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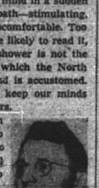
Bruce Hutchison Says:

Cold Shower

Reading Mr. Hanson Baldwin's new book, "Strategy for Victory," is precisely like immersing your mind in a sudden cold shower bath—stimulating, but highly uncomfortable. Too few people are likely to read it for the cold shower is not the treatment to which the North American mind is accustomed. We prefer to keep our minds in warm vapors.



In a column guaranteed to contain no facts I shall not attempt to review Mr. Baldwin's book but, coming from the ablest military writer in America, it is worthy of attention. Mainly it sums up the opposing military strength in the war and its summary is not the kind of thing to spread any cheer in the democracies. Then it comes to certain conclusions equally formidable and the chief is that the democracies must hold certain points on the world's surface if they are to win the war. These points are: Britain, the Caucasus, the Suez, India, China, the Vladivostok region, Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. The loss of any of these would be disastrous; the loss of several would be fatal.

(Since the book was printed the Aleutians have been partly lost).—

Even Australia could be lost, Mr. Baldwin says, without seriously damaging the United Nations' strategy since it is not a base from which the enemy can be successfully attacked.

Large Job

These are highly technical questions, beyond the layman. But not beyond the layman, and essential to the layman, is the over-all conclusion from Mr. Baldwin's facts. The conclusion is that we face in this war a task far larger than most of us have ever imagined or admitted to ourselves. Unless we are favored with a sudden breakdown in the enemy countries, the war will take years to win. By Mr. Baldwin's figures we cannot start to win it, or even to fight it effectively, for at least another year.

Prophets in this war have been notoriously wrong, and Mr. Baldwin has erred from the beginning on the side of pessimism; but to count on a lucky accident to the enemy, a sudden collapse, would be insanity. Yet isn't this precisely what most of the people of North America have been counting on? Not openly, of course, for everywhere men have publicly vowed that it would be a long, hard war, but secretly.

The outward behavior of the people of North America surely indicates that in their secret hearts they are still hoping for a miracle; subconsciously are believing that this war will end in about the same time as the last one, and in the same fashion. That we can lose the war this year is publicly admitted on every street corner, but really we have never faced that fact and its consequences in our own lives.

This continent is today in the throes of its greatest boom. It is living at the average level or than ever. It is burning up rubber on its highways as gayly as if it could be replaced. It cannot conceive of a time when it will be simply impossible to drive a car. It cannot imagine a condition when it will be impossible to buy a gadget, when you will need a ration ticket to buy a suit of clothes. It cannot visualize itself living as poorly as the people of England.

Inevitable

Yet all this is inevitable and obvious from the figures—the figures of war production which will drain off our materials and manpower, and the horse figures of enemy strength which we have yet to equal before we can sure ass it. Obvious, all of it, but unknown. Why this should be cannot say. Partly it is the suit of leaders who fear to tell the people the truth lest they break public morale, others who do not dare trust the people. Partly it is the suit of newspapers which play up a minor democratic victory and play down a major defeat. Partly it is the natural optimism of a Continent which has been the pampered darling of fortune from its beginning, but mostly it is our habit of thinking in generalities and refusing, out of mental sloth, to digest a hard diet of facts.

What this Continent needs right now is to have the daylights scared out of it. What it needs is to understand that for most people the war has not really begun at all, that it may go on for years and that everyone is going to be poor in the end of it. What it needs is a cold shower on the head.

Jap Camp Satisfactory Declares Investigator

International Red Cross Approves Hastings Pool

Hastings Park "manning pool" is quite satisfactory as a Japanese cantonment, British Columbia Security Commission officials were told Tuesday following the joint investigation by Pedro Schwartz, Spanish consul-general for Canada, and Ernest Maag, International Red Cross officer.

"I am highly satisfied with living conditions in the Hastings Park distribution centre," stated Mr. Maag after the tour.

Mr. Maag has inspected many Canadian internment camps where Nazis and Italians are lodged, as part of his duties.

Mr. Schwartz, who has to report to Tokyo through his own government at Madrid, made no comment on what he saw in the Exhibition Grounds.

The two officials, accompanied by Dominion Government and Security Commission representatives, made a thorough examination of quarters in the barracks where many Japanese nationals and Japanese-Canadian citizens still remain despite a growing current of evictions.

