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## Really, Now

### Who Cares About Dive Bombers and Parachutists?

Hoory! The British have discovered parachute troops. After two and a half ratcheting years of war, during which His Majesty's forces were floundered out of Crete by air-borne invaders, the brass hats in London have concluded that there might be something in this parachute thing, after all.

As an experiment, a few British parachutists have been sent to Crete. If these forces seem to have any practical value, one gathers that a few more might be added.

Not that Britain aims to be "the first by whom the new is tried." After the three German battleships successfully ran the Channel last week, an AP reporter cabled:

"Some informed sources ascribed the failure of the RAF and the fleet air arm to duplicate the Japanese air force's success against the Prince of Wales and Repulse off Malaya. To the fact that the RAF does not use dive bombers and that the weather was too bad to allow accurate high-level bombing."

Get that. The RAF does not use dive bombers. Perhaps the British are against dive bombers. But whatever it is that keeps the British behind the times in air warfare, they'd better shake it off. And that goes for the United States of America as well.

## Forget Prudence

### That Was Wilson's Advice To The Generals & Admirals

In this war, when daring and initiative win battles and over-cautious prudence loses them, there are times when, always excepting MacArthur, it seems that our side is with a deadly brand of mediocre leadership. It is not that our strategists are incompetent by the standard of twenty years ago—standards which many of them seemingly still cling to despite the pitiless progress of our enemies. It is the standards themselves that are outmoded, such as the British mistrust of dive bombers (see above).

In his day, Woodrow Wilson had some trenchant advice for the brass hats. As Joseph Daniels (then Navy Secretary) recalled, Aug. 11, 1917, he assembled Army and Navy bigwigs on the quarterdeck of the U. S. S. Pennsylvania near Yorktown and told them what he expected of them. It would be interesting to know whether the young Undersecretary of the Navy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, had heard him say:

"We have got to throw tradition to the winds. . . I should like to see something unusual happen, something that was never before, and instead of things as things are being done to you that were never done before, don't you think it is worth while to try something that was never done before against those who are doing them to you? There is no other way to win."

"Please leave out of your vocabulary altogether the word 'prudent.' Do not stop to think what is prudent for a moment. Do the thing that is necessary to the utmost point of risk and daring, and you will win by audacity of method when you cannot win by circumspection and prudence. . . I am not discouraged for a moment. I do expect things to begin to change when we begin to do new, and audacious and successful things."

## Blow No More

### Police Might Try Snapping Whistles for Night Sticks

Here's a pretty howdy-do. What in the world are the traffic policemen going to do when traffic disappears?

With the thinning out of automobiles, already noticeable in the morning, to become more so, it may be time, at that, for the Police Department to begin to think about shifting men from traffic to other duties. There always has appeared to be a great waste of manpower, anyhow, in stationing policemen in nearly every street corner in the up-town district. They don't accomplish a great deal, but it is possible, of course, that their mere presence acts as a deterrent to daylight bank-robberies, shopliftings and parking.

On the other hand, it is a matter of record that most of the crimes in this town and in some ways wicked city

take place at a considerable distance from the Square. They take place, furthermore, between certain hours and in certain areas which are easily established from police blotters.

It is also easily established from the reports of the efficient FBI that Charlotte has about as large a police force as comparable cities of about the same size, yet has a far worse crime rate. And since that it follows either (1) the Police Department is not disposed effectively or (2) that it has an uncommonly persistent type of criminals to contend with.

At any rate, the problem is difficult enough to require an experimental approach. It would be an interesting experiment, we trust, although we are aware that it would hardly be a popular one with the officers affected, to shift men from inconsequential daylight work up-town to night work in the darker residential districts.

## Rumor Factory

### America's "Clivedon Set" Contributes to Disunity

It must have occurred to President Roosevelt, at his press conference Tuesday, that if American industry was manufacturing planes, tanks, and ships as prolifically as Washington was turning out rumors, the nation would indeed be on the threshold of victory.

The President recognized that most of these irresponsible reports are not originating normally and spontaneously. Rather, they are being put together and distributed by a self-seeking and bitter little group known as the "Clivedon set." Our Yankee correspondent, Mrs. B. A. Orr, agrees with the President. In her most recent dispatch she found that:

"Down there in Washington some were out that we were given our late attack of political measles. Men—and the women likewise—were talking up a Tom Dewey for President—thinking of the coming congressional elections, and just as sure as there is a shooting overseas, we are going to suffer again, before long, under the same old slogan, the same attitude to discredit the Roosevelt conduct of the war by those who hope to climb to power regardless of our war status. The world crisis has not touched these fellow Americans in the larger sense."

