that the yearly trip in such a hurry is out, for the duration.

Today's Bible Thought: If you love God utterly and follow him you can ask what you will of Him: Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you.—Luke 11:9.

Misused Talents

By Raymond Clapper

I HOPE Westbrook Pegler will come down here and do one of his justly celebrated scathing jobs on the Office of Civilian Defense. I mean on Mrs. Roosevelt, too, because half the trouble around here could be got rid of if the President would place her out of the

Most of the remaining trouble would be caused if the erratic and trashy activities of Major La Guardia were removed from the scene.

Do that and give James M. Landis, the present executive of the OGD, real authority to run the show and I believe you would get something worth while. The Office of Civilian Defense has done a vast amount of work that is indispensable and has done it well. But its effectiveness has been undermined by the misused talents of Major La Guardia and Mrs. Roosevelt.

OFFICIALS HESITATE TO CRITICIZE MRS. FDR If some of the responsible persons around OGD and some of the other responsible officials around town could say what they thought of Mrs. Roosevelt with the foregoing, but they cannot do it. There is hallelujah in Congress about saying much because nobody wants to criticize the wife of the President.

But this is public business, and very important public business. The work of the Office of Civilian Defense concerns the salvation of the nation. It has become a kind of personal parking lot for the pets and protégés of Mrs. Roosevelt, some of them at salaries larger than a Brigadier General or a Rear Admiral gets.

Last November Mrs. Roosevelt's daughter, Mrs. Chancy, was appointed as a major in the Army glee. Her job is to encourage rhythmic dancing for children. When I asked how she got there, I was told through Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Douglas, the motion picture star, will run a kind of service exchange for actors, writers and musicians. He got there through Mrs. Roosevelt. The three new sub-executives who will direct the volunteer participation work are selections of Mrs. Roosevelt. The place is filled with them.

SITUATION HAS BECOME A PUBLIC SCANDAL It is incredible that President Roosevelt will allow this situation to continue month after month. It has become a public scandal.

The worst thing about all this is that, more than any other Government agency, the Office of Civilian Defense is concerned with maintaining civilian morale. That is one of its important duties set out in the executive order.

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