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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

PEACE ON EARTH

Christmas 1942 finds us in that happy frame of mind in which we are confident enough of victory to think of how we shall organize the peace.

Herbert Hoover has suggested that we attempt to make every term of peace until the world has had time to cool off. The terms of the world will be rendered by the suffering of war should not be allowed to warp the minds of the statesmen as they endeavor to organize for future stability.

Cool-headed men realize that a peace based on long-time retaliation will be no peace at all, but merely an armistice; yet, the people of the world who have lost so much and suffered so horribly from this war will not be satisfied unless some sort of punishment is inflicted on those responsible for this tragedy.

Leaders Responsible

The ordinary German people and Japanese people did not start the war. It was their leaders who are responsible and so it must be their leaders who are punished. Thus, it would be practical to have a blood atonement, that the Nazi leaders, the Italian generals, the German High Command, and the Jap militarists be tried and shot. But other than that it would not be practical to condemn the common people of the Axis countries. Such treatment would be the surest way imaginable to guarantee another war talk in 25 years.

There are two ways to handle this. One is to have a peace conference, a fact which history will prove. What better time than this Christmas season to emphasize the fact that "Peace on earth, good will toward men" is the only solution to our problems. AMONG them? We can't jam peace down people's throats, but we can permanently.

However, if immediate punishment is justifiable for Axis leaders, why not have it prescribed by the liberals of these countries? There are enough realists in the Government of the United States today to debate and suggest the sort of punishment that should be meted out to those of their native lands who are responsible. The peace program we cannot forget Russia. Too often, we in America talk of how Britain and America are to work out the details of peace, leaving Russia out of the picture, when in a matter of probability, Russia will be the dominant power on the continent of Europe.

It is to be hoped that this meeting will be one of several to follow. You can depend on it that Russia will take part in the reorganization of Germany, and there won't be much that we can do about it, with the result that some sort of socialist regime is to be anticipated to replace Nazi rule. I for one am not afraid of that. I believe that our own system

England Not U. S. A.

Those dear folks who consistently refer to England and her social planning as an example for us to follow in the United States aren't altogether on solid ground. For England's economic problems, it must be remembered, are not like ours—not by a whole continent filled with natural resources!

The British Isle, you see, isn't large enough to support its population through the development of the Isle's resources; that very wonderful element—oil—exists only in small quantities in it; the vast majority of its food comes from other lands; the only extensive mineral deposit it has is coal, and not too good coal at that; its climate, especially in the northern half and Scotland, is so damp and gloomy that the prospect of entering the nation's military services as soon as they are 18 years of age, to their everlasting credit, led it to be said that most of them eagerly await "joining up"—not because they want to kill for adventure, but because they know that if they wish to be free, they must fight for it now.

And in the United States, its natural resources are great, and upon them can be applied man's brain and brawn, and wealth thus produced; not so in lovely England.

The truth of the matter, economically speaking, is that England stands upon the rocks of the world for its very lifeblood, in the main; from it, in the days of long ago, went many explorers, adventurers, conquerors, settlers; England, itself, became a sort of General Headquarters, as the years rolled on, making the United States, in the main, like the U. S. A., broke away from the Mother's apron strings; others, like Canada, Australia, Union of South Africa, became politically and economically autonomous, although still a part of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and contributing to England's wealth because England's wealthy classes owned much of the Commonwealth's productive enterprise; England's domination of ocean shipping also gave her a generous income.

So, folks, when the dear social planners of the U. S. A. try to tell you that we here should follow England to the letter in her planning, just remember that one reason we need not go by the way that is that we have abundant natural resources, and good, old English humor.

Good Goodfellows

Last Saturday was a cold day, and most folks in the downtown section weren't standing around too much, gossiping. However, there were plenty of folks in the downtown section who were standing around too much, gossiping.

Our congratulations to Harold B. Kuder, secretary of the Wakeek Corporation, who recently was elected president of the Birmingham Exchange Club. Mr. Kuder, a fine gentleman with a mind for community activities, should do a good work in leading this excellent local service club for the ensuing year.

Salvage Memo

TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom end and flatten with foot. Place in curbside collection the last week of every month. Keep dry separate from rubbish.

WASTE FATS—Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds. Rubbing fats not wanted.

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near post office or put at curbside collection the last week of the month. Copper engraver's plates and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, M. G. A. ZINES—You can donate these to Salvation Army, which will sell for them. Phone 4014. Scrap paper not wanted.

Take Physicals

One hundred and two men, mostly in the public service, are scheduled to take their physical examinations Tuesday.

Enlistments—Notices of enlistment are still coming in. Latest additions are Reginald Payne Kiling, 187 George Avenue, Birmingham; Bell, 701 Tucker, Birmingham; James Harry Lee, 620 Ridgeway, Birmingham; Richard Harry Lee, 6295 West Maple, Avon; Ellisted Reeder, 615 Kimberly road, Navy Air Corps.

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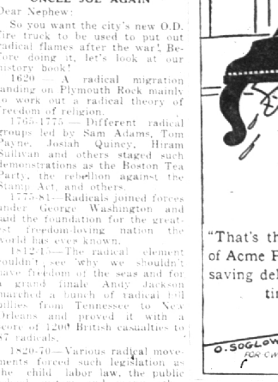
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Consumer News

Let's All Help!

Bundle Up

Dress warmly in order to keep warm and healthy with a lower temperature without affecting the health of the occupants. It is important from a health standpoint, however, to stick to a rigid schedule throughout the winter.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 28, 1892—Santa Claus had just put into the stockings of every Congressman a package of anti-trust legislation.

25 YEARS AGO Dec. 28, 1917—Officers of the Russian army in France have advised the secretary to the United States of the public opinion of continuing the battle against Germany.

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