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Not An Atrocity Norman Thomas, the usual Socialist candidate for president, calls the atomic bombing of Japan an "atrocity" and says that "it would be hard to name any single atrocity to match our use of atomic bombs without even warning or previous demonstration of their power."

Mr. Thomas follows the usual line of radicals in attempting to make arresting assertions about the atomic bombing. He knows as well as we know, that there is little difference between the mass destruction of the atomic bomb and the same end produced by a multitude of smaller bombs.

We are quite willing to admit that it would be much better if all the nations of the earth, prior to the beginning of that aggression, agreed not to bomb each other, with guarantees to protect peace-loving peoples, defenseless from air attacks.

The truth of the matter is that the bombing strategy of the Allied nations was the inevitable answer to tactics used by the enemy. Whether the United States, Great Britain, and Russia would have bombed their enemies in such effective fashion if their enemies had refused to bomb them when they had the chance to do so, is a question which we cannot answer. However, this was not the problem that confronted the Allied military leaders.

Warfare is something like business competition. Whether one nation or an individual business man likes the methods and tactics of his opponent, or not, there is little choice except to accept the methods that succeed. For nations at war, this means to hit the enemy before he can strike, and, very often, to win by a complete and utter defeat to the level of competition permitted by the public generally.

Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., returning to this country to receive a hearty welcome for his work in the Pacific, pleads with this country to temper any mercy we show the Japanese with full remembrance of what we went through in the war.

The Admiral says that until Japan "proves itself worthy," she "cannot and must not be admitted even to the society of civilized, decent nations."

The Admiral spoke of the "long and bitter" years during which our Pacific forces struggled to turn the tide and said two factors impressed him above all others: (1) The inescapable conclusion that the Pacific war was a war won by all services, and (2) that during the periods of greatest stress and toughest going, we had utter, complete and total unity of our forces.

The Admiral also stressed the magnificent work of the men involved in the war against Japan, declaring that "the human equation is one riddle you can't solve with gadgets, gears and levers. You can't press a button and get a positive answer," he added, "but you have to depend on it or you're licked."

EVERY FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES today owns eight thousand dollars as its share of the national debt. The interest on this sum for each family is \$170 per year. It might be well for all of us to keep these figures in mind as we view the spending and lending demands made upon the federal government.

Danger in Federal Control Gov. R. J. Williams of South Carolina is against Federal "domination of State government and individual liberties" and there is some evidence that many thinking Americans are beginning to believe that the extension of Federal control has gone far enough.

The fact that intelligent people have this idea, however, does not mean that they will not support forthright action by the Federal government to protect the interests of the people whenever State governments fail to be effective.

The weakness of State and local governments in the United States relate almost exclusively to the inability of these units, in most of our recent past, to secure enough revenue to enable them to meet the demands of modern society.

We are thoroughly behind the Governor in his belief that there is danger in the control that might be established by the Federal Government. We prefer, as a matter of theory, strong local governments, able to function properly and serve the needs of the people.

The sober fact is that many State and local governments, in the last generation, were inefficiently operated and frequently failed to meet the growing demands of a progressive people. This cannot be excused upon the ground that the State and local governments did not have sufficient revenue, even if some of the incompetence is thereby explained. Governments possess the power of taxation and it is notable that the Federal government manages to get the funds it requires.

PIN THE TRUTH ON YOUR MIRRORS, LADIES AND Gentlemen: GOVERNMENT EXISTS AS THE SERVANT OF PEOPLE—NOT AS ITS MASTER! Only you, as good citizens, can keep it so.

TO OBTAIN KNOWLEDGE UPON CURRENT AFFAIRS, it is not necessary to read every book and article that comes along; a few worthwhile books, read and reread, will do the trick for you.

OVERHEARD ON THE BUS: "SHE REALLY NEEDS two girls—one for her body and one for her conceit."

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Happenings of Long Ago

30 YEARS AGO November 14, 1895 The West Virginia girl who shot her jealous lover was doubtlessly tired of seeing the shooting privilege monopolized by jealous men.

"Kneepan" maker in Chicago, get 18 cents a dozen pants for making. "It is not necessary that the woman who can, will fight her way out of the womanly trade of sewing."

"The Death of Marlborough" cares not who endorses his hairings so long as the Vanderbilts sign his checks. "It is estimated that there are 10,000 typographers and typewriters in Chicago."

"Phillip Schlaack's new home on the R. A. Population subdivision is a very tasty dwelling and is nearly completed. "It is no trouble to run a newspaper when there are plenty of items. It is the country paper that taxes the skill of the editor."

20 YEARS AGO November 13, 1925 "Perhaps the most gruffly, loud, howling, and howlingly egotistical adorns any masculine hat these days in Birmingham surrounds the brim of Charles J. Shain's fedora. It has evoked much comment; it has brought forth such questions as 'what part of Ireland were you born in Charlie?' or 'did you really lose an election?'"

Bits of Birmingham

Russell Barnes, 788 Randall Court, well known Detroit News reporter and war correspondent, who recently returned from three years as head of the U. S. Psychological Warfare Division of the American Army in the Mediterranean area, told University of Michigan Press Club members at Ann Arbor last Friday night that "America may lose the peace," unless it maintains a more stable and vigorous international policy. He declared that a too quick demobilization of the armed forces will weaken our position in world affairs. Mr. Barnes spoke to an audience of several hundred people, and impressed them with his intimate knowledge of European affairs.

