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### Fact & Figure

#### **Draft To Take Over a Million** Men This Year, Regardless

Because of the apparent lack of pur-bee in Selective Service policies and be present working of conflicting or-ers, an impersonal statement of the latest known facts seems to be in or-der. Based upon authorized statements cted from hearings in Washington

are these:

The Army wants 1,100,000 new men
by the end of the year, and draft
board quotas are set two months in
advance, connot be stopped. In the interim, some married men will be taken,
single men left behind. The 18-19-yearedd class won't be called until July, after has not set a uniform basis for calls because it badly wants young married seen up to 30, who make the best of-ficer material, and are now being forced into service by the draft picture.

The figures:

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The figures:
Present size of the armed forces: 4.900,00. Total by December. 1943: 9,000.

900. Number to be secured in fourteen monthis: 4,100,000.

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The situation adds up to this: The Army will take its 1,100,000 by January, regardless. If, as predicted, an Army of \$,000,000 is bigger than the U. S. can soon transport or supply, many of the married men taken before 1943 will not see action.

### Time To Retire

#### Washington's Peace-Time Lobbies Are in the Way

Lobbies Are in the Way

Washington, supposedly the world's
only city whose growth is restricted by
law, could use some elbow room. Already, in deflance of the old law, the
city has overflowed into Maryland, Virginla, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinols
and New Jersey. While Government
agencies have been moving out to give
up office space for war, many an orstudiest of the state of the control of the
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"Most of the groups are simply pressure
groups, some 800 of them being listed
in the Washington telephone directory
(dubbed the National Associations of
Olimme-Gimmen. So many of them are
on the scene that their removal would
make room for 10,000 war-necessary
men. Granting that many of them still
serve useful purposes, a determined
space-finder might work wonders for
the Amonry the agencies till sole y through

the duration.

Among the agencies still going strong are: The National Conference for the Prevention of War, the American Peace Society, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the American Society of International Law.

These and many more, robbed of their chance to protect, promote and preserve; might be quickly and quietly transported from a city driven wild by war and stuffed away in company with other trimmings we are managing to struggle along without.

#### **Fair** Exchange

#### The Life of Rudolf Hess

For a Horrible Axis Threat The new flurry of propagnda be-ween enemies in the battle of year weirs madly about Prisoner Rudoff Heas, but it has apparently left the English seaffastly determined simply to hold here prize as is until peace comes. A Russian demand that he be executed as a leader of the Nazi war-making party brought no satisfactory answer from London. That was Berlin's cue,

and Dr. Goebbels took it and Dr. Goebbels took it.
If Hess should be tried in accordance
with the Soviet request, "drastic" reprisals would be taken. The host of
Allied prisoners in German hands would
"lose their faculty of hearing and seeing." London did not doubt that Hitler ing." London did not doubt that Hitler would carry through his threat. Blinding and deafening of war prisoners, though marking a new low in warfare, is quite in line with Nazi policies to date.

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The Allies, as all must realize, cannot outstrip Germany and Japan in cruellies, especially since the enemy holds far more prisoners of war, but there must be some bold course of action designed to save thousands in Axis prison eamps. Perhaps the mysterious case of Deputy Fuehrer Hess would not have been such a puzzle to the world if the British had attempted to use him earlier as a weapon against the command of the command of the same properties. The same properties of the sam

able as a hostage. The British State Department, deter-

uable as a hostage.

The British State Department, determined to deal conservatively with the Hess case, apparently has in mind a post-war trial for him. He is being given no special privileges, but has not been charged with any crime. Recently, in a wry, dry statement, London said that Hess' wife would not be permitted to visit him, because prisoners of war were "not entitled to such facilities."

The world could wonder what facilities he was entitled to, and if German threats would keep him safe from trial and punishment so long as the war lasted. What prevents British action patterned after Axis techniques: a quick, suppressed trial of the guilty, followed by the muffled report of a firing squad in action in a hidden courtyard? His life seems to be worth nothing now, except as the weight of a German threat.

