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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—Watson.

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**Japan Having Trouble In Philippine Islands.**

Japan is not walking through the Islands of Luzon and Mindanao in the Philippine group as she had hoped. These islands are practically on the northern and southern boundaries of the group, and the latter island had quite a large colony of Japanese residents, apparently placed there for a purpose.

While Manila, the principal city of the Philippines, capitulated to the invader, it is thought the surrender was made for two reasons. It is a hard city to defend, and it was not the desire of the United States troops to remain, have it bombed, and possibly have to surrender it anyway. It will be easier to fight the enemy in the hills in the interior than meet them in the open. The Japanese are superior, both in numbers and equipment. There is no doubt the Americans will regain control of the city at the proper time. In the meantime reinforcements will arrive from the States in due course, either troops, navy aid, or the Air Force.

Like Hong Kong, General MacArthur will engage the Japanese if for no other purpose than to prevent them from establishing adequate air bases on the island for action against Singapore, only some 1,300 miles away. So long as the present troops can hold the East, it will not be necessary to stop the flow of supplies to Britain, and the German army is still considered much more of a threat than Japan.

In due time, when Britain and Russia are adequately supplied, it is possible Japan itself will be raided by air from the big United States bases in Alaska when, with their home country under fire and supplies pretty well cut off, the Japanese will not be so potent in either Malaya or the Philippines. She will have something else to think about.

The war in the East is no worse than expected from the Allied outlook. Close to home, it was expected Japan would do a lot of damage at the start, and she was not under-estimated. Her ability to recoup her losses in ships and supplies will slow her down, and already, her invasion of the Philippines is being shown in the increased activity of the Chinese Army under Kai Shek, which is raking the Japanese ranks unmercifully.

Japan can't win. She has neither the men, the money or the materials, and her supplies are pretty well cut off. Why she ever entered the present conflict in the manner in which she did will never be understood. She may cause a lot of trouble for a time, but she will fall. The entry of Japan into the war, and her bombing of Hawaii was the greatest service she could have rendered the Allied cause. The United States and Britain are one now. They are in the fight to the finish, have pledged themselves to see it through, and now it's curtains for Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito. When? Well, perhaps not soon, but eventually.

The Allies have the men and the resources.

**Has the War Made Some People Silly?**

There will be "no truck nor trade with the Japanese" just now, excepting the trade the Allies will shortly make in shrapnel, but it never entered our mind the war would have made any difference regarding the playing of the "Mikado", well-known Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, which is a burlesque on the ruling house of Japan, and hits out pretty straight at what has happened in that country in the past month. In Boston, Massachusetts, a radio station had the Mikado on its programme, but took it off when numerous telephone calls voiced the disgust of the listeners. In Australia, the same play was "banned" by the Government, but, to give the people credit, they thought it was a childish thing to do.

We should think this would be a good time to burlesque those rulers and their puppets who are over-anxious to show their authority, and whose antics are amusing, if pitiful. The Emperor is seldom referred to in Japan by the title of Mikado. He is the "Sun of Heaven", the

"Supreme Master" and other similar epithets. Another thing people will do is to refuse to buy goods made in Japan. This is foolish. They are not hurting Japan any. They are, however, causing monetary loss to their own dealer, who has paid for the articles long ago. The public may rest assured that no more goods will be imported from Japan while the present war is on. So let's get a little sense.

**Some Men and Gorillas Have Much in Common.**

Gargantua, the big gorilla in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows, which once was a household pet, has now developed into a snarling, man-killer, a recent newspaper item informed us. We are not surprised at this. We would be more surprised if he did not. All gorillas, apes, chimpanzees and the like to go this way, and their enormous strength makes it advisable to either kill them or put them some place where they can't get into trouble. One should always remember: You can subdue wild animals, and not necessarily by the cruel method, either, but you cannot tame them. Animal trainers know this. Those who forget don't last long. The animals win.

