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any major undertakings.

Such a commission is of prime necessity on two counts: (1) that public improvements be blueprinted and bud-

geted, and (2) that the municipal government be ready to take advantage of free Federal aid after the war. Only

by such forehanded means is there much hope that we shall create here a city whose appearance and facilities even-tually may become comparable to its

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Solomons Forces Are Lost

Without Promised Help Our

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Some days, we may take cheer from
the news of the Solomons fighting, Another Jap force has been turned back,
or more Jap skips have been sunk, or
Marine Wildeats have clawed down more
Zeros. But skill the enemy keeps combine,
and at every attack new troop landings
are made, Jap tanks roll on the fields,
Jap artilliery lays it down. On the seas,
there is Jap superiority. In some sections, there is Jap air superiority. And
still more and larger Jap fleets are reported on the way.
Is our first offensive action in the
Pacific, which started so bravely and
with such a fourlish, to become another
disastrous, futile stand, like those gallant days on Bataan and Corregidor?
Surounded on three sides by superior
forces. American fielding men are still
confident that they can win the vicforces, Is supplies and reinforcements can
be pushed through in time. In that
way, the Solomons are already another
Bataan.
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way, the Solomons are already another Bataan.

With the Japs determined to stake everything to wipe out the U. S. foothold in the Solomons, we face a desperate struggle merely to stave off another catastrophe.

The Press Is Damned If It Do, '

Damned If It Don't

The free press of the United States, still able to frend for liked and with no apologies to offer for its lob of reporting two wars, has long been a target for criticism by pollutians, even in peacetime, but usually the attack came from one direction or another. Now the press is completely aurrounded. Most distinguished critic of the industry and its workmen has been President Roosevelt. His caustic digs have increased in number and volume of alte, reaching a cliniar when he returned from his recent tour of the country's defense plants. He 'included the 'typewriter strategists' and 'these columnists and commentations' in the groups he considered were working assainst the best interests of the nation.

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In particular, he scoffed that news-paper strategists were adding to the general confusion by demanding a sec-ond front, which should be solely a military decision.

multary decision.

A few days ago, Communist Secretary and Lard Browler made a speech at a big Party raily. Among the sentiments he expressed were there. "What is holding back the realization of the Second Front' Unquestionably it is the defeatis, liftisence, particularly the newspapers, which have created the impression that the country is not prepared to support an all-out participation in the war demanded by the Second Front.

There, in the middle, are we, Poor old press, never right,

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Blueprint Of Improvement

Suggestion of an Uptown Park Raises the Question of a City Planning Commission ing Commission

Is this the best site for an uptown park? Oh, sure, it would be a great advantage wherever it was put, and maybe this is the best place. But were the City or other interests to build a pretentious uptown auditorium within the next few years, taking advantage of the generosity of some post-war Public Works Administration, this property would certainly be an ideal site for it. Furthermore, despite the great need of an uptown park, the City needs to undertake its improvements by plan and not by hit or miss, It needs an orderly, imaginative program taking into consideration what's wanted, where to put it, how to get it. It needs, in sum, and needs it baddy a City Planning Commission, and the establishment of the commission should precede any major undertakings.

Question of a City Planni
Charles A. Stone, chairman of the
City Parks & Recreation Commission,
must be not only an audaclous man
but a persuasive one too. Appearing before the County Commissioners at their
meeting this week, he coolly proposed
that the valuable old Courthouse Int
at Third and Tryon be converted into
a public park—and he wasn't thrown
out.

To the contrary, the Commissioners
seemed more or less receptive, and surgested to Mr. Stone that he see if the
City Council would match with cash
the value of the County's property. In

the value of the County's property. In taken the position that they were under ne obligation to turn this property, just because it happened to be situated within the city, into a facility primarily for the use of townspeople. Besides, for the use of townspeople. Besides, is represents a considerable asset on the County's balance sheet. Something, the Commissioners mentioned, like \$400,-

Nevertheless, Mr. Stone appeared to be making progress where others had been left at the post, and a public park at Third and Tryon, complete with sest rooms, was more of a possibility than it had been for a long time. That raless a question.

