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WE FORGET TOO MUCH TOO SOON Man's mind may not be exactly a sieve, but it is a certainty that too many of us forget too many things too soon.

United States participation in the second World War lasted nearly four years. It has been less than a year since official designation of V-J Day. Less than 365 days since the ending of the war in which hundreds of thousands of American youths lost their lives and hundreds of thousands more returned, permanently maimed, to try to pick up the strings of broken lives.

But how far away is this giant conflict in the minds of our citizens? Far enough—much too far—if one can judge by the lack of attention shown to the U. S. flag during the rodeo here last weekend.

Less than 365 days, and yet no reverence, not even respect, for the flag which stands as a symbol for the democratic liberty for which American men have fought and died for 170 years, all the way from Yorktown to Eniwetok.

It is not flag-waving to insist that the flag should mean something priceless to every American. But the very necessity for such insistence would seem to afford a sad commentary on the tendency of most of us to forget very soon what should never for a moment be forgotten.

MACKENZIE'S Column By DEWITT MACKENZIE AF Foreign Affairs Analyst One of the strange developments of these days of pneumonia is the hostility which Yugoslavia has been displaying recently towards America.

The United States has sent two blistering notes to the Yugoslav government, charging, among other things, that on July 12 Yugoslav troops illegally entered the Allied zone around Trieste and fired without provocation upon American forces investigating their prince.

Gracie Reports By GRACIE ALLEN Well, I see that a Canadian parliament member, who must have suffered, wants gadgets put on juke boxes so a person who doesn't want music can drop a nickel in and shut it off.

HECKLER'S QUIZ FOR CANDIDATES WASHINGTON, (NEA)—For the next three months the wooting wall of the congressional candidate will be heard throughout the land. There isn't much you can do about it, but if you want to be a headliner and have a little fun there are a number of mighty embarrassing questions which can be put to your quiz-kid candidate.

LOOKING AHEAD by GEORGE S. BENSON President Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas

PARTNERSHIP Did you ever have a joint checking account with somebody? They call them joint checking accounts. So can a tin of gasoline in the basement, but both are extremely dangerous.

A JOINT ACCOUNT It is high time now for some constructive thinking about the taxpayer's partnership with government. America has no mysteriously far-away colonies from which savage natives send precious metals, pelts and gems in return for dime-store jewelry.

BALANCE THE BUDGET There is considerable doubt whether those who spend and those who pay have a cooperative understanding about their joint account.

STAY IN THE BLACK The deficit can be offset two or three times by economy. Most of the expense items can be deflated some, veterans' benefits, refunds and the interest on public debt are fixed. They can't be cut.

Today's Schedule Of Redeployment By The Associated Press More than 4,800 service personnel are due to embark from six transients today at New York, San Francisco and Seattle.

TEXAS TODAY By JACK RUTLEDGE Associated Press Staff A sure-fire way to raise money at a church benefit was explained to Mrs. Andrew Rose of Terahana by her maid.

NEWFOUNDLAND IS THE OLDEST BRITISH COLONY IN TERMS OF DISCOVERY. A beauty contest that probably will be a sell-out is one in Brownsville. A six-column headline on page one of the Brownsville Herald read: "Beauty entries need not wear bathing suits, Jaycee committee orders."

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG news behind the news WASHINGTON By RAY TUCKER PREPARATIONS — Although we have not fully demobilized our anti-Axis fighting machine, healed the wounds of the last war or even written the preliminary peace treaties, the United States has begun preparations to resist any possible future threat to the national security.

In Hollywood By ERSKINE JOHNSON NEA Staff Correspondent HOLLYWOOD — (NEA) — The other night we made a calm scientific investigation of reports that there were pottergeists on our beat.

NOTHING TO IT, OF COURSE "Over there," he said, "used to be the mirror that Miss Fitzgerald insisted left the wall when she and some friends sat at dinner floated around the room, narrowly missing her husband. Spooky, yeh?"

FIGURES IN BILLIONS Items Might Be Cut From National Defense Budget: International finance 1.7 0.2, Aids to agriculture 0.5 0.3, General public works 1.1 0.7, General government 1.6 1.1, Suppl. appropriations 0.9 0.7, Proposed legislation 1.5 0.0, Total \$23.3 \$11.9

WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS? Let's shift to foreign relations for a few moments. Mr. Candidate, and explore your mind on these: 1. Will you support the United Nations organization through thick and thin, or do you believe in less international co-operation?

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We may find some source of encouragement and inspiration for the successful settlement of our difficulties by recalling that in certain important respects the international situation in 1919 and 1920 was more serious than it is today.

WE WANT GOOCH!! MY PUBLIC? FOR MY COURAGE IN DRAWING LENA THE HYENA! THE HYENA! WHEN WOOTIE GAVE BIRTH TO HER 134th offspring several months ago a story about it was printed widely and the Rossettos received a lot of financial aid. But, they said, of all the records of feigning proactivity reported to them, none surpassed Wootie's 135.

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LESSONS—Nevertheless, the men responsible for safeguarding the nation against external attack are engaged in planning a program for faster and more efficient mobilization of all our resources—material, industrial, economic and military—than we achieved from 1939 to 1945.

STEPS—Here are the principal steps which the U. S. is taking to insure our invulnerability against a foreign foe: Donald M. Nelson, wartime head of WPB, has been recalled to Washington to formulate a new industrial mobilization plan. He will frame a program under which steel factories

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Under federal financial grants, it is planned that a corner of all these key weapons will be set aside for constant practice and experimentation in the manufacture of the most modern designs of planes, tanks, ships, big guns, small arms, missiles and many other new arms.

DRAFT—Selective Service experts are framing a new draft act designed to fit in with more modern needs and requirements. Although future developments in the laboratories may influence their plans, the army of the future will differ radically from that which went forth to battle in 1918.

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Comic strip panels featuring characters like Gooch, Wootie, and others in various humorous situations.

