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Logistics

An Expert's Word Assumes

A New Meaning for America

This is no war of the minimum, but one of the maximum. Action doesn't come in driblets, but in floods. The months are past when American and British forces were forced to attempt the damming of a tide with makeshift forces. These days, every succeeding clash of arms has brought forth new superhalives.

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There was the greatest sea-borne movement of history into North Africa, the greatest naval engagement off the Solomons, the greatest obglight and tank skirmishes. Up and up climbed performances, speed, fire power, range. All warriors were reaching unheard-qf peaks. What the experts call logistics was making it possible. Great world-wide movements of men and materials changed the art of war.

Beginning this week wa believe that

Beginning this week, we believe, that Beginning this week, we believe, that change will daily become more apparent. With the selzing of a great Allied base in Africa our arms are within striking distance of the enemy. With the defeat of the Jap navy off the Solomona, there have the selection of the solomona, there were the selection of the solomona of the solomona.

of the Jap may off the Solomons, there is opportunity for sopportunity for serial fore in the Pacifie. The role of America now must be that of an arsenal of its own. Greater convoys must sail where only great ones salied before. Super sky fleets must fit where only mammoth ones flew before. The burden of flooding men and materials into Africa and the South Pacific is America's, and the job must be done for her own fighting men. The two victories will mean little unless our greater ability to produce is brought to bear upon the Axis, so that, though far fanned out, our forces may have access to more and superior weapons of war.

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Absence of Jap Carriers Hints Decline of Strength

ne most conclusive evidence that elev-nonths of warfare have left the navy apan in a sadly weakened condition at it could not, or dared not, show a le aircraft carrier in the final stages he battle for the Solomon Islands. ugh committed to run the U. S. out uadalcanal if it took all her remainpower. Japan failed to dispatch the tops which have become the most extant units in sea-borne offensives. most obvious deduction, therefore, is Japan has left no carriers fit for

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last big invasion by sea. The Japanfailures and those of British and
rican navies have stemmed from
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ys by sea, and the fact that the Japs
it to advance on the Solomons withsir equality in the face of past exmec has a definite meaning,
rhaps, in bases back home, carrier
log and repairs still go on; but the
nation is certainly unable to match
truction programs with us. Even if
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Id look around and discover a few ciencies. The late of the control of the state of the control of the control of the restricted, chief among them Memorial pital, and others, such as an uplown torium, were being discussed when easy-money offer was withdrawn. As the control of the control of the com-trol of the control of the corresponded the head.

Weary Italy May Quit By Christmas

If Luck Is With Us

P Lady Luck stays with us in North Africa we might have Italy reeling in chaos and virtually out of the war by Christmas. With the breaks our way it would be a real possibility.

In stressing the importance of the breaks, I do not minimize the careful preparation that went into this North African offensive. Yet careful as it was, we would not have been able to do the job up to now as amosthly as we have if luck had been against us.

amoethly as we have if luck had been against us. For instance, at this time of year there is just about, one day out of four when you can make a surf landing on the wast coast of Africa's in the ways it, had to be done around Gasahianca. The weather broke our way and General. George S. Patton was able to move ashore. Fad it been one of the bad-weather nights—as the previous night was—our forces would have arrived off the coast to face twelve- or fifteenfoot waves that would have made a beach landing impossible. Our convoys would have had to stand off, and remain exposed to submarine sitack, while waiting for calm landing everywhere would have been weakened.

Or had General Mark W. Clark and his party-not been

Or had General Mark W. Clark and his party not been able to make that swim to their craft that was to take them back after they had secretly spied out the lay of the land, we would have had to undertake the campaign with grossly inadequate information as to troop strength

By Raymond Clapper

and dispeditions, fortifications, the temper of the French forces and population. General Ciark's best upset. Yes read about him losing his pants and his peckettius of gold. He and his party almost lest their lives. It was only with the help of luck that they reached the vessel that was to carry them out with their indispensable report.

Those are only two of many instances in which good played on our side to back up the thorough prepara that had been made.

Now the race is on for Tunisia. Axis forces are in there. We are racing in ourselves. Our channes depend on getting in before the Germans are able to ferry in enough reincrements to obtain superiority over us. If we take Tunisia, the Axis will have to leave Africa. We will be within 100 miles of Italian territory. We can start bombing Italy at about range.

Italy is the only member of the Axis that has a chance to get out of the war on good terms. Germany and Japan will be smashed. Hisdy can throw in and escape the final smashing if the Italian people will insist on it. We know a large underground organization in Italy is working to that end.

