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The Acts of Hoodlums . . .

There are continuing complaints of wilful damage to public property such as pulling down of the iron pipe rails of the downtown sidewalks, the breaking of street lights and other acts of the kind. It might be said that children may not know any better than to engage in such sort of hoodlum and vandalism but that cannot be said of grown-up men.

It is difficult for the police authorities to be watching out on every street corner for the protection of property—public or private—from such sort of abuse. Rightly or wrongly, service men are being blamed for a lot of this sort of thing. Possibly a word of warning and advice from the commanding officers might have some effect if the men themselves do not know any better.

We are all appreciative of what our sailors, soldiers and airmen are doing for us but that appreciation does not prevent us from feeling that, in uniform or not, they should still act as responsible citizens, respectful of the rights and property of others. They expect the public and community to help them. In turn, they should act in a manner to warrant the willing giving of that help. They should also remember that the careless and thoughtless acts of a few alienate respect and sympathy for the many.

What Luzon Means . . .

With the American landing on Luzon, MacArthur has fulfilled his promise to return to the Philippines, the Japanese are put on the defensive all along their Asiatic front, and the war assumes an entirely new form. That

form is one of large scale warfare between the Nipponese and the Allies, the first chance they have had to show how their battle equipment, their training and their psychology match up when 100,000 or more troops on each side get into action.

The battle of the Philippines will be, as this column has already warned, a long and costly one. The news may not, as in Europe, always be pleasant. For the enemy realizes the truth of Admiral Mahan's theory of naval warfare, that it is best to deal the enemy a crushing blow far from one's homeland. And the enemy knows that his entire southern Pacific empire will crumble away from him if the Americans seize and consolidate their hold on the Philippines. The China Sea will be an Allied sea, the Chinese coast an Allied coast, and upon it we shall land as we see fit and in large numbers for the mainland battle with the emperor's army.

The Tokyo newspaper Asahi, leading daily of the enemy capital with a normal circulation of about 2 million, said a few days ago that "he who emerges victor in today's battle in the Philippines will assume full control of tomorrow's military situation." It called on the Japanese people to "tax every ounce of energy to produce and rush supplies and munitions to our forces in time for this grave battle of supplies and reinforcements."

Takutomi, the Japanese commentator, said from Tokyo that "if we should lose the Philippines, the southern regions would be completely cut off from our homeland and our chances of carrying on a war of attrition would be lost. The loss of the Philippines would be incomparably greater than the loss of Saipan, so we must fight with everything we have in the Philippines. On the safety of the Philippines depends the safety of our imperial land."

Perhaps it's just a symptom of the times that a young girl in the music store up the street asked for a copy of the "Moonlight Sonata."

ANGELUS TEMPLE "GOING AHEAD"

Aimee McPherson's Son Carries on as Spiritual Head of Famous Church

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17 (P)—Aimee Temple McPherson's spectacular church continues its spectacular career without its fabulous founder.

In fact, attendance is up, and finances are as good as ever if not better.

So says Rolf McPherson, her son and successor as spiritual leader of Angelus Temple, with this explanation:

"People are rallying round. All seem anxious to help."

"Aimee," as the one-time Canadian farm girl was known in headlines after her sensational disappearance in 1926 from the surf at nearby Venice and reappearance 36 days later on the Mexican border, died last September 28 in Oakland, California. Hundreds of grieving followers attended lengthy funeral services in the \$1,500,000 temple she built, and interment rites beside her costly marble crypt in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Several years ago she designated Rolf as her eventual successor to the presidency of her International Church of the Four-square Gospel. An international convention of her ministers here ratified her choice.

After her death, Rolf appointed his wife, Lorna Dee McPherson as a co-pastor of the church, and the board of directors gave its assent.

And now, says the dark-haired 30-year old minister, who by comparison with his mother is quiet and reserved, Angelus Temple is "going right ahead."

Sunday school attendance is up 30 percent, numbering about

THIS AND THAT



"You needn't look so happy, father—I'm just going to a masquerade."

750. Nearly 10,000 persons attend the five Sunday church services which include one for deaf mutes in sign language. Forty-four services continue weekly at the temple.

Missionaries have been sent recently to Puerto Rico, Panama and Mexico, and the church's missionary supervisor, Dr. Harold Chalfant, is in South America preparatory to expansion there.

In a word, the temple thrives as it did before it lost its shepherd. Says Rolf:

"I think it's the way. We all leaned on mother when she was here. Now everyone realizes we have to pitch in and do the job."

