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WAR!

(By CYRIL CORNIFFE)

WAR — that damnable thing, and war such as that waged on unprepared peoples by the barbaric Hun and the Nipponese pagan of the twentieth century — is the tragedy that has now befallen the occidental world. It is total war — war that comes to every man, woman, and child, not in the sense of a catastrophe that may in one way or another affect our living conditions, but as a conflict in which each one of us is surrounded by the same destructive forces as is the soldier in the fighting line. To her fellow-gangsters, Japan has opened a very splendid innings, and in a way to show that she has even greater striking power than her senior partner in the Axis set-up. For while Germany moved in progression, striking down her victims one by one, Japan at once challenges two great Powers, striking at them simultaneously over an extended area. The war now conducted by Germany and Japan, will be governed by two factors, sea and air power. While Japan, like Germany and Italy, will not willingly stage a naval battle with the Allies, she will in devious ways cause many a maritime disaster, as she has already begun to do. Then, she will, according to plan, launch aerial attacks from such bases as she may by conquest later acquire on the Asiatic mainland and the Netherlands Indies against the entire Pacific side of the Ameri-

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British Vice Consulate In Totalitarian Building

The Editor:
Sir:

While the totalitarian land grabbers, Germany, Italy, and Japan, are straining every nerve to get all they can of the resources of the countries they are occupying, the fighting democracies in a decent and legitimate way are closing in on the belongings of their nationals residing outside their domains.

In our midst here are German and Italian business houses, and tenement buildings occupied by many anti-axis peoples of Costa Rican and other nationalities. And as it becomes necessary, for the safety of the State, to round up and put in safe-keeping Germans, Italians, Japanese, and Axis Quilings, it follows that the properties of these undesirables should be taken over by the Government.

We have been noticing all along that the Caribbean Packing Co., which is strictly American, the British, Panamanian, and Nicaraguan consular offices, and the National Bank of Costa Rica are all accommodat-

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ed in buildings belonging to Axis nationals.

If such a circumstance was excusable all along — yet, we can hardly see how it was — it is no longer so, now that all the Western Democracies are at war with the Axis nations. And we are expecting to see a quick and definite change in this respect — either that the above-mentioned business concern and the Consulates and Banking institution remove to

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The Meat Of The News

The British Broadcasting Corporation confirms the news of the sinking of the "Prince of Wales" and "Repulse" which were sunk by Japanese action.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, declared this week that the United States is guarding against any German movement in the United States.

Mr. Arthur Bliss Lane, American Minister to Costa Rica, called on His Excellency the President of the Republic and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Tuesday, and expressed the satisfaction of the American Government and people to the Costa Rican people for their action in the present conflict.

The Department of War in Washington published a report Tuesday, stating that 37 officials and soldiers died during the Japanese attack on Hawaii Monday.

A London radio station announced that the Government of Cauxking has declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy. The Government of Cauxking is administered by General Chaing Kai Saek.

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Managing Editor

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Thought For The Week

Clocks will go as they are set; but man, irregular man, is never constant, never certain.
— Otway

CHURCH

"GOD HELP those who help themselves," so says Adolf Hitler, master mind of German nationalism. The gangster with his gun, after eluding the police with his victim's property, expresses satisfaction along similar lines. Hitler was not original in this age-old saying, but it is the method of its expression which is so significant.

Men of colour are forced to pause at such pronouncements and wonder at the audacity of white leaders. They have created God in their own image and go about the world exchanging Him for power and natural resources. When they have failed by coercion to get the birthright of these people, they resort to the highly civilized method of the bayonet and poison gas.

Typical of white autocracy is that it is God's wish that they dominate the political, social and economic lives of other races, and the crowning act of such incidents is the blessing they receive from their clerical satellites. Since the church is powerless to curb the viciousness in white leadership, it should, at least, have courage to denounce these leaders' activities as ruthless and in no way representing the spirit of

Christianity. Unless such denunciation is forthcoming, the Black race will be forced to assume that the church lives apart from its doctrines and is not sincere in its work of bringing peace and goodwill to the human family.

Since by helping yourself, God will help you, and there is no mistake, it's true. Black men and women must learn that it is time they bestir themselves. Let their imagination run riot within them, come together as one, let their voices ring out loud by protestation and demonstration and every means at their command, and the powers by which white men conquer and steal and call them God's, will also aid them in their determination to conquer lost territory and regain independence.

