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### A Shakeup?

Congress Begins Yell for Improved High Command

Some of those quiet little Washington communiques, of the type which often presages the coming of the biggest storms, have been whispering of brasshattery in the Army and Navy. Veteran correspondents, as yet only sensing the growth of a trend and a story, have given the reports slight amplification. That there is to be a major shift within our own High Command seems probable. From the signs.

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First calls for a shakeup have come from the Administration, and those calls seem to be intended to pave the way for direct action by the President. First, Congressman Lyndon Johnson of Texas, just back from a tour of inspection of the fighting in the Par East, started talking about "brass hats." for the first time in his career.

Soon after. Oklahoma's Josh Lee fired both barries at Army and Navy alike—and was joined in the full chorus by Coffee of Washington.

Both the big armed services were publicly accused of stalling, bogging down to the eyes in red tape, so that they could not see the need for initiative and up-to-date warfare. Both commands, the plain inference was, were going which was the plain inference was, were going and the warfare. Both commands, the plain inference was, were going and the plain inference was, were going was the plain inference was, were going the plain inference was were going and the plain inference was the going the plain inference was were going the plain inference was the going t

who has seen Americans in battle areas, the fight is led by one man. That one is no military expert, but while he was watching the war burn in the East prac-tical military men told him their story. He was still sizzling when he reached

There is always caution to be used in switching leaders in war-time, always the possibility of endangering a cause. But if responsible leaders in the field find Army and Navy conditions so confused that they bombard an inspecting Congressman with their pleas, action is indicated. And there should be no reason for paving the way, or softening up the public. The President, we feel, should act, now. After all, lives are at stake.

### Double Talli

Ickes and OPA Confuse Us Again on National Rationing

No sooner does an echo die in Washington than another official voice takes it up, twists it into reverse, and yells it again. From the President down there have been conflicting estimates, guesses,

It up, twists it into reverse, and yells it again. From the President down there have been conflictine estimates, puesses, and hopes of a pure strain Latest head-on collision between estimators of a national resource has brought complete contrained to civilians. Honest Harold Icless asys that the spread of nation-wide gasoline rationing is not necessary. Joel Dean and Leon Henderson of OPA have recommended national restriction to President Rossette. Much as the East now frets under what it considers unfair application of rationing, and much as the West would complain of its perad, the public would be happy, now, to welcome almost anything that clarified the situation and told the nation exactly where it should. Ickes had said that the total daily supplies to the East are now 1,505,000 barrels (including that shipped by tank cars, barkes and pipe lines, and produced in the East, and that the East-ern needs are only 409,000 barrels (including that shipped by tank cars, barkes and pipe lines, and produced in the East, and that the East-ern needs are only 409,000 barrels in excess of that supply.

The Ickes point is that rationing over the whole country would not help solve the Eastern problem, and thus would achieve no worthwhile objective. The drive by Dean and Henderson would seem to be directed toward support of the overall programs of OPA—that the entire nation shall be controlled in every phase of normal life and business.

Last word from Roosevelt we can remember, out of the maze of yea-and-no stetements, is that people living near oil wells should be allowed all the gas and oil they need. So the OPA program, when it goes to his deck, may not goeve the specific deck may not goeve the same has any The people, diazy by a lease his way. The people, d

now and almost beyond caring, wish only that Washington, for once, would get together on one understandable point.

#### Bottleneck

Civic Clubs Committee Spots Mecklenburg's Crime Jam

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created a committee to study law enforcement and crime in Mecklenburg County, at once it became as inevitable as peas on a luncheon club plate that this committee, soon or late, would have to come down to cases with Solicitor John Carpenter. There could be no escaping it. The process of law enforcement and punishment of the graver kind in Mecklenburg County, except, of course, by Federal agencies, culminates in Solicitor Carpenter's court.

And the committee in its report published elsewhere in Time News/Stoday has recognized, abetit without "derogation on Mr. Carpenter, that any effort to deal comprehensively with law enforcement and crime in Mecklenburg County will have to be preceded, first of all, by (1) cutting the Solicitor's job down to one-man size, and (2) getting a No. 1 man to fill it.

