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Definite Show-Down Likely On Offensive Against Japan

Chinese Feel That Success of Madame Chiang Kai-shek's Mission to United States Will Determine Future of Their Country.



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In a hospital in an American city one of the great women of the world is lying under treatment for serious but not critical trouble. The doctors have said assuringly that the trouble is not dangerous, that Madame Chiang Kai-shek will soon be well.

Several million Chinese are waiting anxiously for her recovery. Although the matter has not been formally discussed as yet, it can safely be predicted that when Madame Chiang Kai-shek recovers and she takes the house she has rented in Washington, her mission will not be secret long. According to hints dropped in reliable quarters, this mission is to obtain a definite showdown on immediate aid to China in the form of an all-out Allied offensive against Japan.

The offensive must be made up of a shuddering and shattering air attack on the heart of the Nipponese empire—on Tokyo, on Yokohama, on harbors and cities, on factories and temple hills. At the same time a huge Chinese army, well equipped with supplies from America and India, must be ready to advance for invasion.

It is explained that Japan is preparing for a knockout blow against China. Its objective is not to control the whole of Chinese territory, but to strike northward from Thailand and Burma; to take Chungking and isolate the Chinese armies which are not destroyed; or permanently to cut these armies off from all aid from the Allies by blocking off the approach from the Indian border, along the frontiers of Burma and Thailand and the eastern coast, which they already hold.

The Japanese would also encourage and aid the formation of a large communist state in China in order to further add to the confusion of the political situation which the invasion would serve to bring about. This the Chinese believe Japan could do unless aid from the Allies comes first. Military observers here agree that it would not be impossible for Japan to accomplish this.

As nearly as I am able to gauge opinion here, the course that the United Nations strategy will probably follow is this: A real offensive against Japan by the spring at least; the strong probability of another front to be opened somewhere else before then. The United States has a million men in its armed forces outside the borders of the United States now. It will have more before long.

Russia's Role In War and Peace

Recently I heard an American who had spent a long time in Russia and not long since returned to America give a vest-pocket version of Russia's role in the war and her possible role in the post-war settlements. It may be a picture colored over-brightly with the tints of wishful thought, but I present it for what it is worth.

The Russians will not quit until the last dog (their version of the invader) is hung. After the peace they will co-operate in establishing the kind of a peace which the United States would like to see established.

Several reasons are offered as to why many experts utterly misjudged the power of the Red armies. One explanation is that the offensive strength of the Germans was over-estimated.

The next explanation is that the Russian, traditionally, will fight an invader with fatalistic fury, provided he is armed.

Although both of these statements are accepted as sound, another explanation is offered. It has to do with the reason why the Russian army was able to put up its remarkable resistance and develop a powerful striking power—how the "traditional" fury was stimulated.

This is my informant's interpretation, a part of which is not new, but which offers the basis of his prediction as to the future conduct of Russia.

He says that under the present regime, especially since the various long-time plans under Stalin have been inaugurated, the younger Russian generation, deprived of the church, has sought an outlet for a human being's natural desire for

