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pected. There is always strong opposi-tion before the tax goes into effect, but once collections are underway, people

And, no doubt about it, a sales tax would hit inflation in its most vulnerable

spot—buying power.

At the rate the national debt is increasing, chances are that the Government is going to try just about every form of taxation ever devised before this war is over. The sales tax would seem to be one of the best of the emergency schemes.

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American Fifth Column Snipes Away With Impunity

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Back in 1930, Georg's Sylvester Viercek
wrote a book about propaganda entitled,
somewhat prophetically, "Spreading the
Germs of Hate". The other day a Pederal jury convicted Mr. Viercek for failing to register as a paid Nazi agent, and
this, in turn, occasioned the exhuming
of one particular passage from his opus:

"The propagandist who is compelled
to explain or to detend himself is siambush." Et can no longer the from
ambush." Clearly it, was Mr. Wiersch's Indianes.

Clearly, it was Mr. Viereck's fondness for the ambuscade tactic that brought on his downfall. He chose to flout the law in order to spread his germs of hate

law in order to spread his germs of hate anonymously.

However, it is not Mr. Viercek who gives us cause for concern. His useful-ness to Germany ended when, as he put it, he was "compelled to defend him-self". The job still ahead of this coun-try is to ferret out the hundreds of un-

sen: I he job call aloads of unexposed Vierceks, the propagalists who
still fire on us from ambush.

They are a wily and resourceful lot.
Unlike their predecessors of World War
I days, they make no pretense of attempting to win America's friendship.
Their purpose is to spread the germs of
internal hate, to confuse and impede
our war effort, and to soften us up for
eventual conquest. Some of them, like
Mr. Viercek, receive pay from German
sources, More of them are playing the
game on credit—anticipating a pay-off
in power and riches when and if their
cause prevails. Nearly all of them are

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Detection of these American fifth columnists is not particularly difficult. The mames of the ringleaders have been published time and again. But building up a legal case against them—ther's the rub. They hide under the Constitutional guarantee of free speech, and unless there is proof that money changed hands—as in Vicrock's case—chances for conviction of treason are almost hopeless.

It is a bitter travesty that the United States must fight for its life against external enemies while lacking the means of dealing with the enemies within our gates.

When and if an AEF lands again on the continent, we suppose a good opener would be "Lafayette! What happened?"

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American citizens.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1942 they are, are not expected to raise much more than enough to cover the ordinary expenses of the New Deal. That still leaves the war to be paid for and everybody knows by now that paying for the war is going to be a two- or three generation process. Btill, it is important to resolve to pay for it as rapidly as possible, and the more we pay now, by so much the less will we have to pay later. The wonder is that a Federal sales tax was not begun years ago. It isn't a fair tax, exactly. It is a levy on buying, even subsistence buying, rather than on ability to pay. But it raises money mighty fast in an emergency. Moreover, the public reaction to it, in states where it has been tried, has generally been less unfavorable than the politiciane expected. There is always atrong opposition before the tax ease into affect, but

# **Countain's** Cue

#### He Would Render a Great Service by Withdrawing

When it comes to given names, the alleager for North Carolina's main at in the Benate has it all over the numbers in vote-appeal. Josiah, ough it brings to mind the King of sient Judah who stood for no backing, is a name hardly calculated to spire back-lapping. Dick, on the her hand, could be one of the Rover ye, even the fun-loving one. But not is Dick.

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set the forces that now assail us. Senator Balley, have no doubt of it, a ben's a stalwart in upholding the salewart is problement of the salewart is foreign policy, and all along, a only since Fearl Harbor. Heating the salewart is salewart in the sountry are still free, de anyone may offer for public office, on 30, men like Mr. Fountain who excleded to the salewart of the salewart is salewart of the salewart o

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Last year, Americans, who have a pellar hankering after the stuff, conmed nearly 3,500,000,000 pounds of surfactured tee cream. Not counting 8 home-churned product, that's more an two pounds a month for every sin, woman, and child in the nation. This year, what with the Army's enorous specific for ice cream, the figure shit to approximate the monthly field of the U.S. Treasury's balance est, That suits the Government fine, ashington is encouraging the ice sam manufacturers by indicating that say will be given favorable treatment der the sugar-rationing program. The overnment is depending on ice cream less to soak up some of the surplus ying power that might otherwise help g. on infiation. Being somewhat addicted to the douselip come ourselves, we receive these ports with pleasure. Somehow, even a ferrible year before us will be easier bear as long as there is plenty of a fream.