### In Da Fight

#### Italy Manages To Remain In the War News-As Ever

In the War News—As Ever
The word Axis, in these troubled days,
san't what it used to be. Now it embraces only Germany and Japan and
doesn't run as far as the glory that
was Rome. You think twice before you
remember Italy, and it isn't fair to a
nation of stalwart talkers and fighters.
The fates deal unkindly with the Fascisti who so passionately desire to be
known as our mortal enemies. And, lest
you forget, they're still in the war.
This week almost mounted to the

you forget, they're still in the war. This week, almost unnoticed in the passing of news, they have made new claims to increase their stature:

In Northern Italy, when an Alpini regiment was ordered to the Russian front, revolt broke out, the leaders were shot and the soldiers put on trains foreibly, without arms. If Duce had to send reinforcements of tanks and planes to control his men, and hold fighting Albanians and Serbs in check.

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In Egypt, General Frederico FerrarOrsi was killed in action, while "leading his troops." He was the eleventh
general killed in the war to date. An
unannounced number have been cap-

tured.

And in New York, Mayor Florella La Guardia, accused of possessing two Hailan medials, freely admitted the truth of the charge. He had gotten them, he said, in 1919, for a bombing mission. That, said the little Major, was in the days when Hally was a nation, inatead of a colony. The medals he will keep, because they came to him when Mussolini was unknown.

Yes, the modern replica of ancient Rome is having its troubles. But it's still in there fighting, the same as ever, which is to say not much.

Bravest of the brave, we believe, are Philadelphia ball teams that carry on to the bitter finish without asking for a separate neave separate peace.

In the stockade we have long had in mind, the farm bloc will occupy the other side of a double house, with the silver gang

A condition has arisen in this interest-ing country whereby a 10,000-ton freighter can be built in less time than it takes a congressman to mend his

The Last Phase

# Axis Threatens A War Of Atrocities

WHY have the Japanese threat-iend to suspend all interma-tional law in the treatment of American aviator prisoners as "re-prials" for what they choose to describe as the bombing and ma-chine-gunning of civilians in the Doolittle raid?

coolitic raid?

And why previous to this, did the Naxis, again claiming it as reprisal, manacle British prisoners of war? I have been riying to find, in my own mind, the answers to these questions, because obviously there are purposes involved in this policy.

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because obviously there are purposes involved in this policy,
Obviously, the purpose is not to
protect Japanese or German prisoners of war. The Allies' prisoners of
war are under the supervision of
the International Red Cross and the
War Prisoners' Aid. There have
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camp, and the Germans and Japaness know this.
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countermeasures against their nationals.

Now, the first Japanese threat sagainst American airmen who bombed. Tokyo was a sparently appeared to the same and the

to hold such prisoners.

And the German-controlled press, commenting on the Japanese measures, is undoubtedly starting a propaganda campaign for transferring the Japanese example to Germany and the Japanese example to Germany and the Japanese starting of the Japanese example to Germany prisoners; as well as leaders 'guilty of war crimes,' are being compiled.

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So it is now clear what all this means, especially if taken in connection with other happenings. Neither the Germans nor the Japanese are trying to protect their own prisoners. On the contrary, they are trying to precipitate

By Dorothy Thompson



been effective. The German prop

Hilder, therefore, wants to create attuation where he can say to ill Germans; "If you fall into the ands of the Brittish, your life will be endangered. For there are no resoners in this war." In other tributers in the war." In the tributers in the war. In the tributers in the war. In the tributers in the war. In the same that a gainst British resource is really a whip against is own people.

prisoners is really a while against this own people.

The second motif is an act of terrotration. He is saying to us: entrotrate in the saying to us: "If you insist on continuing to fight and won't negotiate a peace, you are in for war of atrocities. Do you want that kind of war?"