The steps proposed to bring this about are for Mecklenburg to be made a district unto itself, which would require action by the Legislature, and for the State's salary of \$4,500 (plus \$500 for expenses) to be supplemented by the County so that truly competent lawyers could be induced to take the place. (Reasonling on that last point is, we think, faulty. The better politician would be as likely to get the elective job of Solicitors as the better lendwer; but the matter of salary is of no immediate importance and may be left until after Mecklenburg has obtained the right to name its Solicitors.

The major point made in the report of this committee, first in a series by several committees on other phases of crime and criminal processes in Mecklenburg, is that reform begins in the court room itself. That is precisely what Tire. News has been saying somewhat less diplomatically, for lo these many years.

## Officusies Nillians

One Good Punch at Hitler Presents Staggering Cost

The cheapest known method for the Allies to strike at Germany and the German-held continent is by air, where losses of personnel and material are comparatively light. But flying destruction to Hilder, though it may bring many a tactical bargain is not cheap. No, str.

Consider, for example, the recent British raid on Duesseldorf, made by an estimated 300 bombers, with a loss of 31. Basing the costs of the operation and

31. Basing the costs of the operation and its losses on American experience, the price ran out of sight.

The average cost of the about 252,000 (granting that four-motored Stirlings, Laneasters, Liberators and Flying Portresses and two-motored Basins and Hudsons were used). The 31 lost represented a rost of \$7,750,000.

In the U. S. Air Forces it costs \$150,000 to train a pilot, probably about the same in Britain. Figuring that the average bomber over Duesseldorf carried five mea (a milimum's, the English lost about \$15,500,000 in trained, pilots and crewmen alone.

crewmen alone.

The round trip to Duesseldorf was ap-The round trip to Duesseldorf was approximately 000 miles, and the motor of a big bomber will burn a hundred gallone of aviation gasoline an hour. Given a minimum of four hours in the air, the hundreds of British motors must have consumed at least 450,000 gallons of das during the raid. At a cost of fifty crats per gallon, including transportation from the U. S. the gas bill alone was \$225,000.

Those three liems total \$23,455,000.—and doesn't include the cost of the many repairs, biaintenance of fields and pay of personnel, the tanker losses in import of fuel, oils, greases, bomb loads, ammunition or the time of high-ranking officers.

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offices.

This, only one foray in the air—and less than a third the size of the record mass raids—might serve to remind Americans, and people all over the world, of the actual price to money we are paying for this war. And the cost in money, of course, is pleayunish when set satisfies the cost in terms of humanity.

The Mountain Behind



# And Nober The Armen

# Salutes For A Reporter

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RELEAST, NORTHERN RELEASD
NOW we start with the United States Army of
scattered all over the place.
Since military security forbids me to write specifically about any place, troop unit or station, or to
identify them in any way. I have mapped out a new
technique, you might call it, of working.

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The Army has rarelously provided me with a peep and a driver, and I am free to go anywhere I please. So I'm spending four days each week with the frenops, all were Northern Ireland, one with the renops, all were Northern Ireland, one may be a supplied to the supplied of th

Newspaper men like myself drift in and out of Northern Ireland, but there are three currespondents and four photographers assigned here permanently. They represent the press associations and picture services.

tions and picture services.

They all came over on the first convox in January. They live with the officers in Nisson buts in one of the camps, but some of them kerp a hotel room in Belfast also. They all wear uniforms, and so the twisting American and British correspondents who run over from England oreasionally. Despite my civilian choices, Fve been etting sabried all over Ireland. That's because I tide around in an Army peep and wear an offerer-steps treaching.

cat that I got in London last year. Sentries, and soldiers along the road, apparently think thy dilapidated civilian hat is just the whim of south eccentric general, so they take no clusters and shifte themselves to decivil.

