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to believe that a half-way effort is all that will be required to win the war.

It is all very well for Government publicists to say that America has never lost a war. But they would do well to point out that, up to the present mom-ent, neither has Japan.

Still largely unanswered today after more than seven weeks of war is the question the American civilian asks

himself most frequently; "What can I the to help lick Japan and Germany."
There have been partial answers, negative answers. Some have been asked to

serve as Civilian Defense volunteers. Others have been drafted into military

service. And, of course, everybody is maked to buy defense bonds-and stumps.

But for the great mass of the popula-tion, life was following much the same pattern as ever. Oh, there were a few inconveniences to be faced: the railon-ing of tires and sugar. However, these were things to do teithout, not things

And commentators who travel about have begun to note the spread of a profound impatience with their Government, the reaction of a people who knew of a certainty that great sacrifices, but who had not been told what sacrifices they must make or directed by their leaders to make the inevitable effort. It is, in effect, the same reaction that a prize fighter might feel on the night of his hid for the title II, instead of being given a worthy opponent, he was told to keep punching the bag. Mass psychologists took at the symp-

It is this kind of mass psychology that has siready idolized Douglas MacAr-

thur.

Surely no war Administration could ask for a greater opportunity than this. The complaint is against a lack of leadership, rather than against too much of it. President Roosevelt and his account of the property of the leadership.

associates have only to provide the lead-ers and lay out the job and the rising tide of criticism which besets him will fall back tomorrow.

Who's To Say? Union Shop Policy Depends

On Who Frames It First

The War Labor Board looked straight

The War Labor Board looked straight at Washington and asked for a ruling. The burning question of a union or closed shop was up for consideration in the copper miners case, and the board didn't know what to do about it.

For the moment, it took refuge in programment of the result of the programment of the programment of the result of the result that an authoritative policy is enunciated. Who was to enunciate such a policy concerning the union shop, or when, the board did not specify. That makes a lot of difference. The Executive Department of the Government—which is to say the White House—is openly and insistently pro-labor. It holds to the doctrine that not even the exigencies of war should impede the progress of the labor reforms which it instituted during the days when Congrava was a doelle acconder for all Mr. Roosewelfs motions. But Congress has The House was about to cancel, in the Smith Bill, legislation which would have fixed, for exceler transpublikities, upon

Smith Bill, legislation which would have fixed far greater responsibilities upon organized labor—when Pearl Harbor intervened. The Representatives' own sense of responsibility has sharpened since that day, but fundamentally, we dare say, its attitude toward labor remains about the same.

Hence, it makes a lot of difference where that "enunciation" of union-shop policy comes from, whether from the White House or Capitol Hill. Which, we wonder, will be first under-the wire in response to the War Labor Board's

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ith Bill, legislation which would have

Impatience The Nation Ripens for 'The Man on Horseback'

By carrier: 20 crais a week; one month, 87 crais. By mail: One month, 87 cents; three months, \$2.50; six months, \$5.20; one year, \$10.40.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1942

The Skeptic

War Philosophy and Stuff On the Dilworth Bus

On the Dilucorth Bus

"Well," the man on the back seat of
the Dilworth bus said, "if this fellow
Berte in our State Department knew
enough to warn the Rusdant that the
Germans was going to go after Stalin,
why didn't he know the Japa were gonna
come up on our blind side?"

"It says here in the paper," replied
the lady riding side-saddle just in front
of him, "that he did know about it.
Here is what it says: "We had reason to
believe that Japan planned war, and
that she would engage in it against us
whenever the United States against us
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whenever the United States accessed to
supply her with certain materials."
"Baloney," said the man. "I guess he

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"Balloney," said the man. "I guess he
means that if we had kept on sending
those little devils iron to shoot back at
us and gas to burn in their bombers,
they wouldn't have bothered us. Not
much they wouldn't."

The lady stared out of the window a minute.

"It does seem kind of Junny, if they new what was going on all the time, nat they wouldn't have suspected some ind of a trick."

The man snorted.

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"Them dumb-bunnles! I don't blame em so much for getting fooled once. It's getting fooled all the time that makes me sore. Look at 'em. Sending gasoline and trucks and goodness knows what else to the French. And all of a sudden the Germans turn up using the stuff against the British in Africa. One of these fine mornings we're going to wake up and find the whole French. Itee, tanked up with American oil and provisioned with American food, ateaming out to sea under a Nazi fisg."

