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# THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

## Will Mankind Ever Prevent These Wars That Destroy... Death...

The one terrible fact has confronted human beings for us known centuries has been the possibility of WAR, a state of international strife that takes us most of history's stages.

The tragedy of WAR, while it comes, while it goes on, and after it ends, that only basic change occurs in human thinking to prevent the next one.

Any student of world affairs during the present generation must have had this fact impressed upon him.

The sole avoidance of WAR is that it is spawned through the cumulative effect of the adjustments of individuals; conditions, economic or otherwise, take place which make it almost inevitable except through the use of arms against another nation-like a terribly hungry or frenzied animal that must have its mark and rampage through his neighbor until caught or killed.

The nation attacked tries to defend itself by spreading speedily, and the several nations rally all themselves on one side or the other—and, as in this WAR, the end of all resources, in bloody, destructive combat.

The end comes only when one side loses its strength in arms and men.

One side goes down, like a pyre fighter, for the count of ten, or longer; the victor gains the plaudits of the world, plays the larger share of the purse, and finally rises, his hurts finally healed, and he prepares for the next encounter.

### How Many Will Die?

"It has been estimated that the present WAR will cost the lives of eight million men, not including women and children," writes a member of The Analyst, a monthly magazine edited by Frank Chodorow, of New York City. "What this means in terms of death is a measure, a statistic."

"What it means in the way of the world's diminished abundance is a mystery, but it is clear, taking into consideration the present condition of labor workers during a normal expectancy of only two years."

In the mind of the people mankind suffers a mortal loss that looms larger than any other. It is in this that the human spirit is dimmed, taking from the justification of their unnatural going, into a thing. The idea which projects into them intensity is that man is not a unit, but a unit of a collectivity, it is the collectivity that is the reality, the only life, the only moral entity.

The nation that the dead does not matter. Each swore allegiance to it, each fought to protect it, and each glorified the slaughter of its enemies with the highest moral sanction.

If he had any doubts, the death had none. And, most important of all, to avoid the conclusion that we are all insane we are compelled to accept the rationality of the only cause of rationality left him that he died for something greater than himself.

### "The State"

"What is that which is greater than the individual? It has no natural form, for armies can change its size, and treasuries can completely obliterate it, but it is a life except that which is breathed into it by imagination, men. It abhors reason, materialism, and can not produce a thing, but can not build. It is a robot and therefore cannot be destroyed. In fact, it does not exist materially or spiritually, and is but an idea, an ideal which experience has shown, that it is progressive, and for all the enjoyment the human mind is capable of. That is the state.

Men were rational beings, the loss of a whole generation should impel them to stop this idea out of their minds. It cannot be a good idea, but it is an evil thought that leads to an enormous destruction and misery, unless we accept the fantastic notion that destruction is the life of the pattern and purpose of life. On the other hand, if, as seems reasonable, the essence of living is happiness, then the happiness is happiness, then the State is indeed a devilish idea.

In the light of what is happening in the memory of these eight million dead, we can see that more millions will be sacrificed to the State, and that men are more rational beings. Will they under the moral coverage provided by this fiction, continue to indulge their desire for destruction? Will they not, in the name of the State, John Bull or the Bear that Wall Like a Man, go on robbing and destroying and tormenting and murthering?

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Of course, the drift of thought toward the harmony of brotherhood; eventually, man will attain (See THIS AND THAT, Page 2)

## Birmingham's V-E Day Plans Are Now Ready

Birmingham will join with the rest of the world in the observance of V-E Day, whether it be tomorrow, next week, or next year. The program will be one of praise and thanksgiving to God for the victory that it has taken for the Allied nations.

Plans for Birmingham's part in the observance were made at a meeting of Mayor Wimer E. Moody's committee, Sunday afternoon, at the Municipal Building, from Baldwin High School to the Municipal building where a program of songs, prayers and short talks will be given by the various units of the V-E Day. Notification of the arrival of the day will be made through use of the great siren of the city, which will give two series of three short blasts and a long blast as soon as word comes that the day has been proclaimed by President Truman and Governor Kelly.

Aware of the day, the announcement comes before 6 p.m., the program will be held at 7 p.m.; if after 6 p.m., it will be held the following evening.