Strictly Fresh

REPORTS have it that the Americans aren't allowing the Germans enough self-government in the U. S. section of Germany. Apparently the military occupation leaders are being doubly careful not to touch the job.

Agriculture Secretary Anderson is spreading news that butter will be off the ration by January. It is hoped that the announcement is neither colored by optimism nor an olio of false rumor.

The new 11-man Senate Committee on Atomic Energy should be most circumpect in its decisions. The Senators cannot solve this internationally explosive problem by giving it the bombs rush.

5 YEARS AGO November 14, 1900 "Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, First lady and lady of the hour, before a capacity crowd at the Cranbrook auditorium Tuesday evening, throughout her lecture 'Problems of Youth,' Mrs. Roosevelt stated the great need for youth to investigate all problems and base their answers on all of the facts. 'Too often youth is inclined to solve only its own immediate problems,' she said, 'disregarding altogether those that face thousands of other youth.'"

"Color is a controlling factor as far as our emotions are concerned," Capt. White lecturer and radio commentator on home demorating topics for a Pontiac varnish company, said. "How ironical it is that we still cling to the vestiges of our out-moded Armistice Day. How the lead heroes of these other wars must look back their heads and about in derisive laughter as we still worship the empty shell of what 22 years ago was the fond dream of every living man, woman and child—Armistice."

NO HUNTING—NO TRESPASSING signs on sale at the Eclectic Office. 29-38

STATE OF MICHIGAN.—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1945.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

The Matter of the Estate of Agnes P. Greves, Deceased.

Charles H. Greves, nephew of said deceased having filed a petition praying that an inventory of her now owned and to be probate as the last will and testament of said estate be granted to said will or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 15th day of October, 1945, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing and petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Eclectic, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proposed assignees of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail return copies demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate, 777 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich. 31-32-33.

OLIVER H. KIRK, Atty., 777 Penobscot Bldg., Birmingham, Mich. 31-32-33.

BONDS for the VICTORS Have Been Moved

The executive office of the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross, moved to 324 Peoples State Building, Pontiac, according to C. G. Rudderham, chairman of the chapter. Services, which will now have their office in the new location are: Camp and Hospital, First Aid and Water Safety; Home Nursing; Nurse Recruitment and Public Information.

Mr. Rudderham states that Volunteer Special Services, and Junior Red Cross will remain at 4-8-10 Seneca street. The corps which make up Volunteer Services are: Canteen, Gray Ladies, Nurses, Aides, Motor Corps, Production and Publicity.

Chairmen who will direct their activities from 301 Peoples State Building are: Mrs. Walter Appel, Dr. E. B. Cooney, Mrs. Hugh Little, Mrs. Glenn Wilson, Mrs. T. W. Jackson, E. M. Beresford, and Mrs. Smith.

Chairmen who will be located at the Seneca street address are: Mrs. Noble, Mrs. E. A. Airstrong, Mrs. E. L. Bradley, Mrs. W. C. Sproull, Mrs. O. W. Kay, Mrs. F. B. Cooney, Mrs. Howard Bond, Mrs. O. L. Beaudette and Mrs. Dexter Craig.

Staff members located in the Peoples State Building are: Miss Ruth Kimball, executive secretary; W. M. Muhl, director First Aid and Water Safety; Miss Margaret Butolph, Mrs. E. H. Thorpe and Mrs. Katherine Wellman.

U. of D. Reports Big Enrollment Increase For the Fall Term Current semester enrollment of 3708 students at the University of Detroit shows a 48.7% increase over 1944 fall registration. It was revealed by the office of the president. This almost doubles the anticipated 2% per cent rise.

Largest increase was noted in the day classes of the Commercial and Finance College where the enrollment jumped 210 per cent. The enrollment of veterans at the U of D increased 250 per cent over the 1944 fall registration and 196 per cent over the 1945 spring figure, according to Paul P. Harbottle, Veterans' Advisor at U of D. Steady progress has been shown in the veterans educational program since its inception and has reached its peak this term with 285 registrants. Of this number, 140 majority prefer degree courses rather than special short-term classes.

Metropolitan Club FEATHER FROLIC COMMUNITY HOUSE Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 8 P. M.

"I don't heat the kettle any more" advertisement for The Detroit Edison Co. featuring a woman and a water heater. Text: "What with dishes, washes, and kiddies to bathe, it seems to me as though we always had the kettle on the stove. . . But now I don't heat the kettle any more. Why? Because we have an automatic electric hot water heater. John sure enjoys it, because he always has hot water for having and his morning shower, and his disposition shows it. I know the kiddies like it, because the coaxing that used to mark their baths has given way to an earnest desire to splash around in the tub. As for myself, the always-on-tap hot water simplifies my daily tasks no end. The remarkable feature is the economy brought about by a special low rate for hot water heater owners."

READ THE NATIONALS Adviser by LOUIS TENDLER The Detroit News THE HOME NEWSPAPER The GI bill of rights . . . enlistment requirements . . . discharge qualifications . . . disability pensions . . . insurance and educational benefits . . . job seniority rights . . . these and many other subjects of vital interest not only to veterans but all who have relatives in, just out, or about to enter service are discussed daily in this helpful column. Read it regularly.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1945.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Vera Dulor Mayfield, Deceased.

Katie M. Gaston, administratrix of said estate, having filed a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, That two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, That the 15th day of January, 1946, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate, 777 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich. 31-32-33.

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