

# Axis Attempt At Knockout In 1942 Among Forecasts

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WASHINGTON, JAN. 1.—Here are some of the war developments which well-placed observers are predicting for 1942:

With all her might Japan will try to win command of the sea and air west and south of Hawaii in the Pacific, take the Philippines, Singapore and the Dutch East Indies, then force the allies to come to her and fight it out in her own highly dangerous waters.

Germany will attempt to invade the Middle East and, at the same time, attack the British from North West Africa. Her plan would be to wipe out the British at Suez and vicinity by a giant pincer movement and, at the same time, acquire vastly needed oil lands.

Italy will drop out of the war altogether. Or else Germany will be obliged to force her, at the point of a gun, to keep up a pretense of being an Axis partner.

If the Axis has its way, the conflict will take definite and final shape during 1942 and perhaps reach a decisive stage.

IF THE NAZIS succeed, they would dominate all Europe and most, if not all, of Africa. Similarly, Japan would dominate most of the Pacific and Asia.

If they could do that, the Axis powers would have sufficient food and raw materials to last them indefinitely. The only way the Allies could defeat them would be by a difficult and costly invasion across two extremely wide oceans. The conflict would then become a war between two hemispheres.

To prevent the Axis gaining and consolidating any such well-nigh impregnable foothold, something like this is forecast:

A "grand alliance" will be announced by the leading anti-Axis powers. There will be no separate peace. The Allies will pool all resources and work out a general plan for defeating the enemy.

Leads will disappear. Each member of the "grand alliance" will chip in with everything it has got—men, money and materials. There won't be much bookkeeping as between allies.

THE UNITED STATES will probably be called on to contribute the lion's share—as much as 50 per cent of the national income. It is already certain its share will make its contribution to the first World War look like pin money.

Soviet Russia will change her attitude towards Japan for reasons of self defense. If Japan gains control of East Asia, Russia Siberia is doomed. It is to her interest to fight while she has powerful allies.

American bombers, based on eastern Siberia, will probably begin to teach Nippon a lesson by bombing Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Nagasaki and other vital Japanese centers before 1942 is half over.

American troops may find themselves fighting alongside the Chinese in China—and perhaps the Russians in Siberia and around Archangel before the year is out. For these are among the few places where the enemy can be contacted on land.

The Burma Road will be reorganized and improved. It will be freed from the ancient Chinese game of "squeeze" or graft.

IT IS THIS situation which has hampered road traffic so dreadfully thus far.

The "grand alliance" will probably announce its war aims in the near future, also outline the future peace. Among other things it will call for the liberation of the Italians, French, Finnish, Norwegian, Hungarian and Austrian peoples no less than those of Poland, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Greece and others whose territory is now overrun by the Axis powers. The purpose will be to consolidate all peoples who openly or secretly are hostile to the Axis.

The Pacific will be placed on a par with the Atlantic as a theater of war. It will cease to rank, as some would have it, as an area of secondary importance. A victorious Japan, master of most of Asia and half the population of the globe would be every bit as dangerous to the world as a victorious Reich.

These, I repeat, are some of the things one hears forecast for the year 1942—not something that necessarily must happen.

## U. S. ALLOTS 383 TIRES TO COUNTY

They'll Be Sold Only for Use On Vehicles Involved in Essential Work.

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and 5361 tubes. The County quota in this classification will be 928 tires and 777 tubes.

Mr. Henderson's announcement was followed by a warning by Clarence A. Jackson, State civilian defense director, that the tire rationing may result in an avalanche of tire thefts throughout the State.

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Mr. Jackson's warning followed the action by Evansville police asking all tire dealers, repairmen and re-treaders to begin keeping a record of every tire sold or serviced.

The request was made when the theft of new and used tires and tubes was reported from a service station at Evansville and several motorists reported their cars had been jacked up and wheels and tires stolen.

The Evansville order for ownership records was believed to be the first such effort by Indiana authorities to secure such facts for use in tire theft cases.

Hinting that the Evansville action may be adopted on a state-wide plan, Mr. Jackson asked Hoosier car owners:

1. Record the serial numbers of their tires.

2. See that garage doors are kept locked from now on.

3. Secure adequate locks for spares and wheels.

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## Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Cremulon. Write to right to the seat of the trouble to have your cold germ laden phlegm and sputum removed to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

Cremulon blends beechwood extract by special process with other time tested medicines for coughs.

No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Cremulon with the understanding you must like the way it quickly relieves the cough, permitting rest and sleep, or you are to have your money back.

## Alaskan Area Looms as New War Arena



This may be a new arena of war. Japanese naval vessels are reported operating around Kodiak, in Alaska, and President Roosevelt has intimated that American war supplies may be sent to Russia's Kamchatka peninsula.

## City Greets the New Year With Hilarity Undertoned by Sober Reflections

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whistles. It was feared that air raid alarms might be lost in the din.

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Signs of war were less obvious in inland cities, but even they saw some reminders of the conflict.

Hundreds of Chicagoans moving among the bright lights of the Loop carried cards which said: "Happy New Year—Beat the Japs." And to the south there was a rosy hue in the sky reminding that there was no holiday for workmen toiling at blast furnaces in the huge steel mills at Gary, Ind., and South Chicago.

Out in the Pacific, Hawaii had to impose severe restrictions on its celebration, which traditionally has been one of its gayest events. The nightly blackout, effective since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, shrouded the islands and partygoers.

Only one other birth was recorded at local hospitals. A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Irl Smith, 844 N. Gladstone Ave., at 4:34 a.m. at Methodist Hospital.

At eight seconds past midnight, a nine-pound, eight-ounce boy was born to Mrs. Goldie Helft at Methodist Hospital. He was the first baby born here in 1942.

Mrs. Helft is the wife of Nathan Mrs. Helft is the wife of Nathan

1151 W. 21st St.

It was just seven seconds later that City Hospital announced the birth of a boy to Mrs. Frances Peacock, wife of Lawrence Peacock, 1833 Lexington Ave.

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At 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. plus

lights and broken windows galore.

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The New Year's celebration cost

Elmer Klings \$80 and he didn't

even get to participate therein.

One inebriate pushed another

through the plate glass window of

the Claypool Hotel Florist Shop

and the culprit had staggered

away before Mr. Klings, the pro-

prietary, could do anything about it.

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