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With BILL HENRY

It is a great temptation for a columnist to throw himself right into the spirit of April Fools' Day and perform that most foolish of all deeds—start giving advice where it is neither asked nor wanted. On second thought—let somebody else do it.

**SUGGESTION** — All right, for the benefit of Washington, which doesn't seem quite sure what to do about those things referred to by President Roosevelt as "rumors, those ugly little hints of disaster that fly thick and fast in wartime," let me cite one brief quotation from the Daily Polaris, a camp newspaper in Alaska, whose editor—a buck private—telling how his mimeographed sheet became a daily fixture—says:

*The colonel had the foresight to see that the only way to spike the vicious rumors that were already floating around camp was to make the truth available.*

**NOTE TO READER**—Immediately after quoting the above I went right on and wrote two fine paragraphs of advice, after which I did what everyone should do under such circumstances—I crumpled them up and heaved 'em in the wastebasket. I like "Old Soldier's" suggestion that the Wake and Bataan campaigns be immortalized by changing the designations of the units involved to "1st Wake Brigade of Marines" or "2nd Bataan Artillery."

**APPROPRIATE** — Then, why not remember that Harry MacPherson suggests, "We need sand for home defense—and a little grit will help, too," after which he busts out with this:

*Dandelions dot the lawn Though War be on the wing And Lilacs through Their April tears Of morning dew Shine at our fears As mocking birds begin to sing Of Spring.*

**BIG IDEA**—How about a "Let's Be Sensible Week," suggests Elma G. Alden, operative in charge of crusades. Think you could go for seven days doing your best on your job, not cranking about sugar, razor and rubber shortages, walking to the corner store for matches, solving your own problems without writing to the President about them? Might be quite an idea!

**SEASONAL**—If you're planning on going to church next Sunday and then joining the Easter parade in Wilshire Center, take my tip and plan to be within earshot of Westmoreland and Leeward at 9:15 or 10:15 a.m. to hear the gorgeous brass choir of Harriss Hubble, which plays from the tower of the First Baptist Church. Many of Hollywood's finest musicians play twice a year the unique, modern arrangements of the more famous hymns.

**ODDS AND ENDS**—Answer to Question—The gentleman with the tough job of public relations boss for the Army is Maj. Gen. Alexander D. Surlis. End-of-the-World Note — More girls than soldiers showed up for a Camp Roberts dance a week ago, but a hurry call spreading the glad tidings quickly restored the normal masculine majority. . . . Chaplain Fred McClung at Camp Roberts baptized 10 converts in the Naamicento River last month. . . . Lew Kelley says it won't be long now until some war correspondent, inspired by the roadside poet, will write that "a pilot in Burma had a close shave." . . . The U.S.O. provides cards for soldiers which entitle them to free swims at many of our finest pools. . . . And Mrs. Howard Verbeck's committee has helped 20,000 servicemen see musical and theatrical performances free during the past two months. . . . Comedian Hugh Herbert says his financial life was saved by the Liberty Bonds he bought in the last war, so he needs no persuasion to buy. Defense Bonds this time. . . . Add remarkable remarks—one by Marshal (Papa) Joffre in 1917. When asked about the latest "crisis" in French aviation, said he:

*As long as there are airplanes there will always be a crisis!*

## Army Will Move 5000 Japs by End of Week



**INSIGNIA**—Irene Nowlin, left and Judy Merrals display arm bands for defense volunteers. The designations are, air-raid warden, striped triangle in circle; auxiliary firemen, triangle with cross, and auxiliary police, the band with shield in center of triangle. More of the bands are scheduled to arrive shortly.

### Ayres 'Conchie Camp' Decision Stuns Hollywood

Actor Who Claimed Military Exemption on Religious Grounds En Route to Oregon

As a train yesterday was bearing Lew Ayres to a conscientious objectors' camp in Oregon where he must remain for the duration, Hollywood appeared stunned by his decision to ask exemption from military service because of religious scruples and speculation was rife as to what his studio would do about releasing the latest \$350,000 picture of the "Dr. Kildare" series in which he plays the title role.

Nobody at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer would venture a statement, much less an opinion as to arrangements that will be made to release the production completed only two weeks ago and which is yet untitled. There was some talk that the Dr. Kildare series might be discontinued.

**HARD WORK AHEAD**  
Ayres gave his own story when his train stopped yesterday morning at Sacramento when he said it was "profound thinking" which led him to choose a "conchie camp" and the place selected for him is at Wyeth, Or., where a well-planned program of hard work has been cut out for him and where he must pay \$35 a month for his room and board.

His action was the topic of discussion everywhere in Hollywood yesterday and brought forth from Erich Maria Remarque, author of "All Quiet on the Western Front," in which Ayres got his first important film role years ago as a bewildered German soldier in the trenches, that he is "sorry for him."

