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OFF THEY GO

(By CYRIL CORNIFFE)

A party of Hitler's backstage actors left us a few days ago. And not a few persons made the time to present themselves at the dock to see these undesirables put aboard a small U. S. A. war-craft by the strong arm of the law. It was an event of more than ordinary importance. It made history. For it meant the removal of part of the threat to our hemispheric solidarity and security; the presence of nazi agents any where is synonymous with trouble on the grand scale. None of us really know all the mischief those miscreants have done here, but that they have done a lot of dirty fifth column work to boost the new world order of their degenerate master remains an open secret. The pity of it — it seems hard to say — is that as many mill-stones as their number were not slung around their necks and that, instead of being transported over the waves, they are dumped in the very deepest part of the Atlantic and be got rid of once and for all. We would not dare, as God's creatures, to rejoice in the death of even one sinner, let alone so many; but certainly not one of us would bewail the loss of a couple of huns. But governmental action should not stop there. The foul nests of these depotes should be sought out and overturned. We ought to remember that fifth column work, like other

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British Guns In Middle East Best Far 1941

LONDON — The War Office, summarizing operations for 1941, said that the British army's major accomplishment during the year was the consolidation of the Middle East positions from the Caucasus to Benghazi, bringing it into direct touch with the British allies — Russia and Turkey."

The War Office said that in the Middle East, 1941 has seen the complete destruction of three Italian armies, totalling about 650,000 men and a German force, which though small in number, (as estimated at 47,000) was the elite of the German army."

This was the first authoritative British claim of the actual military destruction of the Nazi African forces under command of Major

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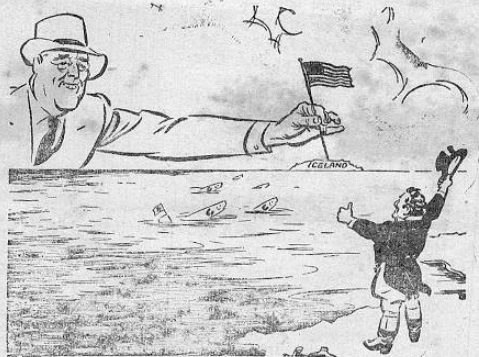
Excursion Coming In March

Shortly before we went to press last night, we received an official communication from the Canal Zone which states that an Excursion trip will leave Cristobal for Limón in March, 1942, under the management of Mr. Oscar Edwards. The date has not yet finally decided on, but any person desirous of obtaining further information can call at the Express office.

Local Red Cross Committee

A committee of the Costa Rican Red Cross was recently formed in Limón with the approval of the proper authorities in San José. The President is Dr. Hilario Guavilla and the Secretary is Lic. Don Ferrnando del Barco.

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Managing Editor

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Thought For The Week

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

— ST. LUKE, 15: 7

A FORECAST

(By CYRIL CORNIFFE)

THE present European war is being waged, it is said, for democracy. It was the same thing said of the World War of 1914-18. But during the years following the break in that war, the world became so unsafe for the democracies, that it had to be started all over again on September 3rd, 1939. And there is no telling when and how it will end. Looking at the whole thing from just one angle, it would appear that the aggressor nations — Italy, Japan, and Germany, may lose out. But suppose they all do, or some do, or say, Germany alone does, would such a defeat make the world safe for democracy? We do not hesitate to say no. We go further. When this war shall have ended, if it is not that war to end all wars, the conditions precipitated by it in a distracted and unsettled world will be so terrible that men's hearts will fail them for fear of those things that are (further) coming on the earth." Truly it will be the "beginning of sorrows," Rape, mass murders, tortures, and all their counterparts will multiply and extend themselves. Of course, world states

men and rulers are talking of an enduring peace that will secure to all nations, great and small, the right to decide their own destinies. But though we claim to be as good optimists as they are, we cannot think in such terms and believe that this world as it is, will ever see such an epoch. If this war is not the last world war—and we do not think it is—we can see in it only the prelude to a war that must sooner or later involve the entire world and end in the whole sale destruction of modern civilization so called and in the almost complete annihilation of the human race.

Japs In U. S. Pledged Support Of Democracy

President Roosevelt received over 200 telegrams last week from foreigners of 19 different countries, among them Japanese, Germans, Italians, Hungarians and Rumanians, all promising the President to do all in their power to uphold the

principles of Democracy.