"Well," said the lady, "if that happened, I don't guess the poor French could help it."

"It's not the poor French, I'm worried

could help it."
"It's not the poor French, I'm worried about," the man said, "It's the poor Americans. Listen, you gotta be mean to win this war. Terrible mean, And tough as the guys you're fighting. This just ain't a softly's light."

And the man yanked the get-off buzz-er cord twice, to prove it.

Honesty

In War Publicity, It Means Bad News With the Good

Simply by putting a nickle in the aver-ge rural juke-box hereabouts you may car a nasal rendition of a ballad entitled Be Honest With Me." At the moment, the words escape us, but it seems that each of the innumerable stanzas ends with something like:

"Whatever yew dew, dear, "Be honest with me."

"Be honest with me."

In some ways it would be a cruel punshment to inflict, but we wish that all Government officials charged with the responsibility of keeping the public the formed about how our war effort is going, could hear "Be Honest With Be" (dear) more often. Because up to now Mr. Roosevelt's press agents do not appear to be convinced that honesty is the best policy.

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Nobody expects the whole story to be made public during war time. Honesty doesn't mean complete lack of restrainly or waiver of discretion. It does mean that if the facts, for reasons of military secreey, cannot be made public, those who withhold them must refrain from siving a false impression.

who withhold them must refrain from giving a false impression.

The other night a Charlotte theater chowed one of the films put out by Archibald MacLetsh's OFF (Office of Patts & Figures). It was about tanks. You saw them rolling off the assembly lines, firing on the practice grounds and through the control of the first pattern to the battleronts. "When they had," said Commentator Orson Welts in his most ominous bass, "the earth will tremble."

It was very comforting. Too comforting, in fact. What the audience about have been shown was the strength of the German tank legions. And the pictures of tarks plining up on the docks because there aren't ships enough to take them where they are needed. And all the other many uncomfortable facts that would spur us to speedier production rapher than contribute to a false sense of accurity.

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There are many hopeful signs that Washington is beginning to suspect that we shall never muster a half-way war effort as long as the public is encouraged

Key To Morale

By Paul Mallon

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PUBLIC RELATIONS MEN

USED OBSOLETE IDEAS
The basis nortall mistake of the
Government has been in letting
the people become confused and
uninformed. The public relations
counsilors of the Government are,
by and large, those who has
gained experience in the previous
New Deal political campaigno.
They are all hewing too Goory
to cactics that proved successful
time.

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led the whole country with rumors.

The trouble is that at the start of this war, the official line was to suppress military information exhibit ought to be suppressed by the supersecond of the superseco

PEOPLE WERE UNPREPARED FOR THE SHOCK

PRIME WERE UNDERGRAND
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Then along comen Marathur's
entrapment, the loss of Singapore,
the absence of sagreestlye action
that the propole could see and
read about. The art-backs were
thority, Builton official prepared
they people for thread shocks. In
fact, no one in authority said
much of anything about anything.
Naturally, people began airling
questions and they found answers
in what they could see, what they
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of Mrs. Hoosevelt in civilian defence.

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was told to keep punching the bag.
Mass psychologists look at the symptoms and report an alarming, if logical, tendency, Americans, they say, are ripe for the man on horseback, weiting for some shining here to end their consistency of them and indecision by telling each one of them what the job is and directing them in the supreme effort. They are ready for the Spartan life, for really great ascribes. And they want to get on with it not in 1043, but now.

fense.

Wata are always wasteful, ineffictent and full of mistakes. In
general, you will find back
through listory, that yiclory was
decided—not so much by suggessive action—as by the making of
fewer mistakes than the enemy.

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But the Government has been handling its public relations as if this were a position campaign in which it was afraid to confess a missaker.

If there were no mistaker.

A CITIZEN WANTS TO BE PART OF WAR EFFORT.

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But the citizen cares less about a few mistakes than he does about winning the war. What he wants is to feel that he is a part of it, that he has been trusted to know the worst as well as the best. The old 1917 public retations ideas won't go.

ons ideas won't go.
Frankness is not easily achieved. The President cannot come right out and earlies expects. Singapore to go, for Instance, sithough he can imply it, as Churchill did to this Ametican Congress, Mr. Roosevelt is a busy man, much too busy to make aperches or issue statements every day.

lane statements every day.

