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ously overloaded. He would have seen one listing heavily to starboard, literally inviting trouble.

On yes, the bus lines are being swamp-

ed on week-ends. They simply don't have the equipment to haul everybody that buys a ticket—especially since the

that buys, a ticket—especially since the soldiers started moving in such large numbers. But how, we'd like to ask, does lack of facilities for moving everybody safely over the week-end give the bis companies license to overload their coaches?

It would seem preferable to let only the maximum safe load aboard each bus. The others would simply have to watt. And, annoying and boring as that may be, it would seem infinitely more desirable than placing the lives of passengers in jeopardy.

Decision Of Head

To Keep Russia in the War, We May Have To Lose China

War Project Time and Circumstances Are

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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1942

Stick Em Up!

British Beat Japs to Draw In Vichyfrench Madagascar

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For a second time since the war began the British have beat the Axis to the draw. Last Summer it was the crowing swarm of German "tourists" in Syria that persuaded Churchili to undertake a long and bloody campain nagainst the near castern Vichy French. Only by ruthless and forchanded action were the Nazis prevented from seiting not only Syria, but Iran and Iraq.

There was a good deal of criticism of the British for letting drive at the French so promptly, but we know now that it was the only thing that could have been done, and twere better it were done quickly.

Here was an island that, in enemy hands, could have closed the whole Indian Ocean to the United Nations. It was being "defended" by the forces of Vichy France. A Japanese delegation was there, negotiating for some sort of deal that might well have resembled the capitulation of Indo-China.

The British waited and waited. At length, the Japanese came up to the borders of India. Pierce Laval returned to power in Vichy, It was enough. The British sent ships and men to take and

borders of India. Pierre Laval returned to power in Vichy. It was enough. The British sent ships and men to take and hold Madagascar.

It was an offensive action—not too little—too late defense as in Norway and Crete. All the lessons of the war are explicit on this point, Victory favors the side that moves first; defeat beckons the nation which waits for the enemy to do his worst.

Pot & Kettle

Army Politics, We Daresay. Is No Worse Than Congress'

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This week's prize for artiess and unabashed nativet has already been won, hands down, by Congressman Faddis of Pennsylvania. In support of his proposed amendment to restrain the Army from handing out commissions to civilians before they had gone through the mill, Rep. Faddis allows that favoritism has been shown in some instances.

Do tell, sir!

He also suspects that high ranking commissions have been given to men my commissions have been given to men and experience.

Gad. sir—and we thought all the time that what Clarence Kuester calls Washinston Glty had been purged of politics for the duration. In spite of this bitter distillusionment, however, we hold fast to the proposition

In splie of this bitter disillusionment, however, we hold fast to the proposition that when more effective ways 'and means of nepotism, favoritism, and sincurism are devised, they will originate in Congress and not in the Army.

The Army needs officers and in abury, At many an office deck are licutenants, captains and majors who are perfectly capable of serving in the field. The Army's policy has been to free these men for active serverse by commissioning qualified civilians to replace them. Under such a hurry-tup plan, there lant much doubt that politics has been played thick and fast. But, pray tell, where in this frency of Government expansion is politics not thrivine. Congress, least of all, would seem qualified to cast the first stone. Indeed, that body would make the war less unpleasant for everybody by tending its own sinceures. For it to attempt taking politics out of the Army would be somewhat like separating a tortoke from his shell. For, just as the tortoker cleaves to its moss-backed protection so the Army collings to its caste system and its politics.

Sit And Ride

Standing on Highway Bus Is Inexcusably Dangerous

There were 40 persons aboard the pas-senger bus that turned over near Duan yesterday. On the testimony of inve-tigating officers the vehicle had been crowded beyond its seated-load capacity; many of the passengers were standing. Standing passengers, as any Diske bus driver knows, are a shifty carro, They

driver knows, are a shifty careo. They respond en mass to centriugal force Respond en mass to centriugal force Responder in the control of a supprise to Driver Gibert Green that, when he attempted a left turn, the hus flipped over on its side, injuring some seventeen of the passengers. The wonder is that more busses don't turn over A motorist driving from Gaffiney to Charlotte Sunday could, have counted see less than four busses, all danger-

Alibis--No Planes



BIG CHRISTENING-BUT NO PRODUCTION

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A big christening was steld last
Dec. 4. for what was supposed to
be the first plane off the line. Deliverles were supposed to have
started then.
Pictures were taken and newspaper stories widely circulated.
Since then the only matters about
have been the accusations and denials that a slowdown existed
there.

The christened plane was actually only a test model. After the cameras were taken away and the newspanermen had gone, weights were dropped upon 1ts wings, etc., to determine its durability. It was wreeked in the process, and actual deliveries did not start until about five months later.

