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A Woman's Part

We, the women, will not have to fight this war—on land, in the air or on the sea. But we will have to fight the war in other ways. Women will have to be morale-builders of the nation. Women will have to be the ones who keep up the nation's spirit while men are busy with other things. When we speak of morale-building we mean something intangible—something difficult to define. It means cheerfulness; it means keeping our heads; it means that certain thing that carries us thru all crises.

When a child is very ill, it is the child's mother who soothes his pains, plumps his pillows straightens his sheets, rubs his back, holds him in her arms, gives him a constantly reassuring smile and watches him thru the crisis of his illness. When a nation is ill with war, it is the woman who must soothe the fighter's worried mind. It is the woman who must give him a constantly reassuring smile and see him thru the crisis.

This is the woman's chief part in the war. Of course she must do the practical things, too. She must drive ambulances, knit, work in factories, nurse, work for the Red Cross and for the government, and act as hostess and entertainer in camps. She must do many things, but, first of all, she must remember that she is the nation's best morale-builder.

"This great, free, united land of ours has now got to behave as if it were grown up, or very shortly it may be neither free, nor united. This America, which all men have been accustomed to think of as still very young and often despised for its bumptiousness and exuberance, stands today where only grown men can stand, the only unthreatened champion of a very ancient civilization. Over the world men turn their eyes to America and will turn them as toward an older brother who has stood secure amid the storm, whose steadfastness men are already saying may well remain man's only hope of a better world." Prof. Robert D. French of Yale university urges America to assume her full adult position in the world-ACP.

Behind the News

By David Thompson

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Manchuria in 1931 and pointed out that everyone came "without warning."

Apology for Lack of Information.

Mr. Roosevelt apologized for the lack of any complete and precise information regarding the damages to Pearl Harbor and the war in general, but pledged to the people of the U. S. that all information would be given to it under these two conditions. (1.) the information must be official and confirmed, and (2.) only if its immediate release will not prove valuable, directly or indirectly, to the enemy. This is only fair.

In regard to this I recall the comment of Edward R. Murrow, noted American radio commentator in London, speaking at a banquet in his honor in New York a few days ago. He was expressing his preference of British censorship to no censorship at all because he did not want the responsibility on his shoulders for the loss of a ship and crew, or a regiment of brave men which might have resulted from his unwittingly important remarks had they not been subject to censorship.

Keep this in mind when you have a tendency to gripe about the lack of information on the progress of the war. Just remember that facts will not be withheld just because of fear of their psychological effect upon us.

U. S. Is Prepared.

While emphasizing the fact that this will not be a short war, the nation's leader went on to point out that the U. S. has had 18 months in which to prepare industry for this, and that neither the American forces or her allies will want for supplies with which to wage a successful war against the treacherous forces unleashed against the world.

This war, he said is not for conquest nor vengeance, rather it is a war to make the world safe for our children to live in. We must not speak of making sacrifices, for it is not a sacrifice to us to give our best to our nation when it is fighting for its life, the president said.

The president made no plea for national unity, he knew that it was not necessary, for the nation is united as ever before. He only said that disunity is past and he hoped, forgotten. As he was speaking an all out land, sea and air attack upon the Philippines was in progress. What its result will be we cannot say, and we can only hope. All we can be sure of in the end, the story will be entirely different, and the axis thoroughly whipped.

City YWCA . . .

Play Night Saturday Offers Many Recreational Facilities

. . . At Monthly Affair

Everyone from 16 years old up is invited to attend the second YWCA play night which will be held Saturday, December 13, at the YW building, 1432 N street. The entire program will last from 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.

Opening the schedule of events will be games which start at 7:30 and continue to 9 p. m. There will be badminton with the racquets and birds furnished, table tennis, roller-skating, volleyball, shuffle-

board, and deck tennis. For the more reserved, quiet games will be conducted.

Social and square-dancing will take place from 9 to 10:30 p. m. The admission to this is ten cents.

There will be mixed swimming in the pool from 8 to 9 p. m. The requirements for this are a medical examination costing 15 cents which is good for a year. The students are requested to bring their own suits and inquire at the desk about the medical examination.

This month the play night was set ahead one week because of the Christmas holidays. After this, however, they will be held regularly the third Saturday of every month.

Teachers College Gets Picture Of Brownell

A large photograph of the late Herbert Brownell has recently been presented to the department of secondary education in Teachers college by Mrs. Brownell of Lincoln.

During his tenure at the university, Mr. Brownell contributed to many professional magazines and published a number of text books. He was nationally known as a pioneer in the field of science education.

The photograph will be placed in the office of Dr. Harold E. Wise, assistant professor in secondary education, who was associated with Brownell both as a student and a colleague.

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