It is the introduction of a new weapon into the war, namely terrorism and personal hrutality, with the double object of wanken-location was not become the horror of mankind for watch the horror of mankind for stating to this own people that the must fight and win, or perish, promising the German people some kind of revenge for the bombings which he promised them never would he promised them never would not retailate, and, finally not retailate.

trying is create retaliates, then one must think twice. There is a real dilemma here from the Allies to refuse to retaliate from the Allies to refuse to retaliate from the Allies to refuse to retaliate with the result of the terminal and the morale of our own soldiers. But to retaliate will be good for the owners of the German nation and illustrate the German cases there are those that are Natl and those that are not. In any the second of the second out now, put into separate camps, and there alone, will suifer. There may be some other answer, and these alone, will suifer. There may be some other answer, and these alone, will suifer. There may be some other answer, and these alone, will suifer. There may be some other answer, and these alone, will suifer. These may be some other answer, and these alone, will suifer. These may be some other answer, and these alone, will suifer.

#### By Now He Must Be Doing Some Wondering Too



### Unfair Geography

# Hell In The Solomons

By Paul Mallon

THE TROUBLE at Guadalcanal has been that the main Jap battle fleet was centered in an area just north of there, while ours was scattered around the world.

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The Japs, therefore, have been able to call upon an overwhelming force of maval power to center upon that one point anytime they chose and we could do nothing to balance it. Their apoint outclasses ours probably two to one.

Ashore, on that magnetized fit speech in the Par Pacific, the opposing forces apparently were about causal, after the Oct. 15 Jap landings. Each side presumably had something like 15,000 men.

But the final outcome of the struggle obviously rested from the start, not upon the land to the start, and upon the land control of the struggle obviously rested from the start, not upon the land control of the struggle obviously rested from the start, not upon the land control of the struggle obviously rested from the start, not upon the land control of the struggle obviously rested from the start, not upon the land control of the struggle obviously rested from the start, not upon the land control of the struggle of the start of

This is the reason why Navy Secretary Knox and other officials lately have been viewing the situation with open pecalisms. While the official communiques may have been holding back some phases of the operation, the baste situation was enough to inspire apprehensions.

tion was enough to inspire appreciations.

Yen may have noticed the communiques on this subject, for the first time slace the war began, have been current, that is, dealing with day to day action. Up to this time the Navy has espoused a policy of slience during actual continuing operations, and waited until enagements were concluded or longer before announcing anything important about

longer before announcing anything important them.

Conflicting announcements about our plane operations the past week are attributable to the fluctuating status of our all-important airfield on the bland. One day it was announced no American planes had been in the air for 48 hours, while the next day's news recorded the overwhelmfagly successful operations of American planes.

Obviously, the Japs had been able to obstruct Sour operations from the airfield. Their artillery and hombers could knock It-Out for a day or so, but our subsequent operations from the field against their ahigs reflected the ability of the Marines to put it back to effective use. The main big weapon we had been able to swing against their naval concentrations was our land-based bombers, operating not only from this

field, but long distance from New Caledonia and the New Hebrides.

These operations, coupled with hit and run municipal to the property of the property of the manuscript by our cruisers and or battlestips in Japa that they would have to come in with a big portion of their main battle Teet—bigger than they used before—in order to accomplish the objective with the property of the property of the property that they intended to come in with greater superiority next time has been evident, in tha fact that they called troops on transports from the Philippines and even far away China, and gathered them at their various nearby South

You will have to blame geography most for an unsatisfactory condition like that.

#### Liquor a Minor Issue

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Drys have not descended upon Washington to promote national prohibition as they did in the transportation of the promote national prohibition as they did in the day's news merely is the result of local dry the day's news merely is the result of local dry fine and the day's news merely is the result of local dry like and the day's news merely is the result of local dry like and the day is the day of the local communities in the last 42 contents this year.

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war, it does not yet appear to be a polent poblical factor. It is true that quiet local temperance units, exerting individual pressure upon politicians, with-dut any national display, could conceivably exert a controlling influence on Congress, So far, how-ever, national prohibition is only an extremely re-mote, possibility.

