NAZIS MARCH . . . Danzig's Fuehrer, ardent Nazi Albert Forster, reviews German troops in the Free City. Adolf Hitler's nomination of Forster as Danzig's leader constituted the initial move of the Reich in its present attempt to partition Poland.

Alley Fight Sends Man to Hospital

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and walked away. Clemmer managed to make his way to his brother's house where police were called.

While investigating the scene, officers called at Kelly's house on Arlington and he came out of an adjoining residence carrying a 30-gauge repeating shotgun which was, police said, "loaded and cocked." He was reported very drunk and admitted striking Clemmer but only with his fist.

Second Japanese Caesarian Twin Expires Sunday

Despite every effort of specialists summoned to assist the family's own physician, the second of Japanese Caesarian twins born to Mr. and Mrs. M. Obatake Aug. 11 at Torrance Memorial hospital succumbed Sunday.

The infant, named Eugene Yukio, was the largest of the twins, weighing four pounds, three ounces at birth. The smallest twin died August 22. The Obatakes reside in Redondo Beach.

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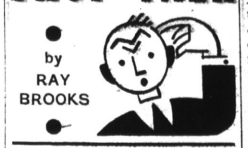
SHOP TALK

by RAY BROOKS



NONPLUSSED . . . It being very quiet along the Mercantile Front, Shop Talk finds itself with a column to fill and nothing to fill it with. Of course, there probably are many things about Torrance that need yowling about, many stories that need telling. But with the situation being what it is, all these home town news-bits pale into rank insignificance beside the international developments of the past few days.

So there's nothing to do but write about the war.

There is a war going on, you know. A stupid, unintelligent conflict that proves again what anthropologists and geneticists have been trying to tell us for years . . . . that we've not progressed as far from the animal stage as we thought we had.

Certainly, you may not agree with that. But in war there are as many different opinions as there are soldiers in it. But you must admit that war, under any condition, is hardly intelligent. And being void of intelligence it at once becomes an expression of man's instinct, which is animal-like, and not his intelligence, which is what was given to Man to distinguish him from the animals.

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PROPAGANDA . . . It's darned queer, as you go about listening to every man's viewpoint on the war, that almost unanimously they agree that the U. S. was snared into the last conflict thru the dastardly use of high powered propaganda; and that all U. S. people today, themselves included, are as susceptible to it as ever before; and that when the Allies really need help as they did in 1917 they (the Allies) will flood the country with "Fight For Democracy" tripe and all the little tin soldiers in America will grab their guns and march overseas to settle the dispute.

How silly. How irrational. It's like a man buying a horse knowing that the horse is 37 years old, unsound, crippled and spavined, and yet determined to buy the darned horse anyway.

And another thing that's hard to understand . . . . most of the male gentry in these parts (who will have to tote a rifle) all agree that War is a horrible monster and a thing to be shunned. Yet in the next breath they will admit that it's probably necessary and that the U. S. will be smack down in the middle of it within a few months to two years. Now what kind of reasoning is that? They're already over 50% sold on the idea of fighting. They are just building themselves up to buy that horse. This is particularly true of the young men who have never known the horrors of war, yet who staunchly maintain that they "hope the U. C. can stay out." It appears that this attitude is based on the fundamental fact that they really want to fight a war, but that right now in the U. S. it's the fad to appear to want peace, to sit smugly in the bounteous Western Hemisphere and look down our noses at the European countries whose problems we do not understand, whose fight for an economic existence is beyond our ken. Shop Talk believes these young men of fighting age are really a little proud of the fact that they are physically fit to carry a gun, that they are to be chosen first when the Big Time comes.

Too bad.

To make it worse, Shop Talk is given to understand that even those who went thru World War I talk peace in private but when they get together in Convention, etc., with a little martial music, they are as eager to don a uniform and shoot at the enemy as the most unworldly of school boys.

Too bad again.

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NEUTRALITY . . . The American people have a rather strange understanding of this word. As one expressed it the other day . . . "Why, I'm neutral. I don't care who kicks hell out of Hitler." Surveys & polls show Americans are decidedly sympathetic to Britain, dislike Hitler & Mussolini, are rather indifferent to the French. All of which makes it tough for the U. S. to remain neutral, refuse to sell arms or war materials to any country involved in a war. I don't believe the U. S. will over stick to it. And I don't think the people want the U. S. to stick to it. Questioned on this point, many local men have expressed their neutrality by admitting they believe it O.K. to sell arms to the Allies, but only on a cash & carry basis. And no doubt that's the way it will turn out.

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PLEA FOR DEBUNKERY . . . Yesterday Shop Talk entered a store as the manager was looking thru a daily newspaper, just delivered. Asked what was the latest war news, he folded up the paper, chucked it in the waste basket, said, "To hell with it! I don't believe any of these reports!"

Three rousing cheers for this man. He was doing a swell one-man job of debunking the news, believing none of it.

And to our way of thinking that's the right attitude for all of us to take. Be not fooled by big headlines, be not fooled by lurid tales of atrocities, be not fooled by broad claims of victories by either side. Be calm, sift the news, talk neutrality, think neutrality . . . and maybe we really will stay out.

License Clerk Diplomatic

PONCA CITY, Okla. (U.P.)—Jim Chittum knows a few things about women. At his job of issuing fishing licenses at Lake Panca, Chittum uses diplomacy when women apply. If she looks over 21, he never asks her age; he merely writes "legal" in the application blank.

Heidelberg Co-eds Fence

TIFFIN, O. (U.P.)—Heidelberg College co-eds have entered another traditional men's sport—fencing.

Five Patients Enter Hospital

Five new patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: Lucille Breneman, Hemet high school teacher residing in Los Angeles, Tuesday for an appendectomy; Mrs. Vera Creighton, 2256 Torrance boulevard for one-day medical attention, Wednesday; Paul Drury, 1617 Arlington, Sunday for surgery; George Locke, 23213 Narbonne avenue, Lomita, Sunday for medical care, and Mrs. Leita Skeete, Los Angeles, last Thursday for surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mitchell spent the Labor Day week-end at Crest Line.

French and Spanish Classes to Open

CONVERSATION CLASSES will open for the Fall term Monday, Sept. 11, at Walker Auditorium Bldg., 730 S. Grand, Los Angeles; Grace Elizabeth Reeves, M.A., instructor. Spanish I will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 p. m.; French I at 3 p. m.; Spanish II, 1 p. m.; French II, 4 p. m.; Spanish III, Mondays, 1 p. m.; French III, 3 p. m. On Friday, Sept. 15, a new evening class will open with Spanish I at 7 p. m. and French I, 8 p. m. You learn to SPEAK from the first lesson. Visitors welcome. DAY AND EVENING CLASSES. BEGINNING AND ADVANCED. —Advertisement.

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