Such activity can have only one purpose—or, at least only one effect—disunity. Oh, they'd be quick to take offense, these gossips, at such an accusation. They'd profess solicitation for the "best interests of America." But behind this false front is the grim fact that they are less interested in America's winning the war than in preserving their own place in the American scheme. They are far-sighted enough to know that a total war effort is likely to destroy many of their personal fortunes, if they are shortsighted enough to believe that they can preserve their vested interests even if the nation wages something less than total war. They cannot see that defeat means utter ruin for us all.

The British have found out the hard way that their leaders' brief flirtation with Hitler. There is no place in this country for such an expensive clique.

## Shortsighted

### Discouraging Taxpayers Is Unprofitable Practice

Charlotte's income tax situation seems to be down to a couple of inseparable conclusions: (1) That the Federal Government has made no official provision for assisting taxpayers in filling their returns; (2) That the deputy tax collectors operating in (and, just now, mostly out of) Charlotte will not begin rendering their voluntary and purely gratuitous services until after March 1.

As a consequence, particularly in view of the tremendous increase in the number of the harassed this year, a last minute rush of unprecedented proportions appears to be inevitable. It had better be said right now that the blame cannot be washed off on the taxpayers. Plenty of them want to pay up right now, have gone, in fact, to the IRS office to do so. Because they weren't aware they knew how to compute their taxes, they asked questions. And, almost without exception, they have been told to come back after March 1. It is dangerously shortsighted policy to tell an eager, patriotic taxpayer to wait until March 1. It is offering him to have his promises go unappreciated by a Government that needs his contribution and has been trying to pep him up into paying it cheerfully.

# WPB Lets Chips Fall

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON. The gray-haired man getting rough treatment from Donald Nelson and his newly toughened priorities board.

The board turned down a request for materials for a school in Texas about a week back. The liberal ex-Maverick was interested in it and a friend of his connected with the board.

With protests. This friend said if the WPB did not vote more vigorously, it would get this Administration kicked out of Washington.

## CLASSIC RETORT OF THE MASON

The WPB dollar-a-year man barked back the classic retort of the season: "What do I care, I'm a Republican. The only reason I am here is to help win the war, not for the November election."

The Bethlehem Steel Company asked WPB for enough of its own reinforced steel to build an office building at Bethlehem, Pa. WPB said no, build one out of something else.

But the heaviest political influence upon the board, is being switched to favor churches, schools and hospitals. As every one except politicians know, this is no time to build churches or schools. WPB has been turning them down right and left.

Materials for hospitals are allowed when need can be proved. In the First World War, materials for churches were denied, but the ensuing protests caused the Government to pull them out Sunday out on the stump to remind churchmen that prayer could be said nearly anywhere temporarily.

## THROWING BILLIONS AT THE ENEMY

Mr. Roosevelt is certainly throwing the billions at the enemy. A comparison of the Government's official shows our war effort has now reached the unimaginable total of \$10,000,000,000.00. The \$12,000,000,000.00 budget with which FDR accepted Congress and shook the Axis states is now \$10,000,000,000.00 more money than was ever conceived before in the mind of man.

The computer reached the figure by adding the appropriations for Navy, Army, Land-Lease, Maritime Commission and Civilian Control Operations. Up to March last year \$20,000,000,000.00 had been appropriated. Since then \$10,000,000,000.00 more were slipped up nearly five times to \$100,000,000,000.00.

Pending in Congress now are recommendations for \$10,000,000,000.00 more. If you add in \$10,000,000,000.00 spent outside lend-lease in contracts by British, French, Russian, you will get your \$120,000,000,000.00.

## About Jimson Series

### Interred Report

Charley & Children  
Dr. Frederic M. Hanes, chairman of the National Commission for the Study of the Care of the Insane and Mental Defectives, said in a letter to the then Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Dec. 8, 1936: "It is too often the case of official reports to fear themselves quietly interred in the oblivion of dusty pigeon holes."

