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setting up such investigating staffs is to encourage injustice and deception in the one undertaking above all where these faults are intolerable.

Adolf Hitter's insistence on getting his man Lavai back at the helm of the faltering Vichy regime before undertaking any new adventure ties in rather nicely with reports that the Axis dreads an invasion of the continent this Spring. The German dictator knows very well that the three areas where our side is most likely to strike are far northern Norway, the French channel coast, and Italy. It was in anticipation of a possible invasion of Norway that he sent his heavy fleet units, including the

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his heavy fleet units, including Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau,

Scharnhorst and the Onelsenau, Into northern waters, Night and day, he is using forced labor to complete fortifications in Norway. A United Nations drive southward down the Scandinavian pen-insula would give British, Russian and American forces an ideal common, and second, front. Furthermore, it would be the closest possible front to the United States, and perhaps the easiest supplied.

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The French coast, of course, is just a few miles from Britain, but the chances of Allied success here would seem less favorable than in Norway. Hitler, how-

must be sure that if this should be the

carried out.

Moreover, if Hitler finds that he will
not need the French Fleet for defensive
purposes, it is certain that he will not
hesitate to use it offensively in his drive

heatlate to use it offensively in his drive for Near Eastern oil.

In any event it would seem that the showdown with Vichy was more of a defensive move on Hiller's part, one designed to prevent the dreaded two-front war. His concern betrays vulner-ability and it will be a pity if the United Nations are not able to hang a hay-maker on him before he can cover up completely.

Deadly Peril?

What's Restraining That Jap

Freet in the Indian Oceans
It is a complete battle fleet, Winston Churchill says the Japs have in the Indian Ocean. Three or more big battleships, five or six aircraft carriers, dozens of heavy and light cruisers, flottlins of destroyers—against a British squadron of unknown strength. Offhand it would seem that the Japs had enough stuff to go wherever they pleased, shell any port-crush any opposition.

the sleeve of his pea-jacket.

Fleet in the Indian Ocean?

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Axis Strategy Hitler Needs French Fleet To Protect His Back Door

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"Queeseling"

On the Radio, It Seems That No Pronunciation Is Final

Every time we think that here, now, a foreign word that no one need tell a how to pronounce, along comes some adio announcer with his veneer of ulck learning out of a glossary, spreading uncertainty in his synthetic basso.

Expression in his synthetic basso. Ever since the Norwegish traitor came to power, everyone we know has been gling him Quisling, with the first pliable pronounced "quiz." It was good nother for us and for the radio people, we—up until the other day.

t your radio commentator won't et well enough alone, no sirree. He nust change Ukraine to Ukrine and sack to Ukraine. Thus, he now refers o Vidkun Queezeling.

It is only a matter of days now, we appose, until we'll be able, after the idventures of Seeyoopermon, to tune a news of the latest devilments of idolf Heetlaire.

No Keeley Cure

Drunks in Army Would Be Fine-For Drunks

The Boston draft board's protest of the 4-F classification usually handed to harmonic alcoholics will appeal more to no memory than to the military ind. It would be a good thing, in-miditably, and perhaps a kind thing, to send these young drunks to a work camp here they might harden both their nuacles and their will, and insofar as the Army offers a course in manual bor and discipline, the Army would be one of them.

Sood for them.

Insofar, too as there is any sham or filtulenes in their avoidance of military strice, it would be gratifying to see hem caught in the draft and hauled if to camp for the Army's version of he Dix Hill treatment. It would be the sty medicine.

For them, that is, but not necessarily or the Army. The immediate and ultimate purpose I Army training is neither the reform the individual nor the salvation of see unfit. It is, in a word, combat, come unfit. It is, in a word, combat, come in military in the contact with the enemy of the maintenance of forces which are in the contact with the enemy. All other tryposes are secondary to Army organishos and the selection of personnel sost likely to succeed in combat.

ation and the selection of personnel ose likely to succeed in combat. Chronic alcoholics have, unfortunately, o usefulness to the Army in the prosuution of its main mission. Whether or be they have some vestige of usefulness to other branches of a Government; war is a purely incidental question.