One telegram reads as follows—

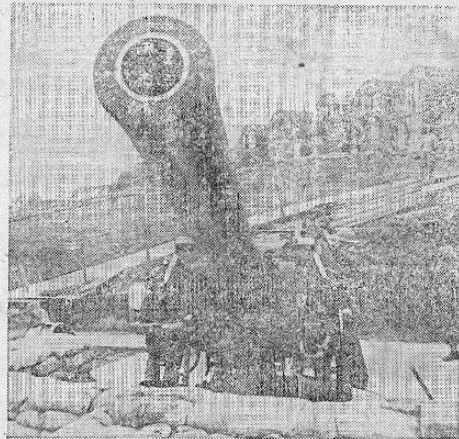
"We Northamerican citizens of Japanese origin, uphold our protest and denounced the unprovoked attack made by Japan, and we take this opportunity to affirm our loyalty as American citizens to do all in our power for the defense of our country."

Shortly before going to press last night, we learned that 40,000 American citizens of Japanese origin are mobilizing in California to fight for Uncle Sam.

British Forces Planned To Leave Ethiopia

LONDON — The British forces in Ethiopia are to be withdrawn as soon as existing military interests have been cleaned up. The official information has been broadcast from Ethiopia in three languages—English, Italian Amharic—and the broadcast adds that the Italian Government has been approached with proposals for the repatriation of Italian non-combatants in the country.

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Around the shores of Britain, like a mighty ring of steel, stand the coastal defence guns. Day and night they are manned for instant action by expert gun crews who maintain their efficiency by exercises in all conditions of weather and light.

This picture is of a unit of a British coastal defence battery showing gunners at their station.

Between You And Me

(Edwin Herde, M)

THE night was calm; it was a Sunday night — the first Sunday in the month — the first Sunday in the year. During the hot day that preceded that night I had no intention — absolutely none — to attend, alive or dead, any religious service of any kind. On the contrary, I thought of resting my sinful, sinful, rum-soaked body, very early.

It was around 6:30 when an old lady escorted me by the arm and commanded me to "go home, get your sack on, and come along with me to church." I accepted the invitation. Said I: — "You go along; I'll be there in time with you."

This, of course, my dear readers, was just a promise — a promise that she didn't believe. To her it was an empty assurance. I hardly believed myself that this assurance would be fulfilled. But a few minutes later, I found myself, poorly clad, seated quietly in one of the pews of the Methodist Church, even before the service had begun.

A few minutes later, I heard a choir — composed of women and ladies, men and gentlemen — sing out a piece of harmonious music (that certainly touched my heart — [not my feet]). The course of time, the Church Steward, Mr. Leslie Angus, read for his text St. Luke 15th chapter — (which the old Negro would have termed as the minutes of "the previous meeting").

In his sermon, he specifically laid stress on the last verse of his text:

"— for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again, and was lost, and is found."

The theme of his subject, however, was summed up in two words: *Circumstance* and *Promise*. In his serious exhortation, he reminded us that the word *circumstance* is often used as a suitable excuse for us not attending religious services. In decided tones he said that circumstances should only be applied when we are prevented through illness — a circumstance over which we have absolutely no control!

PROMISES, he said, are often made: resolutions are often made, specifically at the beginning of a new year — but are they always kept? And just at this moment — at this point of his sermon — I rejoiced and was exceedingly glad because of the fact that I had fulfilled my first promise for the year, and now I resolved, circumstances or no circumstances, rice or no rice, I am going to attend religious services, at least twice more for the year!

Mr. Angus' sermon was certainly a soul-stirring exhortation — it was striking and sincere, and his appeal must have touched some other hearts besides mine. Then the closing song — Sankey No 396:

"Jesus is tenderly calling thee home
Calling today, calling today!"

Why from the sunshine of love wilt thou roam,
Farther and farther away?!"

To Leave Ethiopia

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Hitherto the British have organized at their own expense the feeding, housing and employment of the Italians in Ethiopia, and as far as possible looked after their interest, but as soon as British forces leave the Italians must go too and it is hoped that the negotiations for their repatriation will soon be successfully concluded.