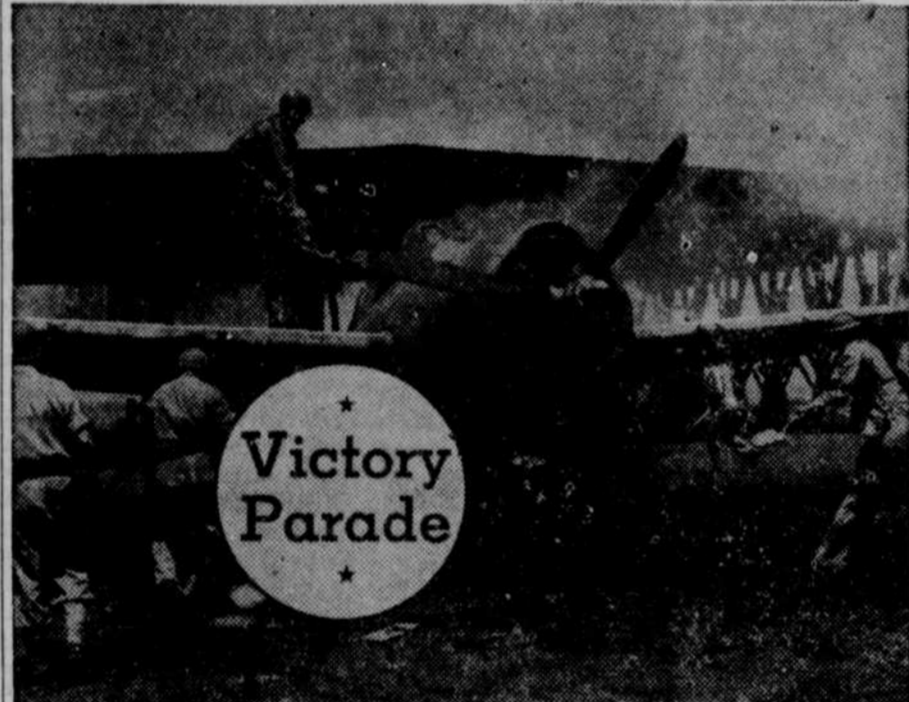
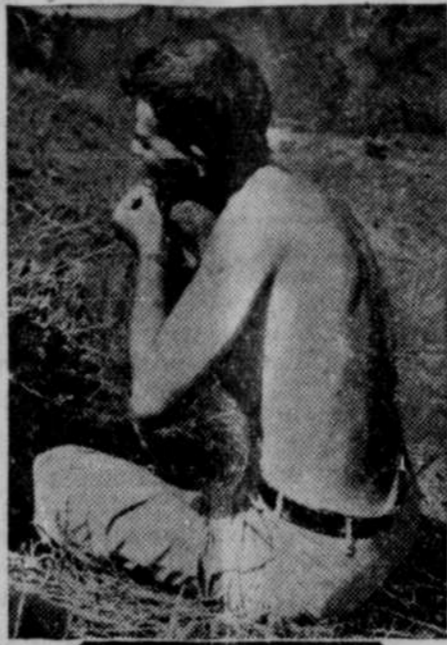
Between Fights in Solomons

What wise man, two years ago, would have predicted that the lonely Solomon islands, strewn in the path of the route to Australia, would today be a show-down battleground of the United States and Japanese forces?

U. S. marines took a vital airfield from the Japs on August 7-8, on Guadalcanal island, in the Solomons. Since that time the Japs have spent lots of money, men and ships trying to take it back. To keep it has cost Uncle Sam much in money, men and ships. But Old Glory is firmly planted on Guadalcanal, and on other islands of the Solomon group.

These pictures give you intimate close-ups of life as it goes for our boys in these embattled islands.

In picture at top a marine removes his whiskers during a lull in the fighting near the front lines on Guadalcanal. Right: Chow call for jungle fighters. A lunch of soup, meat and bread is served up to the marine troops near the front lines.



Set afire by a Jap bomb hit on the hangar in the background, this marine fighter plane was pulled into the open by leathernecks who used chemicals to extinguish the flames. The plane, a Grumman Wildcat, returned to the air.



Shown above (left) is a captured enemy field piece. Above (right) the girl he left behind him is not forgotten by this marine. Left: Coffee is dispensed by the barrelful.



Before this crude leanto on Tulagi island, Father James Fitzgerald, beloved navy chaplain, says mass for marines of an amphibian tractor unit. Father Fitzgerald's home is in Chicago.



Shark-nosed army fighters such as these have combined with navy and marine planes to take a heavy toll of Jap aircraft in the continuing battle for the Solomon islands.

TO YOUR Good Health

by DR. JAMES W. BARTON
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EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES

A man of 50 consulted his physician for indigestion. He had no appetite, had pain regularly after eating, slept poorly, and had no energy. As one of the symptoms pointed to ulcer (regularity of the pain) and another pointed to cancer (lack of appetite) and the patient was at cancer age, an X-ray examination was made.

The X-rays showed that neither ulcer nor cancer was present but the pain was due to rapid and irregular movements of the stomach.