Dependency

Draft Boards Need Staff To Check Prospects' Claims

The unfortunate and confusing sysm of packing selectees off to Army umps before giving them an adequate sysical examination is only one of any woes that are plaguing local draft bards. Likely to give even more trouble the lack of a staff of local investiga-ts, sorely needed by draft authorities rs, sorely needed by draft authorities, sheek up on the dependency claims

Now that the supply of easily classi-of I-A men has been exhausted, local Now that the supply of easily classid I-A men has been exhausted, local of I-A men has been exhausted, local wards are up against the tougher probm of deciding the validity of dependency claims. At present, these decisions to being based largely on the affidavits prospective draftees. In cases where aggeration or outright faisification is spected, an investigation may be made, it is obvious that the limited person in the control of the c

to jo wherever they pleased, shell any to jo wherever they pleased, shell any yord, crush any openations where you was a construction of the two British crulers yet, except for the two British crulers yill be a plane from one of the carriers, this mighty Jap fleet doesn't seem to have done a great deal of damage. One can't help wondering why, if the raiders possess such a preponderance of strength, they haven't scourged the whole Indian east coast.

Without discussing the matter further, we'd hazard a guess that Mr. Churchili's mournful song was not without purpose, and it would be not at all surprising that actute gentleman has something up the sleeve of his pea-jacket. A typical case of hoarding in the first degree would be saying the sugar for rhubarb.

Nazis Go Sluggish By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON CERTAIN sluggishness within the Nazi military is now vis-General Rom-



units, as is apparently being done,
MANNOWER MUST BE
A FRESSING PROBLEM
Certainly the German general
taff would not be using them
anywhere it manpower was not a
precsing problem.
Or Hitler's losses to date, mostly
in Russia, is 1,750,000 killed and
about the same number severely
wounded. This would mean around
2,000,000 Neits out of action.

,000,00 Nazis out of action.

These are the best trained German troops, — specialized stock troops suppers, engineers of the Germanists (the flower of the Germanists (the flower of the Germanists) of the Germanists of the German

physical stamina.

How far the Germans have been pinched is attested by the fact that they are filling up their losses on the south Russhan front statement of the south Russhan for them.

These heartening suggestions have boilstered hopes for the Russhan cause, but not beyond the line set forth in this column yesterday.

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America than any yet suggested
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ining commission is offered in preliminary form now by Stuart

Chase, who sometimes in the past
has been a prophet of economic
policies of the Clovernment.

The Road We Rre Traveling, 'published by the Twentieth Century

Pund (foreword by Assistant State

Secretary Adolph Berle), Chase

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ever, cannot afford to take chances. He must be sure that if this should be the starting point of an invasion, the Vichy Government would not betray him in his hour of peril.

But Italy—there's the place to watch. If a British and American invasion fleet, protected by planes from Maita and other bases, could land troops in force and knock out the wavering Italians and their Aryan masters, Hitler's doom would be scaled. He knows that he must hold Italy. He knows also that the only available force that could successfully challenge a combined British and American assault is the French Fieet. The French Fieet, powerful enough to swing the balance of power either way and decisively in the Mediterranean, is based at Toulon. Toulon is at the extreme southern tip of France, less than 100 miles from the Italian border. The Ifect could not be placed in a location more favorable to Hitler's plans for defending Italy. And there is no longer much doubt about those plans. With Collaborator Laval in Vichy and Collaborator Darlan, the armchair admiral, in Toulon, it should not be difficult to see that the proper orders were given. Nor, now that the French Navy has been purged of anti-Axis clements several times, should it be too difficult to have these orders carried out.

Moreover, if Hitler finds that he will not need the French Fieet for defensive purposes, it is certain that he will not need the French Fieet for defensive purposes, it is certain that he will not need the French Fieet for defensive

merening of inoustry by Govern the ment calls this system by the mysterious symbol of "X," but he defines it as a strong centralized Government, with the mentalized Government, with the expense of the legislative and expense of the legislative and pudicial arrays; underwriting by the Government of employment, social accurity, found, housing and medical care, with large expenditures financed by further post-war increase in further post-war increase in control of helpin Government control of helpin Government trade, agricultural production, hydro-cleatric power, ecal, perfoleum, natural gas, communications, propaganda, railways, highways, airways.

highways, airways.

It sounds like a makeshift socialism, in the shell of democracy
and private ownership, whereby
the Government would fix production limits, ration out raw materials through priorities, set prices
and what not,

terlais through priorities, acc prices and what not PROFITS MEANS POLITICAL CONTROL.

Among the wast blank spaces in Mr. Chares' reaconing is the question of the control profile.

If Government is going to control overything else in business, it will have to control profile. Able to fix business profits in this country as well as wages ought to be able to elect itself indefinitely and causiliate a Practic system in personal control of the control of th

out.

