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No Pause in Politics...

The invasion has blotted out political news, but not political developments.

While attention, naturally, has been riveted on the battle fronts, there has been no pause in politics. Military progress, in fact, has made political decisions more urgent. We may be perfectly sure that every advance on the battlefield will increase the necessity for political action, until a military and political climax will have been reached with the collapse of the Nazi regime. That collapse, it is predicted by observers who have been right in the past, will occur some time next fall.

Prelude to Landings? . . .

The Japanese position is certainly not improved as a result of the recent operations of the U.S. Navy task force. The Japanese Navy is estimated to have already suffered a 50 per cent depletion in its destroyer and light cruiser strength, while Allied attrition has drained Nippon's merchant shipping.

But strikes such as these around the Marianas frequently mean more landings are to follow. The Marianas, which include Guam, are not only less than 1,400 miles from Tokyo. They are the next obvious stepping stones in the American march back to the Philippines. In the hands of Japan, the Marianas are an arrow aimed at supply lines from the United States to China by way of the Philippines.

Their strategic value is such that the American Navy must either have them or neutralize them completely. Their defensive value to Japan is clear. Therefore, it seems safe to say that what is immediately past in the Marianas is but prelude to what is to come.

"Zombie" . . .

With the word "Zombie" appearing very prominently in the Canadian news these days an explanation of the origin of the word might prove of interest, especially as the term does not appear as yet in most of the modern dictionaries.

The term "Zombie" was originated by the American author William Seabrook, famous for his firsthand stories of native cult rites and superstitions in Haiti and the primitive areas of the Belgian Congo, Nigeria and the Gold Coast.

According to him, a "Zombie" is a person who has lapsed into a weird sort of existence, being neither alive nor dead and completely without an independent mind or soul.

The state of "Zombiism" is said to be brought about through a curse or "hex" upon the subject by a witch in Haiti or a medicine man or witch doctor in Africa.

A Bad Impression . . .

We know something ourselves about the central interior-its advantages and its handicaps, its good points and its deficiencies. Possibly, statements made by Bruce Mickleburgh, the exuberant young Labor-Progressive candidate, which paint the country between here and Prince George as a district of destitution and squalor should not be allowed to go unchallenged. There are, no doubt, some instances of rather deplorable conditions but, from what we have personally observed ourselves, these have been often due to the incompetence or unfitness of the persons involved to make their living as settlers or farmers. There are always such cases in a pioneer agricultural country. Mr. Mickleburgh, who evidently, made a rather complete tour, must also have noticed some quite comfortable and prosperous farms.

We can, of course, agree with the Labor-Progressive candidate that there are possibilities for industrial development and betterment of agricultural conditions in that area. Other parties than the Labor-Progressives are fully aware of these which, indeed, are already being taken full cognizance of in postwar rehabilitation plans.

Meantime, we might suggest that political candidates might do better than go around knocking the district in the hope of winning votes of discontent.

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after an overnight journey, the area. You will also be inis an American missionary. In gong. We reach here by sea and Tommy easy to work with and Bob Gibson."

maputra River for another seven aries, who volunteer to come out Rupert. It is a rest camp where little different type of recrea- to Prudhomme Lake hours. From here we transferred for different periods. At present the men come back for rest tion—their own music and so got all your sandwiches to a narrow guage railway and, we have four lady volunteers in from a period at the front. We on. I am finding the Indian the cookles baked and so landed at Chittagong where I terested to know what the Y.W.C. have all kinds and varieties of people most interesting and hope there will be a good Did you enjoy the first part make my headquarters. I find I A. has a lovely centre at Chitta- troops crowding the place every friendly. They want you to like out of our regular of Bob Gibson's letter yester- am working with seven Indian gong and take care of WAAFS, night - most have seen more India as we want visitors to like both senior and income an day? Here is the rest and all secretaries, three English and WRENS and ATS. This letter is than their share of the fighting Canada. Well I'm at the end of truck will be at the you who remember him do write three lady secretaries, two of being written from a forward and find it a great relief to get this page so must close. Please a.m. and will be return to him—he's a long way from whom are English and the other area some distance from Chitta- a bit of rest. We find the British give my regards to all. Sincerely, 5 p.m. Please be on time

"... we transferred to a river addition to this we get quite a road—and the roads are a good the Indian troops are fine too. Tomorrow's the big day, girls Daily News Advertising boat and came down the Brah- few ladies, particularly mission- deal worse than those in Prince The latter of course, enjoy a -- the Service Wives' Picnic out Results.



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