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PRESS REVIEW

This is a digest of Wednesday's morning papers.



TIMES: The enemy did not succeed in its ultimate ventures. "We can say, if we like, that it was not the will of God that they should succeed. But we had better also say that it was not the will of humanity, and that it is now the responsibility of the victorious nations, including our own democracy, to see to it that this menace shall not recur. And this means more than guarding a single terrible weapon, the atomic bomb, from irresponsible possession. It means guarding against the destructive weapons of international jealousy, hate and fear."

HERALD TRIBUNE: "We may stand in this awesome moment at the end of the last great war in human history; we certainly stand upon the threshold of immense change and immense promise. To all the millions whose blood and suffering brought us to this end we can only return our gratitude; to all who have survived we can only pledge our highest effort."

NEWS: How about a scheme to send universal military trainees to boot camps each year for nine to 13 weeks, where young men from the backwoods, the farms, the slums of the big cities and the homes of the wealthy—"if there are any rich people after the war is liquidated"—could work together in true democratic fashion, "if we're going to go on practicing the democracy we preach." These young men could learn to "brush their teeth daily, to stand up straight, to watch their diet, bowels and general health." They could also learn to read and write if they couldn't already. Then they could

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be used as an improved CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps), with additional training in the elements of warfare, so they wouldn't be greenhorns if another war came along.

Girls could be given training in household science, cooking, anti-septics and the care of babies. The general idea would be to invest in the mental and physical health of our young women and, thereby, "improve the stamina of the American people as a whole."

MIRROR: OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM: The Star Spangled Banner.



HERALD TRIBUNE: GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT: One of the things to guard against is treachery when the Japs surrender. The Japs might be scheming to get our troops at close quarters without a fight and then to stage a huge banzai attack.

TIMES: TOPICS: Psychological warfare directed against the enemy is not so hot. It was a dud against Japan until the Japanese Navy was smashed and destruction of the homeland was threatened by the atomic bomb. When the Allies decide to keep Hirohito, they don't do it because of any psychological factor, but because he is the instrument for liquidating the present war.

NEWS: JOHN O'DONNELL: The Atlantic charter was a piece of international folderol dreamed up by Roosevelt. Its real purpose, of course, was to extract from FDR a secret pledge to Churchill that the U. S. A. would declare war on Japan whether we were attacked or not, once Britain became embroiled in the Far East.

MIRROR: GEORGE DIXON: Can't we spare just one teentsie-weensie atom bomb to blow up the OWI (Office of War Information)?

DREW PEARSON: We ought to make it our job to know as much as possible about the Japanese governmental system if we are to build a Jap democracy which we won't have to fight again.

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DANTON WALKER: There's a rumor that Hirohito has committed hara-kiri and that the Japanese nation is in a state of uncontrollable confusion.

SUN: GEORGE SOKOLSKY: The new Council of Foreign Ministers, while outside the actual United Nations organization, is a sound organization set up "to liquidate the current war."

DAVID LAWRENCE: V-J Day is catching the nation's policy makers on post-war planning and reconversion quite unprepared. That was inevitable. (*It was not inevitable. Numerous Congressional committees, labor and liberal groups, have been warning of the need for planning for at least two years, and longer.*)

WORLD TELEGRAM: WM. PHILIP SIMMS: It's unimportant whether we keep Hirohito or not. If we kill him, the line of succession travels right down and Japan will always have its descendent of the Son Goddess, anyway. We can't kill the whole royal line. What we have to do is kick the war lords out, and put Liberals in, and then whoever's on the throne will have to take his cue from them.

PETER EDSON: The Little Steel Formula will be bent, not broken.

JOURNAL-AMERICAN: WESTBROOK PEGLER: Disclosures of graft in the Roosevelt Administration will make the Harding regime seem "frivolous by comparison."
(*Any evidence?*)

PAUL MALLON: Petain was senile, Laval a villain, and of the other political characters now at Petain's trial, most of them come from the "cesspool of French political leadership" before the war.

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