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#### **Part Of A Plan** Cooked Up Not So Much for

A Crisis as for Permanency

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In these distressful days, it is mighty
hard to work up any sympathy for
the business man who has had his salary
est to 25,000 smackers, net. And it is
seen more difficult to force a tear for
the poor old men in well-warmed clubrooms, and the widows and orphans
(in emine) who, tolling and spinning
not, are now threatened by the President
with a similar restriction upon their unserved income.

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After all, the money they don't need will buy machine gun bullets for the boys on Guadalcanal and new, faster planes for the boys in North Africa, and those are Exhibits A and B in the President's case for a ceiling on incomes. He is shrewd enough to know that with those two pleces of evidence he could hang any jury of public opinion in the world. Congress, you may lay to it, will give in despite any bluster it may exhibit to the contrary.

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And having done so, it will have enabled the President to take one further movement rearward in his earnest plan is back this country into a modified socialism. The CIO origin of the \$25,000 limitation on incomes does not of itself condemn the "design as subversive; severtheless, it carries a certain significance. But of far greater import is the President's well-known scheme of pleading for extraordinary laws or powers with which to meet some emergency, and of coolly retaining them after the semergency has passed and been fortotten.

emergency has passed and been forgotten.

He is psychologist enough to know
that in a crisis anything goes, and that
the public memory is short. But the
record of his retention of authority
granted for one purpose and retained
for another, wholly different purpose,
grows so long that some day he may
trip over it.

Anybody who expects the President
ever to reliquish, if he can help it,
the war-time limitation upon incomes,
is either inequaous or a dyed-in-thewood New Dealer. And while we would
not care, at this juncture to argue the
merits or demerits of the move, we do
hink that it should be recognized for
what it is — a considered step toward
state socialism by the master opportunist
of them all.

### A Goal

#### Retirement System a Necessity For Efficient Police Department

Chief Walter Anderson's new rules for Chief Walter Anderson's new rules for the Police Department comprise a model document for the operation of a law enforcement system in the city. They not only lay a basis for discipline, but set a true course for the future actions of the Chief, the Civil Service Commission and the City itself. They take their place as a foundation of police power and are a prerequisite of departmental efficiency.

efficiency.

They replaced a code drawn up by a former chief in two hours under a sudden demand. The rules are 80-odd in number, replacing 24 previous ones: They have the approval of the best legal minds, intersected solely in the proper allocation of authority springing from the City Charter. But to us their real importance is that they indicate in no unneartain fashion the next great need of Charlotte's government.

Supported now by a civil service system, the Police Department stands on one leg. If must, sooner or later, be

tem, the Police Department stands on cine leg. It must, sooner or later, be supported also by a retirement system. The suggested remedy for a department with more than its share of aging em-ployees was only an emergency measure, and is so pictured by the Chief and the City Attorney's office. An inactive division for older policemen cannot be defended as sound, It was suggested so that the problem of advancing age might be dealt with now. And its presen-lation served only to indicate the in-

majori be dealt with now. And its precen-sation served only to indicate the in-sacing need for a retirement system. One of the department's officers is sever 10, several others 65 or more-rithin ten years, almost half of the seast personnel will be in a high age roup. The problem will have to be met-ted to the problem will have to be meted. It is not the properties of the problem will have been proposed to be a pro-tor of the problem will have be the problem will be a problem will olina there is already an organization oring aid in such programs to local raments, but as yet not a single ty or city has entered. retirement system for City employees the expensive to install, because so attrible for retirement have been

making no contribution toward a retirement income. But with passing years, as government and employee share the burden, the program almost carries itself. It is a goal for the future. But it must be a goal. Without it, the Police Department will be forever hampered by the necessity of carrying a great number of men no longer able to serve at peak efficiency. Charlotte had best prepare for the emergency in advance.