Women and children and men unfit for military service will be sent home to Italy in Italian liners and 11,000 people are due to sail in February. Men of military age will be evacuated to British East African territories.

The office of the Deputy Chief Political Adviser in Abyssinia announced that the removal of the Italians will be carried out with every regard for their health and comfort.

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Large Sum For Costa Rican Red Cross

From our Correspondent

SAN JOSE, C. R. — The Lady President of the Costa Rican Red Cross, Mrs. Ivonne Calderon Guardia, recently delivered the appreciable sum of 6,672.26 colones to the Treasurer, don Esquivel, which was collected in three days.

The one thousand colones given by the Cartago Municipality was not included in the above mentioned sum.

Sayings

"There can be no relaxation, far from it. The enemy's attack at sea will be intensified. Our present situation demands from each one of us still greater sacrifices, than we have yet

made." — *The Prime Minister*

"At this moment Germany is putting everything she can into production ready for us in the spring. I say solemnly and sincerely to every man and woman in this country — you must not lose a minute, you must not be tempted to stay away." — *The Minister of Labour.*

"It can be stated plainly that the Government have done, are doing, and will do everything possible to supply Russian needs." — *The Minister of Economic Warfare.*

Why This Silly Sordid Struggle?

A popular American commentator, writing in the "American Guardian," says: —

"Oo, fellowmen, here today gone tomorrow. Why all this silly sordid struggle for things that rot and rust? Life is so dear! A few frogs out of the ocean of eternity,

enriched by friendship, love, beauty and peace — none of which can be bought with all the gold of the earth. And you throw all this aside for the golden ladder leading to nowhere! It is better to give than to take: better to love your neighbours than to hate them. Better to do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Have A Smile

A Doctor had an urgent call from a man who said his son had swallowed a fountain pen.

"I'll come at once" said the doctor. "What are you doing in the meantime?"

"I am using a pencil," was the reply.

Good things to eat: Go to the new eating centre, opposite the Salvation Army Hall, for meals, mutton soup, Beef-steak, Chickens, etc. — Mrs. Leonica Bshied, prop.

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

SYRIA: Allied Forces Enter Damascus



As the result of continued pressure by British and Free French troops the Vichy forces evacuated Damascus on June 21st, 1941, and the town was later occupied by the Allied forces General Denz, Vichy High Commissioner for Syria, shortly afterward asking for an armistice. Transport of the Free French and the British going through one of the main streets of Damascus showing the crowds who turned out to welcome them.

News, Comments & Views

We regret that we are unable to supply 10 copies of our Xmas number in accordance with an order received from Panama last week.

Adolf Hitler recently accused England of having waged "most of the wars of this world," and pictured Germany as the principal victim of opposition since the Versailles Treaty was signed.

Christian bodies of various kinds are spending more time and effort today in winning members one from another than in winning souls from the darkness of paganism and the depths of sin about them.

The fact that Mussolini's wife was a waitress before he married her should cause women who follow that domestic service not to lose heart or hope. A rich guy may at anytime come by.

A gate — even a canvas one — is now long over due at the entrance to the office of the Central American Express.

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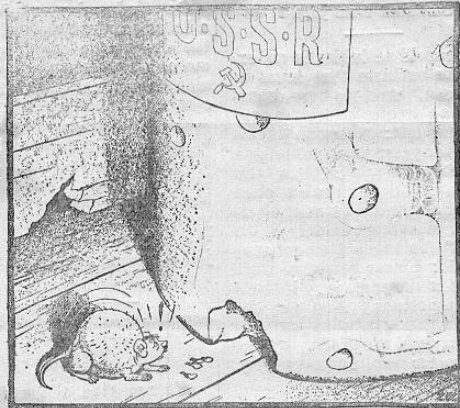
The Express states the facts as they are. If you are an honest person you will not be afraid of the truth and you will not be afraid to accept it when you see it.

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underworld activities is an expensive business that *must* be financed. And we here repeat what we wrote in our issue of 5th July last: "German agents have for years been running a paper currency racket in this country, and at times show their hand, with a threat of violence, to isolated traders on the lines!" To this statement may we add: Clever detective work would make some very interesting disclosures. And no one knows these facts so well, or better, than the crafty, scheming *boches* who, unfortunately, are left behind.