Tuesday night they left for Nelson to inspect Japanese now settled in the Kootenays. Before they return to Ottawa they will look in on Japs camped near Hope and along the Lillooet Pass, and will drive from Jasper Park to Calgary and Lethbridge to see Japanese working on southern Alberta beet farms.

"The fact that the Red Cross has found the camp satisfactory as far as living conditions are concerned will in no way affect our efforts to get the Japanese out of the coastal area," Major A. H. L. Mellor, spokesman for the B.C. Security Commission, said today.

"We still intend to evacuate all Japanese at the 'manning pool' by the end of September, and then we will devote our attention to evacuation of Japanese living in their homes here on defensible areas.

Japanese, such as doctors and others whose services are essential to the well-being of their countrymen here, have of necessity been granted deferment.

He placed the number of Japanese still quartered at Hastings Park at 2350.

A lone spectator strolls along once-bustling Powell Street.

He pauses thoughtfully to watch a Japanese family load their belongings upon a moving van.

Then he strolls past a boarded-up store window marked with childish scribblings.

He stops in front of a sign which reads: 'Special Sale." He peers through the store window but sees little activity within.

Only the unfamiliar sight of a white person standing in a doorway relieves the "Ghost Town" appearance of Powell Street.

These strangers are the promise of new life for "Little Tokyo;" for plans are now being laid by City Council to reclaim the whole area for white habitation.

'Little Tokyo' Reclaimed for Occidentals

'Whites' Already Taking Over Evacuated Homes in Japtown

When civic inspectors begin their work of reclaiming Vancouver's "Little Tokyo" for white habitation, they will find scores of white residents already installed there.

One long row of cabins, two storeys high and in rather run-down condition, is now occupied almost entirely by white residents.

Some white residents have moved into crowded Powell Street rooms.

On the whole, however, the influx of whites has not been sufficient to counterbalance the exodus of male Japanese and the area already shows signs of becoming a "Ghost Town."

NO RUSH OF BUSINESS

There is little business on Powell Street. Some of the store fronts are boarded up; others carry "Special Sale" signs in a vain attempt to attract business.

Powell Street merchants are keeping only a small stock of goods on hand in anticipation of complete evacuation. Merchants who deal in slower-selling commodities are doing their utmost to get rid of the stock they now have on hand.

Store fronts on two blocks along Powell Street were examined; none showed any sign of spring painting.

BUILDINGS NEGLECTED

Evacuation of able-bodied male Japanese and the possible evacuation of all other Japanese residents from the area is having an increasingly-bad effect upon the appearance of the area.

Not only is there insufficient labor to keep up the buildings; but also there is no incentive for the remaining Japanese to spend time and money upon this property at the present time.

Powell Street is close to the area in which large numbers of Vancouver residents are employed. The city fathers are already worried about the shortage of housing accommodation in Vancouver.

WILL BE 'RENOVATED'

It therefore seems inadvisable to permit an unproductive "shack town" to develop in the busy heart of Vancouver.

The City Council determined to use the area if it can be brought up to health, plumbing, electrical and structural standards.

City inspectors will soon be combing the area, testing joists and rafters, examining baths and lavatories, checking insulation around electrical wires.

As workmen follow on the heels of civic inspectors, new life will come to Vancouver's once-busy "Little Tokyo."

$150 in Electrical Equipment Stolen

C. E. Montgomery, 6106 Fraser Avenue, reported electrical equipment valued at $150 stolen from his parked auto at Gladstone Avenue and Kingsway, Tuesday night.

A large quantity of tools belonging to Martin Nicolls, 1230 Pacific Street, and John E. Johnson, 137 East Hastings Street, was taken from a house under construction at 2485 West Twentieth Avenue.

A man escaped with a $1.50 book from Ireland & Allen, 649 Granville Street, Tuesday afternoon, after striking T. Ayers, proprietor, who caught him outside the door.

Two Hurt as Cars Collide Head-on

Constable Jack Fraser, 29, city police, and John D. Smith, 67, of 1236 West Eleventh Avenue, were injured in a collision between a police car driven by Fraser and Smith's auto in the 4000 block West Tenth Avenue at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Constable Fraser suffered a knee injury and Smith a cut nose. Both were treated at Vancouver General Hospital. The autos collided almost head-on, according to reports, as they passed the parked cars. Damage was slight.

Gun Training for All Men Urged by Lieut.-Governor

ALERT BAY, July 15.—Residents of this North Vancouver Island outpost town received from Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Woodward Tuesday evening a stern warning that Canada's greatest need is for trained fighting-men.

