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#### Far Echoes

Soviet Victory, Fascist Sob Answer Americans in Africa

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If the military situation in Tunisia
was all contusion to Allied and Axis
commanders, it was not so in movewhilened Russia, or in trembling Italy
across the narrows. While armies still
rushed toward a rendezvous on African
sell, their thomer resounded from the
Camessus battlefields to the microphones
is Rome. In those places American arms
were akready winning marginal victories.
There was deancing in the streets of
Bioscow when the Red Army at Ordshonlikibe was heard from. Under pressure,
the weakened Axis lines had cracked
and melicid away, Germans and Rumanlane were dying or retreating. A major
reloxy was reported to have removed
the danger to Gromy oil fields. The
sweets still had power of men and arms
and valor.

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There was a final, uncompromising goom in Rome, where the withered Italian empire breathed a new deepair. That ya hour has struck." That was no preciamation that a day of glory was at hand, as it had been at the glorious essquest of Ethiopia. Italy recognized the shadow lying across the sunny land, soon, the Allies were coming. It would be the end. It sounded as if Mussolini and prepared himself for certain dis-

Coly academically, until yesterday, had the probable effect of the African invasion upon the Russian front been roised. Stalin had halled the move almost jubliantly, but Churchill had sizedy revealed the open secret of Soviet imappointment. It was when Germans becan to fiee in the Caucasus that the African blow was shown in its true worth. The much Naul strength had been diverted. It might soon be the same story all the way down the bloody line from leatingrad.

Issinged.

And only as a matter of course had predictions of Italy's coming doom been made by the leaders of the United Sations. It remained for a Jiltery listy to offer her own admission that the jie was up, and that she knew it tall well. That announcement from Italy may have elipped by the German masurs because they misunderstood its meaning. But for the rest of the world bare is a different interpretation. It knew what Suome meant, and most of it been what Rome meant, and most of it heartily agreed with the somber senti-ment. With a glance at Russia, it could like see another day of doom in the making. The Allies in Africa were shak-ing the world.

#### **Pris**e Example

Court Suspends Sentence On a Paroled Murderer

A prize example of the general ineffi-lency and indifference of Mecklenburg Superior Court, criminal division, is

select and indifference of Mecklenburg Superior Court, criminal division, is a street in the case of a Negro convicted this week of attacking another Negro with a deadly weapon; to wit, an leaving a consequent of the control of the street. A sentence of two-to-four years adage Rousseau handed him, but the attence was suspended for the reason hast the Negro was Robert "Eightball" Barnes, one of the two men whose feel had to be amputated because they were contined during freezing weather in the dark house of a Mecklenburg convict camp some seven years ago.

Judge Rousseau knew about that affair, and naturally fell inclined to be inhelicity at the State's hand. Solicitor Carpster, doubless, feeling somewhat the same way about it, had no heart to try to prevail upon the Court to let the factor sentence go into effect. But what he Judge evidently did not know and the Solicitor had forgotten was that, a couple of years after the Negro's travail in the dark house, he had killed a manshot him on the street when an argument fared up. He was convicted of number in the second deeper, sentenced shot him on the street when an argu-sent flared up. He was convicted or urder in the second degree, sentenced sprison for a term of five to ten years. Her serving ryear or so, as we recall, was paroled. We feel kindly toward this little Negro, the field with the wild that the result of the little serving the serving

its among his own people. We st him, in fact, to obtain a pension State which had maimed him ma time to time we have lent oney, a balance of \$3.50 being standing now, and having been for a time. We can see how the court, gaising him as not genuinely a bad

un and feeling pity for him, would be impelled to show him mercy. Nevertheless, a convicted murderer charged with now violence deserves severe treatment not lenience. As much is due his next

We have made sure that the suspension of the sentence will stand, for it is not within the province or the inclinations of this newspaper to cause persons to be sent to prison when the court has directed otherwise. All the same, it should be perfectly clear from this instance, as it has been from countless predecessors, that in Mecklenburg Superior Court, oriminal division, those accused of crimes are tried as though they were perfect strangers, the Solicitor not bothering himself to inquire into the background or previously exhibited tendencies of his customers, much less to produce any sort of record of previous appearances.