## Infair, But...

#### The Sales Tax May Come In Handy for the Emergency

What the National Association of assintecturers is after in proposing a discount of assintecturers is after in proposing a more to device the present is most too obvious to support a discussion. NAM wants to keep individual and represention income taxes at their present val—or in some brackets to reduce sens. The sales tax is merely a convernit alternative.

A New England husband who left home in 1902 is sued for divorce. A woman with the sales have a feas as sound at they also want to raise the rates corporation and individual incomes.

In the Far Eastern war theater, we are sitting now through the first feature of a double bill—the one we didn't come to see.

This Washington housing shortage may yet attain the grandeur of that in Moscow in the 20s, when the boarders would be "Lafayetet!" would be "Laf

# The Far East Story

By Paul Mallon



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The Yar Eastern correspondents talked of "reinforcements," and the Dutch and British choed this call, but everyone can now see reinforcements within the necessary 30 to 60 days was wholly impossible from the start, From San pille from the start, From San pille from the start, From San Pacific ports, due largely to a shortage of ohips-available-on-therapot, after the war began but even if sufficient non-existent ahips, been waiting in part to go als the outbreak of war, they could not have altered the result in view of the original pre-war mistakes.

NAVAL OFFENSIVE COULD

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What could have broken the back of the Jap offensive is naval blow at the Jap lines of communications, establishment of a beach head on the China coast, maintenance there of a force of dive bombers to prey upon Jap Japping. After Pearl Harbor, we did not have the navy to do it.

100 not have the navy to do it.

These facts have been obscured by the deceptive and childish modes of Aliled publicity and censorship — such things as the Singapore censor suppressing CBS correspondent Cecil Brown for hinding that Singapore was in a had way only a week or so before it fell.

It fell.

They constantly held out hope the public that Malaya or Javas build be defended it only 'resforcements' could be sent, long for they knew reinforcements ero imposible, and that the Far ast had been doomed by faulty re-war preparations.

That is the plain story of the ar East as history will write it.

#### Only This Time It's To Save Our Skins

To Save Our Skins
The New Yerker

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slighted, "when we were all helping
Mr. Willier."

Pour It On!

-Bu Herblock



City Hall Today:

# No Substitute For Armory



ONE thing must not be overlooked in this transfer of control of the City Armory-Audi-torium to the Park and Recreation Commis-mission. And that is: the Armory is

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Government has apent \$250,000 for the building and its equipment as a public auditorium and if it is turned over to the Fark Board that should be remembered and provision made to guarantee a pub-lic auditorium for Charlotte.

## HOW THE ARMORY WAS FINANCED

The history of how the Armory-Auditorium came to be is interest-The history of how the Armory-Auditorium came to be is interesting. Back in the Fall of 1928, Oharlotte suddenly realized that it had a big Confederate veterant reuntion on its hand and no place of adequate size to stage it. The Marion Redd was mayor, assumed the leadership in overcoming this lack, it agreed to sell the old city auditorium at Fifth and College to the control of the control of the control of the notation of the notation of the new building. The cold auditorium property was load for \$13,500, with \$100,000 bers of \$100,000 bers of \$13,500, with \$100,000 bers of \$100,000 bers of \$13,500, with \$100,00

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have not just been acquired. The signals have been delivered but the signals have been delivered but the controllers have not yet arrived and until these come they can't be installed . Mrs. Alice B. McConnell, Olly Clerk and Mrs. Ramsom McMahon, Schoel Board secretary, spied workmen digging holes for the parking meters on E. Trade Street. Mrs. McConnell. holes for the parking meters on E. Trade Stret. Mrs. McConnell, off-handedly saked, "I wonder what they are doing Mrs. McManwall and the sake of the s

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#### TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

False philosophies create no saints; do not follow them. Test philosophies by their results on your spirituality: Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth—John 17:17.

