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Axis Disaster Seen In Lybia

CAIRO, 26 — Official news from the Lybia front states that British troops are continuing their advance on Axis forces in their retreat towards the East. The British forces are reported to have already penetrated over 150 miles in Tripolitania in half the time it took General Wavell last year to Benghazi. The British and Imperial troops have covered more than 450 miles from the Egyptian frontier.

British forces are 200 miles inside the German-Italian sphere in Africa. It appears to be a big drive to push the Axis out of Africa.

Stalin Can Take It

Stalin says he can take all that the Germans can give and still hold.

The Finns refuse to quit fighting Russia.

Death Of Miss. Louise Arthurs

It is with profound regret that we mourn today the almost sudden passing of Miss. Louise Arthurs, energetic Secretary of the Old Harbour Division of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, who died at her residence in Old Harbour on Tuesday morning last of a heart attack.

Miss. Arthurs was in town up to Monday last, and we had the pleasure of seeing her in her best humorous spirits. She attended a special meeting of the local Division's Advisory Board a week ago, where she contributed her plans

for the further advancement of the mother Division.

The late Miss. Arthurs has left a name that shall not crumble in the dust. We will not easily forget her; we will always think kindly of her devoted efforts, and will feel today something of sorrow that she has passed from amongst us forever.

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The Xmas Season

Notwithstanding the present serious financial condition on the Atlantic Zone, the Xmas season was enjoyed by young and old alike in their usual gaiety and various entertainments, including Dances, Spend-days and Excursion outing, as the spirit of happiness

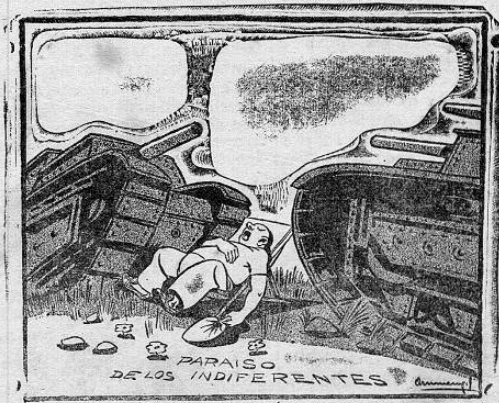
was seen in the features of pleasure seekers. It is complimentary that during the entire season not a single occurrence of disorder was observed — which is a credit to their good conduct on this occasion.

Taking opportunity of the invitation extended them, an extraordinary gathering of guests attended the Christmas-eve Swing and Jive Dance held at Sankey's Upstairs.

Other entertainments in various forms were indulged in, as good wishes were simultaneously exchanged among friends and relatives.

As customary, distribution of Xmas gifts, in connection

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MORAL LAW

The development of great powers frequently is followed by decay. Such is the situation rapidly developing in Europe today. Having attained a great deal of physical and financial power, European rulers do not feel the necessity of abiding by the principles and laws on which power is founded.

The moral law is to a race or nation what the root is to a tree. As long as the root is deeply set in the ground and is in a healthy condition, the tree is prepared to bear any storm; if the above conditions are changed, the tree can no longer withstand the violence of the storm. In like manner as long as a race or nation continues to live according to moral laws and principles its changes or survival are good, other conditions being normal.

We see in Europe today a complete break-down of the moral law. The relations of one European nation with another, or with a non-European nation, are no longer subject to moral laws and principles. There is a complete disregard for the rights of others. Promises are broken, verbal agreements are forgotten, treaties are scraps of paper, international laws are violated.

In Europe today, there is mutual distrust and hatred, in the rest of the world there is resentment against the white race. Black people have long been oppressed and belittled. Let us mark carefully and impress upon our people the con-

nection between stability and due regard for moral law; if we would have the one with its benefits, we must abide by the other under all circumstances.

Plan To Increase Express Pages To 10

Because of the Christmas season, almost our entire staff of type-setters are now on vacation, and for this reason, in order to appear today, it was only possible to issue a six page edition. We trust our readers will overlook this, and we assure you of the publication of our regular eight page edition after the holiday season.

