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Offense

The Navy Carries the Fight To the Enemy's Outposts

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No task force it is but the U. S. Pacific Fleet, based on Pearl Harbor, which is pitting into Jap bases on the Solomon Islands. It is, plainly, an offensive action which Admiral Minits has chosen to open, and of the kind which brought disaster to the Japs in their attack on Middway in that the fleet has to nose the vay into position to attack under the blows of shore-based sirplanes. But the Pacific commander-in-chief appears to have taken care to assure himself two advantages which the Japs misself the Australia pounded the Japs fleds and installations intensively, seeking to destroy his planes and to render his fields unusable. And for the scher, Nimitz appears to have taken the sender his fields unusable. And for the scher, Nimitz appears to have taken the sender his fields unusable. And for the scher, Nimitz appears to have taken the sounds concursing; and what it portends, we shall have to wait awhile to see. Guadalcanal, the of the Blemarck Archipelago. represents the extreme point-east position of the Blemarck Archipelago. represents the extreme point-east position of the Blemarck Archipelago. The position of the Blemarck archipelago. It was, in Jap hands, a mulsance in itself, and so wort as a expining stone to New Clunca and expining stone to New Clunca and expining stone to the country may well be content to pray for the success of its forces in this prime undertaking.

Uneasy Lessors

The Law Makes Trouble for Owners of Basedy Houses

Many a landlord's conscience must have twinged unesaity in Charlotte last week when Judge Burgwyn found cause to direct that the owner of a house resided to prostitutes be booked for a hearing later this month. The offense with which he is charged has not, in the past, much concerned the law. The statute itself is of recent origin; and has not, so far as we know, been invoked here prior to Judge Burgyn's summary action.

retion.

It immains to be established, of course. It he man in question knowingly rented the house to prostitutes, and nothing add here is intended to intimate as much or to be in derogation of him. At the same time, speaking in general terms, there are whole districts of houses in Charlotte which are plainly used for purposes of prostitution. Their landlords or rental agents may profess in the lack of specific proof, to assume that only swetness and light rule these miserable roosts, but they are bound to have a pretty good diea to the contrary. If they have some reason to believe the worst, and fall to find out for certain, it is because they prefer to keep their houses rented even at the risk of being thus connected, indirectly, with the swoffed business which the police, the Army and the social workers in Charlotte are laboring to break up. The law holds in principle that it is the responsibility of property-owners not be let their houses for prostitution. The burden of proof, we would guess, is on the law and not the property-owner or his agent, But it would be well for those latter to take no chances. The law has a two-year jall sentence in reserve. It remains to be established, of course,

The Hard Fact

Office of War Information Comes Out With the Worst

A new and altogether commendable departure in a government's public relations is undertaken in the Office of War Information's first comprehensive report off what may be called "the situation." In this one readable document is sufficient proof that the President acted wisely in installing OWI over all the other press agencies which had preceded it and in naming Elmer Davis as its head. The Office and the man have earned their spurs.

But in the very clarity and completeness and general excellence of the report, and in the enthusiastic reception; has received over the country, there, through no fault of OWIs, a danger, the protected and the work of the comprises the report is recent is exception; year, but the steel which comprises the report is recent in ward of the present the comprises the report is recent in the original properties and the present in the original present in the comprise of the present in the comprise

position to consider that once the Administration has overcome a difficulty in its organization for war, it has somein its organization for war, it has some-how delivered a mortal blow to our enemies. "Good old Elmer," people will
say: "we knew he would get things
straighten out." Yes, ma'am: Elmer
is doing well, and his report is a beauty.
But it kills no Germans and Japs,
ma'am. What Elmer was trying to say,
without completely depressing us, was
that we were a dishearteningly long
way from dominating this global war
or any part of it, that at the moment
it was being dominated in terrifying
fashlon by our enemies, while we and
Britain, the two great powers, stood by
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He was trying to tell us that even how, in August, 1942, the bulk of our armed force is over here whereas the war is over there, and that it's a job getting there. It will probably we "well into 1943 before we again have as much merchant shipping as we had on Dec. 7, 1941.") He was trying to tell us that our lofty promises of serving as the arsenal of democracy are being impotently unfulfuled. He was trying to tell us that 1942 could be a declaive year for our cause—and likewise for the cause of our enemies.

He came right out and told us that we could lose this war, and in doing so he spared our feelings. Could lose 117 The fact is, ma'am, that we are losing it. ... losing heli out of it. Can you

ing it . . . losing hell out of it. Can you take it in?

Antique

Coroners of Limited Value In Modern Law-Enforcement

Not only Mecklenburg but the 100 countles of the state and the State Government itself should be interested in the report on the office of coroner and coroner's juries made by the Association of Civic Clubs' committee, It is a thorough report, and clearly shows that the office of coroner is an outdated inheritance from ancient times, as ineffective under modern conditions as a halberd would be against a tommy gun.

