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Editorial

has done with these 20 years is there for anyone to see. It is a country run for the benefit of the common people—to feed and clothe and educate them.

We in America, who need strong friends as never before in our history, can thank God the Russians are there—and that they have held out the hand of friendship to us. The man who denies that is America's enemy.

What has happened is that our unjustified fears of Communism in this country, our lack of faith in our democratic principles, have been preyed upon until fear of the Communists has become almost a national obsession. If we do not get over it, it is an obsession of which this democracy will die—as other countries in Europe died of the same obsession artificially inspired by the same source—not the alien Communist International but the enemy Anti-Comintern.

This is a strange irony of 20 years of history in this country:

The American Communist Party, that threatened revolution, ends up trying to crawl back into the good graces of America by supporting the Government as zealously as it once tried to undermine it.

The Anti-Comintern, that promised us protection from revolution, has now undertaken our total destruction—not only the destruction of our armies on the far shores and our ships on the high seas, but destruction of our Government at home.

These are the cold facts America must face—and as Maj. Eliot said, "while there is still time to translate understanding into useful effort." For it is America's still imperfect understanding of these facts that stands between the full military alliance, the full partnership of two great independent countries as equals.

To say Americans have nothing to fear from the Russians is an understatement so fantastic it is ridiculous. Americans have not merely nothing to fear from the Russians; they have—again I quote Maj. Eliot: the future of liberty to win. As no two great people in the world's history ever needed each other before, the Americans and Russians need each other—along with the British and the Chinese. The sum total of our strength is not so great that we can sacrifice one iota of it to indulge "outworn prejudices and ideological niceties"—let alone lose our most effective ally for prejudice and niceties which are enemy-inspired and nurtured.

We Americans have written and said to ourselves many times that the mask is off Hitler. But so long as we stop short of the last full measure of alliance with Russia to save the world from Fascism, Hitler has a right to chuckle. So long as those American prejudices remain uncorrected, so long as they are allowed to block total collaboration with Russia—Hitler is still fooling us.

That is what Pierre Laval had to say to us.

—RALPH INGERSOLL

WHAT TO DO in an AIR RAID



FOR YOUR SAFETY AND YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY

THE ALARM IS A RISING AND FALLING (WARBLING) SOUND OF THE SIREN

OR, SHORT BLASTS OF WHISTLE OR HORN

ACT! BUT ACT CALMLY AND QUICKLY!

- ★ IF AT HOME ————— Do not use the telephone. Turn off stove burners that are lit—not pilot light. Make no attempt to shut off the main gas valve. Leave windows partly open. If after dark, turn out lights visible from outside. Keep radio on so that, if instructions are issued, you will hear them. Keep away from glass.
- ★ IF IN STORE, FACTORY, LIBRARY, PUBLIC OR OFFICE BUILDING — Follow orders of air raid wardens in charge.
- ★ IF WALKING ON THE STREET — Walk—do not run—into a nearby building. Stay there until the "all-clear" sounds.
- ★ IF IN A MOTOR CAR OR TRUCK — Move your car at once to the curb. Do not obstruct fire hydrants, hospitals, police or fire stations, or street intersections. Turn off lights. Remove ignition key. Leave doors unlocked. Go into a nearby building.
- ★ IF IN A PLACE OF WORSHIP, MOVIE THEATRE, OR PUBLIC MEETING — Wait for orders from air raid wardens in charge.
- ★ IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL — Stay at home. Your children's teachers are trained to take care of them. Remember, don't telephone.
- ★ IF IN A BUS OR TROLLEY — When the vehicle stops, get off and go to a nearby building at once.
- ★ IF IN A SUBWAY — The train will go on to the nearest station. You should remain in the train. If on a station platform, remain there.
- ★ IF ON A TRAIN ON AN ELEVATED STRUCTURE — The train will go on to the next station. You should get off and go to a nearby building. If on a station platform, leave and go to a nearby building.
- ★ ALWAYS ————— Pay no attention to rumors! Use your common sense! Follow instructions of your air raid warden and other persons in authority!
- ★ NEVER ————— Never shout, scream, or run! If others do, don't you do it! Remember, they may be trying to create a panic—as dangerous as bombs.
- ★ IF BOMBS DROP NEAR YOU — If unable to reach a building, lie down and protect back of your head.