**MISTAKE, SAYS AUTHOR**  
"It is too bad the story had this effect on Ayres," Remarque said when he read of the actor saying that his part in the making of "All Quiet" had a big effect on his outlook. "I didn't expect this," Remarque went on. "I had read he was interested in Red Cross work and it seems a shame he couldn't have selected something in connection with war activities. I am sure he has made a mistake. I hope we are fighting the last world war and that it will be a war for freedom."

Remarque, who is just under 44, registered in the last draft and he is awaiting whatever summons he may receive from his draft board.

Up in Sacramento, Ayres elaborated on a prepared statement that he had previously issued.

### First Arm Bands Received Here

Insignia for Air-Raid Wardens, Policemen and Firemen Arrive

Los Angeles received its first dividend yesterday from \$100,000,000 recently appropriated by Congress to aid the Civilian Defense.

The City Defense Council received its first shipment from the Office of Civilian Defense in Washington of approximately 7000 arm bands to be worn by local volunteer defense workers.

The quota received included 3550 arm bands for air-raid wardens, 1775 for auxiliary policemen and 1775 for auxiliary firemen.

The arm bands are made of water-resistant pyroxylin-coated cloth. They have a white background with the insignia in blue and red.

Additional shipments of bands are expected until the city's more than 100,000 war workers have all been identified. Promised also have been thousands of steel helmets for exposed services.

**County Areas to Get Arm Bands and Helmets**  
Unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County will be supplied 18,300 arm bands and helmets from the Office of Civilian Defense within the next few weeks, Hal Kennedy, executive director of the Los Angeles County Civilian Defense Council, announced yesterday.

### Fifty Share Large Estate

Will of Late Pasadena Widow Covers Bequests for Nearly \$3,500,000

Nearly 50 bequests for cash and trust funds were left by the will of Mrs. Luella Rhodes Garvey, widow of a Cincinnati steel magnate, which was filed in Superior Court in Pasadena yesterday by Attorney Herbert L. Hahn.

Many of those named in the will and codicil are Southern California residents, while others in Reno, Nev., where Mrs. Garvey maintained legal residence, and institutions both here and in Nevada share in the estate valued at approximately \$3,500,000.

The document had been filed earlier in a Reno court, but the action was repeated here apparently because the bulk of the bequests involved Californians.

Attorney Hahn was provided with a \$200,000 bequest in the codicil, the same amount being left Mrs. Garvey's Reno attorney, Edward Lunsford.

#### CASH BEQUESTS

Among cash bequests made by Mrs. Garvey, who died in Los Angeles Feb. 18, were, according to the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, the administrator:

- Charles B. Rhodes, a brother, 1030 Fifth St., Hermosa Beach, \$10,000; Stanley W. Garvey, her husband's nephew, Corona, \$25,000; William E. Rhodes, a brother, 726 S. Ardmore Ave., Los Angeles, \$200,000; Caroline Fried, 160 N. Holliston Ave., Pasadena, \$25,000; Luella Mae Hammond, Riverside, \$5000; Madge Lawson, colored, 410 S. Pasadena Ave., Pasadena, \$10,000; Donald G. Campbell, chauffeur, 503 S. Alexandria Ave., Los Angeles, \$10,000; Fay Rudisill, 1400 Harding Ave., Altadena, \$5000; Olive C. White, 80 Eureka St., Pasadena, \$5000; Floyd W. Kenyon, 508 S. Parkview St., Los Angeles, \$5000; Florence Kellogg, 373 S. Marengo Ave., Pasadena, \$5000; Mrs. Florence Stone, 253 S. Hoover St., Los Angeles, \$25,000.

#### TRUST FUNDS

Trust funds for Mrs. Garvey's mother, Mrs. Mary A. Rhodes (\$200,000), and for Raymond F. Gallagher, 6125 Glenoaks Place, Los Angeles (\$50,000), also were created.

Charitable bequests included: Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital, \$25,000; Pasadena Home for Aged, \$25,000; Salvation Army, Reno, trust fund, \$10,000; Los Angeles Home for Blind, \$20,000, trust fund, and additional trust-fund endowments for the Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital and Pasadena Home for the Aged.

The Reno Boy Scouts were given a \$100,000 trust fund and the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Reno, \$100,000 as a cash bequest.

#### Easter Program Planned

Easter music will be featured in an assembly at 3:15 p.m. today at the University of Southern California's Bovard Auditorium, with the public invited to attend without cost.



**DIVORCES ERROL FLYNN**—Lily Damita, pictured as she took oath on witness stand in suit for divorce in which she won decree freeing her from Screen Actor Errol Flynn.

### Children Work for Servicemen

Youngsters at Home Prepare Own Easter Baskets for Soldiers

All the year long, with the passing of each day counted off on the calendar, the underprivileged youngsters at the Maud B. Booth Home look forward with eager anticipation to the arrival of Easter, when they receive gift baskets heaped high with goodies.

This year they won't have the baskets.

Yet they're happier than ever before.

The children, most of them under their teens, are giving their presents away—to soldier boys away from home.