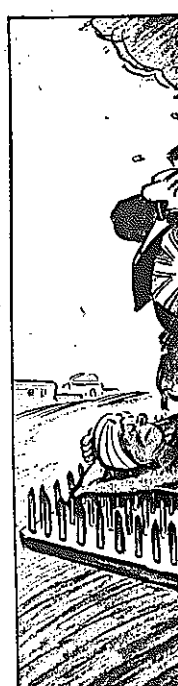
That seems to have been the fate of the study submitted by Dr. Hanes and his committee. They were published in a book, but the study which lasted three months and made a book which is open before us now of 237 pages. The survey was a very expensive one and was paid for by the Rockefeller Foundation. There were several investigations begun as to our State Hospital. Hanes and his committee were asked to make an investigation. We would say that the scientific care of the mentally ill. We would say that the various investigators would get a copy of the Hanes report and study it they could act with an intelligence that would be impossible if they depended upon their own ideas. The investigation has been made. What is needed now is action and not investigation. Here for instance it "Recommendation No. 12: Personnel should be increased in the hospitals up to the following level: Raleigh State Hospital, nine assistant physicians, 200 nurses and attendants; Morganton State Hospital, eight assistant physicians, 200 nurses and attendants; Goldsboro State Hospital, six assistant physicians and 140 nurses and attendants." If the Jimson articles could all be boiled down they would mean about what is involved in that third recommendation submitted and pigeon-holed in Raleigh. What a Governor soon found out a pointed committee with Rockefeller Foundation money and nationally known names could not do Mr. Tom Jimson in a few articles in the newspaper did do. He got action and he got hurt to the power of the press and public opinion.

## Senator Soaper Says:

In the direction of draft board men there may be referred as "essential." They remain subject to call, however, to storm center out of the big battle square.

## India

—By Herblock



## Letters to the Editors:

### Park Delayed Long Enough

Editors, The News:

I read your editorial in the Saturday News regarding the Negroes objecting to the City Park & Recreation Commission. Had chosen along the Super Creek near the Thompson Ordnance. To me this seems to be a splendid location.

We are mighty proud of our Negro citizens and they are part of us in this great city and we should provide a suitable playgrounds for their children. We have delayed this long enough to my humble opinion, and I am writing the last paragraph of your editorial:

"We do hope that the Park & Recreation Commission and the white residents concerned can work out between them some objection to the establishment of this park. It would be a credit to their race and a benefit to the city as a whole."

We do hope that those in that action will see to it that the plan outlined by the Park Commission, 427 E. Park Avenue, Charlotte.

—C. O. KUESTER, Darlington.

## Scout Week

### Was Successful

Editors, The News: The Scouts and Scouters of Mecklenburg County Council have just concluded their 32nd anniversary week celebration this week. The celebration was crowned by our second annual meeting and the visit of our national president, Walter M. Head.

It has been a successful week and we wish to express our appreciation to all of the Scouters and their staff of workers for the publicity given us in connection with the week's activities. Your paper has always been most generous to us with such publicity, which has helped us to recruit more boys and leaders in scouting during 1941. The News played a very large part in our having the greatest percentage of gain of any Council in 1941.

—CHARLES SABLEY, Scout Executive, Charlotte.

## "Too Easy To Get In, Too Hard To Get Out"

Editors, The News:

I have been much interested in the articles about the asylum at Morganton. . . needs determining. The News is always out in front.

I got a little line on the internal economy of that institution when I was there a few days in 1934. I would say that it was a cross between a prison and a poor house, rather than a hospital. It is absolutely no place for sick men, as I soon found out. There is no low blood needs something better to eat than a diet of cold, stinky cereal of some kind, stale cornbread, and blackstrap molasses. What they call coffee is made of molasses and water. They had a lot of justice to that. The attendants seem to do business on the "Gaiety Champ" 12 style. Their own comfort and convenience was uppermost in their minds and no one in authority ever seemed to jack them up.

The atmosphere there was thoroughly depressing. Everyone seemed to want out. It is too easy to get in there and too hard to get out. Although there were no my own volition, I thought once I would have to get a writ of habeas corpus to get out. They had a board meeting on the fifth day I

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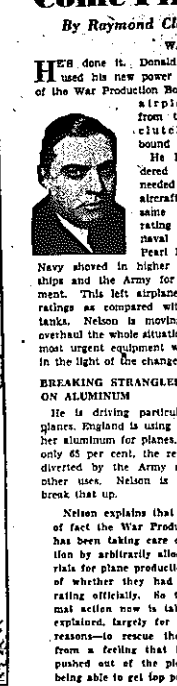
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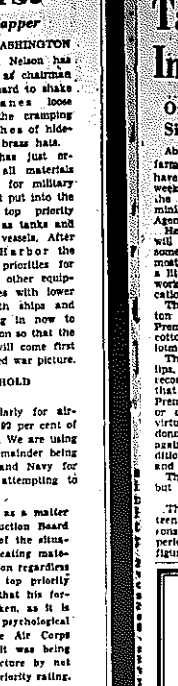
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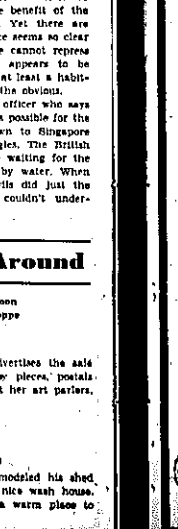
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