### Prove It, Lad

Army's College Boys Must Show Aptitude for Learning

Show Apitiude for Learning

The Army's plan to convert many
colleges and universities into training
bases is a tipoff that the War Department expects a long, hard war. Some
250,000 solders are to be sent to school
for technical and scientific training scon,
the plan to be announced within two
weeks. But though campuses are to take
on a new air, and the country's educational facilities diverted toward a full
war program, the greater significance
of the move seems to us to be this inmovation in educational policies.
Logically enough, only boys able to
demonstrate their apitude and ability
to absorb higher education will be enrolled in courses lasting through 1945.
And that represents an almost revolutionary principle. For generations, thousands of American youngsters have gone
to college who had no business there,
who derived little benefit from exposure
to learning.
College students have not been sefected by any system. Those who could
pay, or work their way, poured through
the gates of knowledge and out again
in ever-increasing numbers.
Will the Army In an emergency, how-

pay, or work their way, poured through the gates of knowledge and out again in over-increasing numbers.

With the Army in an emergency, however, things are different. Realism popped out because the War Department, for now and later, had need of men with technical and scientific training. They will leave nothing to chance, and there will be nothing of the Joc College in the uniformed students who appear in numbers in the classrooms of Alma Mater. They'll be there to learn, and solely because they have shown they can and want to learn.

That certainly might be used as an opening wedge in a mational campaign to put advanced public schooling on a selective basis, and certainly the systems of the control of

worked upon the younger generations of the future?

## Vague Hero

Benito Strikes a Mighty Blow, Perhaps the Last of His Career

Perhaps the Last of His Career
Bentlo of Predapplo, after 20 years
of flourishing physical culture before
his people by exhibiting his growing
belly muscles, panted and labored over
his speech. He poured forth once again
a weak, watery brew which he hoped
would poison the United Nations before
the world. The warmongers and traitors,
he chanted, would meet a just end. Italy
would have victory. The British were
hyenas. The Americans were war-maging
intriguers.

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The payoff was his Introductory remark, which will remain a classic: "The less one says in wartime the better, but. I have a vague impression the Italian people want to hear ine." And he bumbled on, at length.

On his own grounds, his utterances might be genued, for he said nothing at all that had not been monotonously sounded by the organs of Tokyo and Berlin. His vague impression was worth a laugh, even so near the death bed of an empire and the climas ha a tragedy of a people. Vague, indeed, Vague because the people are no longer his, and have not been since the shadow of Berlin fell on him. Vague because Italy's underground, expressing the will of all the people, la ready to throw off the yoke.

Bis vague impression, like the intul-

His vague impression, like the intuition of uniettered Hitter, is only the expression of a weak man in the presence of the approaching power of the right-cous. If Mussolint has any hope that his rallying cry answered the clear call of Winston Churchill to the people of Italy and postponed for a day the time of reckoning, he will soon-know his error. Between his halting lines he revealed all too clearly that his vague impression actually was that the end was at hand. And that, from all the signs, is absolutely correct.

The Dove Of Peace

# With The Republicans

By Paul Mallon

MR. WILLKIE intends to be "reasonable" at St. Louis next Monday, according to Republican Congressional leaders with whom he has talked on the

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feliphone.

I will be a subject to the subject of the conprove any new national chairman who is not "a
symbol of isolationism." He will write a letter to
the National Committee meeting explaining this
stand, they say.

This probably means John Hollister, the Tatt
law partner of Cinchnasi, may of Insaling down of
party peace and Internal ameability. While Hollister has been close to Tatt, he has both integrity and ability of his own, and no isolationist
rend that anyone around here has been able to

Werner Stroeder of Hillings, (who may have

find.
Werner Shroeder, of Illinois, (who may have nearly enough votes in his pocket) is sharply opposed by the New York Herald Thiunn, beapeaking - no doubt the sentiments of the Williate wing, which assumes he is to close to the Chicago Thubus, as he is from the control of the Chicago Thubus, as he is from the control of the Chicago Thubus, as he is from the control of the Chicago Thubus, as he is from the control of the Chicago Thubus, as he is from the control of the Chicago Thubus, as he is the control of the Chicago Thubus, as he is the control of the Chicago Thubus, as he is the control of the Chicago Thubus, as he is the chicago Thubus, as

there will be a party split.