It is believed by many that the human race sprang originally from the monkeys. Judging by some people's antics, we didn't spring far enough, and reading about old Gargantua called to mind some people we know—getting old and getting cranky, and company for nobody, not even themselves. Some never were anything else and their continuing to remain on earth is one of those inexplicable mysteries.

Every municipality has them, we suppose, although we have never learned why. They are just natural grouches, take no interest in anything, usually have enough money that they do not need to care about public opinion, and are as popular as a manure pile with halitosis.

No doubt these people were at one time, like Gargantua, house pets. They were likely as not mother's joy, and nothing short of a calamity could keep them from being the premier of the country. Spoiled, petted, and taught to believe they were better than the average run of kids, they develop into cads, live their lives, and die unhonoured and unsung. The trouble is they don't die soon enough. We can't explain why people get this way any more than we can the reason some people are always looking for trouble, or why some others wear spats.

**Contentment Is A Simple Thing.**

It is said that true contentment consists of being satisfied with what you have, and not wanting any more. To most of us this would mean pure laziness, and if the definition is correct, we would much rather have discontent.

It was discontent that brought us all our machinery—discontent and laziness. No man likes to work any more than he has to, and while we have met up with people who simply had to work for the pleasure of it, we frankly confess that we have to work if we expect to eat. Otherwise, we would be doing as little as possible, so long as the wolf didn't yell too often.

It was no doubt a man who got tired of carrying ice upstairs who invented the electric refrigerator, while some fellow with kidney trouble and a streak of laziness invented the potato digger. Contentment may be a great blessing, but we doubt if many have it, and the nearest definition we have heard comes from the pen of Elinor M. Clark in the *Country Gentleman*:

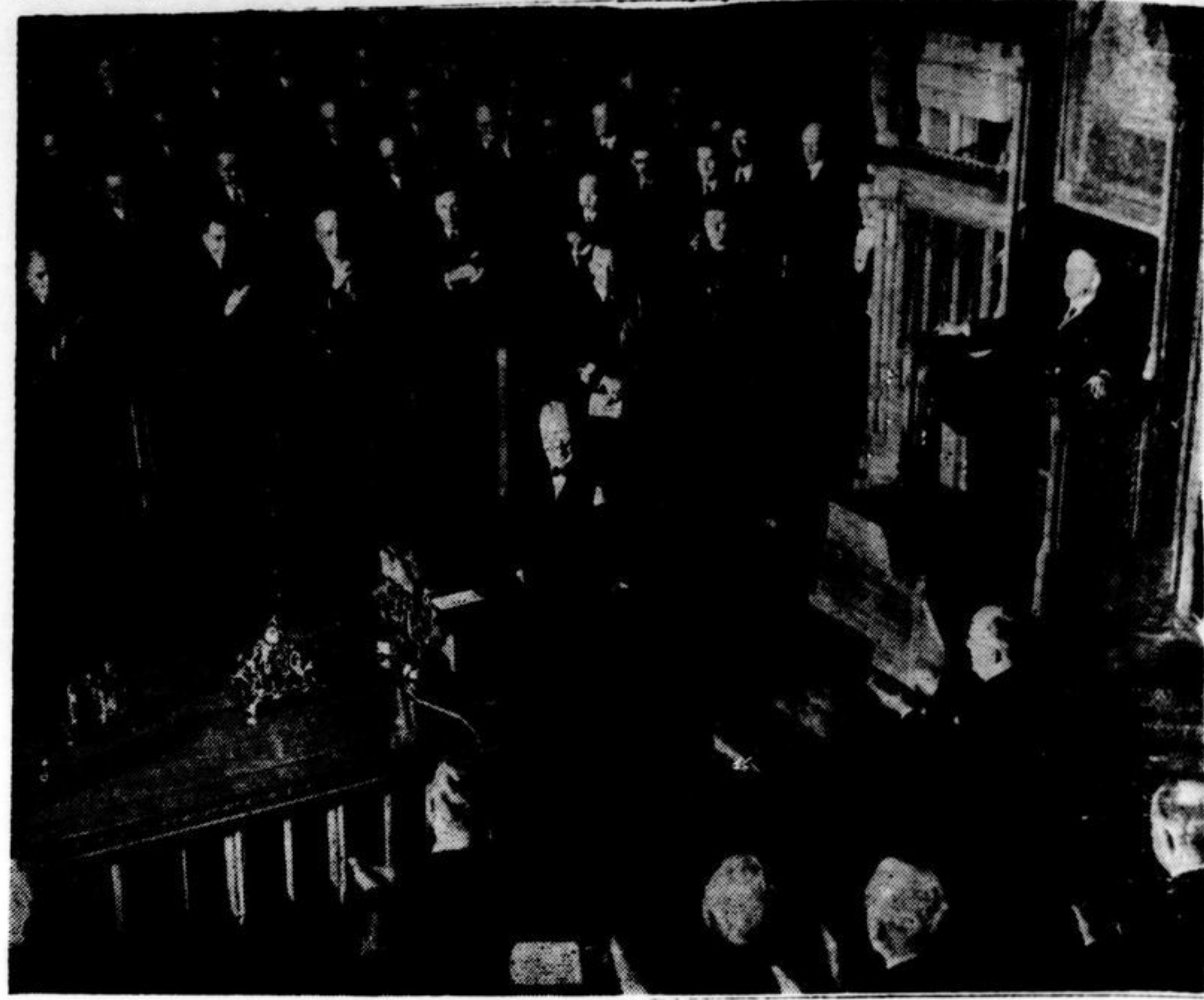
Although it's fine  
To dance and dine,  
Or laugh till you're in stitches;  
For pleasure rare,  
What can compare  
With scratching where it itches?