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FOUR YEARS AGO IN THIS WAR

by the Canadian Press

Jan. 17, 1941—Prime Minister Churchill declared at Glasgow that in 1941 Britain will not need large armies from overseas but more weapons, ships and airplanes from the United States than she can pay for. Swansea, South Wales, suffered a concentrated raid.

BIG INLAND PORT

Duisburg, the largest inland port in Europe, may be compared in many ways to the port of Montreal, although its population is less than half.

Canuck Serving With Polish Medical Unit

WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN HOLLAND, Jan. 17 (P)—Reuters—Attached to a medical unit of the Polish armored division, part of the 1st Canadian Army, Cpl. Stanislaw Teter, 43, of Port Arthur, Ontario, has cared for the wounded through the campaign in northern France, Belgium and Holland with shells raining down around him. Cpl. Teter, a native of Poland who emigrated to Canada, joined the Polish forces in August, 1941. His parents are somewhere in Poland.

Dyes Were Made From Shellfish

TORONTO, Jan. 17 (P)—Shellfish may not seem very important to present-day man, though they have modern uses. Exhibits in the Royal Ontario Museum show that in other places and in other times these lowly creatures had a greater significance in the life of the people. They served as ornament, money, tool and food. They had still another, more curious use. In the days of ancient Rome, molluscs were used in the making of dyes. The famous Tyrian purple was extracted from the small mollusc, known scientifically as Purpura, this creature is common in the eastern Mediterranean. Unfortunately, it is a very slow creature and the dyeing process of obtaining the dye and the small amount furnished by each mollusc. Shellfish are amongst the earliest of fossilized remains. To present-day geological scholars they are of special use in dating the sequence of rocks.

SEA LORD OLD HAND IN NAVAL SKILL

Admiral Sir Andrew B. Cunningham's Small Force Bottled Italian Fleet in Mediterranean—Now He'll Try the Japs

By FRANK LOWE
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LONDON, Jan. 17 (P)—The story goes that when Admiral of the Fleet Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham received one of those many war forms to fill out he wrote, opposite the clause asking what he was in civil life, the word, "child."

It might well be a true story, too, because Britain's First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff

has followed the sea for 46 of his 60 years—and now finds himself at the top of the career ladder facing one of the toughest tasks a naval tactician ever had.

In the war against Japan he will be up against an enemy who will be using the tricks he himself employed to keep the Mediterranean open against the Axis fleets. He knows only too well that although the combined Allied fleets outweigh the Japanese force, an inferior fleet can make life miserable, even disastrous, for a superior one.

He learned that the hard way.

In the Mediterranean, when he was commander-in-chief of that troubled stretch of water, he put to sea with two battleships, one carrier, five cruisers and a fleet of destroyers with orders to bottle up the big Italian fleet.

As the war developed and his losses mounted his numerical inferiority became ludicrous. At one time his force consisted of three cruisers and one fighter pilot, and another story told of the admiral is that when he was presented with the K.C.B. Cunningham remarked wryly, "I wish they had given me three squadrons of Hurricanes instead."

Skilful and Courageous

But by combining skill, bluff, audacity and courage he won his fight. And the climax came the day he received the surrender of the Italian fleet and wrote that famous dispatch beginning, "Be pleased to inform your Lordships that the entire Italian battlefleet is now anchored under the guns of Malta . . ."

So it may be seen that he knows only too well what can be done with very little. And the Japs, although outnumbered, will have some surprises the Allies know nothing about. For instance, how many 16-inch battleships have they built?—it is known they have built some under the news blackout that has shrouded Japan's war building for the last eight years.

Thus, despite drubbings at the hands of the United States Navy, it probably is true that the Nipponese fleet is still a powerful defensive force. It holds many sea lanes along the thousands of leagues of the Pacific, bases from which it can carry the innumerable sea-borne landings the Allies must make.

It follows, then, that all these hydra-headed sections of Japanese naval power must be lopped off before the Allies can get to grips properly with the enemy — A strategic undertaking the vastness of which, considering the vastness of the Pacific, would stagger the average naval tactician who figures things out on a ship-to-ship, stand-up engagement basis.

But Cunningham has never figured that way — he could never afford to — so it may well be that the role his fleet played in the Mediterranean will have suited him ideally for the Japanese fight. At least you can't fool an old underdog with old tricks.

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