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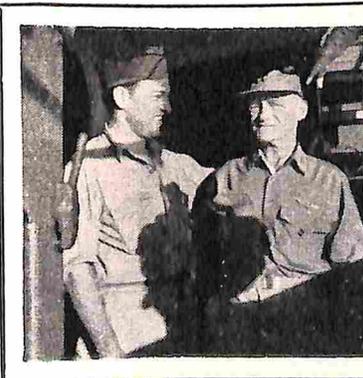
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LIFE'S PICTURES

When he was getting ready to photograph the battle of the Marianas, LIFE's J. R. Eyerman had a chat with Admiral Marc Mitscher (shown at left with Eyerman). Mitscher said that if Eyerman rode with him, he would see either the biggest air battle of all times or the Jap fleet. Taking his word, Eyerman went along on the flagship with LIFE Correspondent Noel Busch. Their joint reporting of Task Force 58's great Pacific cruise starts on page 17.

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Why my wife made me get a RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN

SHE was sort of cute about it. She didn't say, "John, you ought to get a Retirement Income Plan." She knew I'd just argue with her.

Instead she said, "John, how much money do you expect to earn in the next 15 years?" I did a little figuring, tossed in a raise or two, and came out with a total that impressed even me. (Try it yourself—you'll be amazed.)

When I told her, she said, "How much of that do you suppose we'll have left at the end of 15 years?" I'm not very good at saving, so when I tried to be honest about that, the results hurt a little. "We'll probably have a better house," I said. "The children will be educated, and we'll probably have a couple thousand in the bank." Then I added, "What's more, we'll have had 15 years of fun," and kissed her.

But she was serious.

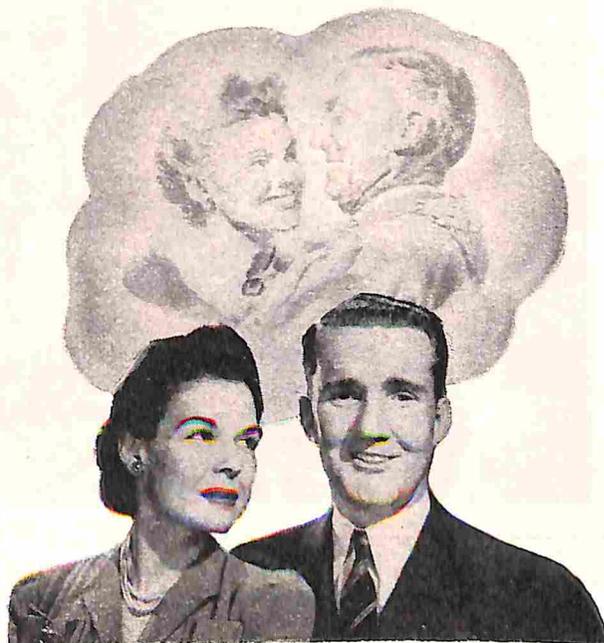
"John, don't you think we ought to have more than that? In 15 years, you'll be 60. Good heavens, imagine you 60! (She giggled at that.) Anyway, you will be—and maybe you won't want to work so hard. Maybe times will be bad. Maybe—oh, you know—"

I did know. I have an Uncle Frank who earned a lot of money in his day, but now, at 62, he hasn't any more to show for it than a medal from his office.

"Yes, I know," I said.

"John, let's decide right now that we're going to do differently. Let's be sure of our future. Let's start using one of these Retirement Income Plans."

That's all we said about it, but the next day I started digging into the subject of Retirement Incomes. I learned that, using a Phoenix Mutual Retirement Income Plan, I could get a retirement income for life beginning when I reached 60. And it wasn't just an



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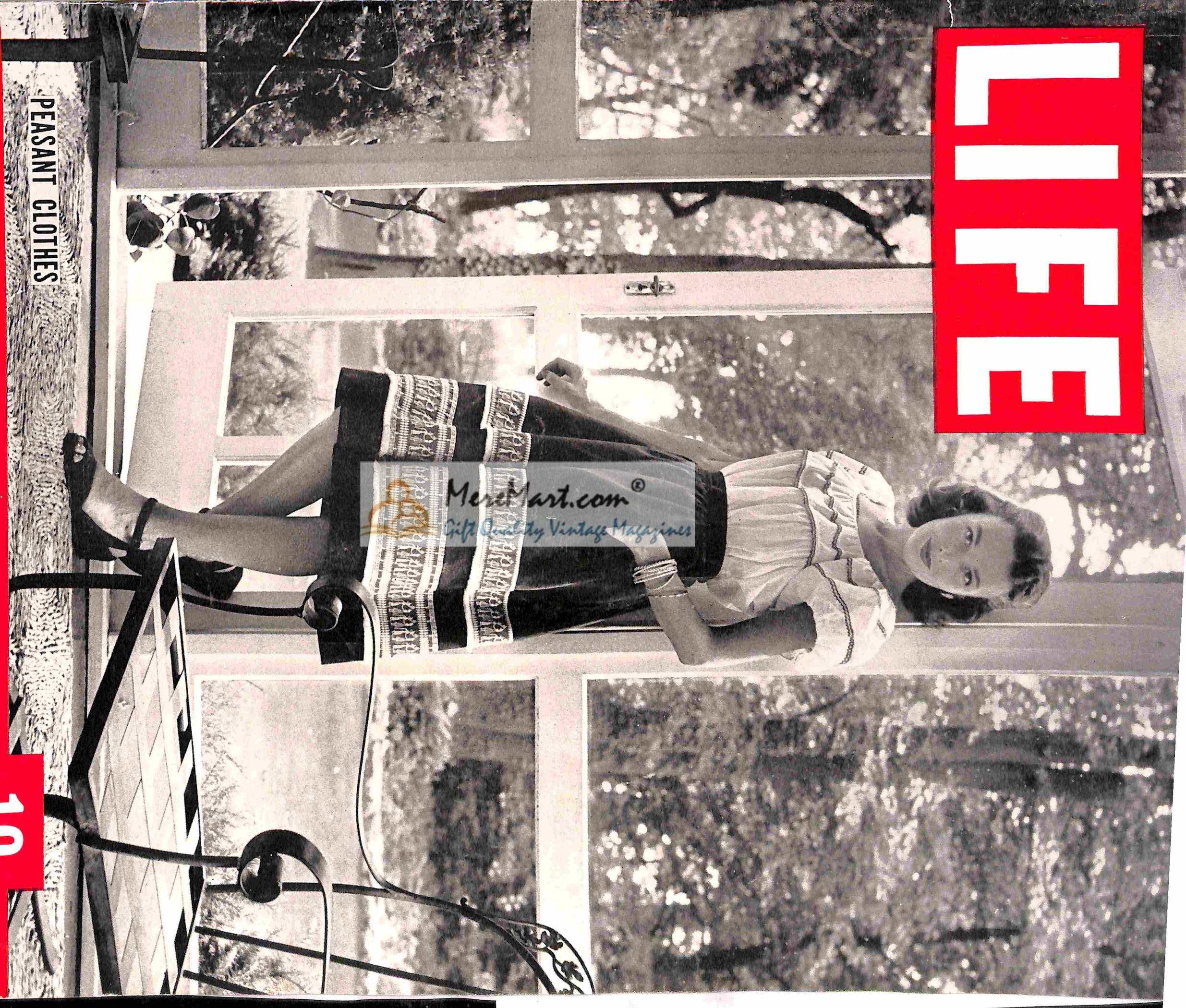
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