Them's our sentiments, exactly, Elinor, but isn't it distracting when one itches in some place that it is not easily scratched, or in company where it would not be polite to scratch at all?

These medical specialists surely must have a sense of humour. One is reported to have said, when examining a patient: "Now turn your head to one side, inhale deeply, and cough up ten dollars." Either a sense of humour, or most optimistic that a patient would have that much money on his person in these days of high taxes.

We have had the pleasure of looking through the magazine, "Paradise of the Pacific," sent to Mr. E. S. MacArthur of Bentinck by his cousin, D. M. MacArthur, now a resident of the Hawaiian Islands, living on Oahu Island some 25 miles from Honolulu. The magazine is very interesting, but was printed previous to the bombing of that city by the Japanese a month ago. So far, we have looked over the photos only, but will try and grab time off to digest the reading matter.

**"I Bring You Goodwill and Affection From the Motherland"**



Prime Minister Churchill Speaks in House of Commons At Ottawa

**Inside a Nazi Prison Camp**

New Zealand War Correspondent Has Seen War From "Inside."—Slippers Preferred to Boots.

There is one war correspondent, according to a dispatch from Wellington, New Zealand, who is seeing this war from the inside, but the "inside" is that of the German prison camp.

The correspondent is Capt. J. H. Hall, formerly official New Zealand war correspondent and head of the whole newspaper, radio and film setup which the Government established in the field early this year. Once editor of the New Zealand city papers, "The Sun," Christchurch, and "The Dominion," Wellington, Capt. Hall was assistant director of publicity in New Zealand, an office attached to the Prime Minister's department, before he left for the Middle East.

His present enforced assignment was given him by the Nazi panzer columns which swept down on New Zealanders waiting for ships in their "Greek Dunkirk." His first story was turned in the other day on the single sheet of paper permitted him by his captors.

His clipped sentences give some insight into prison camp life. "Just had my weekly hot shower—grand! Considering circumstances, accommodations and amenities are good. About 850 officers here; rather more from France than Greece. Seafarths and Camerons included. New buildings, bunks, running cold water.

