

Report On the War

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MAXIMUM SECURITY

THE terms of the final peace settlements will provide a basis for determining the strength of the regular or permanent postwar military forces of the United States, air, ground, and naval, but they cannot, in my opinion, alter the necessity for a system of Universal Military Training.

The yardstick by which the size of the permanent force must be measured is maximum security with minimum cost in men, material, and maintenance. So far as they can force world conditions a decade from now, War Department planners, who have taken every conceivable factor into consideration, believe that our position will be found if we set up machinery which will permit the mobilization of an Army of 4,000,000 men within a period of 1 year following any international crisis resulting in a national emergency for the United States.

The Regular Army must be comprised largely of a strategic force, heavy in air power, partially deployed in the Pacific and the Caribbean ready to protect the Nation against a sudden hostile thrust and immediately available for emergency action wherever required. It is obvious that another war would start with a lightning attack to take us unaware. The pace of the attack would be at supersonic speeds of rocket weapons closely followed by a striking force which would seek to exploit the initial and critical advantage. We must be sufficiently prepared against such a threat to hold the enemy at a distance until we can rapidly mobilize our strength. The Regular Army, and the National Guard, must be prepared to meet such a crisis.

Another mission of the Regular Army is to provide the security garrisons for the outlying bases. The third mission of the permanent Army is to furnish the overhead, the higher headquarters which must keep the machine and the plans up to date for whatever national emergency we may face in the future.

The fourth and probably the

most important mission of the Regular Army is to provide the knowledge, the expert personnel, and the installations for training the citizen-soldier upon whom, in my view, the future peace of the world largely depends.

Importance of National Guard

Of the citizen-Army, the National Guard is in the first category of importance. It must be healthy and strong, ready to take its place in the first line of defense in the first two weeks of an emergency, and not dependent upon a year or more of training before it can be conditioned to take the field against a trained enemy. It is not feasible under the conditions of peace for the National Guard within itself to provide the basic, the fundamental training which is an imperative requirement for its mission. Therefore, in my opinion, based on a long and intimate experience with the Guard from 1907 until 1941, the essential requirement for such a system under modern conditions is Universal Military Training from which to draw the volunteers for the ranks of the Guard.

The second important component of the Citizen Army is the Organized Reserve through which full mobilization of the Nation's resources to war footing is accomplished. At the start of the present war, the Reserve was almost entirely an officer corps, the regimental and divisional groups lacking a practical basis for mobilization. The contribution of this component was therefore largely one of individuals, but of wide extent and great importance. The depleted officer ranks of the Regular Army were filled by the Reserve, the countless new staffs and organizations were mainly composed of Reserve officers, the great training camps for men inducted through the Selective Service System drew in the beginning on the officer strength of the Reserve Corps. The Officer Candidate schools from which our present Army acquired its vital small unit leadership were staffed by Reserve officers. These officers were largely veterans of World War I and graduates of the ROTC.

Lack of troops with which Reserve officers could acquire practical experience in command and staff work was the most critical limitation. There was no enlisted strength in the Reserve force. There was little connection and

understanding between the Officers' Reserve Corps and the National Guard—which had an enlisted strength—and the number of enlisted men in the Regular Army was so small that it was impossible to qualify Reserve officers by training with Regulars.

Skill Through Practice

Only by universal military training can full vigor and life be instilled into the Reserve system. It creates a pool of well-trained men and officers from which the National Guard and the Organized Reserve can draw volunteers; it provides opportunities for the Guard and Reserve units to participate in corps and Army maneuvers, which are vital preparations to success in military campaigns.

Though ROTC graduates composed 12 percent of the war officers, its most important contribution was the immediate availability of its product. Just what we could have done in the first phases of our mobilization and training without these men I do not know. I do know that our plans would have had to be greatly curtailed and the cessation of hostilities on the European front would have been delayed accordingly. We must enlarge and strengthen the system.

An unbroken period of 1 year's training appears essential to the success of a sound security plan based on the concept of a citizen army.

It is possible to train individual soldiers as replacements for veteran divisions and air groups as we now do in a comparatively short period of time. The training of the unit itself cannot be accomplished at best in less than a year; air units require even more time. The principle is identical to that of coaching a football team. A halfback can learn quickly how to run with the ball, but it takes time and much practice and long hours of team scrimmage before he is proficient at carrying the ball through an opposing team, utilizing the aid of the other men on the team. So it is with an army division or combat air group. Men learn to fire a rifle or machine gun quickly, but it takes long hours of scrimmage, which the army calls maneuver, before the firing of the rifle is coordinated with the activities of more than 14,000 other men on the team.