The parade will move generally at 10 a.m. led by the many flags of the Allied nations. Then will come the high school band and groups of patriotic citizens, some of whom will be members of their club, or organizations, some just individuals; but everyone is asked by the committee to participate.

Because of the uncertainty as to those appearing on the program, the committee has decided to have a general benediction, a number of stirring religious songs appropriate to the occasion and a hymn of audience, and at last two short talks.

### Service in Churches

Then the churches in the city will be opened for prayer and meditation. If it is still evening, church will be opened and services conducted. The committee has set that at half past 8:30 o'clock.

Schools will be open for the program in observance of the day. Superintendent Ireland announced these are now being arranged.

Chairmen of the various programs were Major Moody, L. E. Gadd, chairman; Ralph Main, chairman of the Civic Parade; H. B. Ireland, superintendent of schools; Amos F. Gregory, John Gaill, Bud Gregory and H. Lee North.

### Retailers Ready For Their Part In Seventh War Loan

Birmingham retail merchants are laying their plans for the busy part of the coming 7th War Loan campaign, which opens May 14. F. D. Grant, manager of the First National Bank, says that the public has need of the help of retailers in this campaign.

"We need the help of our members of the community," he said. "Ralph E. Bickling, manager of H. L. (Bud) Conner club secretary; Eugene Benn, Dr. B. Grant, T. E. Kirchner and B. C. Johnson, manager of the 2,000' plan to rack up team-high laurels. Single game high with a new record.

New officers were elected to lead the league next season. Captain J. Casey will serve as league chairman, and Captain W. H. Bickling will be vice-chairman while the secretary-treasurer's duties will be handled by Captain C. E. Hayes.

The citation accompanying the medal reads:

"Major Lloyd J. Bickling, 309-32755, First Class Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Europe." The citation was received at the hands of Capt. J. Casey, who is a member of the 9th Army in Germany, for heroic achievement during battle.

Major Bickling's wife and son and daughter are now making their home with his parents at Sylvan Hills. He entered the service in May, 1942, and was overseas November 1943, getting into battle almost immediately.

"Don't be satisfied with just a clean house, when you finish your spring 'clean-up,' concluded the chief. "Make sure it's a fire-safe house."

"The outside of the house should be checked for fire safety, too," advises the chief. Replace worn wooden shingles with fire-retardant roofing. And when you clean up, don't burn your brush, leaves and yard waste to do so in a wire container or on moist ground from the house and when there is a fire, get it out.

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Picked up on April 18, the man

Marine for almost a year, arrived home Tuesday morning, rather thankful that he is alive and OK after the experience of the terrible mineshaft in the vicinity of Halt, Holland.

Returning from a patrol into enemy lines across the Maas River, the crew of Private First Class Lloyd J. Bickling, 309-32755, First Class Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Europe.

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His mother, Mrs. Ethel Pollock, 619 Vinewood, knew nothing of the sinking of his ship until she heard the news from New York and phoned her mother he was coming home on leave.

Phil's brother, Sgt. Robert Pollock, is stationed at Selfridge Field.

**Tomorrow Is May Paper Pickup Day**

Announcement was made Wednesday at the local Price and Kress store that the firm had inaugurated its new quota of mailing out gasoline coupons from district offices instead of from the local office.

The firm, which will be represented by the Detroit office, applications will be received and sent to Detroit for final action and sent to Detroit for final action and mailing of coupons.

The local board also announced that the new quota will be increased to 100 pounds per person.

Those applying for sugar must list the names of cans of various kinds of fruit that will be placed on monthly quota basis for each household.

Each household will be allowed to use all the sugar it needs for a month.

Merchants in the city may have two years and oversize for about 15 months.

**Fife. Milledebrandt Killed in Philippines**

(I.) C. Leland Gunn, 21, a former Birmingham resident, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Leland, brand of Square Lake road, has been killed in action in the Philippines. He was promoted to the rank of full lieutenant. He is the son of C. L. Gunn, 341 Ferndale, and is now stationed at Monterey, California.

Mrs. Wendell D. Harker, 21, a former Birmingham resident, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam, John Bull or the Bear that Wall Like a Man, so on robbing and destroying and tormenting and murthering?

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