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## There're Good Days Coming: Abaca Project To Commence Shortly!!

Millions Of Dollars To Be Spent  
In This Country; Project To  
Start At Mt. Verde

NEVER AGAIN will the workers of Costa Rica ever have such a golden opportunity of improving their conditions as they will have in the near future. We have it from authoritative sources that the planting of abaca in the Atlantic Zone will shortly commence, and this project, with out the shadow of a doubt, will mean the employment of hundreds of our unemployed.

With millions of United States dollars to be spent in this country and thousands coming from the Canal Zone, a large section of the public who would be in an awful plight, will be positively saved.

During last year the atmosphere indicated a very gloomy outlook for the working classes, but, this year, as we had anticipated, things are taking shape for the better.

But, may we say here, that all the good that will be done within this year will be lost, unless strict control is kept over the manner in which this money will be spent.

We, at this time, do not think it advisable to publish just now certain authentic reports received which we know will be of extraordinary import

ance to our readers in regards to the gigantic programme to start soon at Mt. Verde. We ask, however, that you continue to read this — your news paper — every week for further information regarding the planting of thousands of hectares of ABACA.

### International Red Cross Asked Costa Rica's Cooperation

The International Red Cross of the United States has asked the Costa Rican Red Cross for their consent to join the Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war, which was agreed to by the European nations at Berns in 1929. The Convention determined all the proceedings regarding the treatment of war prisoners of the countries actually at war as in the case of Costa Rica in relation with Germany, Italy and Japan.

The Foreign Secretary has commenced the study of the Convention to determine his approval in the actual circumstances.

### THE CAPTURE OF SOLLUM

LONDON — The capture of Sollum by the British, and their immediate attack on the Paso de Hafaya, implies the final resistance of the Axis in East Lybia, limiting the fight to the western sector near El Aguela, situated in the centre from the Egyptian frontier and Tripoli. But authorized observers see from the results obtained in the two months' campaign that the

### Costa Rica Will Cooperate With United States

The Costa Rican delegates to the conference of Foreign Ministers in Rio de Janeiro, capital of Brazil, arrived immediately met the chiefs of the mission and the delegates of the Central American Republics, to decide on a joint policy on the points of the agenda regarding the plan of continental defence. Costa Rica adheres to the declaration called "The Declaration of the Atlantic," containing the following affirmation: —

(a) Adhere to the declaration of the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain made the 14th of August 1941.

(b) To be united until complete victory against the savage and brutal forces to destroy the world.

(c) All of which, each governa-

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situation is not very clear. They believe that the Axis contemplate an attack on Malta to form a base similar to that of Crete for which they are concentrating planes and troops in the island of Sicily, only 70 miles away. The great essential difficulty is that Malta is surrounded to the north and is prepared for any attack. Berlin admits her want of men to cover all fronts,

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## Thought For The Week

The Jew steals from the Jew, but not to the extent of doing wholesale harm to the rest of the Jewish community. The white man steals from his brother, but not with the intent or to the extent of hating or destroying his race as a community. The Negro, on the contrary, steals from his own without the slightest thought of consequences.

—MARCUS GARVEY.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The past is behind us and the future is before. We see through the past how we can best improve on the present and make greater plans for the future. The past then, is only useful in so far as it serves to point out to us those things which we left undone and the consequences for not having done them. We had not been sufficiently tactful, we had not seen the necessity of planning our every step so that each "tomorrow" would find us further than "today." It was evidently thought that as time moves on it would eventually establish for us a proper place in the scheme of things. If we did not know then, we DO KNOW now, that we must set our own goal and carve a path to that goal through all the changing scenes of time. One of our greatest mistakes has been our failure to organize. This known weakness on our part has contributed to a great number of the ills which we suffer today. Too often we are asked, even by those who profit from our disunity, "Why won't you people get together?"

