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Quantity Buying Aids the Enemy . . .

Coffee ten cents a cup! No nylons and no linens! These are common enough shortages and high price examples during wartime. Part of the blame lies with the manufacturers and part with John and Jane Doe.

An all out war effort takes from the civilian market such products as necessary to maintain and equip armed forces. This is to be expected by a people at war. However, the manufacturer who fakes shortages to boost his prices should be eliminated. He's the one who should be tagged with the label "profiteer."

The procedure runs something like this. Jane Doe hears it whispered confidentially that the Army is buying up all of the size nine hose for the WACS. She knows that she wears a size nine and if hose are to be scarce she must have a supply. Downtown she rushes, after telling her best friend who passes the word along. Soon there really is a shortage of size

nine hose. Then the wholesaler and manufacturer move in. They tell the local "Emporium" that for twice the usual price they can let them have two dozen pairs of size nines. There's the set up for scarcity and high price spirals.

With the present outbreak of Korean hostilities and an increase in the size of the armed forces, certain commodities must go to equip the United Nations' army. However, there is no reason for anyone to feel that they will actually be in need.

During the last war, rationing solved the difficulty of obtaining scarce articles on a fair basis. No one was discriminated against.

The average person can do something to help in this national emergency. Stand your ground, don't panic. There's plenty of materials to go around. American production has always been able to meet necessary demands.

DOES HE HAVE TO BRING HIS FRIENDS ?



Teague Reporting . . .

Washington Hints New Red Strategy

(Re-printed below in the weekly newsletter from Congressman Otis E. Teague, representative of the Sixth District of Texas. Teague's letters, sent from his Washington D. C. office, are being published by The Battalion as a special news service to our readers.—The Editors.)

Has World War III started? That is the question which every person wants answered. It is rumored around Washington that at this time Communist leaders from the different countries of the world are meeting somewhere in Europe to receive instructions.

What instructions? All conversation around Washington these days is centered around national defense. The success or failure of national defense is fateful for every citizen.

Most decisions regarding national defense are made in the Executive branch of our government. Detailed Congressional action is not needed in most cases except for appropriations. However, it is necessary that Congress understand the situation involving national defense.

Where is Money?

This week Mr. Vinson, chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives has asked our military leaders to report exactly where our defense dollars have gone and whether or not we have all the defense which could be bought with those dollars.

Washington Plans Bombing Defenses

Washington, July 27.—The veil that has been draped over the question: "What will happen if Washington is bombed?" was lifted a little yesterday.

In two separate announcements, it was disclosed that a communications center, apparently to be used in case the Pentagon should ever be knocked out, is to be built at and near Camp Ritchie, Md.

The new Friendship Airport, between Baltimore and Washington, will be used to defend Washington, said Senator Tydings (D-Md), if there is a major war in which "atomic bombs are thrown around."

The announcement on the communications center came from the Pentagon. The defense department was tight lipped on details, and merely said: "Plans are going forward for the establishment of a supplemental communications installation at and near Camp Ritchie, Md. This site is now being used in part by the Maryland National Guard but may be repossessed by the federal government."

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- 2:00—Musical Scoreboard
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- 3:00—Contestably Yours
- 4:00—Navy Band
- 4:45—Guest Star
- 5:15—Bumper Club
- 5:30—Sign Off
- Friday
- 6:15—Texas Farm & Home
- 6:45—1st-Tax Reporting
- 7:00—Office Club
- 7:15—Hearing of Applicants
- 7:45—Hearing Convention Hour
- 8:00—Morning Special
- 9:00—Concert Hall
- 9:15—Homemaker Narratives
- 9:30—Baby Show
- 10:00—Disk Harmonies
- 10:15—1st-Tax Reporting
- 10:30—Morning Matinee
- 11:00—Bryan News
- 11:15—Quizzes
- 11:30—Texas Farm and Home
- 11:55—Big League Baseball
- 12:30—Overland
- 1:00—1st-Tax Reporting
- 1:15—Bryan News
- 1:30—1st-Tax Reporting
- 1:45—1st-Tax Reporting
- 2:00—Family Wrestling Hour
- 2:15—Bumper Club
- 7:00—Sign Off

Behind the Scenes . . .

'White Tower' Photography Makes Use of Valli and Alps

By FRED WALKER

"The White Tower," starring Glenn Ford, Valli, Claude Rains—RKO. Now playing, through Saturday.

"Many a wonder lives and moves, but the wonder of all is man." "Antigone" by Sophocles, 445 B. C. The Greeks would be shocked to observe the insignificance of man compared to the toilsome struggle up the mountain of life as majestically displayed in RKO's "The White Tower."

Director Ted Tetzloff has done a commendable job in retaining a marked interest for the element of flesh when the undeniable strength of "The Tower" is so dominate.

Climbing the Alps

The setting is the Swiss Alps shortly following World War II. Six determined people have been thrown together in a maelstrom of individual conquest. To each of them this single unscalable mountain, the White Tower, presents a different challenge. Carla's (Valli) must conquer this obstacle that killed her adventurous father.

Seeking to prove that he has not lost his youth, Nicholas, the Eng-

lish scientist, joins the party. Paul (Claude Rains) the writer who cannot find in dipsomania the needed relief from his Circian wife, seeks comfort from the earth.

An ex-Nazi officer (Lloyd Bridges) would make "Tower" a personal conquest to enlighten the world of the validity of Hitler's rantings about the superman. For the Swiss guide (Oscar Holmoka) the ascent merely present a matter of business. Martin (Glenn Ford), a former American pilot, is weary and content, but joins the group to be near Carla.

The Weak Go Down

Life is not easily hurdled and the weak and inadequate drop by the wayside. Nicholas is forced to return; the body not so willing as the spirit. The party moves slowly upward with only the hated "Supermas" spitting the harmony. Too much whisky causes Paul to be left, soliciting the apprehensive promise of a speedy return, but weakness are not easily overcome and he completes his symbolic manuscript and his life in rapid succession.

Fearing that Paul might succumb, the guide returns, and Carla and Martin face the Nazi. He leaves during the night and Martin furiously follows him. A clash of ideal and individuality is unavoidable, and the superman plunges to his death rather than take Martin's assistance.

Hero Snow-Blinded

A now snow-blind Martin is joined by the guide and Carla. Only a few hundred yards stand between the three and their goal.

but Martin's condition is serious. Their choice is to be roasting in either sense. Noteworthy performances were turned in by the entire cast, but Claude Rains should receive additional merits for an excellent portrayal.

All in Technicolor

The austere magnificence produced by Ray Rennahan's on-the-spot technicolor emits an enriching light from the field of photography.

Also pleasing for a change, was handling of the love angle. There were no eyes of burning passion and torrid scenes of blinding love. Comment: James Fitzpatrick should get a contract to Ray Rennahan.

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Ag Profs In Meeting

Dr. J. C. Miller and J. M. Jones, of the Animal Husbandry Department, and R. E. Patterson of the Agricultural Experiment Station are meeting this week with cooperators in the beef cattle breeding project at Balmorhea, Tex. Purpose of the trip is to make plans for the trials which will start in November.

LFL ABNER Something for the Girls



By Al Capp



NEVER SAY I'M AS EAGER?