Italy is a prisoner of Germany, lashed to Hitler's charlot. Elements inside Italy realize that the only way Italy can re-cover freedom is to check out of the Axis, shake loose from Pascist leaders and win the help of the Allies. We are

ready to assist Italy to get back on her feet and protect hersell from further German domifiation—which has been at Italys expense throughout the war, down to the Section of Italian soldiers in Rommel's retreat from Egypt.

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Allied policy was made clear by Assistant Secretary of State Berie over the week-end when he loid the Baz" and Seciety in New York that the United States bepare for the day when we can once more welcome into the brotherhood of civilization a free and friendly Italian mation, giving again to the world the fruit of he culture and traditions. He said Italy's nationhood was guaranteed by the Atlantic Charter, with a freedom beyond the wildest Fascist dreams.

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Thus, as Secretary Berls says, Italy has the opportunity to make a decision that will achieve freedom. On the one side is the prospect of Christmas spent under Allied bombs, and pethaps more than that if all goes well in the neath few weeks. If we take Tunia, nothing that Germany can do will save Italy from something infinitely worse than England suffered during the bilits.

On the other side is the prospect of freedom from the Nazi-Fascist yoke, from the steadily spreading starra-tion, and the prospect of having the rapidly growing strength of the United Nations used to protect Raly in-stead of te demolish it.

Every possible means is being used to get the word of this opportunity spread around among the people in Italy.

## "Brother, I'm Getting a Smile Out of This, Too"

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**War Into Figures** 

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## Too Much Yank

Editors, The News:
At the risk of being accused of resurrecting sectional animosities against the introduction of the section of the section

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It is not my belief the descendants of the "damyanhees" are doing more, if as much in proportion to numbers, as are the descendants of "John yarble" keither do I believe the descendants of John yarble are are marked are and the descendants of John are descendant of "Johnbyrth".

ants of "Johnbyrth".

Why not be fair, as well as truthful, and say the Americans are coming, or the Americans are doing this and that? All I know is what I read in the papers, and it is in print that a Texan is the commanding general of American forces overseas, is that true or have frough on our hands without introducing this "Yankee" stuff, Take it or leave it.

—LOUIS PHILLIPS.

Bear Creek.

Notes of Thanks: .

Editors, THE NEWS: Mutual friends in Charlotte have sent to me a copy of your very fine editorial, GRAND JOB, which appeared in your issue of Sept. 21.

May we also take this oppor-tunity to congratulate all of you in North Carolina for having 'ed-the nation in the September drivs. —CLAUDE F. LEE.

New York City.

(Note: Many Charlotteans will remember with pleasure long and lanky Claude F. Lee, manager of the Imperial Thesate back in the early twentien, new public relations director for Faramount Fictures.

—Editors, The Newa.)

#### And the War Chest

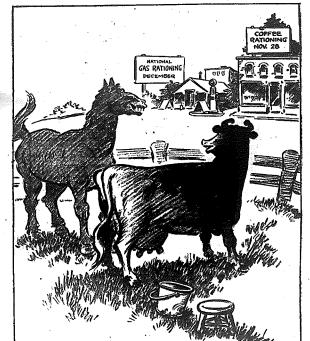
And the War Lhest Editor, The News: One reason for the highly sue-cessful results of the War and Community Chest Campaign is that your newspaper and its staff co-operated so mavelously, and we feel that a large part of the success is due to this epicnish, co-operation.

-JAMES R. BRYANT,
President War and
Community Chest.
Charlotte.

#### Side Glances



"But mother, if we must save heat and hot water, it seems to me you might let me win just one bath argument as your contribution to the war effort?"



Leave It To Vicky?

## North African Politics

WASHINGTON
THE milliary situation is no yet clarified in North
Africa and until it is the political situation will
also, probably, remain obscure.
That the United States will contribute to setting up a new Yichy in Africa is out of the quesmiral Darlan. The situation, indeed, has its comic
elements. Darlan as Machiavelli seems to have become entangled in his own Machiavelliantsm. And,
speaking of Machiavelli, the thought of Mr. Hull in
this role brings a broad amile to one's face.

nus role brings a broad smile to one's face.

The polley of the United States is not clarified in all details, but it is certainly clarified in essentials. We are committed to the Four Freedoms. That must mean that we can never put our military might behind a para-Fascist government.

government.

