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Pearl Harbor Investigation

Because of the hundreds of rumors that have spread across the nation since Pearl Harbor, the American people have a right to know the real truth without cover-up or 'witeaway'.

Most Americans are fair and open-minded. They regard the rumors as distortions of the real facts. Yet, they also say: 'Where there is smoke, there is fire'.

Among the most serious rumors are the facts of political graft and corruption. . . . that the Hawaiian development before Pearl Harbor was used by those in authority to add to their personal fortune.

It is rumored that this financial raiding on government funds runs into several billion dollars. . . . by the very persons who said that the 'next war must not make any more millionaires'.

It is also pointed out that this political graft was not possible without the knowledge and participation of men 'high in authority' . . . but the premise does not make it a fact.

If the financial 'deal' is a fact, the American People have a right to know the truth. We, as a Nation, want the whole truth without bias or political smear of the name of any individual.

If it is proven that there was any deliberate and planned action to raid public funds, the guilty should be punished—just as we want to see all war criminals punished.

The loss of 3,000 American lives at Pearl Harbor makes any one who was guilty a real War Criminal—as guilty as the brutal Nazis or Japs in the cruel, bestial and inhuman treatment of any prisoner of war or of innocent victims.

We want the facts—not political revenge nor unfounded or unreasonable persecution.

Employment in shipbuilding, which was 1,100,000 when Japan surrendered, will drop fifty per cent by the end of the year.

This is a natural and inevitable result of the termination of hostilities. As everybody knows, the United States has built, during the war years, a great fleet of warships and an immense fleet of merchant ships.

Notwithstanding this fact, union officials urge President Truman to maintain the shipbuilding industry. This can be done only through the construction of additional ships.

While some construction will be necessary to provide for a properly diversified fleet for peacetime operation, it is inequitable that any large shipbuilding program is necessary now.

THE INSTINCTIVE DESIRE, PROMPTED BY NATURAL INCLINATION, to eat regularly, takes up much time and effort on the part of every living being.

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Feeding Europe

How much American raised and grown food shall be sent to starving Europeans this winter?

That question is as vital to the ultimate success of enduring peace as was the recent necessity of defeating our enemies.

History has proven that people who are hungry are never easily led down the paths of revolution that when they are not so hungry.

Nearly six years of war in Europe, under the iron heels of the Nazis, resulted in millions of starving people; unable to plant crops and raise livestock, while the war was going on, the liberated people of Europe now face a winter of hunger and cold.

There still remains the difficult task, in each country, of restoring self-government, along lines desired by the Allies. At the same time, in each liberated country there are hungry numerous demagogues who, if they could get their way, would do little to bring about post-war economic and political security.

Food must come from some source to hungry people. The United States has more food and clothing than any other nation in the world today.

Personally, we believe that Europe should get some of these necessities from us; the amount should be left to the decision of our national leaders.

You can let them know how you feel by writing them at Washington, D. C. Certainly, the United States, having given so much in life and money to win the war, ought not become short-sighted in securing the peace.

Every starving European stomach is a potential victim of some striving European tyrant—and every tyrant is the leader against an enduring world peace.

ALI BABA and the FORTY THIEVES may have been an Arabian fairy tale, but his plunderings would hardly hold a candle to some illustrious gangsters, dead and still alive, who annually inflict the American people of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Beware the Ali Babas . . . with or without whiskers.

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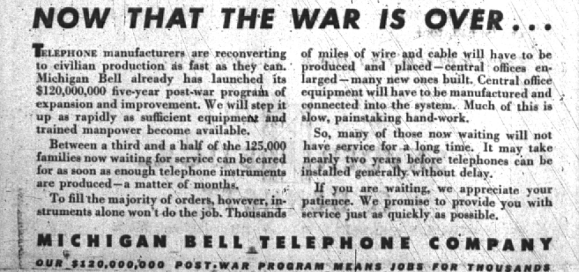
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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 26, 1895 "We noticed Melvin Rose on our streets one day last week but Melvin failed to see us."

5 YEARS AGO Sept. 26, 1940 "Wendell L. Wilkie will pass through Birmingham next Tuesday on route for a speech at Pontiac, it was revealed Wednesday by Orrin G. Quinn, member of the committee making arrangements to welcome the President-elect nominee in Oakland County."

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 25, 1925 "Although they took no definite action on the subject, members of the village commission Monday night gave serious attention to manager Starr's recommendation that a committee of seven interested citizens be appointed to outline a constructive five-year municipal program for Birmingham."

"The American Association of University Women had their first monthly meeting Sept. 16 at the county home of Mrs. T. L. Thurber on Wing Lake."

"Within the next week R. D. Baker Co. will have completed the last mile of pavement on East Maple avenue, and three weeks later this new stretch of highway, extending from Adams avenue to the John R. road will be opened to the public."

"Continuing their intention of preventing the use of water outside of Birmingham, village president Shain and commissioners Bingham and Bell Monday night discussed the possibility of annexing adjacent subdivisions whose water contracts will expire in the near future, as well as subdivisions which should logically be included in the city limits."

"The Red Charles Becke, new pastor of the First Methodist church, is to be honored Wednesday evening at an informal program and reception at the church."

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Bits of Birmingham

(Continued from Page 1, Part 2) seen along that stretch of road for two or three weeks at a time. Then, too, there is a pack of dogs, apparently running wild, side routes and each time they appear to be more hungry than the time before.

Birmingham police wonder why people keep on violating the speed laws and the rules of the road. The records of the waste disposal tickets to James McCall, Birmingham, for driving against the traffic.

A couple of Bay City lads, headed for the bright lights of Detroit, were picked up Saturday by the Birmingham police and detained while the parents drove here for the youthful wanderer.

A member of his congregation told the Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church Monday, as the pastor was leaving for Texas, "If Texas were not so far away, and it was not so hot and it was not Texas, it would be a nice place in which to live."

Something new was added in the starry scene Saturday and Sunday. They were not pleasing to motorists or starting owners for they told the startling story. We're Out of Gas! The signs began appearing in Detroit, Ann Arbor and other places to which Birmingham folk drive on Saturdays and Sundays.

Red Cross to Open Home Nursing Classes For Women of County

A campaign to train as many Oakland county women in home nursing as possible is being sponsored by the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross to help alleviate the acute doctor and nurse shortage resulting from the war.

Public Health Service, the Veterans Administration and allied agencies, Mr. Rudderham said. Crowded conditions in civilian hospitals and the continuing need for doctors and nurses at the bedside of more than a million casualties in military hospitals are given as the reasons why rigorous courses will be placed by Red Cross on the home nursing campaign.

American workers must learn to make the most of the doctor's time so that by using simple nursing procedures, they can be intelligent assistants to the already overworked physicians and nurses attending our civilian population.

The standard 24-hour Red Cross Home Nursing course will be the Lesons in Care of the Sick will be offered by the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross.

PROGRAM OF PICTURES Elizabeth Knowlton, Area Director, provided the program at Monday's Rotary club luncheon at the Community House, showing colored slides of scenes in southern Mexico and Guatemala, taken during the war.

It Doubt Larson's reading class \$100's Here is the balance of your wages of \$600, after deducting my fee. Who do you want? Aren't you satisfied?

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The People vs. Arthur R. Moore, Defendant. Plaintiff: Elizabeth Knowlton, Area Director, Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross.

WAR-TIME RESTRICTIONS

Advertisement for Greyhound bus service. Text: 'BETTER BUS SERVICE Ahead! New Time-Saving Schedules Start October 1st'. Includes a clock icon and the Greyhound logo.