"All men should learn to handle weapons," Col. Woodward stated at a large community meeting. "You will thank God you were able to!"

He said citizens of British Columbia must be prepared to suffer "as the populations of the occupied countries have suffered." Allied military reverses of the past three years were laid to the policies of ostrich-like leaders.

His Honor also advocated removal of the fear of poverty in old age and of sickness, as necessary civil measures.

He was welcomed to Alert Bay by M. C. Potts. Thanks was extended at the close of the meeting by F. E. Anfield. Col. Woodward is inspecting Red Cross workrooms, the hospital, and the Indian residential school today.

City Post-War Health Plan Shaped for 'Millenium'

Arrival of the "easy-money millenium" will find Greater Vancouver forearmed with an ideal public health program, ready for instantaneous adoption.

Its preparation was ordered today by the Metropolitan Health Committee for submission to the provincial Post-War Rehabilitation Council.

Dr. Stewart Murray, medical health officer, was told to go as far as he liked and to toss aside his doubts about whether he should include projects improbable of fulfilment.

"The council wants anything you can give it," said Ald. G. C. Miller. "It is working along the lines that the millenium is coming after the war, so go as far as you like. It may have advance information on where the money is coming from, but it may also be in for a rude awakening."

"Alright," said Dr. Murray. "I'll make it all-inclusive regardless of financial ramifications."

He will boil together his own ideas and those of his staff. He indicated today, however, that he will include a broad extension of mental hygiene services for children and adults and the construction of a psychopathic hospital.

U.S. Shipbuilding Head Arrives Here Thursday Morning

Rear-Admiral Howard L. Vickery of the U.S. Maritime Commission, "number one man" in the huge American shipbuilding program, is scheduled to arrive at Vancouver airport at 9 a.m. Thursday.

He will address a luncheon meeting of Vancouver Board of Trade in the ballroom of Hotel Vancouver Thursday at 12:30 and indications point to a very large attendance to hear his talk on "Shipbuilding." Reservations yesterday and today have been very heavy.

On his arrival Rear-Admiral Vickery will go immediately on a tour of some Vancouver shipyards prior to the luncheon meeting. The tour will be resumed in the afternoon and he will leave in the evening for Seattle to start a tour of American coast shipyards.

In Vancouver he will be under convoy of H. R. MacMillan, president of Wartime Merchant Shipping.

The Island of Marajo, at the mouth of the Amazon River, is about the size of Belgium.

Co-operation of Church And State Emphasized

The church and the state must work together in establishing a satisfactory world order, Rev. C. E. Batzold of Zion United Church told the Point Grey Kiwanis Club on Tuesday in Kerrisdale Memorial Hall.

"Neither can do it alone, for the task is too large," he declared. "A better society in times like these demands a constitutionally ordered system of political, economic and religious freedom, with a full opportunity for a total contribution of life, resources and gifts. Only thus will we create, maintain and advance a world order approved of God and proved by man."

Morris Belkin was prize donor, and Jack Edwards was in charge of the program.

Chinese Call for Drive From Australia

CHUNGKING, July 15 — An Allied offensive launched from Australia against the Japanese in New Guinea or Burma would have the same effect as a second front in Europe, Chinese Ministry of Information Wang Shih Chieh said today.

Labor Council Wants Judge Off War Board

Removal of Mr. Justice A. M. Manson from his post as chairman of the Divisional War Services Board was urged on Hon. J. T. Thorson, minister of war services, in a resolution passed by Vancouver District Labor Council on Tuesday evening.

The motion, which carried without discussion, was brought in by the council executive. It was worded as follows:

"Whereas Mr. Justice Manson, chairman of Vancouver Divisional War Services Board, has, in the handling of the Alan Wright case, shown himself unfit to hold such an important position;

"And whereas organized labor is desirous of strengthening and improving the Canadian war effort by the establishment of good will and confidence and unity of all Canadians desirous of defeating the Axis and winning the peace;

"Therefore be it resolved the Vancouver Labor Council, Canadian Congress of Labor, request the immediate removal of Mr. Manson as chairman of the board, and that Minister of War Services Thorson appoint a chairman capable of conducting the affairs of the board in a sane and impartial manner without discrimination."

Alan Wright, steelworkers organizer from Toronto, received his call to military service while engaged in organizational work at the Dominion Bridge Company plant here. He was refused a postponement under the board by Mr. Justice Manson, and his case was brought up in the House of Commons by C.C.F. members. Mr. Thorson reversed the Vancouver board's decision, stating his department could not be used for purposes other than those for which it was set up. He referred to the Vancouver chairman's action as "over-zealous."