War Chest

Increased Needs Must Re Met In Face of Many Demands

In Face of Many Demands
The Community Chest campaign now
in full swing is at once striving to fill
the greatest needs and overcome the
realest obstacles in its experience. The
Was Chest, as every other agency, truly
reflects general war conditions; it is
one that must not be forgotten.
Its workers have known full well how
many were other demands upon the
public, how constricted were many incomes, how bonds and taxes and increased living costs would have to come
before Chest contributions. Knowing
that, they undertook a job many times
the size of any they had previously
tackied.
For this year's Community Chest drive

tackled.
For this year's Community Chest drive heoroproates not only the fundamental objectives which have become a fixture in most American communities; it also attends the pressing needs of war agendes. If the Chest has ever been worthy of public support, it is doubly so this year. Despite a certain lessened ability to pay, the good citizen will be quick to realize that this is no time to let down the fences at home. As quickly, he will do his part for the Chest work in warther.
This organization which is a practical

This organization which is a practical This organization which is a practical working part of American Democracy must have the same generous and enhudantic answer it has received annually. But this time, it must be louder. The greater need balances all other considerations.

Navegadors

Four Charlotte Squadrons May Spearhead Pacific Attack

Spearhead Factific Attack
The most dramatic job of the war,
says the Navy, is going to be cleaning
out the Japanese invaders from their
Idand bases in the Pacific. It might
have added that it also promised to
be the most difficult. But drama and
high adventure are watting out there
in the months ahead for the buys who
will spearhead the attack leading to
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Wictory, Those are the keynotes of the Navy drive tentlat young aviators.

Navyators, they call them, and four squadrons of them, incorporated into the cadet program, will be organized in and named for Charlotte. Naval offices reason that the city's young nen will elicern a similarity between the history of their hometown and the recent history of the Navy. One was struck heavy blows in the Revolution and Civil Wars, and came back. The other was almost mortally wounded at Pearl Harbor, and quickly recovered.

Fifty of more young men will be seepted here as aviation cadets, to be some part of the new fleet being forged by the Navy. They will be defer some our offensive moves Westward toward tippon. The Navy, looks for them to select their chance. So, of course, as we.

House Beception

Willkie's Speech Was Pulled Apart

MR. PATMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am not qualified to criticise the able speech of the gruleman from Indiana, Mr. Wein-dell Willike, which was delivered over the radio last inspection of the man of qualified to criticise those who are running that I am not qualified to criticise those who are running that war. I shall not attempt to criticise him either but, as one Member of this great body, representing the 300,000 peece, lew inc reside in the district I haye the honor to represent, I want to express my views about softe parts of Mr. Will-ke's speech.

I listened to his speech with great interest. It was very interesting. Much of it was instructive. It gave me—and I am sure others have the same views—much information we need and that we desired.

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There are some parts of Mr. Wilkie's speech that the misconstrued as advocating that the misconstrued as a misconstrued distinct in the continuous and the misconstrued as an encouragement to the distinuity of the misconstrued as an encouragement to the distinuity of the misconstrued as an encouragement to the distinuity of the misconstrued as an encouragement to the distinuity of the misconstrued as an encouragement to the distinuity of the misconstrued as an encouragement to the distinuity of the misconstrued as an encouragement to the distinuity of the misconstrued as an encouragement to the distinuity of the misconstrued as an encouragement to the distinuity of the misconstrued as an encouragement to the misconstruction of the misconstruction of

craits.

One statement in the speech that especially attracted my attention was Mr. Wilkle's question. "What are we fiching for?" I think the paramount issue is that we first the paramount issue is that we have been supported by the paramount is the presence—Hitter, Tolo, and Muscolini—from getting control of the world and of the 2000 000,000 people who reside in his world. That is the major thing for which we are fighting. While the house is on fire and burning I think

From the Congressional Record, Oct. 27, 1942 we should devote our effort and attention to putting out the fire rather than trying to get the fire fighters to stop and decide on the kind of furniture which will be put back in the house after the house is restored or remodeled or improved.

. maproved. MR. JOHNSON of Oklahoma, I take it, then, that the gentleman believes the rank and file of the American people know what we are fighting for, even though Mr. Wilklie may not know MI.

MR. PATMAN. I think so, and the people of the world know what we are lighting for, to defeat and stop these international desperadoes. Then all these other questions can be critical deer on

MR. PATMAN. I think so, and the people of the worst know what we are lighting for, to defeat and stop these between the property of the production of the production. I did not like Mr. Willie's reference belitting our production, because I think we have made wonderful progress in production to defend ourselves properly and be on the offensive now or little in this war, in the making of planes, in that we have not been able to send all of these materials to China and to Russia that we would like to. That is another part of Mr. Willie's speech I did not like, criticizing us for not sending more to China and to Russia, and for making more contains the production of the criticizing the form of the production of the criticizing the form of the production of the productin of the production of the production of the production of the pr

making promises that we have not fulfilled.

