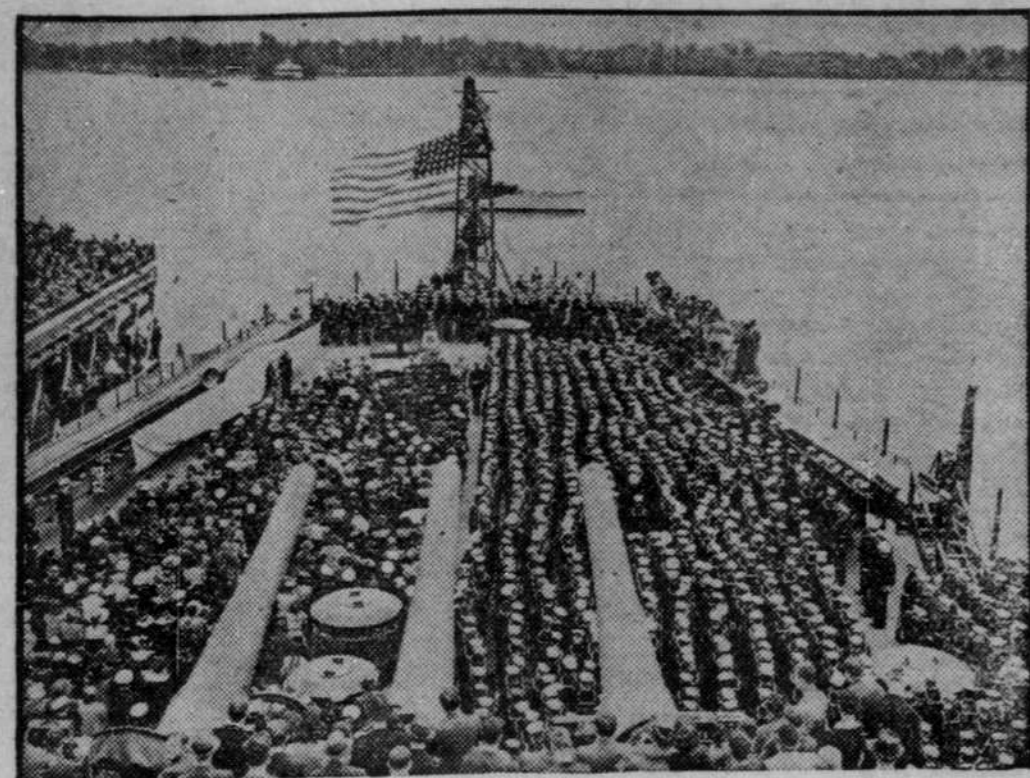


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Hammond, Ind.—Brig. Gen. A. G. Gillespie, commanding general of the waterliet, N. Y. arsenal; C. A. Little, president of the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing company, and Col. Donald Armstrong, executive officer of the Chicago ordinance district, left to right around gun, inspect one of the first 81 mm., trench mortars completed in the United States for the national defense program. The 81 mm., mortar, manufactured by the plant of the Pullman Standard here, was presented to Col. Armstrong for the army in a ceremony at the Hammond shops.

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A Call For Action

by Freda Kirchwey, Editor and Publisher (Reprint from the Nation May 24, '41)

It is no longer possible to fool ourselves. The small remaining outlying areas of compromise have shriveled into non-existence. The deal between Vichy and Berlin has wiped out the last pretense on which the appeasers could base their miserable maneuvers. The France we honor and love lives only in opposition and latent rebellion. And the France of Darlan and Brinon and Petain has met its appointed destiny; despite its denials, it has become openly the France of A-betz and Ribbentrop and Hitler. Mr. Roosevelt's appeal to the people of France to resist collaboration with the enemy was strong and moving. But it will mean nothing unless it is backed by actions in this country that speak at least as loud. The seizure of the French ships in American harbors may be a portent of such actions. But time presses; and the people and the opposition leaders in France can be expected to resist the traitors and tyrants who rule them only if they are given reason to hope that resistance can succeed. We must give them solid support, not only noble words. Too many noble words have been spoken in the past; too many hopes raised. The time for that is past, too.

Let's look at the record for a minute: it may clear our brains and strengthen our purposes for the days to come.

The present agony of the world was made by the appeasers. The failure to apply effective sanctions against Italy when it invaded Ethiopia in 1935 not only doomed Ethiopia to defeat; much more important, it notified Hitler that he could go into the Rhineland in 1936, and Japan that it could move into China in 1937. The treacherous non-intervention policy applied to Republican Spain did more than give Hitler and Mussolini their first victory over democracy on the Continent. It led directly to the catastrophe of Munich and to all that has followed. The futile gestures at Geneva against Japan's aggression succeed merely in driving the Japanese out of the League while assuring them that their plan of conquest would be opposed only by China itself.

