

TO FRISCO ON EVE OF VICTORY

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Meanwhile from Holland come war films to remind us that San Francisco is not a peace conference proper. The Canadian First Army, ~~headquartered~~ spearheaded by the ^{1st} 49th ^{Can. Div.} West ^{rep} Riding Division captured Arnhem. On this battlefield last Autumn we received the one serious setback since D-Day. Now the airborne failure was avenged. ~~It is believed that a spy betrayed the original plan at Arnhem or the Allies would have been across the Rhine well before Christmas.~~

Youngsters who were still in the Hitler Youth when the war broke out, and who still believe in the Nazi cause, have been sent to the front in the hour of Germany's extremity. They are little more than boys, infected from birth with the poison of Hitlerism.

Arnhem was blazing both from our own fire and German incendiaryism when the Canadian First Army captured the town.

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With General Omar Bradley Monty ~~had~~ conferred on the field. At such meetings the two commanders planned the Anglo-American pursuit. East of the River Weser the British Second Army discovered wrecked trains loaded with the remains of rockets and flying bombs. Here and there they discovered V-weapons intact. Woods and forests were the usual storing places for the V-2s.

Most of them had been well bombed. The vigorous RAF

campaign against the rocket sites saved thousands of British lives. London would be looking much worse than it is but for the counter-attacks of our bombers.

From prisoners of war camps come stories that horrify the free world. It sometimes happens that Allied soldiers are released who have suffered no more than the normal hardships of such captivity. But in some places, where prisoners have starved to death in thousands in the last few months, evidence of fantastic horror has been revealed. When the first reports went to headquarters the Supreme Commander, accompanied by Generals Bradley and Patton, visited some of the camps. *Flensburg, Berchtesgaden*
e. seen at Ohrdurf in the Thuringian Forest, ~~General Eisenhower~~ ^{also} ~~the~~ the corpses of Poles and Russians, left where the Germans shot them before the enemy fled. Some of the bodies were little more than skeletons.

(81 after lean) German civilians, who have condoned inhuman, ~~inhuman~~ murderous brutality for many years, were forced by the Americans to look upon the bodies of men and women ~~mutilated~~ ^{burned, starved}, beaten and shot by other Germans. Military police made them go into a hut where the prison camp firing squads had thrown their victims and ~~minna~~ covered the bodies with quicklime. It was no use some of the Germans trying to get out of it. The Yanks made them go in.

~~(61 - 2) They asked for it and they're going to get it.~~

~~Those were Poles and Russians. These men are British.~~
They're soldiers. ~~Some had been prisoners since the fall of France.~~ In the depth of winter the Germans made them march 600 miles from the eastern front to this camp at Gottingen. They had bad clothing; many of them no blankets, and they were already weakened by nearly five years undernourishment. Scraps of cheese and fish and a daily loaf of black bread to every eight men kept some of them alive

till the end of the march. ~~They were then beaten and set to hard work.~~ These men are British.

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German prisoners in England get double the rations of British civilians. It's the Geneva Convention. We're a funny people, aren't we?

It is the Allies who are now taking the prisoners. The 7th Army established cages at Worms. ~~At scores of places in Germany rapidly captured, camps are accomodating the hundreds of thousands of prisoners since we crossed the Rhine. The total since D-Day is well over 10 millions.~~ Here, as in Holland, thousands of youngsters were taken, further proof of the final stages of disintegration in the German army.
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Such was the military situation when British and Commonwealth delegates met in London for consultation before going to the San Francisco Conference, of which the Prime Minister has great hope.

Largely upon San Francisco depends the future of mankind. Here the delegates of 44 nations can build a firm structure of international understanding, a golden gate to lasting peace.

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1. TITLE: WHAT PRICE PEACE?
2. San Francisco---The eyes of the world focus on the site of the World Security Conference as members of the United States delegation prepare for the great Allied meeting, to plan an enduring peace. The League of Nations, on which Woodrow Wilson had banked his hopes to end wars, failed, largely because it lacked American participation and police power. And in 1936, the world heard the League's death rattle as Haile Selassie demanded that its members do justice to Ethiopia. Haile Selassie was booed. The League did nothing. Today in Washington, our delegates meet to consider the new future security of the world. Dean Gildersleeve, Representative Sol Bloom, Senator Connolly and Secretary Stettinius, and Republicans Vandenberg, Charles Eaton, and Harold Stassen. Bipartisan representation to avoid 1919's pitfalls. The 1942 declaration of the United Nations was the first step toward a permanent international organization. Dumbarton Oaks, late in 1944, moved ahead to draft definite proposals to be submitted to the peoples of the world. These proposals are based on a general assembly of the forty-four nations. An Economic and Social Council will be charged with attempting to settle problems that have previously led to war in these fields---finance, reconstruction, education, labor, food, agriculture. Problems involving a dispute between nations will be referred to an International Court of Justice. Should a dispute threaten war, it will be turned over to the Security Council, with its five main powers, and six elected members. But in the case of a final menace of war, a positive vote of the Council sends it to the Military Staff Committee, which, as a last resort, would employ international military force to restore peace.
28. Regarding this blueprint, Secretary of State Stettinius says: (TALK)
29. Out of five years of total war must come a promise to the suffering peoples of the world that this will not happen again---the terrible price of war.
34. Now, on April 25th, San Francisco's War Memorial Opera House and Veterans Building will become the symbolic scene of the new conference of the forty-four nations at war with the Axis. There must come, too, a promise to our fighting men that their incalculable sacrifice shall not have been in vain. The world awaits the discussion, the amendments and compromises of San Francisco---Here, truth, cooperation and understanding can build a mighty structure---a golden gate to lasting peace.