They ask this question not because they really want us to «get together» but because they feel sure that that is something which we will never do. We in our "crab-like" manner will get together in scattered groups only to break down any attempt that is being made to organize the whole. We consult the "other fellow" who is only too glad to help us to remain divided, and he in turn gives us what seems to us to be "sound advice," as to what part of the tree we must direct the first stroke of the axe. In this manner we hew down every budding tree and finally find ourselves in a waterless and sandy desert, without even an oasis to give us hope. To destroy, we labor smilingly; to build, we frown and turn away in disgust.

What can we ever hope to gain by our present way of life? If these things were of the past only, we could say to one another: What fools we were THEN! But they are not only of the past, they are with us TODAY! We seem to have learnt nothing from past experiences. If we have learnt anything, let us begin to put our experiences to proper use.

We have been taught to say — "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever," but that glorification of God cannot

come about if we live ingloriously here. We would become a shame to God's creation, if we show indifference to our existence on earth, and claim to be thinking only of our existence in eternity or the hereafter. Men do not go about destroying churches or other places of worship, as a means of getting to heaven. They uphold and support the organized Church. The Church is a spiritual inspiration. In like manner, there are things temporal which play an important part in our existence here, and to neglect them, is to neglect the essence of life.

## BLITZJOKE

Belgians have lost neither their spirit nor their sense of humour despite the Nazi occupation.

The Germans have seized all horses from Belgian farmers, so M. Batisse, a farmer of initiative, harnessed himself to his cart and drew it through the countryside. On his chest he wore a placard saying:

"Since the birth of the 'new order' I have become a horse."

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# Between You And Me

(Edwin Heade, M)

MR. Frank Sheehy, ex-Superintendent of the Northern Railroad, left here in a special coach attached to the regular passenger train last Monday morning. He was accompanied by his family and his destination is said to be San José.

On this occasion, the man who for years occupied such an important position with the Railroad Company, and who, it is said, was asked to resign his position last month, was a sad man.

During the several years that he was connected with the Company he had never made friends with the working classes, and we even doubt that he made any among his associates. For, we have, as proof, the insignificant manner of his departure.

Not a single friend, black or white, yellow or brown, could spare any time to see this Nazi-looking man pull out from the station. He himself was cognizant of the fact that, in leaving, he would have been a "lone wolf," and for this reason, he actually hid himself in the rear of the coach when the time for the departure of the train had arrived.

We hope we may never see him again; at least we do not wish to. After all, the old saying remains true: "a man reaps whatsoever he sows," and to this I add: "every man hab 'im four o'clock."

## At The Market

A lady at the market sees some nice-looking heads of lettuce, and asks the salesman: —

"Do you know whether this lettuce contains vitamins?"

"Maybe one or two, is the reply. «But, if you wash it thoroughly, you don't have to worry».

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

BERLIN — Nazi authorities have ordered the arrest of all the Norwegians air officials, seeing that hundreds of them are in cooperation with the British in their recent raids when they fled to England to continue their fight against Germany. The order for arrest was given by Joseph Terhoven, the German commander in Norway.

## Girl Trouble

Little Willie brought home his report card, and with it was a note from the teacher.

"Dear Mrs. Blank, Willie is a bright boy but he spends all his time with the girls. I am trying to think of some way to cure him."

The mother studied the note, then wrote the teacher thus:

"Dear Miss. Scruff: If you find some way to cure him, please let me know. I am having the same trouble with his old man!"

## SOVIET MILITARY MISSION In LONDON



Heads of the Russian Army, Navy and Air Force photographed as they arrived in London to collaborate with Britain in the war against the German invader.

Left to right, M. Maisky, Lt. General Golikov, and Rear Admiral Kharlanov at the Russian Embassy.

# Dr. Knowlton's Eye remedy, a Soothing lotion for irritated, over-worked and blood-shot eyes.

## Report Says That Germany's Failure Is Due To Great Losses Of Planes

LONDON — Military experts are of the opinion from authorized information that Germany's failure in the Russian campaign is principally due to the very heavy loss of bombing and fighting planes. According to calculations, the Nazis have lost about 7,000 to 8,000 planes with the corresponding air pilots since the 22nd of June 1941.