This is called nervous or emotional stomach and the patient admitted that he had a serious problem worrying him. As there was no organic trouble and the problem was solved shortly afterwards, the digestive symptoms disappeared and the patient returned to normal weight. This is called functional disease or disturbance of the stomach.

About 20 years ago, some physicians believed that just as emotional disturbances caused these functional symptoms in the stomach, so also could they cause functional symptoms in the liver and gall bladder by interfering with the manufacture of bile in the liver and the outflow of bile from the gall bladder.

More recently, however, interference with the flow of bile from gall bladder was thought to be due to "stones, kinks and bands" which "slowed up" the natural flow of bile from gall bladder. However, when the surgeon operated for removal of these obstructions, none of these conditions were found to be causing the slowness or stoppage of the bile flow. What was found was evidence that the gall bladder had great difficulty in emptying itself because emotional disturbances were closing or tightening the ring or opening through which the bile passed out of the gall bladder.

Just as emotional disturbances cause spasm of the ring of muscle surrounding opening from stomach to small intestine, so can emotional disturbances cause a spasm or partial closure of the ring of muscle in opening carrying bile to the tube which, in turn, carries bile to small intestine.

Stammering And Allergy

While there was no such word as allergy known to us until a few years ago, we all remember foods or surroundings that upset the stomach, caused head colds and brought out hives on the skin. By recognizing this fact and gradually losing some of this allergic tendency by use of vaccines or taking small amounts of the substances, many are kept free or nearly free of the symptoms.

Physicians now believe that many cases of asthma and some cases of migraine—one-sided headache—are due to allergy or are at least associated with allergy in some way.

A more recent and most interesting finding is that many cases of enuresis (bed-wetting) and stammering are due to allergy or are a part of the makeup of the allergic individual.

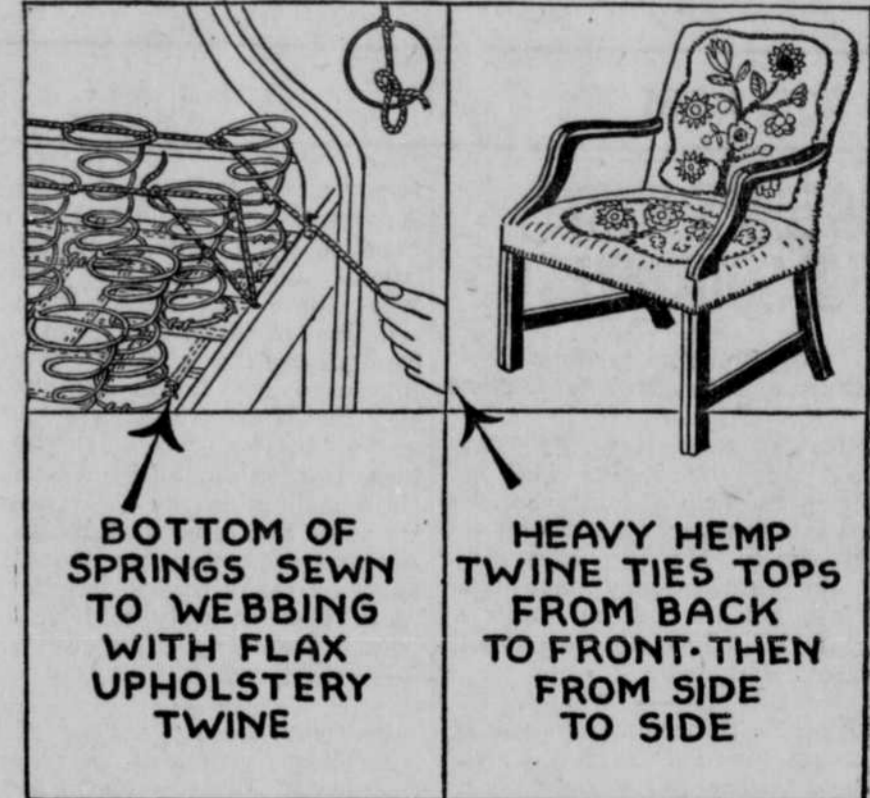
In the British Medical Journal, Dr. O. Gordon reports a history of allergy in the child or his family in 85 (65 per cent) out of 128 bed-wetters as compared to 28 in 200 children without a personal or family history of allergy. There were 70 children who stammered and of these 46 (66 per cent) had a personal or family history of allergy and of the 200 children who had no personal or family history of allergy, only 28 per cent were stammerers.