Bangkok Bombarded

NEW YORK, 8 — Radio telephone from Australia informs that Japanese navy is bombarding Bangkok, the Capital of Siam, while their planes are attacking the city from the air.

Red Cross Aid

The Red Cross Society of Costa Rica has voted the sum of five hundred colones to alleviate the sufferers of the recent earthquakes in the village of Bagraças.

Nicaragua Backs United States

In a message to the President of the United States, President Samozza of Nicaragua said: — "I and my country are sincerely on the side of the United States; ready to fight the common enemy. I have called an extraordinary meeting of Congress to give authority for the necessary measures for continental defense.

Dutch Planes In Action

The National Broadcasting Company reported Wednesday that Dutch planes are participating in the defense of Singapore against the Japanese.

Nicaragua Declares War On Japan

The Government of General Samozza of Nicaragua announced early on Monday morning last that Nicaragua has declared war on the Japanese Government.

To Agents And Subscribers

Those Agents and subscribers that have sent in their remittances during this week are kindly asked to await our acknowledgements next week.

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"Until Now, All Reports Received Are Bad"

So Says President Roosevelt Last Tuesday In A Message to the American People

Calls Japan's Attack In The Pacific A Criminal One

MR. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, addressed the American nation and the peoples of the world last Tuesday, calling the Japanese attack in the Pacific a criminal one.

The President said, however, that all the news received

at the White House from the beginning of hostilities were bad news, but, he added that the American nation hopes for final victory.

Mr. Roosevelt, in his address, which was picked up at the Express office, called Hitler and Mussolini the gangsters of Europe.

"In the year 1931, Japan invaded Manchukuo, without notice. In 1935, Italy invaded Ethiopia in the same manner. In 1938, Hitler occupied Austria. In 1939, Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia, without notice. Hitler also invaded Poland. In 1940, Hitler invaded Norway,

Denmark, Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg, without notice. In 1940, Italy attacked France and Greece, without notice. In 1941, the Axis dominated Yugoslavia and all the Balkan states. In 1941, Hitler invaded Russia; and now, Japan has attacked Malay, Thailand and the United States, without warning."

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Britain's Brunt

Some time ago, the German short wave station D-N-B, circulated its favorite and baseless lie that the British always cast their Dominions into the fire of war, while they themselves stay out of it.

The best answer to this lying charge can be found in Prime Minister Churchill's statement last June.

He said that of the 90 000 lives lost up to that time in the war, at home and abroad, at least 85 000 came from Britain.

Furthermore, Churchill pointed out, there have been, in fact, in 1941 almost as many British as there are Austrian and New Zealand troops engaged in all operations in the Western Desert, in Greece and in Crete.

The Methodist Day School's closing entertainment programme will take place on Friday night, 19 h inst., and not on the 16th as announced in last week's issue of the Atlantic Voice.

The Concert to provide a Treat on Christmas Day, in connection with the Salvation Army, will come off on Wednesday night next in the Army's Hall, and not Tuesday as was announced last week in the Voice of the Atlantic.

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Costa Rica And Other Countries Followed

[Edwin Horde]

America is now troubled. The American Congress has declared war on the Japanese Government after the later Government had struck the first blow while negotiation was still going on in Washington with the Japanese special Ambassador.

The Japanese Government, following the footsteps of their axis partner — Germany — chose a Sunday morning for the beginning of hostilities against a peaceful nation.

Even before the American Congress met on Monday last to consider a formal declaration of war against Japan — her aggressor — Costa Rica announced that she was officially at war with Japan, thus, she was the very first nation to declare war against Japan after the starting of hostilities.

I know that American inter-

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Dear Mother,
ETHEL GUNTER
who departed this life Dec 8, 1939

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est is not only a matter of business rights, property rights and investments, but it is more fundamental — a concern for civilization itself and peace for all nations, including America itself.

America was trying her utmost to assure peace in the world, for isolation in this day cannot be justified, but Japan has put her to the test; too much is at stake right now.

The American nation, however, cannot be conquered. Upon that continent, or within easy and friendly reach of it, there is every material resource. The people who inhabit that continent selected themselves as colonists out of the civilized nations of Europe; they are adventurous, enterprising, and brave with high faith.