So, when Admiral Darian tries to set himself up as the civil authority in North and West Africa, one only has to look at his record and ask onessif the control of the contro

even more importantly, neither would the French Naw, the only reason the question arises is that, on the Algier radio, now in control of the Auguste Nogues have announced that the former assumer full responsibility for French interests in Africa. "With "the approval of the American authorities with whom I Intend to guarantee the defense of North Africa." He ended this sufficience of North Africa." He ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. He ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The ended this sufficiency with the Auguste of North Africa. The Auguste of North Africa

by the Marshal.

In his, Darian is sciling toward us as Petain acied toward Germany. The base of whistever power he may have at the moment is an armistice. Whether he has any real power at all is doubtful. He cannot, apparently, command the French Fleet and, apparently, command the French Fleet and, apparently, command the French Fleet and Darian should be recognized as a Prench collaborationist government, obviously with the timerol logic in our celebrating a victory by recognizing the same government. Things don't turn out that way.

yichy France, under the prominent leader-ship of Admirat Darlan, was a paild beige Naziism. Il aboilshed the motto of "liberty, equality, and fraternity;" it destroyed every vesige of popular government; it staged the Riom trials; it turned over to Hitler, Mussolini and France anti-Fascist refugees; it instituded copies of the Nuremberg

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Laws: it participated in the deportation of Jerre to Poland; it desorbed the funds unions and to Poland; it desorbed the funds unions and the press; it created as French Ecgion as a kind of S. A.; it turned over Indo-China to the Japanese and thus enabled to Japane and thus enabled to shoot at the British in Morr-El-Rober and Dancaer; it produced armaments for the German war effort and recruited French volunteers for the Nazi war against Russia; it never even requested the French Frete to Join us until it was too late; on the contrary, it ordered resistance deaths of an unknown number, of Frenchsian and Americans.

Neither Freedom of Speech, nor Freedom from Fear is possible under any Vichy leaders. There-fore one must regard the present political moment as an interval in an unconsolidated military situa-

"Throughout these days General de Gaulle has behaved calmly and impeccably. I am no fanatical of Gaulle, but the Fighting Prench are our allies and have been since the beginning. General de Gaulle has always insisted that the future political leadership of France could come out of the underground forces of resistance now there. Obviously we cannot assume that any learner of the country of the

using three spent them inves suppressed where spent the super at takes are so fundamental that it is absolutely set of the question that cur Stale Department and the President will play with the forces of reaction in Europe, supplying democratic blood in order to set up annahronistic or para-fascul curden the supplying democratic blood in order to set up annahronistic or para-fascul curden the supplying democratic blood in order to set up annahronistic or para-fascul curden the supplying the supplying

Our Government knows these things. We have very distinguished political leadership.

#### Visitin' Round

The Doc Was Easy On 'Em (Luck item, Marshall New-Record)
Lester Turner and Callie Justice had a car wreck
sunday. They were taken to the doctor at Waynesville but were not seriously hurt.

# Ultimately, a huge force comparable to that of North Africa must be gathered in the Pacific; and a far greater force must be assembled in the Mediterranean area. Further, when the drive upon the continent comes, the quantity of arms and supplies which must follow our men will stagger the imagination. This kind of warfare resolves itself into a gigantic job of supply. Now that we have committed ourselves in one major theater, and are ready to do so in another, we have only begun. The war will be won along the shortest distances between factory and Irpnt. Day Of Roses The Biggest Football Game Is at Least Only a Sideshow

we are not propared to censure the wartime revival of Pasadona's Rose Bowl game on grounds of military security, or on the basis of effects upon public morale. We don't know whether the presence of over 00,000 football fans packed into the Arroyo Seco arena will lure the Japa to attempt a hazardous, spectacular blow, or whether the sportsminded nation will find the extravariant attempt a hazardous, spectacy and the second sec

of the times.

We do know that the crowning spectacle of the gridiron season will be played in a country vastly different from that of last January. If the West Coast is now confident of its immunity to attack and the need for morale-building events more widely accepted, there are also thousands of American families already saddened by the receipt of casualty notices from Washington.

The Rose Bowl may be safe and may sive a lift to the morale of a certain group. But for most of the nation, but at work or war and looking full into the face of a dark present and a darker future, the Tournatment of Roses will pass with little notice. For the exhibition of perhaps 59 young men of lighting age, and a delirious holiday for thousands, the biggest game fills the bill. So far as we're concerned, that's about all it does.

-A Chicagoan is divorced because he made the wife cat a bar of soap. Evidently another of radio's daytime dramas, with the product tied into the continuity.

Two years ago the French Chamber was taking a 496 to 1 vote of confidence in the Premier. In the confusion since, the name of the intelligent minority has escaped us.