## Ex King Of Rumania Going To America To Head Free Govt.

Carol Says He Never Renounced His Right To Rumanian Throne

It was reported from Mexico this week that ex-King Carol of Rumania declared recently that he never renounced his right to the Rumanian throne. He said, according to an Associated Press dispatch, Monday, that he is going to the United States to assume the power of Regent as the leader of a free Government of Rumania that will operate the same as other exiled Governments in London.

## An Unusual Accident

I saw a most peculiar accident. A man ran over himself. This man drove his automobile to a drug store, stopped the car, got out and went into the drug store. He asked the clerk for a pack of cigarettes. The clerk told him he sold only drugs and if he wanted cigarettes he would have to go across the street to the cigar store. The man asked the clerk if he would be kind enough to run over and get them. The clerk said he couldn't very well leave the store and run over so "the man ran over himself."

From the New Negro World

## Chilean Navigation Co.

The Steamship Navigation Company of Chile is investigating the possibility of extending their maritime services to the Central American Republics. In consequence of the existing war, a great many of the merchant ships have been requisitioned, thus giving the government of Chile the opportunity of offering a commercial interchange to the Central American countries. It is well known that the Agricultural tools and machinery manufactured in Chile are excellent, and at this moment the U. S. limits the exportation of such products. In addition, there is the fine quality of wines, which formerly came from Spain and France, which can now be had from the sister Republic of Chile.

If a man takes an axe to cut a tree in desperation for his own use he will use the axe on the neighbor who tried to take his tree.

## Louis Named The Fighter Of The Year ----

Champion Ranked Tops

Joe Louis, heavy weight champion of the world and one of the greatest pugilists of all time, is the 1941 winner of The Ring Magazine's Fighter of the Year award. Second ranking goes to Billy Conn, whose efforts to wrast the title from Louis this past Summer was frustrated. Third place belongs to Freddie Red Cochrane, the new welterweight champion.

Designation as the most valuable continued on page 5

"Mr Smith, if we could burn the old files there would be much more room."

"All right, burn them, but first make a copy of everything."

## Queen Visits Yorkshire Air Raid Victims



Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth recently made a tour of bombed areas in Hull. There, walking on piles of rubble that had once been happy homes, they met, and talked to as friends, the innocent victims of German savagery.

Chubby 10 months old Joan Sevenshire attracted the Queen, who is seen here as she stopped to talk.

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boxer in the world, by a system of ratings which combines ring accomplishment, influence on the sport and public relations, is not a new experience for Louis. Joe achieved the No. 1 spot first in 1936. He was the Fighter of the Year again in 1938 and 1939 and now makes the top wrung for the 4th time in six years. The award was originated in 1928, with the naming of Gene Tunney.

The decision that Louis is the stand-out of the pugilistic company for 1941 was reached by 202 sports writers specializing in boxing, from all sections of the United States, as well as Canada and Latin America.

## Hon. Douglas Rydings, British Consul To Panama, Died In San Jose Monday

We regret to report the death of the Honorable Douglas Gerald Rydings, O. B. E., who died in San Jose on Monday evening last, according to information we received from our correspondent in the capital.

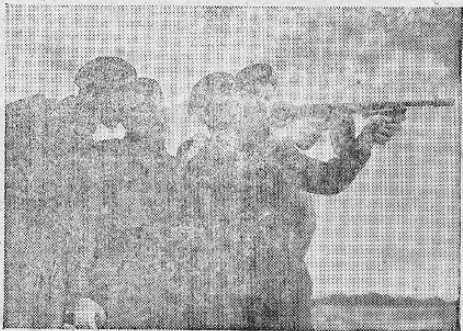
The Hon. Rydings has occupied several important diplomatic positions for His Britannic Majesty's Government for over a period of twenty years.