As migraine is often present in bed-wetters and stammerers, it is suggested that migraine and other forms of headache may be a factor in causing bed-wetting and stammering. In other words, it is not allergy that causes the bed-wetting and stammering, but there is something in the makeup of certain individuals that causes allergic symptoms and this same something causes the bed-wetting and the stammering. Dr. Gordon puts it thus: "Bed-wetting and stammering are not themselves direct symptoms of allergy but result from the abnormal psychological traits (characteristics) commonly found in allergic persons. The outstanding trait or characteristic may be called self-consciousness, looking inward too much."

QUESTION BOX

Q.—Please tell me what I should do for a rash and itching skin.
A.—I'm sorry but I try not to prescribe for individual ailments. Rash and itching often due to food eaten.
Q.—Is it too late for cod liver oil and massage to try to straighten the bowed legs of a four-year-old girl?
A.—Your physician can refer you to an orthopedic physician who will give you the necessary information. Don't delay.

ON THE HOME FRONT



SPRINGS in need of repair should be removed and new webbing stretched across the bottom of the chair seat. The springs are then replaced and the bottoms sewn to the webbing.

Next comes the tying. Cut a generous length of cord and tack it to the back of the seat frame. Using the knot sketched, tie to the back and then the front of the first spring. Continue across the row, finishing in the front, as shown. In the best furniture, springs are tied in this manner from back to front; side to side and diagonally across rows. About four ounces of the sewing twine and eight of tying twine will do an average chair.

NOTE: If you have springs to repair, be sure to clip and save this article as it is not in any of the homemaking booklets which Mrs. Spears has prepared for our readers. Booklets are numbered from one to eight and No. 5 and 6 contain directions for remodeling old rockers and other out-of-date chairs. Copies are 10 cents each postpaid. Order direct from

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Household Hints

Don't try to keep tin utensils shiny. If you do, you'll take off the very thin coating of tin and leave the metal underneath open to rust. Remove burnt foods by boiling soda and water in a pan from three to five minutes—never longer. Wash and dry thoroughly, because water left on the tin may cause it to rust in a very short time.

When examining silk stockings to see if they need darning, double the fingers into a fist with the fingernails turned into the palm before thrusting the hand through the stocking. Then you will not start a runner with your sharp nails.

If food burns in a pan, shake a generous amount of soda into it, fill with cold water and let stand on back of stove. It will be easier to clean.

If shredded coconut becomes too dry to use, soak it in milk for a few minutes. Then drain and use.

When buying dish towels of mixed cotton, rayon and linen you will do well to ask how much rayon is in the mixture. Those with less than 45 per cent rayon will last well if not laundered too severely.

LOST

Lost, a cough due to a cold—thanks to the soothing action of Smith Brothers Cough Drops. Smith Bros. Cough Drops contain a special blend of medicinal ingredients, blended with prescription care. And they still cost only 5¢ a box. Yes, a nickel checks that tickle.

SMITH BROS. COUGH DROPS
BLACK OR MENTHOL—5¢

ACYCLE OF HUMAN BETTERMENT

ADVERTISING gives you new ideas, and also makes them available to you at economical cost. As these new ideas become more accepted, prices go down. As prices go down, more persons enjoy new ideas. It is a cycle of human betterment, and it starts with the printed words of a newspaper advertisement.

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BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Members of the United States armed forces and persons sending money to them received a 50 per cent reduction in domestic telegraph money order rates effective December 1, 1942.

Married nurses are now eligible for active duty with the army. If you are a graduate, registered nurse, between 21 and 40, you can enroll with the Red Cross today!

The first USO club in America for the exclusive use of all servicewomen of the United Nations has been opened by the Metropolitan Detroit USO at the Downtown YMCA.

Average annual loss of eggs through careless handling amounts to 4 to 5 per cent of entire production.