What's more, present-day coroners, to function as they take it to be their responsibility to function, would have to be a combination of the Mayo Brothers, Tom Dewey and Judge Johnson. As the committee pointed out, when someone has been killed and foul play is suspected, the coroner must—

1), determine the physical cause of death, which requires medical knowledge;
21, ascertain the circumstances and the biame. If any, which requires cutions and cross-cutions and cross-cution; and all companies of the companies of probable cause exists, which requires judicial qualities.

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The committee found the duties of coroners to have been re-delegated, over the course of the years, to other more modern agencies, and probably would have recommended the abolishment of the office as sueless, except for a clause in the State Constitution which reads, "In each county a sheriff and coroner shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof..."

It would not be so bad if the office of coroner were simply useless. It can be

It would not be so bad if the office of coroner were simply useless. It can be worse than useless, an actual impediment to the processes of justice. For example, two years ago The Pleus made a study of 40 killings during a period of ten months in Charlotte to show what had happened to the killers. Believe it or not, ten of them were caught yet never came to trial in 'big court.' They were turned losse by coroner's juries, members of which had served as many as 27, 30, 52 times. One juror had sat 34 out of the last 57 times a coroner's Jury had been empaneled.

Epitaph For The Duce

The Axis Prince Becomes A Clown

TURBULENT periods in world history, like a play, have their casts of characters. Chroniclers of these stormy years will have no trouble in selecting the villain, for Hiller's claim to the part is as indisputable as that of a Barrymore over the vertect ham. And, the passing weeks make clear, the role of buffoon is being preempted with equal certainty by the heavy-lawed piguo of Rome. Benilo Mussolini.

y the heavy-jawed pizury of Rome, Bentic Mussolini,
Bentic entered upon the world politice istage naivi-tiventy years age with seund and furr, draping the Tega of the Caesara about his shoulders and splitting fire and brimstene at the "Decadent, pluteeratic nations" around him. For a time, it is true, the world took thin seriessity, whose lands he coveled, but even France, beasting the greatest land army in Europe, was a bit usevens when he spoke. Even the British Empire, in 1935, dared not risk its sea power before the Fascist at rifect, and as allowed the Duce to make good his conquest of the barriest Na-grees at Ethiopia good his conquest of the barriest Na-

Press or Eumopia.

But now, it seems certain, this bogus Caesar is marked to
ve the world branded as a charlatan, a traud, a poor deted windbag. Today his chin still jute forward like a
-boom before the breeze; his jowis puff and his stentorian
ce boomb as before, but even his own people know that
-words bear that once well-known label, "Made in Gerwords bear that once well-known label, "Made in Ger-

the Axis.

Hiller, it will be remembered, could not trust his junler partner to deal with Yugoslavia alone, after his precipitate flight before the Greeks, and so assigned Germany's own panter divisions and Stuka dive-bombers to blas the III-tarned valiant Yugoslavis into submission. But having downed Yugoslavis, the Fuehrer apparently thought that Mussolini's 'indontiable teptons,' with the backing of some German divisions, could keep their feet on the little hation's protestate head.

The tyrant of Rome, it now appears, was too feeble for even that light task. In recent days Mikhailovitch's moun-



tainer warriors, with a '700-year-old tradition of blood-bought freedom behind them, have crossed Italy's frontiers, burned the barracks of the Italian Army and generally made life hellish for the Duce's men.

can it be that my yellowed scrap-books lie when they, tell me that in the Summer of 1834, when Delliuss of Arabin Marchael and the Summer of 1844, when Delliuss of Arabin Nau builtes and a German Arany waited at the Austrian border to march in to selve power, that Hiller was bluffed into inaction became Mussolini ordered 300-000 men to the Brenner Fass, ready to move into Austria and dispute German sovereignty over this butter state?

Do they lie again, still more infamously, when their faded print tells the story of Hitler's visit to Rome a year or so later? If not, the war lord of Berlin, then not quite sure of

set of the year remember Gradulaters during the Spanish Christon where a make a first section of the support of Layalist Spain and we see the support of Layalist Spain and were bedded late an inglestens, pell-mell rest? The lattice, I recall, inspired Westbook Pegier to a column in which is addressed an imaginary report to the Duce from his Commander in Spain, beginning "O Duce, year invincible legions are advancing rapidly toward the rear!" During 1938 and 1939, when Hilter was string; the brew twar in Europe, Mussolini risithfully echoed his Switin maser of Deputies, like so many mechanical dolls, to chanting contonously.

ber of Deputies, like 'se many mechanical dolls, to chanting monotonous;

'Nice, Savoy, Tunisia, Corsion!'

Se the bad bey who had terrerised Europe with his ranting and believing its per-war days washed quietly in Reme until Jiane 18, 1984, until after littler' dive bembers, mullicary power, before he, in Fresident Researchis words, struck his dagger 'link the back of a neighber' -Prance. Since then the Duce, as a political figure, has sunk to a depth of nonentity even lower than that of his struy. His ally, Hitler, has allowed him to send only a few divisions to Prench soil: he has not been permitted to divisions to Prench soil: he has not been permitted to the divisions to loke in low Berlin muits for his many. His ally, Hitler, has allowed him to send only a few divisions to give the man be altered to the first the send of the contemperature and his industry are run by Germans; and he is the stilly butt of jokes in low Berlin muits finals.