It is useful today to recall this history, and to consider American policy in its ugly -light. Useful and disquieting. For one also recalls that the policy of the Roosevelt Administration toward the depredations of the dictators, from the invasion of Ethiopia to the capitulation of Vichy, has been a confusing mixture of outspoken condemnation and mealy-mouthed concessions and surrenders. At each mile post on the way to disaster the appeasement state of mind has ruled. In the Ethiopian crisis we combined smug disapproval of Fascist aggression with a refusal to cut off Italy's oil supply. After all, why should we? Neither the oil companies nor the British Foreign Office wanted us to do it. Such an act would have exposed the pretenses of

the great powers, which had never seriously intended to implement sanctions but rather, as the Hoare-Laval pact amply revealed, to sell Ethiopia for a mess of Fascist promises.

And what did we do about Spain? An unheard of thing. Our precedent-ridden State Department defied precedent to aid the overthrow of republicanism in Spain. We passed a special resolution, after the rebellion had started, prohibiting the shipment of war supplies to either side in a civil war. That made it possible to do what we never done before—cut off arms from a legitimate, friendly government facing a military revolt. And so, of our own will, we shared the treachery perpetrated by the French and British appeasers and insured the victory of Franco and his Fascist backers. We might have saved the Spanish Republic. We could certainly have shown up the shameless farce of "non-intervention." But we preferred to trail the Chamberlains and Hoares down the broad road toward Munich. And when, along that road, Chamberlain made his ill-fated pact with Mussolini, the deal received the personal blessing of President Roosevelt. I have often wondered who in the State Department wrote that unbelievable note of congratulation.

Meanwhile Japan continued, as it continues today, to destroy the undefended villages and cities of China with bombs made out of American scrap dropped from planes fueled with American oil. Some women in the United States stopped buying silk stockings, but no oil companies stopped selling oil. And the United States government refused to embargo sales of war material to Japan.

It isn't a policy. It is a state of mind. It prefers to risk total catastrophe rather than an immediate, minor danger or even mere dislocation. Better play safe, is the guiding principle of the appeasement state of mind. So it "plays safe" until the nation and civilization itself are threatened with extinction.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt is not an appeaser. But he has acquiesced in the acts of appeasers in both the State Department and in the European democracies. And he must accept responsibility and blame for his acquiescence. His own desires have been on the side of resistance, and it was because the people sensed this that they voted him into office against last November. Every bold move he has made has brought an overwhelming response from the country. Every sign of hesitation or withdrawal has produced a quick reaction of anxiety. The people feel that in these days, the safest policy is the boldest. They want no appeasement.

But appeasement still rules a broad area of our national policy. We still sell oil—all but the very best grade—to the Japanese. We still sell scrap—all but a few select varieties—to the Japanese. And at the very same time, while the bombs drop on China, we assure Chungking government that they

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URBAN LEAGUE RAISES \$1,423.94 IN FINANCE DRIVE

As an indication of the Omaha Negro citizens' interest in the welfare of their youth, Mr. Raymond Brown, Executive Secretary of Omaha Urban League, today announced that One Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Four cents, (\$1,423.94) had been raised thru benefit programs for the Financial Drive.

The Community Chest officials in a meeting with the Urban League Board members and the Executive Secretary on Saturday morning stated how pleased they were with the results of the drive. They further stated that it indicated that the program now

Other expenses of the Drive are as follows:

Table listing financial details of the Urban League drive, including disbursements for funds already paid, postage, show banners, entertainers, charity ball placards, dreamland hall service charge, refreshments, and disbursements to be paid for letters to clubs, brushes, mounting board, pencils, tags and rubber bands, and report sheets.

Table listing financial details of the Urban League drive, including card party tickets, choir tickets, choir programs, dance tickets, report envelopes, donors' cards, tips to solicitors, 2 sheet letters to ministers, team sheets, 350 post cards, letters to contributors, and legal fees.

Although Team Captains and workers met last Thursday to make final reports, some are still making late collections from individuals who promised to pay June 15th. Miss Dorcas Taylor, Captain of Team No. 17 went over her goal of \$75.00. The chauffeur's Club, one of the newest clubs in Omaha, brought in a good sized donation which they hoped to make \$25.00 within the week. Other clubs and individuals are sending in their donations which are still acceptable for the renovation work to be done at the Urban League.

