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The Bombing of Japan . . .

Some four years ago when the first foreign planes flew over Japan, they dropped propaganda leaflets to the Japanese people, pointing out to them the folly of war and the cruelty of their sons and brothers in the battle on the Asiatic mainland. The planes were Chinese and the fact that they carried leaflets instead of bombs was noted widely in the world's press though none rose to declare that the action would in any way hasten victory as would have a broadside of blockbusters.

Today the military bombing of Japan has become a reality and the world now leans back and asks itself how and how long the Japanese can take it. This is a fair question and though even the military don't know the answer, some factors are clear to anyone.

In the first place, Japan is in a different situation from Germany when the Allies began bombing the Reich in force. Germany had air superiority, she had the advantage of poisoning the threat of invasion on Britain, whence came the bombs at her vitals, so part of the RAF had to stand by for possible defense action Japan has no visible air cover and her anti-aircraft firing is ineffective.

In the second place, two things have been demonstrated by air power in this war. One is that airplanes do not occupy territory or even break civilian morale. Fear of the latter was the dominant line of thinking done before this war by the so-called military experts. The second is that air power can forestall amphibious invasion. It was air power that saved Britain from German occupation. Knowing this, it is probable the Japs are saving part of their dwindling air force for the expected Allied landing attempt.

These things being true, the next factor is to know at what time the Allies concentrate enough air, sea and land power at any one point to make a landing in Japan. And if such a concentration cannot be made soon, then certainly the thing to do is to go where the enemy has his main army, China, and there to battle with him.

Seizure of Japan will not be like invasion of Germany, either. The Japanese "mainland" consists of four major islands. No certain one of these can contain all the defending forces, or the others would be left undefended. To move defending forces from one to another, merely because the Allies had landed on the other would be folly. Thus by threatening landings on

two or three of the islands, we may be able to minimize the defending force where the main landing is made. Then when we have seized some ground we shall be able to provide air cover for invasion of the other islands. This air cover likewise can help forestall Jap movements from one island to the other for defense purposes, though the waterways are narrow and not hard to traverse.

We do not expect the real landing in Japan for some months but there well may be a "Dieppe" type of experimental raid any time, now that air power has moved into Japan's back yard. Before the greatest military operation of the war can be undertaken, some such type of test may be expected, and then is when the world may gain some indication of the probable length of the war.

Ontario's Bombshell . . .

Ontario, which has ere this often done unusual things politically, has had a provincial government defeated on a direct want of confidence issue in the Legislature and Premier George Drew, who has been operating with a minority Progressive-Conservative government, will take his challenge for a mandate to the people at an early election. No doubt, it would be desirable for Ontario to have its provincial political atmosphere cleared up but whether a provincial election thrown into the midst of a federal campaign will do so is something that is much to be doubted. In fact, from this distance, it seems that it might have been in the better interests of Canada's greatest province if such a contest could have been staved off at this time.

Of course, there have been certain political difficulties in Ontario. One of the chief has been Col. Drew's own individualism which has aroused not only his political opponents but certain sections of his own normal party support. The fact that he chose to force an issue in the face of obvious defeat was just an illustration. And, of course, there are those elements in the Ontario Opposition who must play their political game and who could hardly be expected not to rise to the Premier's own challenge. Winston Churchill might be able to make a go of these kind of challenges in his Parliament but George Drew, egotistical as he may be, should never have expected he could get away with it in Ontario where they always take their politics so seriously.

With Mitchell Hepburn back as king pin of the Liberals and the C.C.F. now a factor to be reckoned with there, we can look forward to a political dogfight in Ontario which will possibly eclipse the interest in the more important federal election within the province itself and will command attention throughout the country.

And what will probably come of it will be a continuation of an unsettled political situation in Ontario just as there is there now.

THIS AND THAT



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Theatre Restaurant Augments War Funds

OTTAWA, March 24 (C)—The Capitol Theatre Tea and Lunch Room—unique war work assignment of the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club—has turned in \$52,000 to the club's war charities fund since it was started four years ago. The tea room, which

specializes in inexpensive lunches and substantial afternoon teas, was set up on the theatre's mezzanine floor to raise money for charities and also to help relieve noon-hour congestion in Ottawa's few downtown restaurants. Members of the club take turns staffing the restaurant. In the past month 9,826 meals were served.

YUGOSLAVIA DEVASTATED

American Woman Aids Croatian-born Husband in Relief Work

By ADELAIDE KERR
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK, March 23 (C)—Many Yugoslav families of four and five have only one garment apiece, says Joyce Balokovic. "In the terribly devastated region along the Adriatic, 80,000 villages have been wiped off the map and you can walk miles and see nothing but ashes and burned villages."

Mrs. Balokovic is the American wife of the Croatian-born violin virtuoso, who is now an American citizen. She is co-founder with him, of the American Committee of Yugoslav Relief, vice-chairman of the committee's women's division and a prime mover in its emergency campaign.

"Naturally we are working overtime because the need is so terribly great," she said in her New York apartment overlooking the East River. "Dr. Ivan Subasic, the Yugoslav premier, and Dr. Stoyan Gavrilovic, the under secretary of state for foreign affairs, have cabled us about the existing state of affairs."