British Guns In Midale East Best For 1941

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General Erwin Rommel, as well as the estimated 100,000 Italians in the current Libyan campaign. The remnants of General Rommel's forces, however, are still fighting in Western Cyrenaica.

The remaining Italian losses claimed by the British were Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's Libyan army of 250,000 men which the review said was destroyed by the forces of General Air Archibald P. Wavell, the cost of less than 200,000 casualties, the review said the entire Italian army of 300,000 men has been wiped out in East Africa.

Generals First!

We understand that the Generalissimo of the Fifth Column gang in Silver City was captured this week and is now placed safely away in detention camp where he may remain for the duration of the war. We further understand that the Generalissimo's chief headquarters at the Crossing will soon be raided. Of course, the authorities are seeking out the Generals first!

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Fatal Accident

On Wednesday evening last a fatal accident took place on the Camp One road, when a motor-car driven by a young man, known as "Jack" came in contact with Margerite Reid, who sustained serious injuries which caused her death shortly after entering the United Fruit Co's hospital. The deceased is said to have reached her 27th year and leaves behind two children. "Jack" is now in jail where he awaits judicial investigation.

Returned From A Well Earned Vacation

We are glad of the duty to welcome back to this town Mr. James Nelson who returned here yesterday from his three weeks' vacation trip to Panama. We trust Mr. Nelson has been greatly benefited by his vacation. We regret, however, that very shortly, he will again say good-bye to us as he is expected to take up residence in Panama.

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The Year Of The Jubilee

By Evangelist Edith Johnson

This present year will be one of the greatest in the history of time. It is the year of the Jubilee: the proclamation of liberty. The returning of lands to their owners: a time of decision. The Holy Hebrew church will take her place, and the church of Rome shall fall. All kingdoms will be shaken. The rich will be brought low and the poor will be exalted. The war will have a sudden stop, and many will seek to find the true God. The Jews will return to their national home and seek their King. The history Hitler will soon be closed at the triumph of Zion. Many hidden things will be brought to light. Is it possible that we here in Costa Rica could do anything to help to bring peace? Yes! we can, if we allow God to use us for His purposes. May we then be ready for the trumpet of the jubilee when it shall sound: "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound, they shall walk on Lord, in the light of Thy countenance." Psm. 89:15



Arrasty

Tonight, 7 & 9

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Costa Ricans And Foreigners Residing In Costa Rica To Cease All Business Transactions With Nationals Of Germany, Italy Or Japan,

Russians Takes Offensive In All Sectors

News reaching here from Russia indicates that the Allies are maintaining steady pressure on the enemy. This has taken the form of a general offensive everywhere rather than a single offensive. The latest Russian success is in the Volokolamsk sector, west of Moscow, where the enemy is now retreating after being dislodged. In another sector, during a three days' battle, Soviet forces recaptured 18 villages and annihilated over one thousand German officers and men.

TIES. All kinds of Ties, long ties, or Bow ties, are made to order by Mr. Stanford Barton at Mr. James Tailor Shop. See him now.

The Costa Rican Government, in a special Decree issued last week by the Executive authorities, and published in the official organ of the Government, prohibits all Costa Ricans and foreigners residing in Costa Rica to transact business of any kind with nationals of Italy, Germany or Japan. This Decree was made and issued in view of Costa Rica's declaration of war made recently on the three powers mentioned above, and in conformity with article 102 of the Political Constitution.

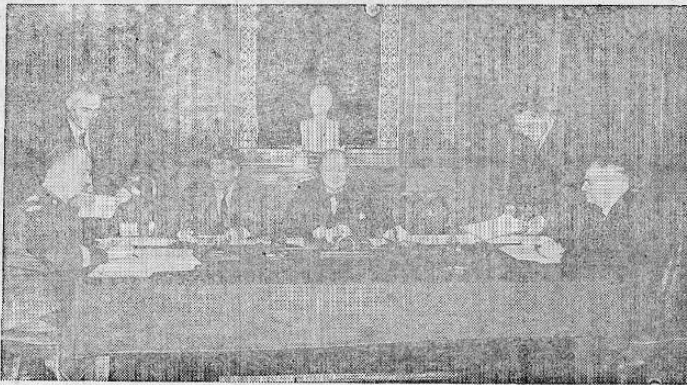
It is, of course, a principle of International rights that reciprocal methods immediately cease after a state of war has been declared by one nation against another.