C.C.F. members and union leaders alleged Wright's papers were transferred to Vancouver from Toronto in order that his organizing activities could be ended by a call to military service.

Later in the council meeting, Alex MacAusland, CCL regional director, announced that a complete union agreement has been negotiated with Dominion Bridge Company and that joint application will be made by employees and management to Regional War Labor Board for ratification of proposed new wage scales.

Pier Guards Rescue Man From Harbor

F. Larson, 367 East Hastings Street, was pulled from the waters of Burrard Inlet at Pier H at 12:40 a.m. today and was taken to General Hospital suffering from exposure.

J. Dolan and M. Clark, pier guards, rescued the man after hearing his cries for help.

Larson was unable to tell police how he came to be in the water. He said he had his pocketbook containing between $50 and $60 and a return ticket to Nanaimo in the water or in the vicinity of the pier.

'Accidental Death' Verdict Returned

A recommendation for more care in the mending of ship cradles during launchings was made by a coroner's jury Tuesday, in bringing in a verdict of "Accidental death" at an inquest on Louis Albert McKenzie, 17, of 6573 Yew Street.

McKenzie died in General Hospital, Monday, from injuries suffered in a fall from a moving cradle Saturday at Celtic Shipyards, Fraser River foot of Blenheim Street.

The jury said: "We recommend that the winchman in future in this and other shipyards be instructed to wait for an 'all clear' signal by the man in charge of the cradle before he puts the cradle in motion."

British Author Here To Speak at U.B.C.

Vancouver will be the first stop in a Canada-wide tour by Bernard Newman, a grandnephew of the British novelist, George Eliot. The tour is sponsored by the British Ministry of Information.

He will speak on "The New Europe" before students of the University of British Columbia summer session on Friday at 12:10 noon. The public is welcomed.

Mr. Newman is the author of a half-dozen books, most famous of which is "Spy," which was published as a military text in Russia and banned by Germany. Others are "Maginot Line Mystery," "The Blue Danube," "Ride to Russia" and "Pedalling Poland."

B.C.'s Fighting French Mark Bastille Day

It is exactly 153 years ago that Frenchmen stormed the Bastille, greatest symbol of autocratic tyranny. Last night in Vancouver, Frenchmen drank a toast to victory over the new tyranny which has subjugated their native soil.

The occasion was a reception in Hotel Georgia held by the Vancouver Committee of the Free French — now renamed the "Fighting French."

GREATEST HOPE

"It is fitting that you have changed your name to the Fighting French," commented Lt. Col. G. M. Shrum, officer commanding, University of British Columbia Contingent, Canadian Officers Training Corps.

"Because of the work of your leader, Charles de Gaulle, and of the efforts of freedom-loving Frenchmen, the Fighting French now have a navy, an army, an air force and a merchant navy.

"The greatest hope today of establishing a second front lies in that underground movement which you have built up in your native land."

UPHOLD HERITAGE

A diminutive Chinese girl, Hanyin Cheng of the Chinese consulate in Vancouver, told the gathering of the great ideals set from the French Revolution — "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity."

Speaking in French, Miss Cheng urged her listeners to do their utmost to conserve the heritage of their ancestors.

"Today you, the Fighting French, are upholding these principles. Your courage and faith have earned for you the admiration of the entire Allied world.

Mayor Cornett praised the spirit of the Fighting French movement and of their leader, Charles de Gaulle.

Guests at the reception included Brigadier R. G. Whitelaw, officer commanding Military District No. 11; Commander G. Borrie, RCNR, naval officer in charge, Port of Vancouver; Wing Commander H. H. Greenway, officer commanding, RCAF Station, Jericho Beach; Mrs. F. J. Rolston, M.L.A.; Alderman and Mrs. Jack Price, Alderman and Mrs. H. D. Wilson, and Mrs. H. L. Corey.

Members of the Corps of Imperial Frontiersmen attending the reception were Lt.-Col. F. H. Plaskett, honorary commanding; Lieut. S. E. Raymer and C. A. Conrad.

Rotary Commended by Queen's Fund Leaders

The fine record of the Rotary Clubs of British Columbia in collecting $40,000 so far for the Queen's Canadian Fund for Air Raid Victims is highly commended in a press statement just issued by the central headquarters committee of the fund in Montreal.

