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Simms: Hull Peace Aims Cheer Hitler's Slaves In Europe

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
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LONDON, March 23.—A high source in close touch with conditions in Europe's occupied countries told me today that Secretary Hull's pronouncement on America's war and peace aims comes when most needed to dispel disturbing fears regarding the allies' present objectives.

An eyewitness who escaped from Central Europe less than two weeks ago said Goebbels is having a field day

twisting allied declarations and events to fit Hitler's urgent needs.

Germans, he said, no longer expect the Reich to win the war, but of late they have been led to believe they can escape the consequences, thanks to wrangling among the allies.

As for the masses within the occupied areas, my informant continued, their one great hope all along has been

in allied unity based on the Atlantic charter and the four freedoms. This has made their resistance worthwhile. This has made their slavery under the axis yoke bearable.

Life just for the sake of life itself long ago ceased to have meaning. If that was all resistance was to mean it was far less terrible to die and have it over than to suffer the pangs of death daily, yet go on living.

The one beacon that kept the spark alive was the cer-

tainty that national and individual liberty lay ahead for them and their children. That certainty was contained in the Atlantic charter.

In the past few months however, my source continued, events have thrown some doubt on the charter as binding on all the allies.

There has been a tendency in the direction of unilate-

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Mother of 15 Licks 'Mess Hall' Problems



Here are a lot of Smiths. Father, mother and 13 of the children take time out to "sit" for a family portrait. Inset (left) is Mrs. LaRayne Zimmerman, one of the married daughters. At the right is the Smiths' pride in the armed services—Pfc. Birthi H. Smith, in New Caledonia.

'GOOD NEIGHBOR' RULE PREVAILS

Compromise Will Permit
Mexicans to Stay in
Irvington Manses.

By SHERLEY UHL
For the first time in three months all's quiet on the Irvington front.

That neighborhood's Latin boarders have been accepted with good grace and Mayor Tyndall, mopping his brow in relief, is congratulating himself on having compromised a controversy with international angles reaching from Audubon rd. to Mexico.

It all started in December when the Pennsylvania railroad decided to lodge 40 laborers from somewhere south of the border in the historic old George W. Julian home, an Irvington landmark, at 115 S. Audubon rd.

The move provided fuel for a splattering of fireworks that showered the mayor with bits of correspondence from opponents and proponents of the "foreign labor" policy.

Pyrotechnics Die Down

Today the pyrotechnics were somewhat quelled with word that Irvington residents had agreed to permit continued occupation of the home by right-of-way workers until June 30, when Pennsylvania officials say, plenty of labor will be available here in Indianapolis.

Mayor Tyndall's troubles with the Mexicans date back to the time when the South Irvington Civic

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The noon hour at the Smith house is always a festive event. But Mrs. Smith loves to cook.

BLOCK NEW SITE OF DETENTION HOME

Keystone Ave. Citizens File
Protest Injunction.

By MILDRED REIMER
ARMY COOKS could take a few lessons in mass food preparation from Mrs. Lester Smith, 2171 S. Pennsylvania st.

For the South side family practically has a "mess hall" right in their home and there enough hungry mouths to make up a G.I. "squad."

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have 15 children living . . . just enough girls at the right ages to keep the dishes washed up," but lacking one boy to make an "all-Smith gridiron eleven." Seven other children died while infants.

But now only 11 of the Smiths are home besides the parents and

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CHURCHILL MAY GIVE 'ZERO HOUR' CALL

London Papers Say Speech
To Restate 'Aims.'

LONDON, March 23 (U.P.)—The Evening News said today that Prime Minister Winston Churchill's scheduled broadcast Sunday may be a "zero hour call" to the nation on the eve of the opening of the western front, restating Britain's war aims and calling for maximum effort in the next few months.

The broadcast, scheduled for 9 p.m. (3 p.m. Indianapolis time), will be short-waved to the United States and probably rebroadcast by American networks.

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GERMANY ROCKS AND SMOULDERS IN 2500-PLANE DAY-NIGHT BLOW

BUILDERS SEE BIG POST-WAR HOME DEMAND

Ready to Put 6,000,000 to
Work if U. S. Does
Not Interfere.

The home building industry throughout the nation is ready to employ 6,000,000 men as soon as the last shot is fired, but it wants no programs directed from a Washington bureau, Robert P. Gerholz, president of the National Association of Home Builders, said here today.

Mr. Gerholz came to Indianapolis to discuss problems of the industry with local building representatives. He also spoke on "What's Ahead for Home Building" at a meeting of the Indianapolis Real Estate board at noon.

"Washington bureaucracies did a very poor job of handling the public building program during the emergency, resulting in a tremendous waste of the taxpayers' money and constructing many buildings which will never be tenanted," the N. A. H. B. head asserted.

Boom to Follow War

"Government housing failed because of the monotony of the long strings of houses," he explained, "and the American people are known for their rugged individualism. Many of the structures were of a character that people will not live in them."

As to when the building boom will come, Mr. Gerholz said that it will begin when the war in Europe winds up but the big change will be seen when the war ends and all materials are released for construction.

"In the first post-war year 350,000 to 400,000 housing units will be built," he predicted, "but during a 10-year period the average will be 1,000,000 per year following the war."