If he dares look to the future, he must, if he is realistic, see only two roles, equally black: the deposed head of a direction once known as the Kingdom of Italy. Neither prospect can be alturing to one who for two decades pictured hinself as an heir of the Cataers and who, in his secret heart, despises the Germans as the "Barbarians of the north."

Side Glances



"Take that goofy looking suit of yours, for instance—if you don't draw the line somewhere your parents will make an awful sap out of you!"

Picture Of The Fronts

The War Knows No Lines

WASHINGTON

To the batie in Russia, and consequently may be inclined to overinterpret or underestimate what is happening there.

There is no battle line such as you see aduly drawn
to a solid mass moving forward against a retreating
max a few miles ahead, doggedly dying for every inch
of territory.

The German army is broken up into numerous its, each an individual unit of tanks and infantry, in pounding forward individually from town to who or place to place. Frequently one advancing runs into a Russian unit and there is a scrap for satisfact.

visualized as a thousand enconnected that pounding forward university have not tried to maintain a defense line anywhere, except on the east bank of the Don, from Vorenesh southwest to the big bend near Stalingrad. There they have established a fairly good defensive position into as good as they can and may have to take later on the east bank of the Volga, a much wider and less shallow stream).

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South of Stalingrad, however, where the clashes between the fists have been more numerous, there has been no semblance of microflow has been more an experience. The stream of the staling has been an army of 20,000 men from the tight pocket in which Hitler caught them around Rostow. If navone had said ten days ago that Timoshenko would get 10,000 of these troops safely out of the trap, he would have been considered an optimist.

Yet apparently this adroit Red general has succeeded in safely withdrawing most or all of them.

in sately withdrawing most or air of them. You have heard no claim by the Berlin radio to the capture of any large number of troops in that area, and it certainly would have been made if Hitter had succeeded in his attempt to cut off these forces. Consequently, Timoshenko's army is most certainly so far still intact as this is written.

The German encirclement maneuver has forced him to mové constantly back and back, because it has pushed him into an area of level plains, barren of good geographical defenses, the next good line at Timoshenko's back is the mountains of the Caucasus.

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There and on the east bank of the Volga, to the morth, the Russians certainty have better milliary positions than they have occupied so far in this war. Of course, if they have to go back to these, they lose the Caucasus oil, all the industry and farm supplies of the Don and Donels Basins, but until their and the second of the

There, defenses in depth have been established feoticrete pillboxes, camouflaged machine gun and mortar nexts so that the terrain constitutes vasclavisible forts covering hundreds of square miles, but without walls.

Also Still Full of Bounce

-Bu Herblock



Meaded For The Axis Sullen India

By Raymond Clapper

CIRIM developments in India now are flavored with the same air of I unreality which I felt while there last Spring. At that time Japanese forces were striking inside the Bay of Bengal. They had shattered a convoy just outside of Calcutta, bombed Geylon, and selted air bases along the Burman coast of the Bay of Bengal.

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Yet all of that seemed to leave the people curiously unaffected except for the flight of thousands to the country. Folitical bickers are the construction of the construction of

American civilians out of the country.

Yet at the very moment when American Plying Fortresses were
ing after Japanese naval forces in the Bay of Bengal, one Calcutts
wayaper carried a sercestic editorial complaining about the "busyeties from America" who were arriving to help defend India from
Japs. It was the most depressing experience of a long tip more
an halfway around the world through its darket backyards.

nan haifway around tire world through lis darketh backyards.
Gandhi dosen't see that India is ensemilate the 'Allies, that if
India is taken over by the Japs, China will be completely cut off,
India is taken over by the Japs, China will be completely cut off,
Middle East and cover our route into Russia as well, that Japamese use of India bases would be a blow more dangaress than any
the Allies have suffered. Or if he does see it, he doesn't give a

damin.

Mohru sees il. He was asying then that those who hoped to win their firedom with the help of an inwater were thing in a foot paradise. But this Hamiet of the East is unable to muster the strength, of will to carry out his convictions. If ne had the nerve to do it, ne could split the Congress Party and prevent this heading act of treason to the Allied cause that Gandhi threatens.

Yet when I saw Nehru at Aliahabad, in his home next door to the Congress Party headquarters where the shameful documents were needed by the Pitchian Congress Party headquarters where the shameful documents were entered by the Pitchian Congress Party head controlled to the Section of the Section Section of the Section Section

The height of the unreality that marks this whole business in the control of the

resease Luma, zekyze answer was to start war en the United States?

Many British people have long recognized that Britain's coirse India has been unwise and studded with blunders. Democratic ctory will bring a change. Jepanese victory will only inpose on the sease of poulation of the people of the sease of poulation a more british master than India has ever known, upan wants india's cost and fron, to develop the industry whe badly rows. She wants to control India's textile industry, which threatens or own. Bhe wants to use India's textile industry, which threatens or own. She wants to the control of the crashing resility and willing to the change of the industry which willing to the crashing resility will discharge the season of Britain with the blackjack of civil dischedelence? It's all-essired as a bad dream.