An important fact to mention, also, is our plan now under consideration to increase our pages to ten weekly, as from February, 1942, and further announcement on this matter will be announced in January.

War Commentary

The Japanese attack on British, American and Dutch bases in the Pacific Ocean was surprising only in the careful military planning of the move, but not in the move itself. For America's government had turned its back on any appealment of Japan's aggression and made it quite clear that any attempt at further Japanese expansion would be firmly resisted with all the military and naval might of the Western Hemisphere, allied to Britain and the Dutch East Indies.

Japan has taken up the challenge and the war has now become a real World War.

What is Japan after? Japan's aim may be simply called imperialist. She desires to set up in the Far East a great Federation of countries under her personal domination. All the other powers of the world, like Britain and America, with their vast interests in India and the Philippine Islands, must surrender those interests; China must surrender her independence; Australia and New Zealand, too, must give up their national rights and become dependents of Japan.

Japan aims, in fact, to dominate the Far East in the same way as Hitler wishes to rule over Europe.
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Churchill Conferred With Pres. Roosevelt In Wash.

The British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, after a secret voyage, arrived in Washington this week and conferred at the White House with President Roosevelt and other high American officials. Mr. Churchill arrived in the United States capital by air, accompanied by Lord Beaverbrook and other British leaders. The principal object of the visit, it is learned, was to make further plans for the total destruction of Hitlerism. It is further understood that this meeting is only a preliminary one; after which there will be another meeting to include representatives of Russia, China, The Netherlands, and the British Dominions.

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Fascist Argentine Govt. To Take Over Italian Interest In Costa Rica

Minister To Costa Rica Notified Foreign Office Of His Government Decision

IT HAS been officially announced from Buenos Aires that the Italian Government has solicited the consent of the Argentine Government to take over Italian interests in countries that have already declared war on Italy and where the Argentine Government maintains diplomatic relationship.

Dr. Loudet, Argentine Minister to Costa Rica, is said to have notified the Costa Rican Foreign Office of his Government intention to consent to Italy's request.

It is therefore anticipated that, after correct inventories, Italians may soon deliver over their belongings to the Argentine diplomat for protection.

As Costa Rica is strictly a democrat Republic — and this fact is undisputable — we may suggest here that she investi-

gate — for diplomatic reason — her present relation with Argentine.

"Feed Jonah and you feed the Whale"

— Editor.

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Costa Rica Taking Precautionary Measures Against Enemies

Germans, Italians And Japs Must Constantly Report To Authorities

A confirmed report from San Jose states that in an Executive decree issued recently, the Government of Costa Rica has requested that all Italians, Germans, and Japanese, residing within Costa Rican territories, to present their address at all times to the ruling authorities

of their locality.

We understand further that in cases of removal, these enemies of the State must first obtain permission from the

authorities before a removal can be effected.

(Now we are at it, and we will certainly see to it.)

— Editor.)

GREETING CARDS!!

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The Black Race

The Black race is like those pre-historic animals of great size which perished at the claws of smaller animals or in the struggle against an unfavorable environment. The Black race has the stature of Goliath — four hundred million — and the armament of David — no guns, no money. The Black race has shown it self, so far, incapable of dealing with this problem of racial freedom. But why?

Four hundred million of us! That sounds terrific. But are they working single or as a united body?

Thousands of Black men and women trained in the best Colleges and Universities of the world. But are they using this training in the pursuit of true freedom, or are they simply living in a world conjured up to their own imaginations?

Black men do a great part of the essential work of the world, but do they take advantage of this fact?

Do they insist in united fashion in obtaining their share — their just share of the goods of this world?

But the four hundred million of us together to unite for one purpose, with honesty, sincerity, skill and industry, and it would be a certainty that we could do something — even without guns or money.

Emperor's Words Haunting European Statesmen

Emperor Haile Selassie words are today haunting European Statesmen if they think of their past acts against right and justice. "I have come to warn you of the doom that awaits you if you should bow before force."