And if it fixes pretty good profits, there is going to be a lot of scrambling among the politicians here to buy a little stock on the side.

any event private ownership loses its meaning in the Chase system.

The economic prophets seem to want to lose the war for democ-racy in theory, after it is won in fact on the battlefield.

Blue Lights Plus Horror

The New Yorker The New Yorker An undertuker not so far from this city recently had his building completely redecorated in the mode-completely redecorated in the mode-control of the mode-control of the second of th This Spring



Letters to the Editors:

"Blackout" -- A Poem

Editors THE News On a quiet Sunday night
A siren screamed:
Blackout!
And quickly everybody's light
Snapped out.

Daddy, why are we in the dark? A small boy asked, Lights out! Fumbling for the right remark Dad went out.

Dad went out and saw the sky Sprinkled clean With stars. And there he found the answer Why Lights were out.

Son, he said, when he came back, We're in the dark They say, Because we see best, after black, The light of day, —JOHN A. JOHNSON.

Charlotte,

Weed Out The Politicians

The Politicians
Editors, The News:

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When the Man the light of Preedom again allines throughout the world, we should erect to the fallen heroes of Bataan a monutain the world, we should expect to those who would enslave the Library loving people of the whole who would enslave the Library loving people of the whole waves and through the columns of the newspapers, we should wage casaletes were on those who would purely political purposes. This should begin now, We have in our

a consistent war on those who would be obstruct progressive legislation for purely political purposes. This should begin now. We have in our national assembly, men who in my populou have not been loyal to the opinion have not been loyal to the opinion have not been loyal to the opinion have not been loyal to the lowest loyal to the loyal to

type politician that they would be entirely eliminated. We could drart if necessary, keen foresighted men to take their place, who would not ignore words of warning such as were given by the late Billy Mitchell.

—GEORGE L. McELVEEN. Lumpkin Road, Augusta, Ga,

Of Bataan

Editors, THE NEWS;

If Gideon's little band could crush a mighty host Of Midianitish pagans in a long-

Of Midantitah pagans in a loragona gona age ilini death, when Could write a tenthless epic on our history's page II Leonidas Spartans at Thermopylas Countil patriots at Busker Hill, Could bleed and die, and "take it" in sweet Freedom's cause—A hundred million freemen now may shoult. Was Waten.

"We will"—since those brave marbyrs did not die in vain
We will take up the torch that
glorified Bataan—
The forch that fiames as crimson
as Old Glory's bars,
And lights the trail for all our
boys to carry on!
Hall, teroos of the foxiolated SparThough, ten to one the yellow,
saint-eyed pagans came!
And still, Old Glory floats above
Corregidor.

Corregidor.

BATAAN! A thousand years will sing your deathless name!
—THOMAS ELMORE LUCY.
North Little Rock, Ark.

"100,899" Is

Still on the Job

Side Glances

"We'd love to have you in our defense organization, dear, and I'm sure it would be a pleasant change from the drab duliness of a housewife's life!"

Editors, THE NEWS: I know you would have been pleased had you seen something that I saw yesterday. I was alting in the office of the Dodge Cork Co. a large industry of Lancaster, and saw a man busily engeged in reading the very fits book that you published some months ago on Charlotte 100,000 population. The man remarked to me, "That city of Charlotte must be a line place."

The country of Charlotte must be a line place."

C. I. LEAGUE

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—C. L. LEACH,
Lancaster Newspapers, Inc.
Lancaster, Pa.

Charlotte, As Others See Her

Others See Her
Richmond County Journal
To anyone who knows Charlotte
very will be an overgrown country town, too large to
be well-mannered, and not small
enough to be pleasant. The "big
ety" consistently is made the point
in both North and South Carolina,
to the point of repeatedly recheckenter born every few minutes,
are born every few minutes,
sechoed and re-echoed in the most
bilarious manner through all the
South.

South.

The two daily newspapers there have their fun at the expense of the City Government. The members of the City Gouncil are called the "Iron Dukes," in reverse because they change their stand on controversial questions so frequently.

because they consign two controversals questions so Irawool. Sypically, Charlotte last night held a blackout of course a blackout at 10 o'clock on a Bunday night is no test. Lights in this store windows are off at that the office of the store windows are office of the store windows are officed as the court in the store windows are officed windows before the scheduled black-out feet, you can bet your boots that the officials in charge will report "All's Well" and comment upon the excellent co-operation re-ceived from "ererybody."

