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EDITORIAL

We Must Do Our Part

Here in the City where save for the roar of Army trucks and rumble of jeeps and the unusually high prices of commodities, everything has settled down to more or less peacetime atmosphere.

But it seems also that we have forgotten that fighting still rages a few miles away from where we leisurely drink a cup of coffee.

Civilians should particularly use some means and extend what little help they could to the Fil-American troops engaged in a death-struggle against a desperate and treacherous enemy. Instead of giving weekly parties for Army personnel in Bacolod who are apparently having a lot of fun by themselves, why should this act of generosity be not also extended to our troops in the battlefield? Charitable institutions should bear in mind that a piece of native-made candy, a slice of home-baked cake would give the boys up their something to brag about.

These little things may not be as delicious as those rationed to them, but then the thoughtfulness, the spirit, is a vital factor in bolstering up their over-fatigued morale.

Our boys have already done much in the past. This fact was acknowledged by Major General Rapp Brush when he commended the District Commander and his men for "the splendid service rendered". We are confident that our boys will continue to fight with vim and vigor, and would exert greater efforts to wipe out the enemy if they know that while they are fighting for God, Country and People, those back home are also working hard and making sacrifices.

We should not be indifferent to those heroes whose deeds are "milestones on the path to liberation and peace". We must also do our part for it is only thus that we could expect this human conflict come to an early, successful end. ACF.

COLUMN RIGHT

Sometimes Critical, often Amusing,
but always Authentic

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IT was funny in the early morning of June 1 when the order to drive on the right lane of the highways took effect. Even American drivers seemed to have already got used to our traffic rule here because many still kept to the left and until a companion would touch them on the elbow or remind them of the new regulation that they swayed to the right.

After both vehicles had passed each other there could be seen a ticklish smile on each driver's face.

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An American driver of the Red Cross dropped late one afternoon at District Hqs. Bacolod Branch, and inquired for the address of a certain Mr. Babista whose wife in Manila was sending word to him through the American Red Cross. The driver was informed that there is only one Babista in Negros and that fellow was formerly senior inspector of the Japanese constabulary.

"A collaborator?" he asked, and like a flash he tore the letter to bits. In that case I won't trouble myself looking for him and give this letter. You know what I mean," he continued and immediately turned his back and left.

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On intersections bordering the public plaza we saw American MPs and Filipino public safety officers directing traffic, 1 June 45. This is a great improvement to avoid accidents and make pedestrians safe from reckless drivers and the authorities concerned should be congratulated.

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There has been a great invasion force of flies in the City lately. Would it not be for the public good if street garbage can be covered, dumps and other stagnant pools be applied with preventives. Or how about closing up some refreshment parlors, cafes and restaurants infested by these germ carriers temporarily.

SALVAGED CLOTHES:—Salvaged clothes dumped by the Americans at the DQM supply depot were immediately apportioned to all combat units in the front lines. A representative from The FREEMAN was present when the second-hand uniforms were distributed.

"I hope some more will be coming so that every soldier in the firing line could have his own share," Major Jaime Dacanay, G 4, 7MD, and DQM, said.

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