The Honorable Douglas Rydings, up to the time of his death, was British Consul in the city of Panama. He arrived in San José a few weeks ago on vacation.

The Central American Express extends its condolence.



Pausing for a moment to light his cigar, the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, inspected British and some of the many American bombers which are being flown across the Atlantic to Britain in ever-increasing numbers. He was accompanied by the United States Ambassador-at-large, Mr. Henry Hopkins.



A young soldier's Training Regiment of the British Royal Armoured Corps, has recently been formed, to provide officers for the swift expansion of the armoured forces. A lad can enlist at the age of 17½, and if suitable is received into the training regiment at the age of 18. The normal period of training is 26 weeks, but this may be reduced to 20 weeks, and it is possible for recruits to become commissioned officers at the age of 18½.

Some of the young recruits are seen intent on the Tommy-gun instruction they are receiving.



## An Unfortunate Occurrence

Through an unfortunate error which occurred at our printing department for the first time in the history of this newspaper, the pages of this today's edition, as never before, were wrongly printed. We therefore ask our readers to overlook the arrangement of the pages as they are.

## Battle Of Atlantic Still Most Important Job Of U. S. Navy

### Knox Praises Leadership Of The President

#### Germany Is Still The Greater Foe

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, in a speech this week before the annual conference of Mayors of the United States, said that while the United States fleet is not idle in the Pacific, no early, conclusive show-down could be expected with the Japanese fleet and that the Battle of the Atlantic is still the war's most important struggle.

Secretary Knox said that the navy's job is that keeping the sea lanes open between the United States and Britain to bring about the defeat of Hitler's Germany, "our enemy," adding:

"I would not be frank with you, if I led you to believe that you could expect favorable and dramatic developments such as triumphant American full scale naval engagements in the Pacific in the near future."

Secretary Knox said that "the elements of distance, of

Customer: — "I want a piece of meat without fat, bone, or gristle."

Waitress: — "You'd better try an egg, sir."

time and necessarily of the wide distribution of our naval forces preclude what I know you all wish me to suggest: An early, conclusive show-down with the Japanese navy. But you know that by this I do not mean to imply that the Pacific fleet is idle. It is not idle and you will hear from it again and again, when and where careful and strategic considerations dictate."

#### Roosevelt Saved Nation

Pointing out that Germany, by bringing Japan into the war, sought only to divert the attention of Britain from the Atlantic, Secretary Knox said: "It might easily have led us into action out of excess of our righteous anger. But cool headed leadership, provided by our Commander-in-chief, the President, kept us safe from that danger."

### Reds To Devote Might To Nazi

LONDON — Observers said that the Allies have given up the cry for Russia to open a Far Eastern front against Japan because they recognized the necessity of the Soviet hurling all its resources into the German attack.

The immediate reaction to the Japanese attacks in the Far East, was to call on Russia to attack Manchuria, or at least launch air

assaults on the Japanese mainland from Vladivostok. Such talk and expectations recently disappeared from the press, and instead there is now mention of the necessity of using all available resources to exploit the Soviet's success against Hitler.

The reconsidered opinion of Russia's role in the Far East, is demonstrated by the comment of the Weekly Economist, which said: "If Russia does not possess the resources to risk an attack in the Far East — bomber strength and fighter protection together with ground forces for air-drome defense and rest — then to launch an offensive there might jeopardize the front against Germany."

### Costa Rica Will Co-operate With United States

ment agree to all its resources, military and economic, against the Axis nations and those who are at war.

[d] Each government agrees to cooperate with the other governments and not to sign a separate armistice or peace with the enemy.

This being the declared attitude of Costa Rica, her conduct at Rio de Janeiro will be to ratify all the conditions stated above.

Costa Rica, in accepting and declaring war against the totalitarian, her foreign policy is automatically forced to comply with the Washington declaration of the 1st of January 1942

Good things to eat: Go to the new dining centre, opposite the Salvation Army Hall for meals, mandorango soup, fenestrak, Chileense, etc. — Mrs. Leoncia Byfield, prop.