But the whole tone of his Government would change, and the
property of the state of the state

He Probably

Caught Cold, Too

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The New Yorker,
Were told of a San Prancisco
gentleman who hates the Japa
with a peculiar personal filterness
that the passage of time has not
found this man in the Near from
of a barel; lie didn't hear the
builabolon, and when the place
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Another Horse Shot From Under Him

Letters to the Editors:

Income Tax Inconvenience

(Note: Last week Tur News published on account of some of the difficulties experienced by clittons unger, feelip en, and atmus, who wished to file their Pederal income tax returns at the Character of the Character, both from

Editors, THE NEWS:

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bother.

I siso noticed a line of some ten or lifteen people downstairs trying to get to the stamp window. Only one window was open and yet money is being repert to get people to buy defense at anys and the Post Office mes stamps and the for them to do so.

2142 E. Pifth Street Charlotte.

The Advantages Of Navy Life

Dear Sits:

I think this poem is worthy of publication and would appreciate your printing it.

—MRS. THOMAS GROWE.

622 Hawthorns Lune.

TO MOM
I'm going in the Navy now.
I tried the Army first.
Thought I'd like a change, some-Thought I'd like a char how, For better or for worse.

The soldiers sat and sleep and Through mud and blood and ditches, While 'coultoes, bugs and cootles hite And get down in their britches.

Our sailors sleep in cabins neat, As they drift o'er the water. Each fellow has enough to eat And lives as white men nughter,

Our dough-boy loses legs, an arm. The painful for the loser. Gobs either never come to harm, Or go down with the cruiser.

The war may last for many years, But we will beat the foes. In the end, I have no fears, Theirs will be the wors.

We'll sail into the Rising Sun, Across the broad Pacific, Giving chase to Jap and Hun In battles so terrific.

We'll try to sink their ships at ara (But, Mom, I'll miss your cookin') And if a Jap slips up on me, You'll know I wasn't lookin'. Should I kick the bucket, Morn, Wherever I may be, I'll be thinking of you, Morn, and know you'll think at inay be, and home, and how you'll think of me.

JAMES F. HACKNEY, 510 Header Place, Charlotte.

Save Miss Thompson "Gets 'Em Told'

Editors, The News:

I hope every adult resider of
The News read Dorothy Thomp-son's article in today's paper, en-titled "Singapore—and the Critica."

If there is one outstanding wom-an, in America today, that woman

Sinkwich trying to dodge the draft, being older and dumber than the

Is Dorolly Thempton—a woman whose keen bash, latemiliable courage, facile pero, and attoug forceful voice have all been devoted three many menths to the lask of aroung her fellow countries. The medal for distinguished services to her country should be hers, yight of merit; but instead she has had to bear ancers and abuse from "frompants" Johnson and mumber three past months. If I were a man, my hat would be off to Miss Thompson for "getting ern todic today, as on so many other occasions. Being a woman for my power to you, Miss Thompson."

Air Raid Shelter Site Suggested

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Letters, The Ness;
If we must have a city at raid
helter, the Trade Street hill make
helter, the Trade Street hill make
he an excellent location. Between
the Square and the Freight Yards
Bridge there is a drop of about 25
feet which could allow for a roof
with little digging in the ground.
With little digging in the groundhoth from Fourth and Trade
Streets, and could be set vertically with heavy concrete doors so
as to be proof against hits nearby.
They would be only two minutes'
walk from Tryon W. Brench

Charlotte.

Posthule on Georgia Football

Editors, The News:

I have in my possession a copy of your editorial entitled "Jubilant U. Ga." In it are several masty insimuations about football players in general, football players at the University of Georgia, and Frankie

Side Glances

III. FAS BY HEA BENNEY, INC. T. M. PRIS. IL S. PAT. COT.

"Could we go out this evening for a game of bridge, or are you still figuring out the proper strategy to sink the Japanese navy?"

