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More?

Absence of Jay Carriers Hints Decline of Strength

The most conclusive evidence that eleven months of warfare have left the navy man in a sadly weakened condition... The battle for the Solomon Islands... Japan has left no carriers fit for service.

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When if American figures are also... inaccurate, there are not many... ten Japanese carriers which were... or building last year.

By the loss of a weapon, the enemy... forced to change his tactics. Hence... Americans will choose the time... battle. That marks a turn in the war.

First Come

Will the Next PWA Find Its Left at the Post?

How an incredible good fortune the... should end six months or so from... (which is wholly improbable, of...)

any of the forehanded city govern... of the country have already got... projects filed away in blueprint... and their officials will be ready... to catch the first train to Washin...

Two years ago the French Chamber... was taking a 496 to a vote of confidence... in the Premier. In the confusion since...

If Luck Is With Us

Weary Italy May Quit By Christmas

By Raymond Clapper

IF Lady Luck stays with us in North Africa we might have Italy reeling in chaos and virtually out of the war by Christmas.

In stressing the importance of the break, I do not minimize the careful preparation that went into this North African offensive.

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 west coast of Africa in the way it had to be done around Casablanca.

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

and dispositions, fortifications, the temper of the French forces and population. General Clark's boat upset. You read about him losing his pants and his pocketful of gold. He and his party almost lost 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 luck played on our side to back up the thorough preparations that had been made.

Now the race is on for Tunisia. Axis forces are in there. We are racing in ourselves. Our chances depend on getting in before the Germans are able to ferry in enough reinforcements to obtain superiority over us.

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. Italy can throw in and escape the final smashing if the Italian people will insist on it.

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

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

Allied policy was made clear by Assistant Secretary of State Berle over the week-end when he told the Black-White Society in New York that the United States hopes for the day when we can once more welcome into the brotherhood of civilization a free and friendly Italian nation, giving again to the world the fruit of her culture and traditions.

Thus, as Secretary Berle 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 perhaps more than that if all goes well in the next few weeks. If we take Tunis, nothing that Germany can do will save Italy from something infinitely worse than England suffered during the blitz.

On the other side is the prospect of freedom from the Nazi-Fascist yoke, from the steadily spreading starvation, and the prospect of having the rapidly growing strength of the United Nations used to protect Italy instead of to demolish it.

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

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 dribbles, but in floods. The months are spent when American and British forces were forced to attempt the damming of a tide with makeshift forces.

Beginning this week, we believe, that change will daily become more apparent. With the seizing of a great Allied base in Africa our arms are within striking distance of the enemy.

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.

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Day Of Roses

The Biggest Football Game Is at Least Only a Sideshow

We are not prepared to censure the wartime revival of the Football Bowl game on grounds of military security, or on the basis of effects upon public morale.

The Rose Bowl may be safe and may give a lift to the morale of a certain group. But for most of the nation, busy at work or war and looking full out at the face of a dark present and a darker future, the Tournament of Roses will pass with little notice.

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

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

—By Herblock



Leave It To Vichy?

North African Politics

By Dorothy Thompson

THE military situation is not yet clarified in North Africa, and until it is the political situation will also, probably, remain obscure.

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In this, Darlan is acting toward us as Petain acted toward Germany. The base of whatever power he may have at the moment is an armistice. Whether he has real power at all is doubtful.

Vichy France, under the prominent leadership of Admiral Darlan, was a pallid beige Nazism. It abolished the motto of "liberty, equality, and fraternity." It destroyed every vestige of popular government; it staged the Rome trials; it turned over to Hitler, Mussolini and Franco anti-Fascist refugees; it initiated copies of the Nuremberg

laws; it participated in the deportation of Jews to Poland; it dissolved the trade unions and suppressed the free press; it created a French Legion as a kind of S. A.; it turned over Indochina to the Japanese and thus enabled the Japs to attack us; it ordered the French Fleet to shoot at the British in Mers-El-Kheir and Dakar; it ordered resistance in Syria and Madagascar; it produced armaments for the German war effort and recruited French volunteers for the Nazi war against Russia; it never even requested the French Fleet to join us until it was too late; on the contrary, it ordered resistance to us in Morocco and Algiers just as it caused the deaths of an unknown number of Frenchmen and Americans.

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

Throughout these days General de Gaulle has behaved calmly and judiciously. I am no fanatical de Gaulle, but the Fighting French 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.

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

Long Division

War Into Figures

Stateville Daily

GOON will be wrestling with Income tax returns and the figures may run you next to crazy, but while you're waiting for Uncle Sam to tell you where to begin, here is a problem in simple addition that may intrigue:

	Roosevelt	Chill	Kal-Shek	Hitler	Stalin	Mitchell
Year they were born...	1852	1874	1887	1889	1879	1884
Year they took office...	1933	1929	1921	1933	1929	1929
Age	81	67	54	52	62	57
Number years in office	2	13	8	13	11	11
	2882	3882	3882	3882	3882	3882

Those figures apply as of Dec. 7, 1941 (the day of Japan's infamous attack on Pearl Harbor), and the year may have something to do with the totals, as the fellow who handed us this explanation. If it is a tricky tabulation, you find the trick. Always when we go messing around with figures we go to sleep, else we'd try to help you out. Perhaps you'll notice that by multiplying 1941 by two you get another total of 3962.

Platform Of The People Too Much Yank

Editors, The News:

At the risk of being accused of resurrecting sectional animosities I am entering a vigorous protest against the introduction of so much "Yank" in our war effort.

It is not my belief the descendants of the "Manzaneros" are doing more, if as much in proportion to numbers, as are the descendants of "Johnnyreps". Neither do I believe the descendants of the "damnyankes" are any better Americans today than are descendants of "Johnnyreps".

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—LOUIS PHILLIPS

Stear Creek.

Notes of Thanks:

From the Movies

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

Although a bit belated, I want to tell you how grateful

ted all of us are to observe the sentiments which you have expressed about the work of the motion picture industry during the September War Drive. I want to express the appreciation of my company for this fine recognition. While all of us are merely trying to do a war job at every opportunity, it still remains that such thoughtful praise is encouraging.

May we also take this opportunity to congratulate all of you in North Carolina for having led the nation in the September drive. —CLAUDE F. LEE, New York City.

(Note: Many Charlotteans will remember with pleasure long and janky Claude F. Lee, manager of the Imperial Theater back in the early twenties, now publicity director for Paramount Pictures. —Editors, The News.)

And the War Chest

Editors, The News:

One reason for the highly successful results of the War and Community Chest Campaign is that your newspaper and its staff co-operated so marvelously, and we feel that a large part of the success is due to this splendid co-operation.

Please accept our sincerest thanks. —JAMES R. BRYANT, President War and Community Chest, Charlotte.

Side Glances



"But mother, if I 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!"

Visitin' Round

The Doc Was Easy On 'Em

(Luck Item, Marshall News-Record)

Lester Turner and Caille Justice had a car wreck Sunday. They were taken to a doctor at Waynesville but were not seriously hurt.