Every promise that was made was made in the very
best of faith. If any promise has failted of performance
by reason of an act of God or the public enemy, it is
excusable. No nation or its leaders should be indicted
for failing to carry out a promise, made in good faith
that was absolutely impossible for that nation to carry
out.

MR. COX. Does not the gentleman believe the American public has pretty well taken the measure of Mr. Wilikie

and, therefore, is paying very little attention to what he says?

MR. PATMAN. No; I do not agree that they pay wery little attention; I think they pay a great deal of very control of the pays. I think his attitude has been rather count no says. I think his attitude has been rather countrol of the pays of the pays ways. I think he has elevated himself in public esteem and good will in many ways. I think his words will be candidered as worthy of the utmost consideration, I may Say to my friend from Georgia (Mr. Cox).

MR. PATRICK. I think the gentleman is making exactly
the kind of speech we ought to have made in the Congresa
and one that ought to be reflected all over the country.
I think it portrays the sound basis upon which America's,
war effort will grow and develop.

Does not the grottenan feet that the best example we have of that, if we are not deceived, is the approach we have of that, if we are not deceived, is the approach of the third of third of the third of the third of the third of third of third of the third of the th

now.

MR. PATMAN. I am not willing to pass on the advisability of any military question involved in this war, however, the gentleman's position appears to be logical and sound to me. I doubt that any man who takes a global type or burriedly and quickly, as Mr. Wilkie did. Is in the property of the property of the state of the st

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Production Lag

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON.

MR. WILLKIE'S main charge was that Russia and Ghina are not getting the aid they were promised, but he did not say why. The answer is not easy to find. It would be locked to assume, from what has been announced about our production is responsible.

No precise figures have been allowed to penetrate the censors. Naturally, these are valid military secrets. But it is known that August praduction, for instance, was 14 per cent behind the goal set for that month on Aug. 1, July was 7 per cent behind its goal.

Unofficial estimates have been made that we may fall 25 per cent et of our 60,000 plane goal on the year, and may make only 45,000 to 10,000 plane to the year, and may make only 45,000 fact that we switched from much light tighter plane production Into the production of the product

But the production officials around WPB do not accept the theory that production deficiencies are responsible. They say that in July and August they were running at three and a half times the pre-Pearl Harbor rate of production.

ate of production.

The money is pouring out at the rate of \$5,000,000,000 a month for war goods. They will not take the blame. They say the trouble is shipping authorities for the production of the shipping authorities of the

month, they are ahead of their prigram.

But losses, particularly on the Murmansk run to Russia, have been running particularly high lately. Much material which has left these shores has not arrived in Russia.

Much more has been lost after it arrived at Murmansk, a circumstance for which the Bussians themselves or responsible. German bombons have destroyed dock facilities to such an extent that at those a core of ships have been ploted up in that port waiting to unload, and while waiting, they are stationary targets for German hombs.

The way to China is even more difficult, but mid for the same reason. All materiel must be flown in the way Mr. Willite went, from India, unless he opened up a new skyway through Russia the way he came back. In any event, the only way to reach China is by air.

by air.

Four motored bombers from the Ford plant can be flown off
the production line hale China, as that plant reaches substantial
would still be the question of the plants promisely, there
would still be the question of the plants promisely, there
quantifies to run them. One hundred bombers cat up all a pipeline
could furnish. These conditient of the control will be considered to the control will be considered to the control will not be easy or quick. No one here will say that sufficient goods to fulfill promises to both Russia and China have left our shores, but even it it had, the promises would not have been fulfilled.

Therefore were the control will be control to the control to the control will be control to the cont

Therefore, responsibility must rest on these several factors—pro-duction, shipping lasses, German bombings of Murmansk, the difficult route to China,

The production level will continue to rise, and the percentage of expenditures widen is going into construction work will continue to diminish. Of the \$3,000,000 of expenditures this month and the \$5,000,000.000 experted for next month, less than balf is now going into construction.

going into construction.

On the year, the gross total expenditures, they now say, will run over \$40.000,000.000 but the rate of production now is around \$70.000,000.000 a year.

This and the other recommendations of Mr. Wilkle's speech seemed and the state of Mr. Rossevel squestions like lundon independence, and the state of Mr. Rossevel squestions like lundon independence and the state of t

The Wilkie suggestion for an extensive and apparently revi than ynew world order in the post-war world falled to make up his attitude with them.

