

U. S. NEWSPAPER COMMENTGERMAN GENERAL STAFF SHAKE-UP

The Atlanta Constitution today states:- The professional Prussian army clique which has hitherto personified German militarism is out of favour today. What difference does that make to the United Nations?. It is the complete theory of German world conquest which must be defeated and erased if the world is to know lasting peace. Whether the German idea is personified by a Nazi gangster tricked out in benedalled uniforms or in Prussianized professional soldiers who are but gangsters with social standing the result is the same. Both factions aspire to the same goal - the wholesale slaughter of the peoples of other lands, the enslavement of the survivors and world mastery for their own kind. They are the enemies of freedom, of human independence and honour and decency. And they must all of them go down into oblivion.

Dorothy Thompson in the New York Post today in the first of a series of articles on the shake-up of the German General Staff says: ..... Shake-up is hardly the word. To put it in its largest aspects Hitler has destroyed that combination of tradition, morale, military science, code and continuity which the world has known since the middle of the eighteenth century, as the Prussian army. It has finally suffered the same fate as every other traditional institution of German life - the last and most powerful institution to go into eclipse. This destruction has been piecemeal and began long before Hitler came to power, through the systematic penetration into the Reichswehr of Nazi 'cells' .....

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U. S. "TOIL SWEAT AND BLOOD"

The New York Times today states: Paraphrasing Prime Minister Churchill's famous words ..... War Secretary Stinson has also issued a warning to America that ..... the main work must still be done and this will mean "toil and sweat and blood" .....

This is a realistic estimate of the situation. It strikes a much needed balance between what has been achieved so far and the much greater tasks still ahead of us. It is a timely warning .... As far as America is concerned, the larger part of the price of victory is still to be paid. The full measure of that price can be estimated only by the price already paid by such fighting nations as Russia and Great Britain ...

America and Britain by their surprise landings in Africa, and Russia by its new winter offensive have seized the initiative and have thereby opened a new phase of the war. They are forcing Hitler to revise his plans, to regroup his forces, to fight battles on ground no longer chosen by himself. These together with the British victory in Egypt and the American victories in the Solomons are tremendous achievements which President Roosevelt rightly characterized as the "turn of the tide".

But it is also necessary to remember that the Russians are still fighting in the very heart of their own country and that America and Great Britain are still fighting for footholds on the periphery of continents .....

In this global struggle a constantly increasing share of the burden will inevitably fall on the United States as the arsenal and final reservoir of strength of the United Nations. Fortunately the American performance on the production and the battle fronts is a promise of final victory. The fighting qualities of our navy and marines were known quantities before and have been gloriously vindicated in the Pacific..... The new American army has also undergone its baptism of fire in Africa and the results are equal to the best American tradition .....

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Herald

The New York/Tribune commenting on Secretary Stimson's summing-up of the North African campaign says:- ... Indeed there is a good deal that is sobering both in what he says and in the present state of affairs. ... on the other hand there is no reason to doubt either the ability of our men to stand up to the Germans or the fact that we shall ultimately accumulate the force to crush them.....

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U.S. AND INDIA

The same newspaper today states: President Roosevelt did well in announcing the appointment of Mr. William Phillips as his own and the nations representative at New Delhi, to emphasize that this veteran career diplomat was not going to India with a formula in his pocket for the solution of the sub-continent's internal troubles. If this had not been made clear, those alleged friends of India in this country who insist that the administration should make India's domestic infelicity its own particular business, might have indulged in hopeful surmises which would have been no contribution to India's serenity.

Since Mr. Phillips will go to India, with ambassadorial rank he will be accredited to the Viceregal Government of India as a diplomat and neither as a goodwill emissary to any political faction in India, nor as an investigator into India's bewildering politics. The first and sufficient reason why this country must have representation at Lord Linlithgow's court is that although the Viceroy is responsible to the British Government for the security and peace of India, there is a growing American armed force in India which is not responsible to Great Britain nor to him but to the United States Government. All questions of this force's military co-operation with the Indian army are presumably worked out between the American officers and General Sir Archibald Wavell's staff; this force must also have constant relation with the civil Government of India and there must therefore be a representative of the United States Government accredited to the Indian Government through whom the American officers can deal with the Viceregal authority.

This function was until lately discharged by Mr. Thomas M. Wilson, lately appointed Minister to Iraq. Mr. Phillips will succeed him; but because of his own seniority in the service and his ambassadorial rank he will give the post importance and dignity commensurate with the growing importance of the American military establishment in India and with the prospective importance of India's part in the war in Asia. The situation in India being what it is, one of the primary qualifications for this post is discretion and while this is by no means Mr. Phillip's primary qualification, for he is as able a man as the service could have provided, his long record is a guarantee that in his person the United States will have diplomatic and not sentimental representation in New Delhi .....

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ENEMY OWNED PATENTS

Mr. Leo Crowley, the Alien Property Custodian, reports to the President that by the end of the year he will have seized some 50,000 patents granted to enemy nationals, states the New York Times this morning. We seized enemy-owned patents in the last war too but dealt with them in a manner that was not wholly satisfactory. The old mistakes will not be repeated.

..... The final disposition of the seized patents must be considered at the peace table. If the treaty which ends this war is drawn up in the spirit of the Atlantic Charter it is probable that the patents confiscated by all belligerents will be restored to their owners but with reservations that will prevent German Cartels and their foreign affiliates from monopolizing International trade in patented processes and products.

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### AUSTRALIA'S ALL-OUT WAR EFFORT

The Washington Post today says: Australia will plug the last major gap in its all-out war effort this month with the almost certain acceptance of Prime Minister John Curtin's proposal to extend compulsory military service, including overseas fighting, to Australian militiamen as well as regulars.

With a population of 7,000,000 Australia now has over 450,000 men in its armed forces. Over a million more men and women are either in the fighting forces or in industries supporting them..Australia has built up a munitions industry that supplies nearly all of the country's own needs and exports many goods to other countries in the southern hemisphere.... The Australians are spending more than half of their national income on the war this year.... As more and more men have gone into the army, Australian women have taken their places....

Wages have been pegged. The twin rights of employers to hire and fire and of workers to change jobs are suspended for the duration. But employee representation has been established in all war industries under Government control. In spite of these drastic changes the rise in the Australian cost of living has been small.

Already the Australian government has held a Constitutional Convention which considered the centralization of power in the Federal Government,... The purpose of this move was to aid in the prosecution of the war and to provide for efficient postwar planning. The powers the Federal Government is asking and which four out of six State Premiers favour giving it, include control of commerce and transport, public works, social services, health, housing and native welfare. The Australians are fighting this war with an eye to the future.

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