### 150 Germans And 1 Italian Deported From Guatemala

An Associated press report states this week that President Uficio of Guatemala has ordered the deportation of 150 Germans and one Italian, after police made investigations of their propaganda activities in Guatemala.

Always buy from

**Jack Orange Sigs.**

### A REMINDER

Our readers in Cabuira are asked to remember that the highest price for cacao is always paid by Mr. R. G. Smith of that place. This, we are convinced, is good news for our people in that section, and we trust that Mr. Smith will always have the patronage of the entire coloured element in his area.

### TIT - BITS OF THOUGHTS

"Judging by the amount of it they usually put to use, most folks speak literally enough when they ask one for "a little bit of good advice."

A staunch mind — a stout heart — a desire toward sanctified service; these are the attributes the Almighty demands in the mortals He chooses to use in selling the world on goodness. Do you measure up to these standards?

### Air Battle Of The Atlantic.



This photograph was taken by an Ulster lough now as an operational base for giant Catalina flying-boats, a focal point in the air battle of the Atlantic.

It shows the "strike" crew rushing out on receiving an urgent call. The crew, who stand by in full kit, complete with rations, have to be ready to take off at a moment's notice.

Deep in the soul of every man lie the seeds of true greatness. A little bit of loving attention, a simple word kindly spoken; these are so often found sufficient in the full germination of these seeds in what are seemingly the more sterile among the dormant souls we meet. If we could but see how often men blossom forth from an utter nothingness into the highest flowerings of noble actions at the very drop of a kindly word or deed, we would never again withhold them from even the least among our fellow men.

Greatness may at times consort with an empty stomach, but never with an empty heart or head.

The cries of an aggrieved conscience may at times partake more of a shrieking fury than a still, small voice ..... as many a flagrant violator of the moral code has learned to his sorrow. Conscience is a solicitous guardian when obeyed; an avenging monster when disregarded.

The only possible way to deplete our spiritual resources is by our failing to make every possible use of them.

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## Opinion In Athens

A German officer was talking to an Athenian. "Now that you have seen the German army and the British army, tell me, which side do you think will win?" The Athenian looked vague. "I don't know," he said, "the British never asked that when they were here."

## Target Practice

A German Army notice recently issued says: "The production of the paper and cardboard needed to make targets and score-cards for firing practices is very difficult. Owing to the difficulty of production, consumption must be reduced and all waste must be stopped. Personnel responsible for the use of targets and score-cards are to be instructed accordingly."

Is this calculated to encourage straight shooting?

## Free German Movement In Salvador

**SAN SALVADOR** — The daily newspaper "Grafica" of Salvador published a very interesting article on movements of Free Germans who have been negotiating with the Canadian and South African authorities to form a legion or regiment of Germans desirous of entering the war against the Nazi regime not only in words but with arms.

Immediately after the United States declared war on Germany, Italy, and Japan. Dr. Otto Straser solicited the United States government permission to form and train a part of the Free German Legion, to be commanded by the United States.



## Russian Bombers Quadruple Victory



Captain Vyaznikov of the Soviet Air Force, pilots a bomber and with the crew of his plane, in one single combat, brought down four German planes.

## Read Negro Publications

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## The Pittsburgh Courier

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**MOSCOW** — It is officially stated, that large bodies of troops are being transferred from Western Europe by air to the Russian front by Hitler to re-inforce and detain the Russian offensive on the Moscow front.

**CHUNGKING** — American Air-fighters continued their successful attacks on Japanese bombers in the area of their bases in Thailand. In combination with the British, they destroyed 23 Japanese bombers.

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## The Apt Reply

Dr. Williams, a famous London diagnostician, was once approached at a social function by a man who tried to wangle free medical advice. "Oh, Dr. Williams," he said, "if a patient came to you with such and such a symptom, what would you recommend?"

"Why, I would recommend Dr. Williams," he replied.

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