Sinkwich trying to dodge the draft, being older and dumber than the secretary and dumber than the secretary and dumber than the secretary and developed than the secretary and developed the secretary and developed the secretary and developed that the secretary and developed that the secretary and well there but none is there to keep from fighting. I also believe that you will find that the Ca. Selective Bervice Doard has expressed itself to the effect that it will not con-sider any group deferments. For confirmation of these statements, please write the University of

continuation of three statements, please with the University of the Willy you please publish an apolacured such information. CLIFF KINNEY JR. Member of the learn that dodges the district of the team that dodges Ga. Co-op.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Keep firm grip of your thoughts, your actions, your life; and he said unto them, seek to enter in at the narrow door, for many, I say, shall strive to enter but shall not be able.—Luke 13:24.

Shotgun Criticism

By Raymond Clapper

Republican Congressman stood on the floor of the House this week said that President Rossavelt had

A the floor of the House task warmand and that President Roosevelt had united Elates into this war.

One can regret the lack of intelligence that makes it possible to hole such a conviction, but the chances are it is a case beyond the power of reasoning. The only thing left is to appeal to the loyalty of such persons to refrain from wakening the country by spreading views like this or of danger.

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RECRIESH SRECH

WILL BE STOPPED

As any reference to the Congressional
record or to the newspapers will show,
we still retain the right of free ducussion in spite of necessary military censorable. If we exercise that freedom
with a sense of responsibility we can
keep it. Dut if reckless speech reaches
the point where it is damaging the war,
effort, the nation will stop it, by one
means or another. No people, certainly
not the American people, will tolerate
Irresponsible discussion if it plainly
increferes with winning the win.

Although we have been at war

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Although we have been at war, only we and a half months, shel-gun criticism is scattered all over the place, creating a cantusing distant is making it difficulty is go shead with the war effort energatically. President Boosavell is showing his exaspersition at the creates pounding. Other officials, working long hours under a strain of responsibility which is a series tax to the strongest herves, any the proposed and the strongest herves, any three proposed and the strongest herves, any three proposed and the strongest herves, any the proposed proposed and the strongest herves, any the proposed p

tinat nevre lets up.
It you have a child at achool who is
having hard going, you only make his
attuation worse by riding him. If he
is trying hard, and has resonable intelligence, he will do better work if he
is given some encouragement than if he
is nagged censelessly.

BLUNDERBUSS NAGGING DISCOURAGES OFFICIALS

BLUNDERRUSS NAGGING DISCOURAGES OFFICIALS None of these officials here is doing a perfect job and they know it better than suppody else. But the indiscriminate and biunderbuss kind of hasyting that is going on here discourage them, makes them hesitate to take a bold chance, keeps them all on the defensive, and induces executive who gets the best work out of his men is not they one whô is always barking at them, and the time he can get better results with a pist on the back, some show of condidence in his men. If can then criticize specific mixtakes freely and without wrecking a fellow's morsie.

These men here are working for us and we cannot get the best results out of them by incressant abuse.

The other day Donald Nelson mored in to pull the aircraft people out of the dumps and to give them greater recognition. For some time previously he had been using his own authority to give them materials in spite of their inferior technical rating. But when he raised the priorities and explained he was doing it for psychological reasons, some critics leaped on him with both feet. They said he was being patronizing instead of recognizing the importance of aircraft. The criticism didn't make sense, because Nelson was doing everything he could do both by actual allow cation of materials and by psychology to get the air corps and the aviation industry out on top.

Visitin' Around

A Bravenly Rine,
Of Course
(Arrant liem,
Mount Airy Times)
Next Sunday is time for the regular
monthly appointment at the Pine Riti
Methodist Church and the members
are required to be presult for the purpose of deciding what color palat to buy
for the inside of the church

Some Gives and Some Gets

Same Gets

(Brushy Mountain Rem,
North Wilkesboro Newsworld)

Paul Baity, the milk route man from
here, says the amount of milk is increasing on his route.

Why Dan't You Try R Again, Mis IIIII? Glot flurings item, Marshall News-Record) Mrs. Mary Les Hill is much improved after having a fail.

Them Are Sweet Words—Sugar!

Words—Num... (Headline, Morganion News-Herald) NO BATIONING FOR MOLASSES, HONEY

(Colored Stem, Zebulon Recard) Mr. and Mrs. Wille Pretty are provid of parents of the 7 1-2 lbs. Wille Jr.