Naturally, I don't know what procedure to follow in return, so I usually just wave and yell, "Howarl, kild".

Artually I believe I get along better not being in uniform, bunking around with enlisted men as do. An officer uniform consistency of a consistency of the consistency of the consistency the night shooting the bull with them. As it, they seem to fee! that I'm just another old braken-down guy from home and sort of a sight for sore eyes.

for sore eyes.

The other right I fell in with a croup of sergeants at one camp last as they were storting sprioses to see a more. I said, "I'll go along if it won't be interfering with your plans."

And one of them said, "Good Lord not We're so glad to see an American in civiling clothes we wish you'd just stay with us all the time."

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These columns to from here to London in a sealed Army mouth, and are transmitted from there to New York by wherekes, as we old continentate call it. And I might add it is coating the office a prefty penny, so you'd better read every column twice.

every column side.

The columns are censored three times—once by the Army, in London; once by the British cable censors; once by the Army in London; once by the British cable censors; once by the Army in London; once by the British cable censors; once by the Army in London; So you may be sure that Army in the to you they are thy white and ball that are old mail.

Now that They used up the day letting you the on all my family secrets I will get to bed and try to get on with my business conserves. As a facility deep and even lift the Sumeraritime they have enough covers to crush a macdoon. I can at least keep warm in bed over here.

## Inflation Simplified

# **HowToLoseAWar**

From The Charlette Labor Journal
TWENTY DOLLARS a day is a pretty good wag. But 'it doesn's
mean much if your grooter boil, you ston a day.
To eatch up with your grootery bill, you demand a wage increase
of \$10 a day. But by the time you get it, your grocery bill has jumped
to \$40. So you are etill one jump behind.
That is inflation.

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That is why Fresident Roosevelt is trying desperately to prevent inflation. He knews what it does to the working man. Wages never each up with prices when inflation starts. It is beginning to look as though the Frasident must have seen intelligent coperation from labor if he is going to stop the race between prices and were the prices and were

prices that wages.

Ordinarily a working man doesn't have to worry shout things like this. He hires a Congressman, pays him \$10,000 a year and expedign this to give intelligent co-operation to the President to prevent such economic catastrophics as inflation.

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have.

Fresident Rossevelt is making an emergency move to prevent in-flation. He is trying to protect labor and labor should be intelligent enough to help him.

When the war is over, we can get some of the bugs out of our economic system, provided we win. The best way not to win is to disrupt production and destroy our economic balance by inflation.

Inflation would be a forerunner of military defeat.

It must be avoided at all costs, because, if we lose the war we lose everything we are fighting for, You will be all brough so far as having anything to say about your wages, your hours or your working conditions.

tions.

You'll do what they tell you and you'll say "Yes, sir" when you do
it. It would be a lot smarter to lose a pay raise now than to lose tha
whole pay check later.

### In Starline Waritings?

# The Bear Trap

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON hen it came out

WEEKLY magazine sold faster than sugar here when it came out with a story predicting Russia will defeat Hitler in 1942.
The idea of the article was that the Russians have secret armies of several hundred divisions, and one of four million men is supposed to be about read;

e about rendy.

The author, Pierre Van Paassen, an eminent analyst of foreign
affairs, also claimed the Russiana have secretly built most of their
industry safely back of the Urals, and therefore are in-good shape.

There is no one here who does not hope Mr. Van Paassen is correct, but more competent authorities are encountering difficulty in accepting his suggestion that the Russian retreat this time is a

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In peacetime, the Reds also drew 85 per cent of their oil from the Cautraus, which is now just beyond Hiller's reaching fingers. They produced 203,000 barrels of oil a day of which 400,000 came from the Cautraus.

They are now supposed to have safely in storage 1,000,000 barrels, which would be 200 days of a peacetime supply. This could be made to last somewhat longer now with supplies from newly-developed Ural wells.

last somewhat longer now with supplies from newly-developed Ural wells. It is no doubt true they have 4,000,000 fresh troops or more in reserve, but the equipment of these is questionable. It is no secret that they are long on manpower and short on materiel. Anyone with what is think they are fooling, thus will have difficulty concluding the proper authorities here who assume a much graver attitude toward the Russian situation.

