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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AS WAR DEVELOPS

Feb. 2 - The press reports Beauregard, with 15,000 troops from Manassas, is to be transferred to Kentucky and that his command will be taken over by President Jefferson Davis himself.

Feb. 3 - After conferring with Congressman Alfred Ely, lately a prisoner in Richmond, Union Secretary of State Seward announces that all men captured from Confederate privateers are to be treated as regular prisoners of war.

Feb. 3 - A force under Gen. U. S. Grant, accompanied by gunboats commanded by Flag Officer Andrew H. Foote, leaves Cairo, Ill., and heads down the Mississippi, with Fort Henry reportedly its destination.

Feb. 5 - Fort Henry is captured by Foote's gunboats. Halleck, commanding in the West, wire Washington: "Fort Henry is ours! The flag of the Union is reestablished on the soil of Tennessee. It never will be removed."

Feb. 8 - Burnside makes a successful attack on Roanoke Island, taking over another section of the North Carolina coast.

Feb. 9 - The Norfolk Daily Book scores other newspapers for reporting that the heavy draft of the ironclad Merrimack, undergoing changes there, will hamper its operations.

Feb. 11 - Union Gen. Charles P. Stone is arrested and confined in Fort Lafayette as a traitor.

CHARGES: Misbehavior at the battle of Ball's Bluff, corresponding with the enemy, and recent treachery.

Feb. 16 - The fall of Fort Donelson is confirmed throughout the nation.

Feb. 16 - The New York Times announces that Manassas will soon be evacuated by the Confederates.

Feb. 17 - Crew members are ordered on board the Merrimack, renamed the C.S.S. Virginia.

Feb. 19 - The U.S.S. Monitor, building at New York, is given her first trial.

Feb. 21 - Richmond newspapers report that every train from Manassas is clogged with soldiers on their way home, with a promise to return to service. "Will they come back?" asks a Northern paper.

Feb. 21 - An army under Confederate Generals Sibley and Green routs a Federal force led by Gen. Canby at Fort Craig, Valverde, N. M., after several hours of fighting.

Feb. 26 - The War Department in Washington takes possession of all telegraph lines and announces that journals publishing unauthorized military news will be punished.

Feb. 28 - President Davis issues his first regular message to the "permanent" Confederate Government, and credits its departments with having done "all which human power and foresight enabled" toward providing the means for the prosecution of a war.

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A DOUBLE-BARRELED PROGRAM to reach both people of the grass roots and those of aesthetic inclinations -- authors, painters, poets, sculptors, musicians, philosophers -- was suggested at the two-day series of meetings called by the National Commission to acquire a "sense of solidarity" in the nationwide Centennial commemoration now in its second year.

Seventy-five delegates from 31 states attended. A detailed summary of developments at the meetings will be sent to the chairman of each State Commission in the near future.

Throughout the sessions, Chairman Allan Nevins stressed the need for unity and for close contact between the states and National Commission. In this connection, it was announced that James I. Robertson, Jr., who recently took office as executive secretary, will make a tour of all State Commissions that would like to counsel with him over their individual problems.

One of the highlights of the two days of discussions was the announcement by the National Commission that it is now pursuing as one of its objectives the publication of a series of scholarly volumes of 300 or more pages showing the impact of the Civil War on various phases of American life, such as agriculture, medicine, literature, and labor. A publisher has been obtained, and several authors already have consented to participate.

In a welcoming address to the delegates, Dr. Nevins urged them to be realistic about their problems. He cited that they are to interpret the war in such a way as to deepen the patriotism of all Americans, North and South, despite a variety of conceptions as to a proper commemoration.

"We shall need courtesy and tact," he said, "all our tact, and all the forbearance of which men of differing views are capable."

As for the National Commission's role, he stressed that it would never condone an affront to any of the national groups which make up the American public.

"But that is all," he added. "Beyond that line we have no authority, and we well realize that a proper commemoration of events a century ago might suffer irretrievable damage from entanglement with controversial issues of today."
SOLEMNITY AT SHILOH

Tennessee's Centennial Commission now is developing plans for a fitting program to call attention to the significance of the bloody fighting that went on at Shiloh, Tenn., in April, 1862, as depicted by an artist's brush in the fierce and bloody scene at the right.

One of the highlights will be release by the Post Office Department on April 6 of a first-day issue of the 1962 Civil War Centennial stamp commemorating the battle.

On April 7, as now planned, solemn ceremonies will take place on the battlefield, with former President Harry S. Truman tentatively scheduled as the principal speaker.

SCORES OF DESCENDANTS OF CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS during the Civil War will gather here April 28 as special guests at an all-day ceremony sponsored by the District of Columbia Civil War Centennial Commission.

Here to help pay tribute to the memory of their ancestors will be great-grandchildren of the Andrews Raiders, first winners of the medal, and the widow of one of the original holders. Several of the medals, including the first ever awarded, will be on display.

The program is tentatively planned to begin with a visit by the descendants to the White House. This will be followed by a memorial service off Hains Point, at which a naval destroyer will strew flowers on the surface of the Potomac. At noon a commemorative ceremony will take place at the Washington Cathedral, after which the special guests will be taken by bus to the Army-Navy Club for a luncheon, during which Civil War songs will be sung by the U.S. Army Chorus.

THE COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY, as a part of its cooperation with the Centennial, has published a folio of selected Civil War maps carefully chosen for their historic value and originality. Included are maps showing the position of the gunboats at Vicksburg, the fortifications at Manassas Junction, and the defenses of Chattanooga, as well as a wartime map of Richmond. The folio is available through the director of the Survey at Washington 25, D. C., for $5 each.

ADMISSION TO THE MERRIMACK-MONITOR REENACTMENT, to be staged by the Naval Amphibious Training Command with electrically-controlled models at Little Creek, Va., March 7-10, will be by ticket only.

Applications, with a preference of dates and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, should be addressed to: Monitor-Merrimack Reenactment, C/O Commander Amphibious Training Command, U.S. Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.

The reenactment, to be sponsored by the Command in cooperation with the Virginia Civil War Centennial Commission, will be put on 22 times during the four days, with seating capacity for 225 persons at each performance.

THE ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY DINNER, sponsored by the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, will be held the evening of Feb. 10 at the Willard Hotel. Edward R. Murrow, director of the U. S. Information Agency, will deliver the principal address. At that time the Group will confer its annual award on the person who, in its judgment, has made the most outstanding contribution during the last year to knowledge of Lincoln or to perpetuation of his ideals.

'MAINE AND THE CIVIL WAR' will be the subject of 56 addresses to be given in that state during the next few months by Daniel Edward Lambert of Orrington. The speaker, a World War II hero and member of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission, is well known as a lecturer.

IOWA'S COMMEMORATION this year will be highlighted by a spectacular pageant performance in connection with the Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Reunion at Mt. Pleasant Sept. 5-7. A cast of more than 500 persons will take part.

As one feature of the program, special attention will be called to the soldiers from Iowa who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for their services during the war.

ARIZONA will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its admission to the Union as a state and 100th anniversary of its admission to the Confederacy as a territory at a luncheon at Tucson Feb. 14. Autographed sheets of the Arizona Statehood Stamp, to be issued that day by the Post Office Department, will be presented.

On Feb. 14-15, an exhibition will be opened to the public without charge at the Pioneer Hotel in Tucson. It will be sponsored jointly by the Postal History Museum of the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society and the Arizona Civil War Centennial Commission. Featured will be the state's postal and air mail history, stamps of Mexico, and diaramas of Civil War events in the area.

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