# Debunking. India's Woes By Dorothy Thompson

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THE woos of India have afforded the Hitlerites some of their most re-



the British for the mutual exploitation of the world, and at that time he ap-proved British rule in India as "recially desirable," criticising Britain only because she tended to be too soft. ONLY 591 ENGLISHMEN

#### BULE INDIA

RULE INDIA

If you sak the average person how
many Britains are "ruling" India, you
find that he thinks in terms of or officials and military leaders. If you
tell him that the whole Indian Civil
Service contains, only 501 Englishmen
he is amazed. Yet such is the truth.
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Even my friend, John Gunther, in "Inside Asia," says that what the British get out of India is "beet, loot." Actually what they get is 4.3 per cent of an investment of about four billion dollars—British guaran-teed credit being the cheapest in Asia—and Mr. Gunther tells us that

Raymond Clapper is on his way to Cairo, Egypt. We had been advised that a day or so might clapse before he made wireless or cable contact with New York. His column will be resumed, then, shortly, — Editors, The News.

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among the things this mency has built is the largest trigation system on carth and a colossal railread system.

The attitude of the British toward India has been steadily reformust since Pitt's India Act in 1784. Indian reforms in the last century cleaned out corruption, trained an Indian civil service to high standards of efficiency and morale, and 1885 saw the end of the administration of the East India Company, the private corporation that fiftal lured a rather reductant British crown and Parliament into India. and Parliament into India.

#### BRITISH IDEAS CREATED REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT

INCOLUTIONARY SPIRIT
Indian boys, including Pandit Jawahariai Nehru, were trained in British schools and universities, and indeed it was British ideas of freedom, self-government, humanitarianism and progressivism that created the revolutionary spirit of modern India, along with the socialist ideas that became dynamic with the foundation of the Soviet Indian.

socialist ideas that became dynamic with the foundation of the Soviet Union. In economic independence India has made tremendous strides since the last war. Since 1925 India, has been highly protectionist against Britain. Only about a third of Todia's trade, import and export, is with Great Britain.

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Then there are the deep religious difference. Or roughly 469,000,000
Indians, 90,000,000 are Neslems, with quite different ideas from these of the Hindus. And these 90,000,000 are the most consolidated section of the whole Moslem world. Can they be reconciled permanently with the Hindus? That is not a Britlain but an Indian question, and no knewledge-she person believes that it will be easily solved.

And no Indian leader without the contraction of the sealer of the sea

easily solved.

And no Indian leader wishes the withdrawal of the protection of the British navy and air forces, or of the United Nations. They do not want to be delivered back to a new Grand Mogullam under the Japanese, or the Nazl Germans.

Nazi Germans.

Sir Statford Cripps, therefore, has been entrusted with a most difficult mission. He is a personal friend of Nehru, and two years ago drafted with Nehru an outline for a free Indian constitution.

constitution.

We must hope and pray that he will bring India into the Commonwealth and the followship of the United Nationa, thus rounding out the cycle from colony to partnership, a trend that has proceeded attendily. The only thing that could reverse the trend would be an Axis victory, for the Axis, not the United Nations, are seeking the re-establishment of an imperialism out-imperialism anything that the world has known for centuries.

# Visitim' Around

Anvil Cherus, Prob'ly— Strike, Strike, Birike (Filler, North Wilkesboro Newsworld)

Builders of the new battleship, USS Alabama, hear six concerts daily from phonographs brought them through am-piffers,

Well, Go On (Midway item, Lexington Dispatch)

Lexington Dispaten.
It's no suprise now, but it was around two weeks ago when Doris Smith, senior at Midway High School and Rockford Hines, of the Shady Grove section, decided to marry.

### Side Glances



"If we put your soldier friend in front of the mirror, he'll be so busy admiring his new second lieutenant's uniform he won't notice that we scorched the piel!