"About 90 to a building like St. Andrew's (a New Zealand High School) dormitory. Rooms, each with stove. We have 15 Scots, Australian, New Zealanders, all from Greece.

"Whole surrounded double fence barbed wire 10 feet high, commanded at every corner by elevated sentry box with searchlight (some words censored) beyond. Promenade round inside compound 600 yards. Games on gravelled courtyards. Two parades daily for outing.

"Am getting down to jumping weight; otherwise A-1 except for mental self-annoyance consequent on capture, and constant reminder that one's usefulness to own country is over for time being. Was under fire for three days only. Taken on evening April 28 at Kalamata, southern Greece, while waiting for ships. German tanks got there first. Thence Corinth (all May), Salonika, Germany, via Yugoslavia and former Austria. Austria lovely. Serbian people unforgettably generous with food.

"Travelled cattle trucks up to 36 men apiece, mostly 30, for seven full days and nights, Salonika-Germany. Floors strawed, room for everyone to stretch out, sleep. Much more comfortable than first-class carriages (coaches). Leisurely progress, but week passed quickly."

The rest of the personal letter deals with personal needs. "Please send slippers or sandshoes before boots," Capt. Hall writes. "Red Cross will doubtless instruct about parcels. German regulations enclosed."

The above, while perhaps not of too great interest to Canadians, gives an idea of life in a German prison camp.

Said the hat to the hot-trunk "You stay where you are and I'll go on ahead."

**Uncle Sam At War In Earnest**

(Christian Science Monitor)

Soon all the men in the United States from 18 to 64 must register for national service. This registration should give the Government a basis for fully mobilizing the best effort of every individual regardless of age, all wealth and productive equipment—all the great resources of the nation.

Despite Secretary Stimson's statement that "it is a young man's war" it is now in fact everybody's war. Modern mechanized warfare demands full and complete mobilization of all manpower. The new draft law calling up for active service men up to 44 recognizes that modern war reverses a very old belief: No longer is youth the prime requisite for war. For example, a highly skilled motor mechanic is of far greater importance in new mechanized warfare than any number of untrained youths. Yet, the old but soon to be outmoded tradition has been that, if this very able mechanic were past 30, he was "too old" for active service.

The new armies being trained and planned for the all-out total war against Hitlerism must be armies of specialists, of men highly trained in handling elaborate machinery under the worst possible conditions. Yes, and highly trained men behind the trained men. In all branches and for all purposes, from the men handling tanks to clerical work. And this doesn't mean for men only. Britain has proved that often women are more efficient and capable in some branches of the armed services than men.

There is no limit to the need for experience and training and judgment. Those come usually with years of testing and trying. Not all can be learned in the laboratory or from books or in manoeuvres. All these qualities should be brought into full play in the new American plans for all-out total war. This cannot be made a matter of years alone. Everyone has work, and hard work, to do to win this war. Everyone who has any abilities or experience

**Army to Appear In New Uniform**

Suits to Be of Khaki Cut On Snug Lines and Will Be Issued in Addition to Regular Battle Dress.

Some time in 1942 the Canadian Army will blossom forth in a smart new uniform if plans now under consideration at Ottawa receive official approval of defence authorities.

The new outfit, it is understood, will not replace the battle dress which many have found somewhat drab and unattractive in appearance. It will be a walking out or parade dress which will be issued to the troops in addition to the battle dress.

Sample suits of the new outfit have been made up and are said to be decidedly neat and smart in cut and general appearance.

The uniform is of khaki but of a somewhat finer weave than the cloth used in the battle dress and it is cut on snug lines, very much on the style of the blue uniform worn by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The snug-fitting tunic has a cloth belt like those worn by Army officers on the old-style service dress tunics. It has a turn down collar which displays a soft khaki shirt and khaki tie.