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cabinet drawers, tightly packed.

UNO Househunters

The United Nations organization sent a delegation of househunters from London to choose a building site near Boston or New York. The Bronx Boosters' club was waiting for 'em.

The supreme court refused to have any part of the move to fire Sen. Carter Glass of Virginia, who has not appeared on the senate floor in the last three years.

A new automobile with a back seat wide enough for four people was in the works. The federal payroll dropped 11 per cent since the war. Shirts in weird shades (I always thought red ones were for firemen) became available at many haberdashers. The OPA closed its rationing department in a shower of red and blue confetti, which turned out to be left-over coupons.

New Navy Suit

The navy designed a new suit which it hopes will make a sailor look like a human being. Congress thought seriously about closing shop in July and keeping the doors locked until after the November elections. Rep. Harris Ellsworth of Ore., said the nation hasn't been harmed yet by postponing the passage of a law.

If the lawmakers do take a prolonged rest, the architects are ready to remodel their headquarters. Last plans I saw made the senate chamber look something like a highclass cocktail lounge.

Nineteen forty six. Green route. I'm feeling worse.

NO SMOKING!

Watch that fat! When you see it smoking in the skillet, turn off the gas. Smoking indicates that the fat is beginning to break down chemically, and will soon develop a disagreeable flavor so that it cannot be reused for cooking. If the worst happens, however, and the fat is ruined, all is not lost. Deposit the discredited brown mess in your used fat container and turn it over to the meat dealer for four cents per pound. Because of its salvage value, it can still work for you.

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MRS. GRACE PLYBOM, Correspondent

The January clothing drive is now on. Those having contributions to make are asked to leave them some time this month at the home of Mrs. Douglas.

Friends have received word that Rev. and Mrs. Victor West former pastors here, were hurt in a car accident near their home at Wayne, Neb., and are in a hospital at that place. Mrs. West was injured the more seriously.

Frank Davis has been ill for several days and confined to his home.

The Christmas program and tree were enjoyed at the Evangelic church on Sunday evening with treats for all.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parsell were Lincoln shoppers on Thursday.

On New Years eve the firemen's dance was well attended, and receipts were more than anticipated.

Mrs. Marjorie Hall came from Lincoln and had a nice visit the early part of the week with her parents, the George Halls, came from Lincoln and had a nice visit the early part of the week with her parents, the George Halls.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kunz are the proud parents of a baby girl born in Lincoln, being the second New Years child there.

Royal Neighbors met on Friday afternoon with Mrs. Lucy Lyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gustin are getting settled in their town Lou Herman is a busy man at present. He is mail carrier to the depot for a time and has accepted for the winter the work of fire builder at the Methodist church.

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come news that h has a fifteen day extension to his furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid James have a new grandson at Watsonville, California, born to Sgt. and Mrs. Wm. James. He has been named Tommy.

Mrs. Grace Coakley spent a good part of the week at the home of her Mother, Mrs. Hul-fish. She lives in a suburb of Kansas City. Her sister Baile Coakley was home from her school work also.

On Thursday two men from the revenue tax department worked hard at the Exchange Bank, helping farmers and others to make out their reports.

Rey Kunz returned to his home at Miller, Mo. after a visit with his father Fred Kunz, and other numerous relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlichtemeier, and children, Ronald, Beverly and Bertie had a belated holiday visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Reber. They came in a car from St. Louis.

On New Years night the Masons and Eastern Star held their annual six o'clock covered dish luncheon, followed by joint installation services for both fraternities.

Mrs. Ida Harley had as her New Years guests her daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Bud White of Palmyra and Mr. and Mrs. Kinney Quinn of Lincoln that day.

Woman's club January meeting was at the home of Mrs. Douglas on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Eveland, program leader, gave the discussion about Russia, and Mrs. Horton had the topic "Laws in Nebraska pertaining to women and children."

An interesting roll call about "Something New" was responded to by members. Mrs. Chas. Marshall gave the devotional thoughts about the Bible. Four visitors were present.

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BAR

BY HAL COCHRAN

NINETY divorce decrees were granted in Reno in one day. The old seasonal spirit of "ring out the old."

Apparently most of the people who won't stop at anything are driving autos.

An empty coal bin these days is enough to put a lump in your throat.

The government is offering for sale 26,827,157 cans of salted peanuts—the majority of which probably will be crunched by the guy in the seat next to you at the movie.

Many a party is given for the pleasure of not inviting someone.

now the State president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau. He and Mrs. Marshall attended a convention of this group in Chillicothe in December.