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Now, there may be disputes as to who is to blame, but there can be no denial of these facts, among the explanations, which are no doubt valid, are that the personnel in the plant was 32 per cent new to the advision industry; that the control was likewise new; that we have the control was not the control was not control w

well as producing, etc.
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We May Have To Lose China

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a pair of pincers over the neck of Free
China. In the thousand miles between
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Yangtze River, and Jap-invested Lashio
is concentrated the bulk of Chinag KalShok's pitifully small industry and the
richer of his remaining farm land. If
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The only nation with an outside chance of saving China is the United States. The bitter fact is that for irrefutable reasons of world strategy, we may have to send the men and machines that could save China to other fronts. Our Government, in fine, may already have decided that the greater part of the nation's war effort must be directed this year against Hiller, rather than against Japan. Faced with a choice of disasters, the chances are that we have chosen to keep Russia flighting at the risk of losing China.

It is a decision of the head—certainly not of the heart. For most of us, the measure of affection we hold for the heroic Chinese far exceeds our admiration of the Soviets, who found the soft spot in our hearts only when they were successful asainst the Germans.

With the Chinese, it's somewhat different. At least we've been friendly with them longer. It is going to be hard watching their vallant republic go under.

It is a denie to be even more difficult to explain to the Chinese why we didn't do all that could have been done. They are likely to be rather unresponsive to our promise to restore their freedom some day. It is soing to be the toughtest piece of talking Mr. Roosevelt and Cordination the control of the problem of t coals toward a new one.

CHINA DELIVERIES

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"Hitler In His Grave? Stalin In Berlin?"

By S. Burton Heath

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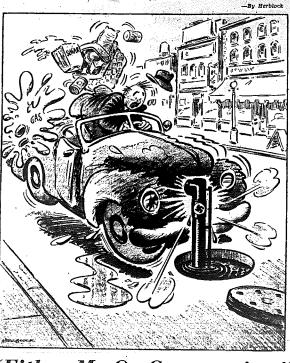
Smear Artists?" asks a third, and "Sir Stafford Oripps—Whose Man Is He? Churchill's or Stalin's?" demands a fourth.

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demands a fourth.

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"What is victory?" How will built a control of the post of the p

Main Street, U. S. A.



"Either Me Or Communism"

By Dorothy Thompson

NEW YORK.

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"TPLACE" WOULD BE ONLY A BREATHING SPELL Such a peace is, of course, in-auportable, and of course it winds an experience of the supportable, and of course, it winds are supportable, and of course, it will be supportable, and it was the supportable of course, it would have hope control of the world. And, of course, it would have hope control of the existence in the entire of the world of a Fuecist block embracing half a billion people, without the European colonies, would give the European colonies, would give the European colonies. Would give the European colonies, would give the European colonies, would give the European colonies. Would give the European colonies, would give the European colonies, would give the European colonies. Even the so-called advantages offered, for instance arrangements for trace between the three "emptes," the peace is a Douglas Miller I renchantly points out-you can't trade in any ordinary way with the Maje-Facetis set-up, but lines. Now this peace offereight is uni-

with the Nazl-Fascist set-up, but would have to organize along their would have to organize along their Now this peace offersive is unique, in that it is accompanied by a demonstration, not of strength, but of weakness.

The defeat of Germany in the last Winter campaign on the Western Front is not final, in the last Winter campaign on the Western Front is not final, but we will be supported by the control of the last Winter and the support of the control of July 1011. And up the roll of July 1011. And up the last peace the last week of the control of July 1011. And up the last peace the last weekers the set weekers the last weekers the last way to regalated the last peace the last weekers with the control of July 1011. And up the last peace the last weekers the

DANGER IS IN PROPAGANDA NOT IN DIPLOMACY

German offer that we acknowledge her victory comes in an awkward moment for Germany,

NAZI POLITICAL OFFENSIVE DUE FOR THIS SUMMER But has Germany any political weapons, any plan for a political offensive, which she is likely to make?

make?

I think yes, and I think we shall go through it this Summer.

It is to be discerned from what Germany is telling her own people and allowing the world to hear.

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rather than Nazi, because the German Republic played this game too. Whenever any demand was made by Germany, it was backed by the threat, if we are not helped, Germany will go Genmunist." This reached his climax mist. The reached his climax man Republic itself with the came slogant "Ether me or Communism." It gained further successes in the first years of appeasement. That was what Ribbentrop told Chamberlata, in order to get the Chamberlata, in order to get the "Ether me or Communism" is, "Ether me or Communism" is, "Ether me or Communism" is, "Ether me or Gommunism" is, but the weakness of Germany at this moment, gives a new opportunity to play the old some.