Side Glances



"With Tony gone, the war's wrecked me-there are no young fellows left who would flock here for the other chair, and the wives of my older customers now make them shave themselves."



Praise For A Speccle

Stolen: FDR's Thunder

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON

NO DOUBT some of those in the Administration are feeling hurt over Wendell Willie's broadcast, it is understandable. The Administration has been in office for a long time. The idea has grown upstend by the disaml futility of most of the Republican leadership—that there is no alternative to the present Administration. The argument for the third term was that there was no one to run the country except President Roosevell.

Well, I think he has been a great President, especially in his first two terms. He hasn't always shown the same teadership in his third term. Rooseveft in his first or second term would never have wated to let Wendell Willide deliver the speech that he himself should have made.

speech that he himself should have made.

Vice-President Maliace made the same speech,
In its central idea. Wallace and Wilkie have set the
therme of real American policy, which is that the free
war, that it must be a different one this time, one
which will recognize freedom as an aim in Asia as
well as in the West, and that America must assume
an important part in trying to put the pieces together. Under Secretary Welles spoke to the same
freet in his Memorial Day address.

sfeet in his Memorial Day address.

There has been a lack of leadership in this sort of thing on the part of President Boosevelt. True, he has been a lack of leadership in this sort of thing on the part of President Boosevelt. True, he has been heavily burdened with day-to-day was problems. Yet the impact of Wallace's fire word was problems. Yet the impact of Wallace's the purposes of victory. In his last radio chat, the purposes of victory. In his last radio chat, the purposes of victory. In his last radio chat, the purposes of victory. In his last radio chat, the ground of the most of the purposes of victory. In his last radio chat, we have been about the same of the problems of the problems

Much of what Willkie said could better have gone into the President's recent fireside chat, Wood-

row Wilson did not hesitate to speak out about such things in the middle of his war, because he knew they were a part of the war.

The President has shown frequent signs of resenting any discussion by others. Secretary of State Hull tosses in a backhand rebuils to private citizens who discuss questions perfaiding to the war. Their diclike of outside talk is understandable. But he admerciate country it is a good skin if people are talk about it and argue about it. What do they want talk about it and argue about it. What do they want could be a supported by the country of the control of the country in the country in

a whose nation sitting about and saying "aa" into the mouth shaming to make the decedited with emough shaming to make the decedited with emough shaming to make the decedited with emough shaming to making wrong decisions because of public divexsion.

The time to worry about this country is when people are not interested enough in what is going on to talk about it and to have opinions appealing to the voters not to be apathetle but to get out and vote, and at the same time telling them they are not supposed to have opinions about war publicted. We want our efficients to be not interested enough to talk about what is being done. As Willike said, enough of that nonsense.

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Wilkle exercised his pittlege as an American
related citizen to discuss matters of develor importantial control of the contr

Visitin' Around

She With The Ballet Russe? (Wall City litera, Lexington Dispatch) We understand Mrs. J. P. Beanblossom arcident-ally fractured a toe one day last week, and has been quite inconvenienced since.

The Season Far Turning New Leaves Odlesion Heave Stanly News & Press Stanly News & Treas William of the Stanly News & Stanly New

The Serpent At A Hen Party . A Hen Party
(Quebec item,
Transylvania Timea)
Mrs. T. G. Henderson saw a number of her chicken
saws for her "grantina" chicken isome gathered in
a circle avoid something and also went to ace what
a circle avoid something and also went to ace what
has been action been attention. She found it to be
A large ratticeaske in its coul as if propared to getend Riself against the threatened attack from the chickens, She called, and T. C. Henderson from to the rescue and stunned the soulse with a small stick. Mrs. Henderson been looped a small cred around the soulse with a small stick. Mrs. Soulse is small stick. Mrs. Soulse is small stick. Mrs. Soulse is small stick. Mrs. Miller, the "snake specialist."

Name Production
(Mailand line)

We have a liftle chicken news here. Mrs. Cleon
Garmon has a hear that was hatched on May 2. Sho
began laying the last of August and has been setting
on her text of thifteen eggs about two weeks. We
think this is a hard record to heat. If anyone has
anything to head this we would like for you to show
yourself by writing to Mrs. Garmon.

And Not The Only Troubled Head in This World (RL 2 Hem, Lexington Dispatch) Mrs. Trevs Spatinour is having trouble with her head and after had an absens).