"They say conditions could not be worse. In the liberated areas along the Adriatic, the earth has been scorched by Nazi flame throwers. In some parts of the country there is almost a complete

want of clothing and boots. Many people are living on roots and grass.

"Thousands of children are homeless orphans, wandering over the countryside. Thousands more are in imminent danger of death."

"In some parts of the country there seems to be plenty of food, but the transportation system has been pretty well wiped out. In the interior there is no salt, and people have developed goitre and terrible teeth. To relieve the situation, peasant women have carried 60 and 100-pound sacks of salt from the sea, walking barefoot through the enemy lines to the interior. Those women are among Yugoslavia's many heroes."

Mrs. Balokovic said that, to date, the American Committee of Yugoslav Relief had collected between \$800,000 and \$900,000, which was being dispatched in the form of medical supplies, clothes and food.

Mrs. Balokovic is a slender, brown-haired, grey-eyed woman. After graduation from Barnard College, she sang for a time on the Chataqua Circuit, to the horror of her mother who wanted her to be a missionary, and then met and married Balokovic. Since then she has assisted herself to helping his career. Once the Balokovics sailed for an Australian concert tour in their own two-masted schooner and, while he practised concertos in a swivel chair riveted to the deck, she navigated the vessel straight as a die to South Sea ports.

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We all realize, now, that we must have unity between the United Nations if we are to win this war and prevent another.

But do we realize that we cannot have unity between the nations without unity within them?

Unity does not mean that we must all think alike. It does mean that we must respect the thoughts and rights of others, and that we must be prepared to stick together.

Unity, like charity, begins at home!

What you and I say over the back fence multiplied by what all Canadians like us are saying—that is public opinion.

Are we personally building or breaking down unity? Do we like to pick holes in our fellow citizens who go to different churches, belong to different races, believe in different political creeds?

Do we like to repeat funny (but malicious) stories about the British, the Americans, the Russians and our other allies?

Ottawa, Washington, London, Moscow cannot make us united unless we truly want to be. Nations are groups of people—you and me multiplied. We are a democracy. It's up to us. Unity begins with "U."

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Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He said there was no Divine Creator."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "hangar"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Colloquial, Colossal, Collision, collateral.
4. What does the word "fictile" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "f" that means "productive of the effect intended?"

Answers

1. Say, "He said there is no Divine Creator." Express in the present tense that which exists permanently.
2. Pronounce hang-gar, both a's as in a principal accent on first syllable.
3. Colossal.
4. Moldable into form by art; relating to pottery, etc. "Fictile earth is more fragile than crude earth."—Bacon.
5. Efficacious.

WIDESPREAD PLANNING
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HERE'S HOW to fill in your FAMILY ALLOWANCE registration form

Every family will receive through the mail in the next day or two, a Family Allowance Registration Form. You are urged to fill in this form immediately. First cheques will be mailed in July, 1945, but only to those eligible families which have returned the completed form. You are therefore acting in the best interests of your children when you fill in the form and return it immediately.

Family Allowances are being paid for every eligible child under 16 to help parents in the raising of their children—to help pay for medical, dental and nursing services, to help pay for better food, clothing, shelter, and to assist in equalizing opportunities for all children.

Follow the instructions below. There are only seven questions—completing the form will take only a few moments. Do it as soon as received and ANSWER EVERY QUESTION.

If you do not receive a form through the mail, you get one from the nearest post office.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE
FAMILY ALLOWANCES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Apply for the allowance (a) payable under the Family Allowances Act, in respect of the children listed below, all of whom are under 16 years of age and are being maintained by the registration form.

2. I declare that the information given in response to the questions on both sides of this application is complete and accurate in every detail.

3. If, for any reason (such as the absence of father or military service, the death of either party, etc.) one of the above signatures is not obtainable, please state in detail the reason why.

QUESTION 1. PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS (LIKE THIS) the names of your children under 16. Write out the month of birth, then give day and year. Write name of place where each child was born. Complete each line by stating your relationship to child, and if father and mother are applying, fill in both "relationship" columns.

QUESTION 2. Here the father and mother must both sign if both are at home. Then give the address to which cheques should be mailed. PRINT THIS IN BLOCK TYPE (LIKE THIS) under both signatures. The mother should not sign her husband's first name. She should sign her own first name, such as Mrs. Alice, Mary, Joan, etc.

QUESTION 3. If only one person has signed under question 2, state the reason why the other signature cannot be given. Give full details. It is not enough to say Father or Mother is "away"—state where and for how long.

QUESTIONS 4, 5, 6 and 7 on the other side of the form must also be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer is "no" to questions 4, 5 or 6, please fill in the details required, giving name of child, or children concerned. In the case of No. 5, if you have any children under 16 not living with you, list their names, give the reason and be sure to give the complete address as to where they can be visited. If the answer to No. 7 is "Yes", give the details required.

BE SURE TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS—You will then cause no delay in mailing the first cheque in July, 1945.

INCOME TAX: So that nobody will benefit from both Family Allowances and a full income tax deduction for their children, the income tax deductions for children will be reduced by the amount received from Family Allowances. Parents, therefore, have the choice of claiming—or not claiming—Family Allowances. Those uncertain as to whether or not they will benefit are advised to apply for the Family Allowance.

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PARENTS YOU ARE HELPING YOUR CHILDREN WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR FAMILY ALLOWANCES