The Great Powers destroyed the League of Nations rather than permit justice for a Black nation in a dispute with a white nation. Now by smaller combinations they are seeking to preserve themselves from the same forces that they permitted to overrun Ethiopia.

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War Commentary

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No Democracy which believes in the right of both large and small nations to govern themselves, could tolerate such aims. And so America and Britain have taken up arms against the Far Eastern partner in the bloody Axis and with grim determination and the confidence of a united people, will fight to final victory.

It was the resources of America that were bringing the freedom-loving powers' production up to mark with Germany's, and finally outstripping Hitler in the long run. Now, however, America will have to divert her production into supplying her own armies and even if there is a respite, it will be extremely difficult to transport it across the Pacific to the Middle East.

Japan's action cannot conceivably result in anything but her eventual destruction. Granted that she succeeds in capturing the American and British bases. This merely means that the United States withdraws temporarily to the shores, renews her strength and continues the assault. For remember, Japan cannot hope to invade the U. S. and conquer her.

This cannot be a pleasant prospect for Japan. She attempted to conquer China and the result is a long drawn out stalemate. A second stalemate with a first class military power like the United States can only result in her internal collapse.

Japan as therefore launched a war which she cannot hope to win, despite her temporary victories.

Hitler Takes Over Chief Command Of German Armed Forces

Radio reports received here this week state that Adolf Hitler, the Dictator of Germany, and the greater part of Europe, has personally assumed Supreme Command of the German forces. There are persons who believed this news as another propagandist stunt. The Russian Winter is too cold, and the North African sun too hot for the delicate frames of the "superior" race.

—TRIALS & TRIUMPHS of Marcus Garvey, written by Len. S. Numbard price only five colones. Apply to Edwin Horde, Box 424, Limon.

Good things to eat: Go to the new eating centre, opposite the Salvation Army Hall, for meals, mondongo soup, Beefsteak, Chickens, etc.— Mrs. Leonicia Byfield, Prop.

When you are ill you don't need sympathy as much as you need cash. Join St. Anthony's Burial and sick Aid Society NOW.

An Account Book for the month of June, 1941, belonging to this office has been mislaid at an unknown establishment some time during last week. Anyone returning it to this office will be satisfactory compensated.

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Death Of Miss. Louise Arthurs

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To the end she maintained her standard of personal fairness and independence; what opinion she held she was ready to express it freely, whether it would meet popular favour or not.

In conclusion, we extend our profound sympathy to her bereaved relatives and friends, and to individual members of the U.N.I.A. on the passing of one who, in service, was true to the last.

The Xmas Season

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with the local branch of the Jamaica Burial Scheme Society took place at the St. Mark's Parish Hall on Xmas morning. It was, of course, a magnificent way of exhibiting the real feeling of charity and love towards one another,

In addition to this, religious

denominations also distributed gifts simultaneously to those deserving them.

The Salvation Army also distributed cakes, ice-cream and other refreshments on the 24th evening to over 30 shoe-shiners and baggage carriers in their Hall.

The Central American Express takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation of these manifestations of goodwill by these religious and other social organizations of this city.

Blitzjokes

An official of the Gestapo was instructing a new agent in his duties.

«Whenever you hear anyone say anything against the Gestapo, you must hurry here and tell me about it,» he ordered.

«Oh dear» said the recruit, «I don't think I've time to come round here as often as that».

At a dance hall in Oslo, a German officer asked a girl if she would dance with him. She refused. «Is it because I am a German?» he asked. «No replied the girl, «its because I'm a Norwegian».

Nazi 'Hate' School

Hiller and the Nazi are now busy operating a "Hate School" against Negroes throughout the world according to our New York correspondent's despatch this week.

Reports of thieving in Port Limon have recently become prevalent. Jamaica Town appears to be the favourite haunts of the prowlers bynight, particularly the latter, where poultry stealing has been frequent. Reports to the Express Office have been made in the hope of attracting more Police vigilance in this area.



"...THE FUHRER HAS FORGOTTEN MY 'LEBENSRAUM'..."

Cartoon from the Cartoon Council