It all goes to confirm our belief that in this all-important agency of the State, rabiter over life and liberty, a condition of the most inexcusable inefficiency and apathy prevails. to be sent to prison when the court has

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### Four Months

March 15 Will Bring Shock To Taxpayers Who Can't Pay

In four of the shortest months on record, some 50,000,000 Americans will discover first-hand the whole awful truth about taxakion for war. Of those, more than 33,000,000 will be paying income taxes for the first lime. But the true significance of the Idea of March is that, though on the very threshold of a major fiscal upheaval, most, of the seeple still don't results what is some the still contrastile what is some people still do no. . to happen to them. nle still do not realize what is going

A Gallup Poll shows that a great many will have to pay; that most of then have made no arrangements to pay taxes due in March; and that many more grossly underestimate the amount they will have to pay. In the weeks left to him, the average taxpayer cannot do much to prepare for the shock. It's too

amplica:
The single man or woman who made
\$100 a month this year will owe the Government one and one-half month's
salary; the \$50-a-week worker will owe
nine weeks; pay if single, and six week'
pay if married; the \$100-a-week earner
more than nine week' pay if married,
and the single individual who made as
much as \$500 a week will owe all he
geta between now and the March 15
tax date.

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From the situation which will soon be upon us all, one impressive lesson may be learned, if we are willing and able to study it. Because taxation has now reached the point that the fixing of rates has become only part of the problem, and the means of collection has become all-important, Washington must consider how the people can pay. The little taxpayers, nether foresighted nor economical nor well-informed enough to provide for such heavy payments in advance, must have help, or thousands of them will soon be in default.

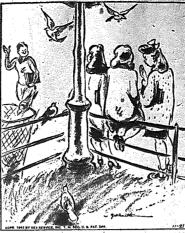
For that reason, the pay-as-you-go tax, long bandled about in Congress, is getting serious consideration from Senator George of the Senate Finance Committee. He wants that form of taxation to be put into effect before March 15,

mittee. He wants that form of taxation to be put into effect before March 15, to permit payments of taxes on 1943 incomes as they are earned. And, to avoid an unbearable burden, he would postpone a settlement on incomes of 1942 until after the war. Perhaps that the mitter count from the control of the control of the country of the control of the country of the cou 1942 until after the war. Perhaps that is neither sound finanee nor taxation, but with the passing months the status of the men and women who will have to bear the burden has made it seen the more necessary. Certainly, under the present system, there is going to be more than moaning on March 15. Many will be simply unable to meet their new obligation to the Treasury of the United States.

The big doings in Africa may not be exactly what Joe Stalin had in mind. Nevertheless they dispel any dark sus-picion that Brother Willkie was our

A Pennsylvanian contributes the keys of every room in his home to the metal drive and must hereafter sing loudly in the bath.

Side Glances



"Don't pay any attention to him—he isn't even old enough to be included in the coffee ration!"

Smartest Move

# Lend Lease Aid

By Raymond Clapper

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WASHINGTON

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the use of Lend-Lease feed and supplies to rehabilished liberated populations so that they can begin predecting and tightling for our side.

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## Platform Of The People

# That City Air

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icials as slop peddlers.

The conditions I am referring to in this article are not
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very heart of the city on Trade
and Tryon, and I consider comof the socalled sum sections.
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the best places of amusement,
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where most of the poor people
where most of the poor people
where most of the poor people
are herded to enjop a few hours
of entertainment, and If they
are come out and say the air
even for a buttermilk cow,
then my sense of smell has
gone hayvire.

Or spend a day in some place

Or spend a day in some places of business where the temperature runs as high as 82 degrees, min-

rather already used and probably infected with germs. I know emit infected with germs. I know emit the control of the control

I am not surprised that em-ployees and customers come out of some public places with headaches, knowing the condi-tion of the air they breathe. If tion of the air they breathe. If you drank enough llquor to feel as bad under such conditions, folks would not only say you were wrecking your body but that you were surely going to hell. I don't anymors like to breathe the air other people breathed than I like to chew cerybody's cud.

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-P. C. BURKHOLDER
RFD No. 5,
Charlotte

TODAY'S RIBLE THOUGHT Don't justify yourself and con-demn the other fellow unheard: In lowliness of mind each count-ing other better than himself,— Philimpins 2:3 The Loose Ends

# Unifying City Government

By Dick Young

UNTIL I made a complisation of the various sub-ordinate commissions and boards of the Muni-cipal Government I never had any idea of the wide

Ocvenment I never had any idea of the wide-cations of the set-up. Handling these commis-in piccurses I had not gotten a picture of the overall situation until this week when I began to investigate a little after Mayor Ourrie had advanced his suggestion to the Council that the lack of uniformity in this con-nection be studied.