Otto Fleischmann is having a large sale on his farm on January 17 when spring opens up he plans to start construction of a new town home on the lots east of the Masonic Hall.

Americans Now Seek Better Quality Wine

SAN FRANCISCO, (UP) — A wartime change in the wine-buying habits of the American people which has resulted in placing the quality of the product in the top spot in consumer discrimination, offers the wine industry a strong incentive for the production of quality wines in large volume at reasonable prices, Louis Petri, president of the Petri Wine Company, said today.

Petri stated that before the war, 76 per cent of the wine sold was of the cheapest variety. Now quality enters into three-fourths of the sales. For this reason a stepped-up program of research into better methods of controlling quality has become the producer's "must," Petri contended.

"American wine-buying habits were revolutionized during the war and producers' own brands came into new prominence, creating a basic change in the industry," Petri said. "When the producer puts his label on the bottle, instead of selling his wine in bulk, he assumes responsibility for high, uniform quality. He invests his reputation in each bottle."

His company added \$14,000 to its investment in special blending equipment to insure uniform quality and is planning to build a new and larger laboratory during the next year. Petri said the release of raisin grapes and wines, coupled with above-average crops, gave his company the largest crush in its history during 1945. The company enters the new year with its most favorable inventory to meet peacetime demand.

Concerning California wine producers as a whole, Petri said the state's wine industry faces the future with ample stocks on hand.

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An attractive young woman with a telephone bell insignia on her overseas cap came alongside, plugged an electric cord into a wall socket and placed a little white box on the table by Airhart's bed.

"I'm Olive Brownlee, roving telephone attendant here. Where would you like to call sailor?"

Airhart grinned a little feebly and said, "Mrs. Louise Airhart, St. Anthony, Ind.," as he tried to wiggle his fingers in his plaster covering.

A few quick moments with a head set, chest transmitter and switches on the "little white box." Miss Brownlee turned Airhart over to his mother and a moral-lifting visit home by telephone.

The device, just put in operation at the hospital for those who cannot use their hands, "means a lot to us fellows with burns, paralysis or other hand injuries," one patient said.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



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Reporter Wonders if Truman Will Need Makeup for Television Talk

By Frederick C. Ohman
WASHINGTON, (UP)—This was a worrisome week and what worried me most was whether President Truman must paint his face pea color and his lips chocolate for his television debut.

His moving picture may be on the air Jan. 15, when he tells Congress about the state of the nation. Maybe the art has improved, but the last time I was in a television studio, the actors had to wear green rouge and brown lipstick.

Peculiar

Mr. President, they looked peculiar. Like Lon Chaney coming out of a technician's tomb.

Another fellow I had to worry about was Wilson W. Wyatt, of Louisville, Ky., the new housing czar. Poor devil. Couldn't find

himself a house in ashington. Then there was the telephone company, beset by strikes and threats of strikes, only to have a radio announcer say that the first 1,000 women who phoned district 6363 could buy a pair each of nylons. Yep, crippled local service.

That was only the beginning of the capital's troubles. A citizen drowned when his lady chauffeur at the Patuxent airbase mistook a seaplane rummy for highway 20. A crippled veteran, knocked off his crutches by the Union station mobs, got his leg broken. An ex-WAC sued a WAVE for \$25,000 heart balm.

Finest Frenzy

Things reached their finest frenzy when the government tangled with the government: The federal cafeteria said they were going to raise their prices; the OPA said they were not, either. Ice cakes, such as brought about the downfall of little Eva, halted the President's yacht 10 miles down the Potomac.

Federal spokesmen said don't try to buy tires unless you need 'em desperately; the fire advertisements said come and get 'em. The Pearl Harbor mobbers in the senate hired a new lawyer to replace the one they wore down. Then they had to stop for a week while the new counselor read the record, which now fills three file

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ART: "What do you mean, Judge?"

OLD JUDGE: "Simply this. That poor chap was really a sick man...not just a drunk. Studies by famous psychiatrists and the medical profession show that alcoholism is not caused by a craving for alcohol...it is usually the result of some deep-rooted social, physical or emotional condition. If that fel-

low had not turned to alcohol for escape, he would have turned to something else."

ART: "Are there many that get in that condition, Judge?"

OLD JUDGE: "Fortunately not. Art. Scientists at a great university have stated that approximately 95% of the people who drink do so sensibly. Only 5% are immoderate at times. In that 5% is the small number known as alcoholics. And the beverage distilling industry which does not want a single person to use its product immoderately, is cooperating fully in the solution of this problem."