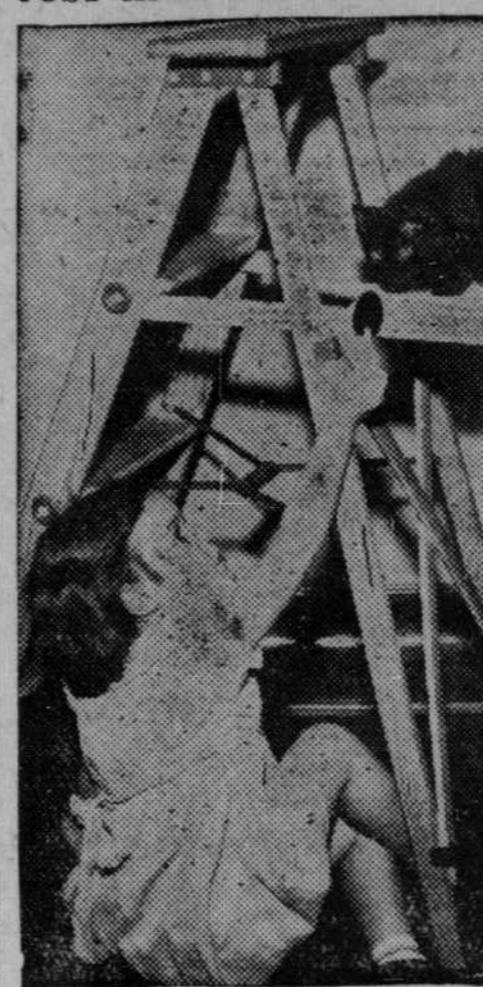
The Negro papers are to be highly commended for the excellent way they handled the publicity for the drive.

HONOR ROLL LIST OF DONORS TO THE URBAN LEAGUE FINANCIAL DRIVE

(Only Those making direct donations, regardless of the amount, are listed) Names of other contributors will be published next week.

- List of names of donors to the Urban League Financial Drive, including 4C's Club, Web Alston, American Legion Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30, L. Austin, Richard Bailey, Phil Barge, Edward Beasley, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, "Bust" Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. E. Butler, Champion Cigar Store, Chaffers' club, E. E. Crawford, Eugene Danner, Mrs. William H. Davis, Eureka Art Club, Curtis Evans, Maece Farrell, E. M. Forrest, Leon Freeman, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Gooden, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Gray, Mrs. Lenora Gray, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris, Beatrice Jackson, Mrs. M. F. Jackson, Mr. William Jones, Mrs. Emma Knight, Oliver Logan, Cleo McDonald, Marcus McGee, Memo Club, Mrs. Pearl Mitchell, William Monday, Hattie J. Moore, Pendleton Murray, Leonard Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Parker, Dr. W. W. Peebles, Quack Club, S. A. Bots Club of Zion Baptist church, James Scott, Edgar Smart, H. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Stecher, Theresa Stewart, Edward Turner, Ralph Underwood, Roscoe Vaughn, Levi Vawter, Albert Wright, Zion Baptist Church, J. Anderson, F. Blackwell, Carl Bone, A. Brooks, Fred Buckner, W. Dale Clark, Mr. J. E. Davidson, Mr. Deers, John A. Farber, Victor Graham, James Grizzard, Chester Hodges, Earl Jones, Herman Kemp, Henry Marks, Earl McConnell, J. Francis McDermott, T. F. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hatten, Mr. James Lee, Harry Trustin, Dave Turner, L. Webb, Melvin Brooks, Ed Burford, G. N. Campbell, Millard Carr, Alfred Davis, L. C. Erwin, John Faucett, A. J. Fisher, Sadie Howard, Cody C. Jones, Edgar A. Lee, H. W. Lewis, Ollie Lewis, Simon Levison, C. McFarland, E. McGill, Palace Auto Ambulance Delivery Co., Thomas Phillips Sr., G. Scott, H. Sherron, William Sone, Homer Teel, J. R. Thomas, Townsend club No. 11, Unemployed Council club, Bernard's market, Henry W. Black, Frank Blackwell, Butch Greenlee, James Johnson, Earl Oliver, M. Pinchon, L. Sanboefnor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart, Alyce M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Art Sampson, James Fellows, Elmer White, George Douglas, W. M. Doies, George Anderson, Billy Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Streeter Turner.

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH JUST ANOTHER DAY



Barbara Marx says she isn't as she sits under the ladder tempting her black cat, Blackout with a safety sucker with a loop fibre handle, which is a protection even on Friday, the thirteenth.

americans and his emotions are poised a little above his intellect. Practically all the periodicals and mike-jammies are shouting "Swat Hitler!" The most of us are following the Band-wagon regardless of the merit of the case. As we don't know what it is all about, faith in leadership becomes natural and is not to be frowned upon. A casual observation by ordinary intellects of the world's plight will expose in bold relief that commercial rivalries and imperialism caused the war. England, France Germany and Italy are imperialistic. Russia is wearing the Death shirt of the Czar. The peace of the world can be attained and maintained by destroying autocracy and the bedeviled proletariat of Muscovia.

The milking and leaching of Africa and lower Asia is the meat on which "This our great Caesar feeds". Reduce the menu to the pace of the monsters own productive capacity and war will take its place in the corridors of yesterdays 7,000 years. For all but 3 generations European gangsters have raped Africa and lower Asia and the world looked on it as merely Colonial routine. A few saps excused the "benevolent despotism because it killed a few lice. A louse is a parasite. The English aristocrat is the biggest, fat-

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