## Despite McKellar

# Congress Moves

By Raymond Clapper

ALTHOUGH a low exhibition of peacetime politics at its smalless the lagoing on in the Senate—that old-fashioned patrons the Mappower Commission—the House of Representatives is showing a new lease on life.

As I mentioned the gar a new lease on life moved quickly and efficiently to lower the draft age, the House moved quickly and efficiently to lower the draft age, the state of the draft age is the state of the state o

The Tolan Committee, investigating war labor problems, has made another report to the House. Recently President Recovered told another report to the House. Recently President Recovered told another report to the House work of the Washington was the Octomatitees were investigating things they couldn't possibly know much about.

The Tolan Committee of the House has questioned Administration officials. It has had the assistance of experts, including some expert information about britains experience with manpower. It has produced now to thick it is far from flattering to the Administration in the committee of the committ

nd Dumerous suggestions.

Some in the Administration won't like what it says, yet if there is place left for Congress in Washington that is exactly the killing of the congress ought to do. It is a practical agency for investigation of the possible improvements. The Tolan Committee of possible improvements are Tolan Committee in the Truman Committee of the Senate, is a hard-working, conscientions group, using expert austiance, and trying to help the war effort with constructive criticism. The work of these committees in the best tradition of Congress. They are not political committees. Both are headed by New Deal Democrats.

Another rounding stem is the thought that members are giving the committees and the committees in the committee of the committees and the committees are the committees and the committees are giving the committees and the committees are given the committees are given the committees and the committees are given the committees are given the committees are considered to the committees are given the committees are g

Another promising sign is the thought that members are giving to improving the machinery of Congress, to make it more efficient and more adequate to present needs.

In this respect, the has introduced several measures proposing in his stephen. He has introduced several measures proposing in his registative machinery. He proposes a legislative postware planning and the proposes a legislative postware planning that the complicated economise questions that will follow the war.

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If a size would staff Congress so that it could maintain a checkup on administrative agencies. And from the things that leak out as to neglect, inaction and ineffective action within the administrative agencies, such a checkup, with occasional exposure, would be the healthirst kind of thing around this town. Much would be the healthirst kind of thing around this town. Much getting in very modes by the newspapers, but we seem to be getting in very modes of the property o

Representative Dirhoen also account of the Mouse-and-Senals Committee to handle wer legislations and the displacement of the committee has been as that officials buy running that displacement have to repeat their testimony before two, three and four different committees, and answer the same questions several times over. That he ample and most urently needed wartume change.

The fact that House members are seriously thinking of such things is a cause for rejoicing. Changes such as those suggested would make an instant hit with the country.

In contrast, unfortunately, is the speciacle in the Senate where we norm McKellar of Tennessee and Willis of Indiana, look on the month of the senate was a special part of the senate where the senate was a partonage grab on the Manpower Commission. Trying for instea a partonage grab on the Manpower complexes drawing over 14,500 a year, That would mean that Senators would dictate appointment to the Manpower Commission in their states. Possibly a majority of Senators have stomachs that wort stand that kind of politics as usual.

### Careful, There

# Read Little

IN REGARD to reading, it is a very important thing to be able to refrain. Skill in doing so consists in not taking into one's hands and an account of the state o

mu anst year or enter CREMENCE.

Consider, rather, that the man who writes for fools is always aure of a large audience; be careful to limit your time for reading, and devote it exclusively to the works of those great minds of all the value of the properties of th

You can never read bad literature too little, nor good literature much. Bad books are intellectual poinon: they destroy the mind. cause people always used what is, new indeed of the best of all a few to the control of the control o

-Arthur Schepenhauer.

## Visitin' Around

They Talk Him Into Buyin' That Policy?

Buyin That Folley?
(Rt. 3 liem,
Lenoir News-Tople)
R. R. Smith and Mr. Brown were
business callers of A. K. Moore
Saturday evening.

We Swigger! You Can't Tell What These Young Folks Will Do Next Jim Shumate spent the week-end with his parents.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Fer Cemplete Defails—
(Phaniel item.
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Concord Tribune)

There has been a change in the wather the last few days.

things 13:6.