Nothing that a people could want, nothing that nations fight to obtain, nothing that men die to achieve is lacking.

Govt. To Increase Liquor Licences In Grecia

Principal Merchants Are Protesting

The Express understands this week that a great deal of anxiety now exists in the town of Grecia among those who are in position of their liquor license, on account of the Municipal authorities intention to increase the liquor license (foreign and native) to double its present rate. We understand however, that the principal merchants of Grecia are getting up a protest to present to the Municipal Fathers.

Latest information that was given to the Express yesterday by a local Municipal official was that our City Fathers were not contemplating an increase to our present license hold ers. This, however, we expect in the near future.



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The Harvest Thanksgiving Service in connection with the Pentecostal Union Baptist Church will come off tomorrow night in their Church, commencing at 7 sharp. A special musical program is prepared for the occasion and it is anticipated that a large gathering will be in attendance.

Germany and Italy At war With United States

According to the Totalitarian Pact between Germany, Italy and Japan, it is understood that since Japan is now at war with the United States, a state of war automatically exists between Germany and Italy with the United States. Already a great number of Italians, Germans and Japanese subjects are arrested and placed in concentration camps in the U. S.A.

Seventy Thousand Colones For the Social Security Assn.

The Social Security of San José will derive 70,000 colones through the raising of prices of liquor produced by the National Liquor Factory. It was believed at first that the sales of the National Factory would have suffered a decline, but it turned out otherwise, as during the month of December the sales were always very much better than those of previous months, and evidence shows that according to the daily sales recently a new record will be registered.

The percentage of the sales destined to sustain the Social Security is expected to reach the tidy sum of 70,000 colones per annum.

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The Nations Go To Australia At War With Japan

Among the nations to declare war on Japan this week were Costa Rica, United States of America, Great Britain, Australia, China, Nicaragua, Panama, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Canada, Belgium and Finland.

Japanese Arrested In Panama

Panama announces that 56 Japanese were arrested in Panama last Monday.

San José, Costa Rica, reports officially that several Japanese fishing boats were seized in the interior last Monday.

Hong Kong Bombed

China reports that Hong Kong was bombed twice last Monday morning by Japanese planes, dropping mustard gas from 17 feet in the air on the population.

The world listened last Monday morning, and heard that the Government of Australia has declared that she is officially at war with Finland, Austria, Hungary, and Japan. War on the three first named Government was declared after they ignored the British ultimatum to discontinue all aid to Germany, and which subsequently caused Britain to declare war on them.

London. — Australia will be producing one Beaufort bomber each day next year, according to the Australian Minister of Aircraft Production Mr. Cameron, to-day after inspection of Sydney aircraft works by Governor-General Gowrie and officials of the Aircraft Production Commission.

"The war has thrown Australia, more or less, on its own resources and brought out enormous latent adaptability of Australian work men," he declared, adding that the Australian Beaufort was much faster than the English version because of higher-powered engine and also more maneuverability at low speeds for use in torpedo attack. He revealed that Britain herself had adopted the important Australian modification of the Beaufort.

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First Naval Battle Now In Progress

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The attempt of the Japanese to land were repulsed. Numerous Japanese war ships accompanied the transports during their attempt to land. 3 transports were directly hit, one of which sank immediately.

Japanese battle cruiser "Hironuma" of 4,200 tons was sunk in action by American air ships.

Costa Rica And Nicaragua Suspend Constitutional Guarantees To Japan

The Governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica have simultaneously suspended all constitutional guarantees hitherto granted to all subjects of His Imperial Highness the Emperor of Japan.

Passing Away

By Evangelist Edith Johnson

The old heavens and the old earth must go. However, we look for the new with its glories foretold, when men shall righteousness know. We are all hastening to a new day, but are we preparing to meet it? Everything will be changed and what cannot stand must pass away. There is a message for us all: — "Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts. 3, 19.

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Current Items

The Chinese forces of Chang Kai Shek have started an offensive on the rear guard of the Japanese who are attacking Hong Kong, and another towards Canton.

The National Police of Panama have arrested 70 Italians and 28 Germans for internment. In the United States 2,303 Japanese, Germans, and Italians were taken for internment.

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs has received a message from the Australian Government this week congratulating the Costa Rican Government for her attitude in the war in the Pacific. The message was sent by the Chief Executive of that country.

