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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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Atoll-to-Atoll Push Seeks To Lure Out Coy Jap Navy
More Warnings to Balkans Axis Small Fry Scheduled
Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The atoll-to-atoll offensive of the United States in the Far Pacific is considerably more than the rather costly seizure of strategic bases.

What the Navy hopes to accomplish is to lure the Japanese grand fleet into an open showdown battle for mastery of the sea.

It is a safe bet that if the Japanese fleet ventures forth to slug it out with the American sea forces, it will be knocked out, at perhaps great cost to the United States in ships and men.

But then, military experts agree, Japan would be powerless to ever wage again an offensive war and the road to Tokyo—particularly by air—would be shorter.

Naval authorities are inclined to believe that the Japanese will not risk an open battle because they realize that the American fleet now is the most powerful armada the world has ever known—with guns pointed toward the Rising Sun and the destruction of Japanese imperialism.

SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL'S WARNING to Bulgaria to get out of the war will be followed by similar blasts at the rest of Hitler's Balkan satellites.

Of course, Rumania and Hungary have been put on notice also—but wherever Axis satellites are making the gesture of being at war they will be warned to quit.

The warnings will become clearer and louder as the Allies surge forward. There is no timetable for them, but they will be made as military and political developments dictate.

Hull's declaration to Bulgaria to quit the Axis gang was timed to coincide with internal governmental crisis in that country rather than the outbreak of war strategy conferences at Teheran and Cairo.

Incidentally, it was the dual events of the approaching Russian army and the tri-power declaration of invasion plans from the east, west and south that brought on the Bulgarian crisis and set the leaders of Axis-related nations on their confused program to scramble the government in an effort to create an impression that Bulgaria is no longer so closely affiliated with Hitlerism and the Nazis.

FARM LEADERS EXPRESSED FEARS this week that the government's long landing barge program may take some of the materials originally scheduled to boost the farm machinery production goal for 1944.

With War Food Administrator Marvin Jones promising farmers that agricultural machinery production for next year will be 80 per cent of the record 1940 output, this latest threat may cut farmers—who are badly in need of more machinery to meet the boosted acreage goals of 1944—below the minimum requirements.

WPB officials assert that they are more worried, however, about the farm truck situation.

Trucks are still short and the way it looks now farmers may have to patch up their old ones to carry out their farm-to-market transportation next year.

From WPB also comes word that there may be some shifting of material allotments within the military requirements to provide parts for farm machinery. If the landing barge program takes certain metals away, other government projects may be dipped into for needed items, a WPB official declared.

AMERICAN FARM ORGANIZATIONS—with one possible exception—are gradually breaking away from their pre-war isolationism stand, it is believed by Washington observers.

This fact was borne out by Ed O'Neal, chief of the American Farm Bureau Federation, in a recent Chicago speech.

O'Neal's address showed a trend for an international farm organization and a desire of the farmers to cast off government "help" in favor of "taking the bull by the horns" and working out their own methods of salvation.

After 11 years of government control, the farmers, many observers agree, is favoring the individual initiative program of the old days.

Prediction: That in post-war days the farmers of the United States will join together in conferences with farmers of England and other nations to work out such a program.

Tomorrow is a Lovely Word by Morie Blizard

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SYNOPSIS: roommates and cousins, BETH KINNAN, serious-minded and trusting, and ANDREA BARNES, rather self-centered and selfish, find that the tension accompanying America's "unending" war is beginning to affect their lives. For three years Beth has been going with JIM RONALD, who still has not been too successful in getting ahead in the world, while Andrea has been attracted by DENNIS ARCHER, 15 years her senior, but a really interesting—and also married.

YESTERDAY: Andrea writes that she is coming to Washington to spend a week-end with Beth.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN: BETH'S EYES flashed through her crowd getting off the train at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, looking for Andrea and, when she saw her, she forgot all her misgivings. Andrea, with that eagerness on her face, was Beth's Andrea, the pretty child who had a hold on her heart. And when Andrea swung her arms around Beth and squeezed the breath out of her, Beth said, "It's wonderful to see you, darling."

"Wonderful? Oh, Bethie, I've missed you like my right arm. I've not too bad a room-mate, although we do have our squabbles, but nobody will ever be like you. I told Jim that you'd simply have to come and live with us when we're married."

"Wearing cotton gloves, fear, and taking care of the children? Dear Aunt Beth, who has never married?" Beth said jokingly, feeling not at all humorous over the prospect.

"Got other plans?" Andrea inquired. "Tell me about this dashing Romeo, Vernon, who creeps into your letters. Is he handsome? Is he rich? Has he proposed yet?"

Beth said, "He's swell. He's not rich. He's not handsome and he hasn't proposed."

"Then what in the world has he?" Andrea wanted to know.

It was on the tip of Beth's tongue to say that he had more character than any man she'd ever known, more genuine goodness, more gallantry. Then she realized with a little stab of something that was almost shame that she had been going to say that. When there was Jim!

She said, "How's Jim?"

Something soft came into Andrea's face, but Beth wasn't looking at her. "Jim is... Jim is, well, something, honey." Andrea had high spots of color on her cheeks.

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Beth took her home to the boarding house, where Andrea was going to use the room of a girl who was away for the week-end and, when Andrea had got her clothes put away, Beth asked if she'd like to do some sight-seeing.

