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SERVICE MEN'S NOTES

Another March 15th is past. The boys at home have been working for days getting ready to pay their income tax. That is the only way you men in service have it over us at home.

We had a letter from S/Sgt. Ralph L. Lautner (home address—Traverse City, in the heart of Michigan's vacation land) in which he thanks us for cigarettes which were distributed to his unit and states that a brief visit to Denver in January, 1944, will bring him back to Denver after the war.

"Mike" Michaelson writes from overseas that the cigarettes we sent at Christmas tie closer the fellowship of our boys in service and the Denver Jaycee organization.

Lt. Neil King is now public relations officer at Mather Field, California, an Air Transport Command Post.

A letter from "Somewhere in France" states that Jack Copeland is very busy and is waiting for an early "handshake" with the Russians. Jack is ready to get this thing over and return to Denver for a Jaycee Luncheon or even better a "super duper" party. (I wonder what he means.)

Good luck to each and every one of you and may the Jaycee luncheon Jack Copeland refers to be in the very near future.

YALTA POINTS TO PEACE

A meeting of the heads of the three most powerful nations of the world is always an event of considerable importance. The conference at Yalta was particularly significant because it came at a time when the armies of Russia were converging on Berlin and the American and British armies were breaking thru the Siegfried line.

Of the decisions which were made along military lines, probably the most important were those which dealt with combining the activities of the chiefs of staff of the three major nations and with laying down some principles as to what to do with Germany on the day of her collapse. The cooperation of the military chiefs is already in effect, and it is evident that this cooperation is hastening Germany's defeat.

The terms laid down for Germany by the heads of the three governments were intended to deprive Germany of the excuse of a stab in the back as was developed by some German leaders at the end of the last war. The Allied leaders promised the German people little mercy. They stated that Germany will be occupied for a long time, that the war criminals will be punished and that a heavy burden of reparations will be imposed on the Reich.

An important feature of the Crimean Conference was the evident desire of the great nations to cooperate in political as well as in economic matters. They recognized the need of dispelling the mistrust, which has accumulated over a period of years, as a basis for such cooperation and the consequent necessity of closer contact among the leaders of these nations. To achieve this, the conference agreed that the foreign ministers of the three leading states should meet at regular intervals in order to exchange views and to formulate policies.

The economic problems which will confront the members of the United Nations will be difficult and can be solved only thru international cooperation. The Bretton Woods Conference was a step in that direction. Within the limitations of shipping space, UNRRA is already doing considerable work to alleviate the suffering in some countries. It is evident that, as soon as hostilities in Europe come to an end and the real task of reconstruction begins, even greater cooperation will be necessary.

Altho the Crimean Conference was successful, it did not solve all the outstanding problems. It recognized the fact, however, that the interests of the major nations are not identical and that the only way of establishing sound relations is thru a policy of give and take. The results of the Crimean Conference augur well for the future for they promise closer cooperation, economic as well as political, among the major nations of the world.

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An old Quaker lady, who was very philosophical, used to say that there were three outstanding follies of which men were guilty. The first folly was that they would go to war and kill each other when, if they would only wait long enough, they would all die naturally. The second was that men would climb trees to knock down fruit when, if they would only wait long enough, the fruit would fall to the ground. The third and crowning folly was that they would pursue women when, if they would only wait long enough, the women would pursue them.—*Digest and Review.*

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