A serve listing of the nine-commissions and boards pikally

the city's governing board. The Mayor has a good Mea about studying the situation in an effect to bring about some sort of uniformity. Re suggested the plan at this week's Council session and quite readily the members of the Council agreed to the appointment of a committee to make a

survey.

This committee, working with the City Attorneya, will complete facts about the present set-up, and even though the committee has not even started to work I am surv. ft will reach an ultimate decision of something about it. Onarier amendments to clear the confused situation will be necessary and if that course is finally agreed upon by the Country than members of the Meckleiburg legislative delega-

Young tion will be asked to present the necessary measures in the 1842 session of the General Assembly.

The Mayir has no idea of trying to take away any of the powers of inneitions of these substitutes hours to be not deep of trying to take nearly the first present there is no legal way of supervising any of them. On that score there has not been any necessity, within my resolutation, for close, supervision over these boards but it is resonable to any necessity, within my resolutation, for close, supervision over these boards but it is resonable to assume that pome day some locat might get out of line and play harver.

There should be some sheet in the case of such eventuality, if some symbological agency should do something just would reflect us the net and there is entirely so may be a supervision. And no I say the Mixper har get something when he engretes an analysis of these commissions and their operations. Support that City Manager. Flack might research his test ment system for the health department in more to get 22,200 that had been offered by the State Board of Health did not come from the Seven Timo Dickes. Of the four members of the Counted wise on Wednesday were willing to try out the plan, two opposed the appointment of an outside man as City Manager. And on the other hand, Councillance, J. A. Baker of the Seven Iron Dukes was about the post wheement objector. He turned a deaf ear to all yespects of the supervision of the post members of the Council who on Wednesday had not not other hand, Councillance, J. A. Baker of the Seven Iron Dukes was about the post any month.

## Forget The Dreamers

# A New World Is Born

WASHINGTON
A DUCATES of a global state, or a purified world
A in unity, after the war, are churmphare
but it is evident that more authoritative spokesmen
and more tangible facts already are sating down
their plans.

Behind recent events, it is obvious that the
pest-war world is going to be fixed by negotiation, based on conditions (economic, financial and
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than by the hopes of American idealists or
Europe's democratic refugets.

For instance, Mr. Churchill announced he was not
conducting Britain's war to accomplish the dismenberment of the British Empire. Prime Minister was
stor—one by any stateman of the world who will
be at the peace table, but by one who has not official
position which would take him there, Mr. Wilkle.
The world statemen were silent.

Similarly, the American official devotees of

be at the peace thoir, out by one won has not unions. The word databases are sufficiently as the peace that the peace that the peace that the subject, but Mr. Bossevelt, who will have the subject, but Mr. Bossevelt, who will have the single asy, has contented himself recently with adversaring the practical Philippine with adversaring the word with a subject to the peace of the peac

unity, global or otherwise, must be a genuine, freely entered agreement by all participating sides, Unity cannot be imposed by one party on another (unites you mean the kind of unity Hitler gave Czecheslovakia.)

It is plain our victorious peace is not going to be written by Mr. Wallace, or even by Mr. Roosevelt-but at a table where Churchill, Stalin, Chiang Kai-Shek and others will sit.

While Messrs. Willkie and Wallace agitate, Mr.

While Mextr. Willite and Wallace agitate, Mr. Churchill bedges himself to maintenance of the British Empire (including India?) and Stalin—ah, yes, Stalin, whose democratic Ideals were Budded by Mr. Wallace, speaks not a word about democracies, or atlantic Charter, or bills of rights, or Russia's pian York Herald-Tribune Forum.

Appirently, we—we good American—are the only nationality in the world talking about building international Twis, international banks, giving a quart of milk a day, "global states," "world unity." No see size is.

All Chiang wanted at the New York Estald-Tribune was controlled to the New York Stardis-Tribune to the New York Stardis-Tribune

was "justice and firmness tempered by Weldom."

Thus, it is now apparent, the peace and the better world hereafter will be editined by compromise and the better will be edited by compromise and the better and went. The commitations will be between the U. S. Britain, Russica and others and the conclusions (to endure) must be mutually acceptable to all.

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If all or gifts of quarts of milk will be limited by the size of our debt. Our bestewnis of freedom will be limited from the size of the size of the size of the Tran, the war is yet to be wan, but here at test, is the beginning of concrete understanding as to what it may bring. This is not at all dis-couraging is anyone who has realized that men art more yet divine, and that progress erected on a size of the size of the size of the size of the It forecastia a more realistic, and, therefore, more lasting and genuine peace than we have been hear-ing about.

The Vacant Chair

—Bu Herblock