NOT IN DIPLOMACY

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one. Never be afraid of the weakness of your enemies: nor of their threats of suicide. Let us only see to our own strength and prepare for the establishment of an orderly world. And tell the German people about it.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Hearts and McCormicks and Patternous of this country, she supervise to find allow. This may be said to be friendless as the sheaten! Germany threatens to open the gates to "the Belshevik hordes," in the hope to be fined to be the Belshevik hordes, in the hope to be fined to be the Belshevik hordes, in the hope to be fined to be the Belshevik hordes, in the hope to be fined to be the Belshevik hordes, in the hope to be fined to be the Belshevik hordes, and gven accept his terms.

Now this is the eddet of all the Belshev horder to be the belshevil to be the said to be the

airs are called for.

This is why some important New Dealers who fought the sales tax for years because it would depress consumption are for it now because we need to depress consumption. Right now some \$25,000,000.000 additional is going into wages and salaries—90 per cent of it going to low-income croups. At the same time the production of goods for family use is count down and down. The excess money if allowed to float around would only result in people bidding, up prices against each other. Not even the barriers of price control could hold the appetite in check any more than Federal produbition ascentis were able to stop people from drinking.

NEW DEALERS ADAPT NEW DEALERS ADAPT POLICIES TO NEW TIMES

The New Dealers who have been right most of the time over the last ten years are now applied reversing their positions because conditions are reversed. They are trying to adapt their politions because roughtness than their politics to the needs of this day, which is certainly more intelligent than coasting along on some old speeches they made whom half of the nations factories and working population were idle. NEW DEALERS ADAPT

FDR Waits

For Public

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON

lic was ready to so as far as some of his

AGAIN It is worth while asking whether we as American cliffons are going to think our problems through realistically.

That is not suggesting a mers academic positine. President Roosevell vatered down his anti-midalon program because he was not sure that the American public was ready to go

advisers felt he ought to go, He refrained from advocating com-pulsory savings although important New Dealers around him urged it strongly and are convinced we shall have to come to it. He refrained from advocat-

ing a sales tax, although here again some of his most trusted advisers are convinced there must be one. No doubt it will be called a "war consumption tax" when it comes as it certainly will.

tax" when it comes as it certainly will. HE PREFERS TO WAIT FOR PUBLIC SENTIMENT. It is a good bet that Mr. Roosevelt knows these measures will have to be taken but prefers to allow time for public sentiment to develop. If the President thought public sentiment were ready now to support him be probably would go ahead with the more drastic recommendations. But in this delicate business of steering a whole people through the rough measures required by total war, you can't blame the President for not wanting to strain his leadership beyond the point where the country is ready to back him up.

If we are going to give intelligent

ountry is ready to back him up.

If we are going to give intelligent
support to enable the Government
to do what must be done, we shall
have to do some intelligent thinking. That requires facing conditions as they are today, not as they
were ten years ago. When your
economy is dead and you are trying to revie max consumption,
you need to do certain things. When

your economy is overstimulated as it is now and you are trying to redure civilian consumption to make room for war production, then to-tally different and opposite mea-sures are called for.

idle.
The fact that the National Associa-The fact that the National Association of Manufacturers and other business groups favored a sales tax at a time when it would only have further depressed consumption is no reason for New Dealers opposing it now when they want to depress consumption.

NOW TO GET AT MORE MODEST INCOMES

MORE MODEST INCOMES

The classic popular argument against the sales tax is that it bears more heavilies on the poor than on the rich. That is its effect without the silentest doubt. The salestrax work soak the rich. As a substitute for income taxes, which it was thring the depression, it is a fraud,. But now we can get the rich through the income tax. They pay far more heavily than the poor, proportionately—a third to a half of their income while millions are exempt from income tax. That is half of the job and the rates are going up some more, as they should.

are going up some more, as they should.

The other half of the job is to get at The other half of the Job is to get at the expanding buying power now going into the lower income groups. Congress shows no signs of drastle lowering of income-tax exemptions. The only practical way left to get at this money is furough soles inxes and compulsory savings. Five years ago that was a reactionary program. Now it is a New Deal necessity.

Visitin' Around

(Mt. Moriah Items Monroe Journals

I didn't know that dirt dobbers built their houses this early, but I heard some singing today. like they were building.

Thought it wasn't time for wild geese to pass, but some flew over last night, hallowing as if they were really happy.

Side Glances



"That new kid across the street was bragging about how tough his father was, but he certainly shut up when I told him you used to be a wild man in the circus!"