A late check on German oil, incidentally places their war use active operations at 400,000 barrels a day. They are getting bott 100,000 from Rumania, 43,000 from Poland, Albania and

But their synthetic production in addition to these supplies, still leaves them about 50 per cent short. They are drawing on their reserves, therefore, to the extent of about 200,000 barrels a day, which shows how badly they need the Caucasus fields.

### One Justice, One Enemy

The lides of Mr. Roosvell appointing Chief Justice. Stone to head a rubber survey slid out of the news fast, for a very good reason. Justice Stone flash reflected the President's suggestion.

He is personally opposed to mixing court and executive matters, reen has some private feelings about other justices making public speeches. His declination was amonthed over by both his office and the White Rounce, suggesting he had been asked.

Most politics think Jin Farley will defeat Mr. Rosserelt in the choice of a Democratic gubernatorial candidate at the com-low York State convention. As Mayor La Guardia has suggested, Farley is perhaps the best delegate picker in the world today and be started early.

started early.

In the New York delegation in Congress, however, there is a belief that Mr. Roocevelt will throw in Federal pressure (promises of Jobs and Federal appropriations?) to make enough delegates change their mind. If he goes to work actively on this bask, they say Tarley will find himself facing too much power. Until saich pressure begins to appear, mowever, the olds favor Farley.

# Side Glances



"A career girl must face an awful lonesome future, but when I'm president of the company, Pu see that you are given a home."

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# Realism Against Vice

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The authorities and a number of evice organizations have put their heads and hands together in an effort to stamp out their heads and hands together in an effort to stamp out their heads and hands together with the second of the seco

Street Scene In Charlotte

Editors, THE NEWS: Scene: A local churchvard with its locked gates and high iron fences.

Time: One Saturday night, with the city flooded with soldiers, look-ing for a spot to ile down.

Spotlight: Sign inside the churchyard, "Soldiers Center-Welcome."

come."
Actors: Two sleeping soldiers
who had braved the from pickets
and were sprawled out upon the
sacred grams while other envious
ones pered in and wondered if
they should invade the sacred
ac-tree precincts of the squirels.
Three cheers for Charlotte, "The

-E. L. MOORE.

What Is Blood To Be Mixed?

To Be Mixed?

Editors, Tur News:
About a month ago I read an article in your paper saying that some South Carolina Senator was raining howle about mixing the blood from white and Newro races, the constitution of the battlefields.

It shocked me very much, and I apoke to several of my Irienda about? It They said they couldn't believe. It was frue, but a Peter should be about? They said they couldn't believe. It was frue, but a Peter William Edgerton of Guilford College, N. C., brought it up again.

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So, griding down to brane
starks: As a ciliten with one
son and one son-in-law already
in the service, and one more
son and another son-in-law
and myself registered. I want
to ask you if this is true. Is
blood from both races being
mixed into one blood bank?
Charlotte, N. C. EATMAN.
Charlotte, N. C.

(Note: The Red Cross de-nies that blood is being mixed. The Mr. Edgerton referred to was shocked not by the mixing,

Some Textile Workers Happy

WORKETS JUDDY

Editors, The News:

I read a letter on your editorial
page recently about us people who
work in the testile planta at Rockingham. Maybe we are asleep, but
we don't go around trying to start
trouble with the war on, and we
have enough to think about without getting in this shout with-

out getting into a union.

And one thigg for sure—we don't give our money to a union. We keep it for our-selves. I don't see anybody down at the plant where I work we have pretty nice homes of our own. And our boss gives us a raise every once in a wintle. We have one coming up now.

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## TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

If we want rich harvests we must diligently prepare for them. Spiritual blessings do not come by magic any more than earthly harvests do: Dolt the plowman plow all day to sow? Doth he open and break the clods of his ground?—Isatah 28:24.