The Truth

About Writing

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The New York Times
To be utterly candid, cost what
It may, writing it an easy lob,
has succeeded in making any
money doing it he seldom wants
to turn his hand to other work
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point, if he is to have any peace
and enjoy any esteem from his
intimates, he must set himself off
in a room of his own where he
dawdling. There he will be out
of reach when curishin have to
be hung, or when a faucet washer
sticken sink from being washed
away, There he can reflect and
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He need not expect that shutting hinnelf off in a vacuum will
necessarily increase the regard in
recessarily increase the regard in
family will see through this new
dodge as clearly as he does. Hecause no man's real character is
no readily transparent as the
yeveraline fit, and he pays the penalty.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

This is good news indeed: The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation unto all that believe.—Romans 1:16.

The Chiang Kai-Sheks

By Raymond Clupper ...

OHUNGKING, CHINA OHUNGERIO, CHENA
TUST as we have the President and
Mrs. Roosevelt, so the Chinese have
their Generalisatmo and Mme. Ohiang
Rai-Shek. You always have to include
Mme. Ohiang in
Ohiang apublic scene,

velt in ours.

An index to the

importance of the Generalisation's wife is the fact that she is most frequently referred to here.

She is sought out by those who want to influence the Generalisation. Some-limes she gets crosswise of Chinese politicians, who do not always relish her activities.

BEADAMK LIVES UP
TO ADVANCE NOTICE
I had though it impossible for anyone to live up to such advance notices
as Madame Chiang Kai-Shek has had
in America. Yet I find that she has
not been overwitten in anything I
have seen printed in the United States
at to her beauty, her viverly, or her as to her beauty, her vivacity, or her intelligence. Her personality is powerful without being in the least formidable. She possesses a complete naturalness and informality, while at the same time she is wise to everything that is going on and often has a hand in it,

is going on and often has a hand in it.

There is no suggestion that the
Generalissime is in her shadow or
under her centrel. They are more
like our Rosevelis, each guiling
on his and her own show but never
retting far out of step with the
other. Madame is the ice-breaker
for the Generalissime, especially
with foreigners, as he must speak
with them through an interpreter
while she hits out in good American slang. She hows how to handle
foreigners.

Madame is especially interested in convincing foreigners that China means convincing foreigners that China means to develop free of foreign control. In that she is volcing a sentiment that is growing amonge the Chinese. But she is by no means anti-foreign. On the contrary, she looks forward to some form of inhermational organisation after the war. But China, she missist, must be a free member of that organization, without foreign controls.

organization, without foreign controls.

GENERALISSIMO SENDS
THANKS TO AMERICA
I told the Generalissimo that I had
ridden part of the way to Chungking
on a crate of propellers for China's
air force. He saked me to thank his
friends in America, especially Lauchlin
curric, one of President Roosevelt's
administrative assistants, for their help.

Currie spent some time in China. I saked the Generalisalme what he wanted especially. He said air-planes. I gathered that he has received fewer planes than he ex-pected. It appears to be hard for him to understand why they are not coming in larger numbers. If planes come, he said, China can hold out.

I gathered that the Generalissimo is

I gamered mak the Generalisation or much concerned about India. He ap-pears to feel that the loss of India would be fast in China, because it would cut off China's supplie. The Generalisation thinks the main Japanese attack will not be on Aus-tralia, but westward, to knock out India and cut the Allied supply lines.

CHINESE WANT INDIA TO REMAIN UNITED

TO REMAIN UNITED

This accounts in part for the strong hops among Chinese leaders that India will remain united as one country. Some of them feet that the British proposal was defective in permitting the splitting up of India. It is believed the Generalissimo shares this view.

view.

Americans should realize the great honor they were paid by the Chinese through Chiang Kai-Shek's action in asking Lieut.-Gen, Joseph W. Stilweii to be his chief of staff. This is the to be his chief of staff. This is the first time Chinese troops have been allowed to serve under a foreign commander, and it comes in the face of China's determination to get rid of all foreign infringements, such as extra-territoriality and customs control. The Chinese have known General Stilwell for years.

I know positively that the Gen-erallssimo is giving his unreserved backing and supporting him in every way, regardless of his own commanders. On one occasion he

So, whatever you hear about Ohina, you can put it down flatly-and every American here will back it up-that American here will back it up—that Generalisaimo Chiang Kai-Shek is in this war for the duration, and ready

(Marshall News-Record)
Mr. O. S. Edmonds returned Thursday from an extended and successful business trip up in Virginia.

grew indignant when he thought General Stilwell was not being given the proper co-operation.

to go to any lengths to co-operate with the American effort.

Visitin' Around