

## Our Sense of Humor

One of the saving graces in trying times which is difficult for foreigners to understand is the American sense of humor. While we were seriously discussing air-raid precautions and dangers recently with a group of bankers one of them dug in his pocket and hauled forth the following with the admonition to wipe the frowns off our faces.

### WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN AIR RAID

1. As soon as the bombs start dropping, run like hell. (It doesn't matter where, as long as you run like hell.)
2. Wear track shoes, if possible. If the people in front of you are slow, you won't have any trouble getting over them.
3. Take advantage of opportunities afforded you when air raid sirens sound the warning of attack; i.e.
  - A. IF in a bakery, grab some pie or a cake, etc.
  - B. IF in a tavern, grab a bottle.
  - C. IF in a movie, grab a blonde.
4. If you find an unexpected bomb, always pick it up and shake like hell—(Maybe the firing pin is stuck). If that doesn't work, heave it in a furnace. (The Fire Department will come later and take care of things.)
5. If an incendiary bomb is found burning in a building, throw gasoline on it. (You can't put it out anyhow, so you might just as well have a little fun.)
  - A. If no gasoline is available, throw a bucket of water on it, and lie down—you are dead.
6. Drink heavily, eat onions, limburger cheese, etc., before entering a crowded air raid shelter. (It will make you very unpopular with the people within your immediate vicinity, eliminating any unnecessary discomfort that would be more prevalent if people crowded too closely.)
7. If you should be the victim of a direct bomb hit, don't go to pieces (lie still and you won't be noticed).
8. Knock the air raid wardens down if they start to tell you what to do. (They always save the best seats for themselves and their friends anyway.)