Republicans around New York accept the 1944
Presidential candidacy of Mr. Luce the magazine
publisher as a fact, although they may be overinterpreting the efforts at leadership which Mr. Luce
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put forth a pamphlet supplement to the December
suse, which revives the Keynes theory of deficit
spending as a basis for the future America.

Now Mr. Keyner own British Government has
always scorned his throot, and the more eager of all
we Dallet here Coulnet, and the Mr. Delete here Coulnet, and the presence of the control of the country of the cou

Lately, they have all been backing away from it (except FRB's Eccles). July realizing that the prospects of a Federal debt of \$150,000,000,000 on up to \$300,000,000,000 makes the further spending of billions by the bucketful a rather different proposition for the future.

The Luce publication implies it should be adopted "achieve security" and make "the Government ferwrite permanent prosperity and employment." would probably do the opposite and achieve natal poverty.

Thus our immediate post-war problem will be the opposite of what the Keynes theory was designed to meet. The problem will be to hold the boom in check for some years.

neck for some years.

Afterward, in invisible future years, the Gerermment will be required to spend again as assosary, but not hearly willingly on the Keynes
theory of limitless spending on betrewed money.

One reason is that this war has preved Gerermment spending is not efficient. When beauties
spends it gies a totlar value for a dellar spendior one and the spending of the spending of the spending of the spending position.

Economic wate, inefficiency and sheer politics prevent that kind of spending from bringing full economic benefits to all the people of the country whose future labors are thus put in hock. You get things like Tugwell's resultement or Mrs. Roosevelt's West Virginia project and worse.

The Keynes theory in its first essential assumption is therefore wrong. It might make some sense if the money went for productive housing that would pay back, or toil bridges, dams and such incompoducing projects, but there are not enough of these worthwhile projects to sustain a Keynes theory.

westward projects to sustain a Kornes theory and a crashing of the productive chandle exhaust a construction of the control of

No one, including Keynes, has ever told where his venture ends. Apparently it contemplates a continuous increase in debts, taxes, and spending without conclusion. You never get to a point where you win.

win.

This much may be said in favor of the Keynes theory. It has proved to be profitable politics during the New Deal, to the extent that it was tried. It never brought in anything but votes, or had any economic sudcess.

Mr. Eccles and some others said the reason for this was that not enough money was spent, i.e. Mr. Roosevel, should have spent two or three times the single-spender than the proceeding brace-time budget—with gives you an idea of the spe of the dynamic Mr. Lotte is playing with.

### Birth of a Beautiful Idea

-By Herblock



### What's Next

# Throwback To Harding?

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON.

MERICANS will find much to think about in the long-awalted report of Sir William Beverlige, which is the result of a probaged study undertaken at the request of the British Government. The proposed study undertaken at the request of the British Government. For the proposed study of the British and the probage conditions of life there. Therefore its specific proposals are of only secondary importance to us. The British have their proposed proposed to the proposed study of the prop

hey are similar and in others totally different.
But one 'thing democracies have in common
—a need to improve continuously the adjustment of conditions that arise out of the impact
of the swift-moving industrial age. As we have
seen, you can go from boom to bust overnightfrom private yachts to selling apples. The New
make readjustments. The Wilson Administration
to try to
make readjustments. The Wilson Administration
and some, after the state of the control of the conkeyen Harding helped negotiate the eight-hour
day to replace the 12-hour day in the seed industry.

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day to replace the 12-hour day in the steel industry.

Theodore Roosevelt made a successful fight to
obtain Federal inspection of meat packing houses.

Before the state of the state of

The last election registered a reaction against various New Deal activities, and some think the

country has declared an spen season to wipe the whole New Deal off the statute books. In some respects the New Deal has been raw and carcless in administering its respon-sibilities, sliphough even here you have models like the TVA, which was one of the most bit-terly attacked changes.

tery attacked changes.