The khaki wedge cap will be worn with it and off duty soldiers may wear the coloured regimental wedged caps authorized some time ago and which they may purchase at their own expense.

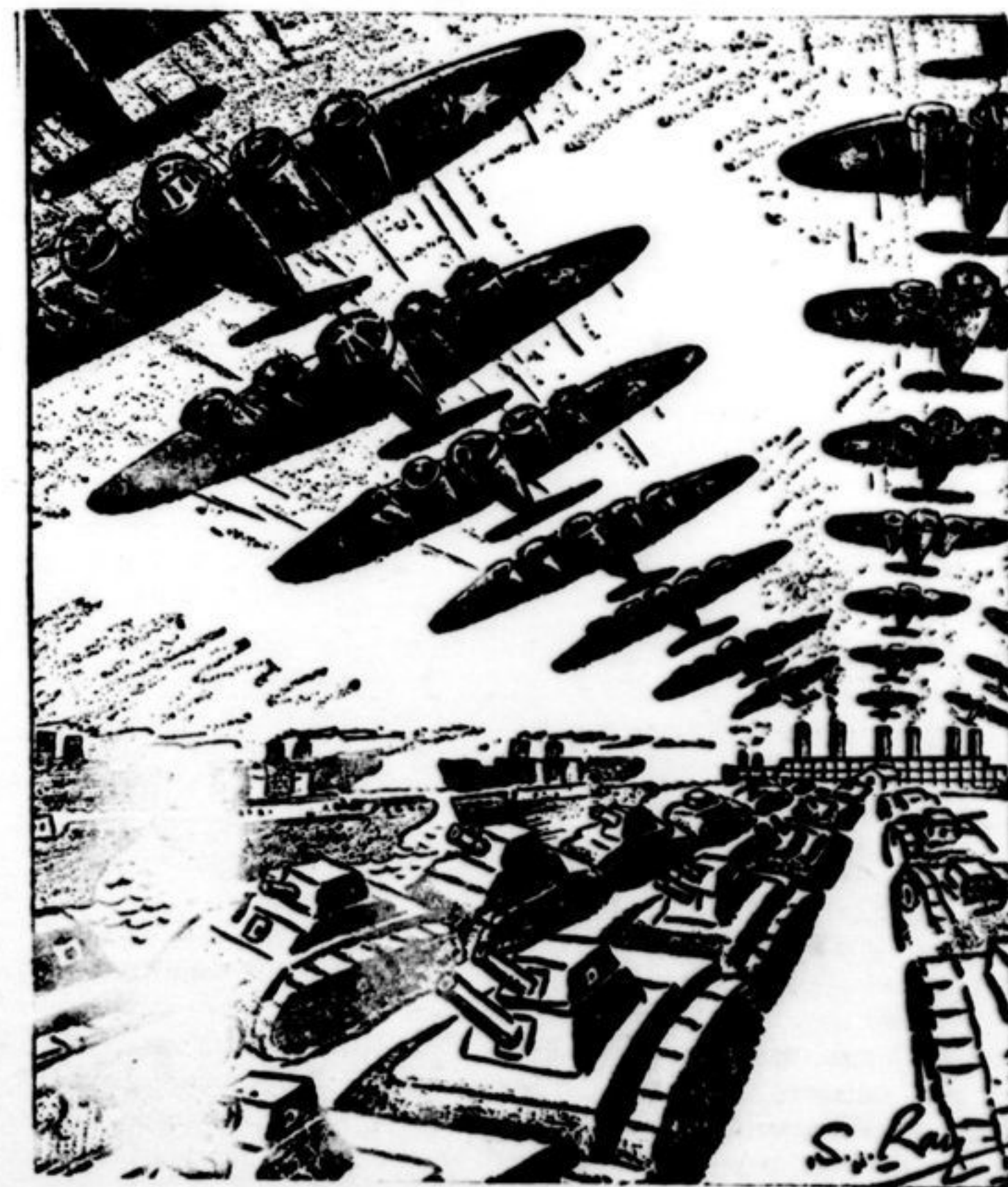
Joan: "Father, what's a garden plot?"  
Father: "The bugs and worms planning to eat up your stuff."