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Moises Kader, Prop.

War Commentary

The war for Africa is on again. The British opened their big offensive in the western desert last week, catching the Germans by surprise.

For the first time since the war began, Hitler's tools find themselves face to face with a British Army equally equipped to them. And the fact that they outnumber them in troops should ensure a sweeping British victory in this sector.

The aim of the British ofensive is twofold: first, to drive the Axis monsters finally from the dark continent; and secondly, in doing so, to destroy the Fascist armies completely.

The successes the forces of Democracy have gained up to the time of writing point the way to fulfilment of these aims.

From the diplomatic point of view, the offensive will pour new life and energy into us. For many months the British forces have been forced to fight on the offensive. Now, once more, we have taken the initiative under conditions that are all in our own favour. This move will throw Turkey, for example, who occupies a key position in the Middle East, right into our camp. And the final success of this effort will ensure that the vital Suez Canal will not be in danger of falling into enemy hands.

The only gains that Hitler's hordes can record are the slight

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advances towards the Caucasus, the vital Soviet oil region. But here again, we think, they will be stalemated on the approaches to this important area as soon as the big Soviet Army in that region moves to the attack.

Over and above all are the tremendous losses the German Army has suffered.

What Hitler Says

"The following is taking from Hitler's "Meim Kampf".

"No nation on earth holds a square yard of territory by any right derived from heaven. Frontiers are made and altered by human agency alone.

The fact that a nation succeeds in acquiring an unfair share of territory is no superior reason for its being respected. It merely proves the strength of the conqueror and the weakness of those who loose by it."

Argentine, Brazil and Uruguay have agreed to the proposition of Chile to convene a conference of consultation of the Foreign Ministers of all Ameri-

Miscellaneous Ads

Good things to eat: Go to the new eating centre, opposite the Salvation Army Hall for meals, Monday soup, Beef steak, Chicken, etc.— Mrs. Leonica Byland, prop.

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WAR!

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cas, while Germany, with air bases on the West African coast takes care of the Atlantic ares. The Americas, insular and continental, realizes this. They must accept the challenge. They must fight. And though, standing alone, we are but a mere drop in the bucket, we can, by joining forces with our bigger and more powerful neighbours, present an impregnable front to this band of rapists, assassins, and highway robbers. That is why Costa Rica has declared war on Japan. And history will not omit mentioning the fact that in this second World War little Costa Rica was the first American Republic to declare war — and a victorious war, too — on the pioneers of international brigandage.

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other quarters or that they remain where they are on the understanding that the properties have been already confiscated by the Government. Let's see it.

Thanking you for space,
Yrs., etc.,
Cyrilo.

A War Of Ten Years

A high Japanese Naval Officer said Japan is ready to assume control of the Pacific and Indian oceans as well as the Antarctic ocean by Sea and air. The Captain of the steamer "Hildebrand" convened a meeting of the Japanese Press



Mr. George Williams, famous news commentator, who broadcast the latest news of the world every day from Panama, over station HP5G. If he should learn of the fact that representatives of democratic countries are at present occupying Totalitarian buildings in Costa Rica, he would broadcast it from one end of the world to another. He is one of those Englishmen that are strictly Democratic and hates anything that smells like Hitler. However, we think we would have a hard time to convince him that the British Vica Consulate in Port Limon is located in a building owned by an enemy.

in which it was considered that Japan must be prepared to wage a war of ten years with the United States and British Empire.

Hong Kong

Two attempts by the Japanese to land forces in Hong Kong have been repulsed. Launches filled with Japanese soldiers tried to reach the east coast, were met with artillery fire and sunk, and the survivors reaching the shore were taken prisoners. One Japanese airplane was shot down.

The excellent artillery fire of the British garrison obstructed the invasion.

William S. Knudson, chief of the Production Office, will establish a record in the production programme. Among other things, to immediately double the production of the large four-motor-bombers from actual 500 to 1,000 per month.

In a message sent to Marshall Chiang Kai Shek, President Roosevelt said: "China now has the help of several other nations in her resistance against the Japanese invasion. The war will not be an easy and rapid one to victory. It will demand all that can be done by you and your heroic people, concentrating force and devotion for the common cause, that is, to win the war and establish peace."

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