"We know what it means," explain the youngsters, many of them orphans, "to be alone on a holiday celebration."

"We want the soldiers to know that someone is remembering them."

"They're doing a job. We want

### Flynn Divorced by Lili Damita

Star Neglected Her to Go Sailing, She Charges; Alimony \$18,000 Year

Errol Flynn, portrayer of the man screen roles, had more affection for his trim sailing yacht than he did for his wife, Paris-born Lili Damita, film actress.

That testimony before Superior Judge William J. Palmer yesterday won a default divorce for Miss Damita, mother of a 10-month-old boy.

"After our baby was born last May I asked my husband to come to the hospital and take me home," the dark-haired actress testified in a low voice.

"He only spent enough time to drive me home, then went right back to his boat."

The actress said Flynn spent periods between pictures taking month-long trips alone.

Under a property settlement approved by Judge Palmer, Miss Damita is to receive one-half of the couple's community property, valued at \$150,000, and \$18,000 alimony per year. She also was awarded custody of their son, Sean Leslie Flynn.

Married in Yuma on June 9, 1935, the Flynns separated for the third and final time last Aug. 1, her complaint sets forth.

### Women Will Leave Today

Families of Men Already at Manzanar to Go; Beach Removal to Begin

Four trainloads of Japanese aliens and citizens totaling 2000 women and children will leave Los Angeles today and tomorrow to join the male members of their families already in the Owens Valley reception center at Manzanar.

On the following three days 500 Japanese will be evacuated daily from San Pedro and an equal number from the Long Beach area, the 3000 being ticketed for the Santa Anita Park assembly center.

#### LARGEST EXODUS

The mass evacuation of 5000 Japanese represents the largest exodus yet ordered by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, chief of the Western Defense Command and the 4th Army.

The 3000 Japanese taken to Santa Anita from the harbor area will be maintained there until reception centers are ready for them in inland States.

The four trainloads from here will boost the population at the Owens Valley center to about 3500—approximately one-third of its ultimate capacity.

#### SPECIAL TRAINS

The first 1000 will be assembled at the old Santa Fe Station on E. Second St., beginning at 7 a.m., with the first of the day's two special Southern Pacific trains scheduled to depart for Lone Pine Junction, near Manzanar, at 8:30.

From Lone Pine Junction the passengers will be taken to the reception center in busses.

Tomorrow's departures will be conducted on a similar timetable.

#### SAFEGUARD HEALTH!

Each of the special trains will carry at least one Army doctor and several Japanese physicians and nurses to safeguard the health and comfort of the women and children on today's and tomorrow's trips to Owens Valley. Yesterday the vanguard of evacuees living in the San Pedro and Long Beach areas were receiving advice and instructions on what is expected of them during the three-day evacuation to Santa Anita beginning Friday at 1 p.m.

#### HOUSING FOR 1500

Information was available at the United States Employment Office at 362 W. Seventh St., San Pedro, and the Japanese Presbyterian Church in Long Beach.

When completed the Santa Anita assembly center will provide temporary housing for 15,000 evacuees, the Army disclosed. All evacuees who drive their own cars to the center will turn them over to Army personnel who will "immobilize" them for the duration of their owners' stay.

Medical examinations will be conducted at Santa Anita and property settlements and similar matters also will be completed there.

The Harbor area evacuation is the result of the second such proclamation of the war by Gen. DeWitt. Two proscribed zones which must be cleared of Nipponese by Sunday noon were delineated in the proclamation. One is roughly defined by the

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**THEY KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ALONE**—Here are six little maids of the Maud B. Booth Home with some of the Easter baskets originally intended for them, but which they are going to send to men in service.

### Saboteurs Plug Irrigation Canal Flume, Causing Break

Saboteurs have struck again in the Imperial Valley, authorities disclosed last night, plugging an irrigation canal flume west of Westmoreland and smashing lanterns near the scene with an ax.

The new incident occurred approximately 25 miles west of the two Southern Pacific bridges which burned last Sunday—presumably the result of sabotage.

Sheriff Robert W. Ware said that the saboteurs nailed heavy pieces of lumber across the end of a flume which carries an extension of the main irrigation waterway across a dry wash 12 miles west of Westmoreland.

The water backed up and caused a break in the canal bank, but damage was nominal, due to the alertness of Imperial Irrigation District crews.

Meanwhile, detailed questioning of two Japanese ranchers arrested Monday night by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the destruction of the railroad trestles 18 miles east of Niland was under way yesterday at the Imperial County Jail in El Centro.

The prisoners were identified as Tataro Sakaguchi, 56, and Yoshima Higa, 42, ranchers.

While Harold Nathan of the F.B.I. declined to discuss the case, it was learned he had made the arrests after taking personal charge of the investigation. Railroad officials earlier had termed the fires which destroyed the two spans a short time before a Southern Pacific passenger train was due from New Orleans "deliberate arson."