She added that they were going to the Blakes' house for dinner and Vernon had got a date for Andrea. "A boy who works with Bert, Vernon's brother. I didn't know whether you'd want a date, but two girls HAS LEAD IN PASSION PLAY

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PERSONALS A Three Days' Cough is Your Danger Signal Mrs. James Campbell of Fort Worth, formerly of Ranger, visited with friends here during the holidays.

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PERSONALS

Pfc. Jim Hall of Tampa, Fla., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Haik.

Misses Frances Ruth Hagaman and Carolyn Ducker left today for Dallas where they will spend the remainder of the holidays as the guest of Miss Jo Ann Cherry.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Hodges had as their guests for Christmas their sons, Dick Hodges, an instructor at the Stamford Flying School and Ross Hodges flight instructor at Harmon Field, Ballinger.

Miss Dorothy Jean Bruce left Sunday for Jackson, Mississippi, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bruce.

Miss Dorothy Byas of Dallas was the Christmas guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Byas.

Mrs. Lottie Davenport, Mrs. Norman Davenport and Mrs. Mary Young were the guests of Mrs. H. H. Stewart of Mingus for Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Quinn had as their guests for the holidays their son, Pvt. Russell Quinn of

Camp Wolters, and their daughter, Mrs. A. C. Smoot of Big Spring. Mrs. Smoot will remain for the remainder of this week.

Miss Imogene Dixon is in Van Horn to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dixon.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. English had as their guests for the holidays, their son-in-law, Staff Sgt. W. C. Walsh of the Glider School at Lubbock and their daughter, Miss Camilla English of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Aaron Anderson and son of Corpus Christi, formerly of Ranger, are here for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Crossley of Houston, formerly of Ranger, were the holiday guests of Mrs. J. A. Crossley. Mrs. Crossley also had as her guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. King and son of Kilgore.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bray and daughter of Houston, formerly of Ranger, were here for the holidays with relatives and friends.

John Kindel of Dallas spent Christmas here with his family and will remain for the rest of the week to transact business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cross and

sons, Charles and Bobbie, of Kilgore formerly of Ranger, are here for a visit with Mr. Cross' mother, who is a patient in the West Texas hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox and young son, Duke, of Borger were the week end guests of Mrs. M. D. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Poery and children of Bellaire are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Crawley.

L. Hazel Irvin returned to Brooks Field Monday after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ervin.

Cpl. James Higginbotham of the South Plains Flying School spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Alice Higginbotham and his sister, Miss Mary Frances Higginbotham.

Miss Betty Jean McMillan of Breckenridge was the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McMillan.

Miss Marie Conway will leave Wednesday for Rochester, N. Y., where she will be employed in the research department of the Eastman Company. Miss Conway recently received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry at Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa.

Seaman first class James Ferris has returned to his station with the Coast Guard at Freeport after spending the week end with relatives and friends.

Robert Johnson of Dallas spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

Wyndal Adkins of Dallas visited with friends here during the week end.

Miss Josephine Robinson of Mineral Wells was the Christmas guest of her father, Ben Robinson.

Sid Waynick of Dallas visited relatives and friends here during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Baker and two sons of Dallas were the holiday guests of Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. S. B. Baker and his sister, Mrs. J. J. Kelly.

Among the service men here for the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends were the following from Sheppard Field, Pvt. Paul Bullock, Pvt. Jerry Devore, Pvt. Howard Stevens, and Pvt. Jennings Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Shoemaker and daughter of Ft. Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fite of Breckenridge were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shoemaker, Miss Oleta Shoemaker and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Weekes and family.

Mrs. Lottie Davenport had as her guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Waddington of Mingus, and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Short of Dallas.

Miss Norene Cooper of Abilene and Mrs. Robert Riggs of Breckenridge were the holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Cooper.

Miss Geraldine Hatton and Miss

Mary Frances Ward of Ft. Worth are the holiday guests of Miss Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ward.

Miss Rachel Rose of Ft. Worth is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Rose.

Donald Ward had as his guest for the Christmas holidays, Pfc. Mickey O'Bryan of Camp Wolters.

V. V. Cooper, Sr., Mrs. Annie Laura Jensen of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Cooper, Jr., and daughter, Vivian spent Christmas in Tyler as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Cooper.

Bob O'Donnell, seaman second class, has returned to his station at the Sound School in San Diego after a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. O'Donnell.

Major and Mrs. Jules J. Van Dersari and baby of Waco, were the holiday guests of Mrs. Van Dersari's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Kemp and her sister, Mrs. O. C. Southers. Other guests in the Kemp home were Mrs. Kemp's sister, Mrs. John H. Allen, and Mr. Allen of Ft. Worth.

Cpl. H. O. Woods, Jr., left today for Camp Buckner after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Woods.

Aviation Cadet Raymond Bryan left today to return to his station at Selma, Alabama, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Bryan.

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TUESDAY ONLY



Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davenport had as their guests for the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davenport of Graham, Mrs. T. U. Little of Stephenville, and Mrs. Albert Little of San Francisco, California.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Clifton were in Hillsboro to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman had as their guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Robinson and children of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Teichman of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Teichman of Mineral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Warren and daughter of Mineral Wells, Robert Beyer of the University of Texas and Charles Beyer of Gordon.

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