With much new renovating and face lifting going on in addition to new building, Mr. Gerholz said the construction industry would blaze the trail for post-war employment.

When the 9,000,000 young people doff their uniforms to take up lives they left off when they went to fight for Uncle Sam, postponed marriages will be solemnized and many of these people will establish their own homes, he added.

Sees No Miracle Homes

But the home of tomorrow will not be miracle house, the N. A. H. B. head predicted.

"It will be pretty much like the home we were building in 1941," Mr. Gerholz said, "because the manufacturers have nothing new to offer in materials."

"No doubt," he said, "attention will be given to more efficient arrangement of space, improved lighting and to increasing the functional facilities of the home."

The prefabricated houses of this war period, the N. A. H. B. head declared, will have a restricted market in the post-war world because they offer no saving, in cost or no variation in design.

Mr. Gerholz, who has been on an inspection tour of housing units over the United States, urged local building groups to make a survey of the housing situation and have everything ready for the "go" signal.

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Cause of Fatal Furniture Firm Fire Is Sought

An investigation to determine the cause of the fire which for a time threatened to sweep through the Banner-Whitehill, Inc., furniture store at 31 S. Meridian st., yesterday, has been started by Bernard A. Lynch, fire prevention chief.

The flames, which started in the basement of the warehouse and shipping department, were confined mostly to the first two floors of the rear building and did not spread to the main store.

Mr. Lewis, however, caused heavy damage to nearly all retail departments.

One fireman, Herman N. Lewis, 56, of 26 N. Traub ave., collapsed

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SEVER JAPAN'S BURMA LIFELINE

Airborne Native Troops Cut
Main Railway, Imperil
Foe's Rear in India.

NEW DELHI, March 23 (U.P.)—A mystery column of allied ground troops has landed squarely astride the main Mandalay-Myitkyina railway in northern Burma, it was revealed today, severing the lifeline of communications for thousands of Japanese in the north and imperiling the rear of other enemy forces moving across the Indian front on Imphal.

The surprise blow apparently was launched by a band of air-borne Indian infantrymen who were landed deep inside the Japanese lines by American transport planes and gliders late last week.

Supplanted by Planes

The allied command did not identify the units, but revealed that they were on the attack in the area of Indaw and Mawlu, two key junction points on the main railway line.

Allied medium bombers swarmed to the support of the raiders, blasting in force at Japanese positions in the area.

From Indaw and Mawlu, the allied forces would command all enemy supply movement northward on the railway line to Myitkyina, the main Japanese base in northern Burma. They also would be in a position to cut half a dozen vital gridiron roads.

So impassable are the roads that it is impossible from the ground to get an adequate picture of this destruction. We tried once in a jeep, but three times in as many miles we got stuck and were hauled out.

Utterly defeated by fire, we abandoned the whole project for an inspection by air.

For this there is the admirable Russian airplane called Ou-Du, Ou-Two, tiny two-seater biplane with the open cockpit that is unique.

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Hoosier Heroes—

JOSEPH E. TAYLOR IS KILLED IN ACTION

Sub-Chaser Crewman Dead

—Soldier Is Missing.

AN INDIANAPOLIS sailor has been killed in action and a local soldier is missing following European combat.

He was convicted for the third time on a charge of driving a car while intoxicated. Judge W. D. Bahn sentenced him to six months on the penal farm and fined him \$50 and costs in addition to the 25-year license suspension.

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LOSES RIGHT TO DRIVE AUTO FOR 25 YEARS

A new record in suspension of a driver's license was set in criminal court today when Earl Moore, 329½ E. Washington st., was prohibited from driving an automobile for 25 years. He is 51 years old.

He was convicted for the third time on a charge of driving a car while intoxicated. Judge W. D. Bahn sentenced him to six months on the penal farm and fined him \$50 and costs in addition to the 25-year license suspension.

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Reveals Soldier 'Sit-Down'

As Coal Mine Strike Protest

CLEVELAND, March 23 (U.P.)—As Japanese bombs rained down on Guadalcanal last summer, an estimated 2,000 American servicemen, tired at news that coal miners back home were striking, staged a two-hour sit-down of their own, a veteran of the Pacific fighting said today.

Philip Saccoccia, 26, who engaged in hand-to-hand battles with the Japanese on eight different islands in the Solomons, said that the strike occurred after the main body of

Japanese had been cleared off Guadalcanal.

"The morale of the soldiers at that point was the lowest I had ever seen," Saccoccia, who recently received a medical discharge, said. "I heard about eight fellows pledge to hit 'John L. Lewis to bits' when they came back to this country."

The strike by the American

servicemen began after an Akron,

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NAZI HOPES LIE IN MUD ALONG RUMANIA ROAD

Seen as One of Costliest
Retreats in World's
History.

By DAVID M. NICHOL
Times Foreign Correspondent

ON THE UKRAINIAN FRONT,

MARCH 23.—The Nazis' road to Rumania is littered alike with the hopes and the wreckage of the German army.

It is the road that leads away from the richest area in the Ukraine, the section on which Hitler and his leaders had based their entire colonial program.

It is the path that has jarred German morale to its very foundations and it has been one of the costliest retreats in the history of

war.

I am not altogether a stranger to the confusion that is left in the wake of any major engagement, but I have never seen anything like this.

Mr. Lewis, however, caused heavy damage to nearly all retail departments.