The statement also tells of how a group of amateur and professional entertainers in Windsor, Ont., known as the Queen's Fund Players, have raised more than $1500 for the fund in and around Windsor by playing at night clubs and making a door charge at each performance.

To Serve Six Months

Magistrate Mackenzie Matheson sentenced Henry Sherman, 35, no fixed address, and George Eldridge, 28, of 967 Homer Street, to six months in jail today when they pleaded guilty to theft of a quantity of morphine tablets.

In a belated report Tuesday, Pte. J. Gouchier, Little Mountain Barracks, told police he was attacked by two men in a lane in the unit block West Cardova Street, Monday night, and robbed of a $10 watch and other effects.

'Gondoliers' Opens At Park Thursday

Opening of "The Gondoliers," second presentation of the open-air season of "Theatre Under the Stars" at the Malkin Memorial Bowl, will take place Thursday at 8:30, and will continue for the balance of the week.

This gay musical comedy by Gilbert and Sullivan combines lilting songs, catchy music, colorful personalities and a story of merry intrigue.

Outstanding singing artists in leading roles are supported by feature players and a chorus. Stage direction is under E. V. Young, assisted by Jack Crewe. The orchestra is conducted by Basil Morafal.

Ticket sale, including reduced rate coupon books, is at Kelly's Music Store, 622 Seymour Street, and, after 7:30 p.m. at the gate.

NOW OVERSEAS

BQMS CHRIS AGNEW

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Agnew, 3625 Napier Street, has arrived in England, according to a cable received this week by his parents. He attended Franklin School and Templeton Junior High.

General Potts Takes Post At Victoria

Two high-ranking military figures arrived in this city on Tuesday for a brief stay.

They were Lt. Gen. Kenneth Stuart, DSO, MC, army chief of staff and temporary commander of the Pacific Coast area, and Maj. Gen. A. E. Potts, inspector general, who organized and commanded the first successful hit-and-run commando raid of this war.

Gen. Potts left almost immediately for Victoria, where he will make his headquarters.

In a brief conversation with The Vancouver Sun today Gen. Stuart would offer little comment on his visit here.

"I have just returned from Ottawa," he explained, "and at the moment I have nothing to offer of any news value."

Since taking over command here in July he admitted he has been busy covering the ground "from Alaska to the south," and while here today will spend every possible moment in staff conferences.

He may leave for Victoria today.

'Sunny' Want Ads Says:

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. . . will buy almost anything you possess. If you have used furniture for sale, now is the time to advertise, because there is a shortage of good used furniture. I will find a cash customer for you quickly . . . I'm a Sun Want Ad.

This advertiser quickly made a satisfactory "swap" . . . Call me now and let me help YOU.

CHICKENS FOR TYPEWRITER, guitar, sewing machine or what? High, good used furniture.

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BIRTHS and MARRIAGES

Deaths, Cards of Thanks, and In Memoriam Notices on following page.

BIRTHS

HORTON—TO MR. AND Mrs. Earle T. Horton (nee Grace Mary Wadsworth), of 2998 Kitchener St., at St. Paul's Hospital on July 14, 1942, a daughter. Both doing well.

MARRIAGES

DOBIE—LAWRENCE—ON SATURday, July 11, 1942, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. L. Shoal, John David Dobie, only son of Mrs. Dobie, 30, 10th St., and the late Mr. W. A. Dobie, to Lena Mae, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lawrence, 2712 Portland St., New Westminster, B.C.

LAMONT—BROWN—ON TUESDAY, July 14, 1942, in Collingwood United Church, by Rev. J. W. Smith, William Donald (Bill) Lamont, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Lamont, to Audrey Brown, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brown, 2180 East 49th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

MARRIAGES

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MORRIS—SPIERS — ON TUESDAY, July 14, 1942, at the Zion Presbyterian Church, by Rev. W. Barth, Peter David Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, to Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Spiers, 4803 Carleton St., Vancouver, B.C.

NEWMAN—WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1942, at 2 p.m., at the Knox Presbyterian Church, by Rev. T. Anglican Church, by Rev. T. Thomas, Gerald G. Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newman, Vancouver, B.C., to Marie Elsie Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Esquimalt, B.C.

SMITH—KNOX—ON SATURday, July 11, 1942, at the Knox Presbyterian Church, by Rev. T. Thomas, Gordon Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Vancouver, to Jean Knox, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Sandford, 828 30th Ave. West, Vancouver, B.C.

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