As one who believes in most of the things the Ronevelk Administration has been shooting at I am critical of alony and bumptions administration because I don't want to see necessary and destrable services of the Covernment ruined by administrative incompletence. If the critical want to use the client of the critical want to the client, the effect of the critical want to two the client, the effect of the critical want to two the client, the effect of the critical want to two the client, the effect of the critical want to two the client, the effect of the critical want to the critical want

the good.

But there are also some who are thinking that the way is now open for a complete reaction back to Harding, Some Republicans are flighting that this way is proved to the source of the sour

Dewey.

Some interests in Britain no doubt hope to bring about a reaction there. But the Beveridge report and a determination to make England a better place to the after the war Busy as, the people of England are with the war, they find time to discuss these questions.

are will the war, they find time to use of questions.

Cast. Oliver Lytileton, Minister of Production and a British industrialist, asys in discussing these questions that the essence of democracy after the war should be "a balance between the organizing power of the state and the driving power of the free individual." That puts it into as next a package as I have seen.



"Dear! Mrs. Smith is on the phone-she wants to borrow your blow torch, a hammer and chisel!"

## It's Refreshing

# War In The Army

By PVT. MACON REED
In This Week Magazine
Until a few, months ago I was a newspaper man in Washington.
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I have a seen a seen

was then that I really began to learn something about the way. In those black days of Winter defeat, Washington lay in a mlasma of anxiety and uncertainty. In contrast, I found the Army a bracing tonic, as Invigorating as cold night six. The sense certainty, was electric. It was the most exhilarating thing in the world to swing out across a drill field in the easy march step-of the American Army, feeling enceelf part of a smooth-flowing, purposeful column of power.

purposeful column of power.

As a three-week rookle, I yawned at some of the news which used to drive us to distraction when I was working in Washington. In the Army the news came to my barracks, If there was an Allied set-back anywhere, friend John Foreman, a grinning, devil-may-care telephone-pole man from Viginia, would say: "Just another place for us to take back." Then, preoccupied with much more serious matters, he careened through the burnacks shouting, "What blankety-blank-blank stole my pillow case?" It was inspection day and a lost pillow case is serious, white to worry. We were too conscious of the growing might of the thing we were creating.

Ining we were creating.

Regardies of schacks, the loss of strategic points, and vital lines, we know that the cremy will be defeated when he meets in the control of the c

out of their minds the ansiety which must afflet all those whe can only read of defeats abread and de nothing about them.

I have seen and felt the Army grow, like a young buil in Spring-time. I have seen atooping, skinny, coughting weakings transformed whose designities which the state of the state of

won by a million unusung Franzes with the state and brains to operate under fire the marvelous engines of scientific battle.

On any day of minor annozances—say the supper siew was burned or the haundry late—a stranger present would expect mementary mutiny in Company B. He would be startled, if not shocked, by the utter freedom of speech practiced in this Army. As the start of th

Soldiers don't go around menthing any philosophy of "rectom" or "democracy." I'm sure I never heard either word issue from a man in uniform. Yet whe live them and demonstrate them dally; we are paring to fight for them and win for them dally; we are prapring to the property of the property of the property of the partners of the property of the prop

# The Forward View

Christian Science Monitor

ONE day not long before his retirement, the late Admiral Robbey

D. Evans was inspecting the battleship "Now Hampablie". The
saliors were all all the salions when the line, giving
an occasional grain of satisfaction as he went alone

is reached the end and started up the rear. Half way up,

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Half way up,

the salion could see that
semething was amilas, and shuddered. But Evans walked up to
the man and gave him a vigorous slap on the sheulder, ex
claiming:

"You're a brave led a very terms."

claiming:

"You're a brave lad, a very brave one." He gave the man another slap. "That's right." he said. "Allways look in front; never mind the rear. If you lightly bour battles as you aline your abose, you'll make a good sailor."

And with a chuckle he continued down the line.

## Visitin' Round Bible Thought

Evil is not immortal, but we may become immortal by banishing evil and being filled with good: And the world passes gasey and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.—John 2:17.