THE ALL-CLEAR SIGNAL IS A CONTINUOUS LONG BLAST
WHEN IT SOUNDS, CARRY ON AS USUAL.

The Only Place We Can Beat Hitler This Year Is on the Russian Front

By THE GENERAL

Although it was soft-pedaled for a while when Australia was crying for assistance against invasion and our own people were demanding revenge for Pearl Harbor, inevitably the grand strategy for defeat of the Axis has emerged again—defeat of Hitler.

The public statements and actions of ranking officials of the United Nations have had their cumulative effect. Without exception these statements and actions have been aimed in one direction—toward the Russian Front. **There can be no quibbling about the fact that Russia is the only one of our allies capable of inflicting military defeat on Hitler this year.** (See Map Pages 16 and 17.)

President Roosevelt sharply ordered the War and Navy Depts. and Lend-Lease officials to increase the flow of supplies to the Soviet.

Lord Beaverbrook called the Russian Front "the most critical battlefield in the history of civilization."

Former Ambassador Joseph Davies, out of a vast knowledge of the Russian situation, urged pumping of more and more munitions and weapons into the Russian battle.

Russian diplomats here and in London have demanded the opening of a Western Front against the Nazis by invasion of France or Norway.

We don't know yet what Chief of Staff Marshall and Harry Hopkins talked about with Churchill and his military advisers when they were in England, but it is a safe bet a continental invasion got official attention.

The vigorously debated question of invading continental Europe provides a paradox—it spikes the Allies on the horns of a military dilemma.

There isn't enough shipping to go around. If we smash transport vessels and naval strength for invasion, the war supply flow to Russia will be cut to a trickle. If we continue our great convoys to Murmansk and the Persian Gulf, there aren't enough merchant vessels or warships to insure the success of an invasion.

It's obvious that a choice must be made. Ranking military men in Washington are in complete agreement on what choice must be—probably has been—made: we must continue and increase the ocean traffic from Great Britain and the U. S. A. to Murmansk and southern Russia. They are convinced that by feeding the Red Army the best of our arms and weapons and getting them to Russia with all possible speed we will be contributing more to the defeat of Hitler

than we would by attempting an invasion of France or Norway.

This doesn't mean that Britain and the U. S. A. won't strike at Hitler from the East. It is bound to come, but not until we are better equipped for the mission than we are now.

Meanwhile, the combination of Commando raids on the Nazi-held Low Countries, France and Norway and the around-the-clock warfare being waged by the RAF on occupied countries and industrial Germany are potent persuasion for the Nazis to maintain heavy air and troop garrisons in conquered territory. There is already evidence that the sustained RAF pounding has resulted in diversion of many planes from the Russian Front.

British Hurricanes and Spitfires and American Bell-Airacobras are the new darlings of the Soviet Air Force. Two squadrons of RAF fliers, veterans of the Battle of Britain and youngsters from the training fields of Canada are also in the front line in Russia. There have been persistent reports that Britain will send an expeditionary force to Russia by way of the Murmansk Sea road early in the Summer and that the U. S. A. will send an AEF when the new northeast passage—from Pacific ports by way of the Bering Strait to the Arctic and Murmansk or Archangel—is opened later in the Summer.

The northeast passage will allow us to double the effectiveness of our war material aid to Russia before Summer is far advanced. Russia has made heroic efforts to open this sea passage to the Pacific. It will be open until mid-September when the ice closes in. With German naval might lurking on the fringes of our North Atlantic supply line, and Japanese submarines threatening the Indian Ocean-Persian Gulf route, the northeast passage—Russia's only access to the open sea—may become the lifeline of supplies to the Soviet.

Vichy French control of a great fleet and vital points along one of these routes is still an unknown quantity, and a threat to the cause of the United Nations bent on backing Russia to the limit. Dakar in West Africa and Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, if occupied by Axis forces, can make the southern route too hazardous for even the most powerfully guarded convoys. Seizure of both these points by the United Nations before it is too late would be insurance for aid to Russia and aid to our own battle in the Southwest Pacific, India and Australia.



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