The Decree made by the Executives went on to state that all subjects of Italy, Japan, and Germany residing in Costa Rica must present, in conformity with Decree No. 44 of the 10th of October last, complete declaration of ownership of properties and all business to the Office Coordination in San José.

WANTED the public to know that all kinds of printing work such as Picnic Posters, Plaques, Books etc. are undertaken by the Express Printery

Jack Flag Stop: You all know where a place where all bad feelings clear. Call for service only for a 1942. C. Looking is, no there so make another stroke

Russia And Poland Sign Agreement



On July 30, 1941, at the British Foreign Office, London, the signing of the Agreement between the Government of the U.S.S.R. and the Polish Government took place.

This photograph shows the historic scene and here you see seated at the table from left to right General Sikorski for Poland, Mr. Anthony Eden, and Mr. Winston Churchill for Great Britain, and M. Maisky for Russia. Poland and Russia now unite to fight their common enemy.

Ethiopia: Out Of The Frying Pan....

Coming Presidential Campaign

Ex-President, Lic. don Leon Corten has announced that he will launch an intense opposition campaign for the Presidency as soon as the elections for Deputies are over

Germans Facing Disaster

Moscow reports that 15 divisions of German troops are facing a disaster in Mozbaik. The Russians have recaptured several important cities, the report said.

Situation In Favour Of Allies

Marcel Dent, speaking over the radio from Paris, declared that the Vichy Government has ended all political co-operation with Germany in view of the fact that the situation is now in favour of the Allies.

Ever Laugh Draws A Nail Out Of Our Coffin

Two lunatics in an asylum were asked to paint a room. One was on top of a ladder, painting the ceiling, when the other one said:—

"Say, hold on to the brush; I need the ladder."

Customer — You just told me this skirt was made of wool and the label reads cotton.

Salesman — Oh, don't pay any attention to the label. We put it there to fool the moths.

Such is Life

The life of a man is full of contradictions. He comes into the world without his consent; he leaves it against his wish. The intervening period of his

sinister maneuvers in East Africa would seem to indicate that Ethiopia has leaped out of the frying pan into the fire.

In the first place, the British government has not yet restored diplomatic relations with Ethiopia although Emperor Haile Selassie is on the throne and British propaganda reports the Italian everywhere defeated.

In the second place, the British War Office has established a military subdivision to be known as the East Africa Command including all territories between the Southern borders of the Anglo-Egyptian Command and the northern frontier of southern Rhodesia. This embraces Ethiopia, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland, Uganda and Kenya, and indicates that Ethiopia is not to be freed.

In the third place, all efforts of Liberal and Labor members of Parliament to get a direct and definite statement out of Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden about Ethiopia's status have been futile.

And finally, the South Africans, who are now rulers of Ethiopia, are demanding a "protectorate" over the ancient kingdom.

The Italians are novices in Negro phobia compared to the South Africans.

life is governed by the law of contradictions.

If he is small, the tall girls make love to him. If he is tall, short girls want to kiss him. If he is poor, he is improvident; if he is rich, he's a thief; if he needs credit he can't get it; if he has money everybody wants to do him favors. If he spends his money doing charitable work, he's a miser; if he's charitable, he's showing off.

Eden's Mission To Moscow

In a broadcast this week, Anthony Eden, British Secretary of Foreign Affairs, said that his visit to Russia was a complete success, and political agreements between the two countries were satisfactory concluded.

Russians Said Advancing

The Russian newspaper, "Red Star," announced that Russian troops have advanced forty five miles in the Crimea, after the recapture of several important cities.

Our Local Weekly Game Of Chance

Shortly before going to press last night we understand that the first drawing of the weekly chance system will take place on the first Sunday in next month. Our readers will understand, however, that this weekly chance game will be supervised exclusively by the Government.

If he's affectionate, he's soft. If he shows interest in no one, then he's a heartless rascal.

If he dies young, a great future was awaiting him; if he lives to a ripe old age, then he missed his vocation.

If he fails to obtain money he's a ne'er-do-well; if he gets it he's without morals. If he spends his money he's a vagabond; if he saves it he's avaricious.

—Brisol

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