Boxer: Isn't it a long distance from the dressing room to the ring?

Opponent: Yes, but you won't have to walk back.

that the Nation can use should be called upon to give what he has to give, to be used where they will best serve the war effort.

**America's Answer**



**Social and Personal**

Miss Jean McGill visited on Years Day with her parents, Mr. Mrs. W. J. McGill, after spending past three months at the Child Hospital, Detroit. On Friday she resumed her duties in the General Marine Hospital, Owen Sound, and Monday left for the Ontario Hotel, London, where she will spend the three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Harding, daughter, Doraleen and son, Lyman, spent over New Years, with mother, Mrs. E. W. Limin. Mrs. returned with them for a visit.

Mr. J. A. Browne returned Monday after spending Christmas New Years with friends in Guelph, London.

Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Dalgard, Patsy of Kingston visited Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Catton.

Miss F. B. Nichol, returned from legiate staff, Toronto, returned days after a two week visit home here.

Mrs. Bond of Toronto is visiting sister, Mrs. Pearl McCormick of town.

A. C. Boyce Howell of the Calgary, Alberta, is spending a lough with his parents, Mr. J. C. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McQueen, spent a fortnight with their, Mr. Donald McQueen at Gladstone Elvidge of Godee during the holidays with Mr. C. M. Elvidge and cousin.

Mr. George Banks of Fleshed visited his mother, Mrs. Thomas who is under the doctor's care.

Mr. A. D. McAuliffe of Oshawa his Christmas holidays with family here.

Mrs. S. F. Dargavel spent the with her mother, Mrs. H. M. Miss F. B. Nichol and her Mr. J. C. Nichol visited her Mr. Walter Nichol of Glendon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley maintained Mrs. J. Burgess and Mrs. S. Patterson of town, Mr. Albert Keller and family at Mrs. W. B. Patterson.

Mr. Eric Knudsen of Oshawa spent New Years with Mr. W. J. McGill, Miss Dorot and Clive Hutton were over at the same home.

Mr. William McKay of St. Mr. Melbourne McKay of ited with their parents, Mr. George McKay, over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bunt cover, who visited recently and Mrs. George Smith a nary, left New Year's night home in the West.

Holiday visitors at the and Mrs. David Adlam w Mrs. Wilfred Adlam daughter, Doreen, and Freeman Burtwhistle, all Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. daughter, Verna, of W. and Mrs. Stanley Michael ter, Mary, of Owen Sound Mrs. Edgar Fursman, Har die of Hanover; Mr. a Tooy of Bentinck; Mr. a Vollett, and Grace, Wil Leonard of Durham and of Mount Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert ited in Toronto over N Mr. and Mrs. J. Wil ton were Sunday visitors Mrs. Robert Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin daughter, Jaina Cavell Sharpe were guests New Mrs. Sharpe's grandmo Helwig, and Mr. and M and family, in Hanover Mr. and Mrs. Reg. A ited during the holi the latter's father, Mr Bentinck, and with returned to their home Thursday Mr. A. Shar I. B. Sharpe and daug velle, and Mr. W. Adla them for a short visit to see the famous five

Visitors with Mr. an win during the holi Mrs. A. L. Biggar, M Ethel Erwin, of Toron W. J. Erwin, Elmira, and Lloyd Erwin, Ca and Miss Jean Erwin Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson and Miss a day with Mrs. Edw Joseph Atkinson, in

Miss Agnes Morto New Year visitor at Mr. and Mrs. Mel ited recently with parents in New Br

Mrs. William Moo Durham Hospital.

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Lawyer: Have you Prisoner: Loads of Lawyer: Good. If acquitted, we can on account of your