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Respite

Our Limited Pacific Action Must Be Stepped Up Soon

There is a rising sentiment among military experts and civilian laymen alike that the United Nations strategy of getting Hitler first and saving Hirohito for the future has been overdone. And the President's wildly acclaimed statements of our aid to China did not change the picture in the Pacific. There is the feeling that, despite American-led victories in the huge area, the peril to our holdings grows daily.

The threat to Australia seems greater The threat to Australia seems greater today than at any time since last Spring, and neither MacArthur's advances in New Guinea, nor Admiral Halsey's naval victories in the Solomons, nor the expanding American forces on Guidal-canal have nullified that threat. The Jap, despite great losses, has obviously not abandoned hopes of cutting Allied supply lines in the Southwest Pacific. His new armada, gathering at Rabaul, is-sufficient evidence that he will try again, boldly again boldly

There is also a grave threat to China There is also a grave threat to China. With Jap troops concentrated in Burma and Thailand, the province of Yunnan is almost surrounded, and the road is open to Chungking. At the present a Jap drive into South China could be made without effective resistance from China's allies. General Wavell's small force in Burma is no indication that he has sufficient strength to fight a major campaign in the area.

And, all the while, the Japs con-And, all the while, the Japa consolidate all their gains far behind the battle lines, and begin milking their captive empire. Every day they gain while the great part of our strength is directed toward Europe, they entench themselves the stronger in the islands. The time is soon coming when the overall plan of var must be altered somewhat, for the strategists have yet to show conclusively that Japan is a lesser enemy than Germany.

Foresight

Rehabilitation of Veterans Answers a Need in Advance

At the end of the World War returning veterans had none of the advan-tages of a planned campaign of reha-bilitation. The Government, committed bilitation. The Government, committed to their care, was forced to hurried measures which resulted in an incomplete program. There was no lack of sympathy or willingness to help, only a lack of foresight. For this war, thanks to North Carolina's Representative Graham Barden, there need be no such footnets.

footnote.

The Barden Plan, now offered in revision to Congress, provides a training
program for crippled and incapacitated
veterans, so that they may take up new
occupations, retain respect for themselves and their Government. This time,
if and when Mr. Barden's bill receives
the attention it deserves, the nation will
take up a post-war burden in advance,
and make certain of the just solution
to the problem of the maimed fighting
men.

A veteran himself, Mr. Barden has A veteran humself, Mr. Barden has broadened his scheme to care for the wounded: not only fighting veterans, but civilians themselves will take part in the program of reliabilitation. And that will fill a great need for the days after peace comes, when have sections of the population must be routed into new occupations.

We recommend the proposal on its merits, already recognized by high of-idealdom, and because it answers a coming problem as so many should be unswered in these times; by intelligent advanced planning

Head Em Off

State Drys Picked Poor Time To Open the Old Liquor Fight

A significant common denominator in the speeches of President Rossevelt and Governor-Broughton in addresses to their legislative bodies was the plea that every action be devoted to the cause of winning the war, that petty or controversial legislation of a non-essential nature be cast aside. The odds

in each case are heavily against the achievement of any such ideal.

Congress may be depended upon to do its share of bucking, one way or another, and North Carolina's General Assembly, though it has moved swiftly on important bills, has already set the stage for a battle calculated to split the state at a time when unity is so much to be desired. The old liquor question, this time with greater impetus than usual, has been thrust forward in Raleigh.

That the time is ill-chosen scems to of little moment to the Dry forces seeking a state-wide referendum. Representatives Price of Rutherford, Rountree of Gates and Dellinger of Gaston form the leading wedge of the Probibltionists, and after them will come the controversy certain to divide the Assembly and the state at large.

During this session, when the law-makers can serve North Carolina only by insuring the perpetuation of its in-stitutions and gearing its Government situtions and gearing its Government to war and the post-war period, we can see nothing to be gained by the introduction of the liquor bill. If the dry elements cannot be convinced that they are out of time with the times, it remains for the supporters of legal liquor stores in Raleigh to stop them.

And we trust that they will be stopped And we trust that they will be stopped before the damage has been done, time lost, unity disrupted, and the Assembly diverted from Issues of vastly greater importance at this time. This is only another attempt by the Drys to have their way while thousands of young men are in the armed services, disfranchised. It seems strangely familiar,

Dissenters

Little Congressional Bloc Sau Everything but the Big Point

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If the reaction of the Allied world
in general and the American public in
particular to the President's speech resounded as one great cheer, there was
also a petulant, whinting note to be
heard. It came from the dark corners
of Congressional halls, where the Republicans, old and new, sit with the
old isolationists. There, the fighting
war talk that may go down as the
President's greatest was translated immediately into the old political jargon.

mediately into the old political jargon.

The dissenters were few, but their very presence indicates danger, for men who can spur such a plea are burdens for war and liabilities for peace to come. Burt Wheeler carried the tune: The speech was "civer," dealt in generalities—indicating that the real issues were by-passed, that the war, still, was not a reality.

Mrs. Clare Luce followed: "Noble generalities." And other Republicans fell in. Plantley of Vermont thought it "unsatisfactory," and an abbt: Eaton of New Jersey and Mott of Oregon looked upon it as conciliation for their party. Langer of North Dakota_took the chance to air his anti-British views the chance to air his anti-British views; Lambertson of Kansas reached out and plugged for the harassed business man at home; Miller of Nebraska was disappointed at the "defense" of the record; Jensen of Jowa was only gratified that no erack had been taken at the GOP.

the GOP.

There they are, the old ones what they have ever been, the new ones speaking up as they thought their voters would have them. The votes are not, we submit, in tune with the mandate of the people in November. They wanted to get on with the business of war and victory; but no barking and snaring in the ranks when a strong leader souke for unity. The mist. strong leader spoke for unity. The na-tion will do well to note how often the bloc of dissenters casts ballots in its own way in the months to come.

Sure, there's something in the old superstitions. By going almost anywhere on the continent today, the arch-crim-inal Hitler returns to the scene of a

"Tennessee hens are found none the worse for a meal of mountaine mash." Thus, we may be one step nearer the ready-mixed egg-nog.

Song of the Lorelei



Shy's The Limit

Anything But The War

By Samuel Grafton

STATES rights will win the war. I don't believe it. Cellber, but one hears it in Washington. A return Victory lies in the State capitals; a banner with a strange device. But, one also hears, a return of power to Congress will win the war. One big Congressional committee to run the war, will win

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The was organs together and they was organs to the was organs to the was organ bill. That would let any Federal court review any administrative act, while the war waited. More lawsuits will win the war. More longer will wish the war. If your thoney please, was organs or the war was organs or the war was organs or the war. When the war was organs or a year as one was organs or a year as one was organs. The war straight: Winning the war will win the war was organs or a year organs or the war was organs or a year organs.

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the war.

But in high places the little games go on. A full-scale investigation of Lease-Lend will win the war. What war? Whily the war against Harry Hop-kins. Keep calm. This is your Congressman, Iteleo and win the war. What war? Why, the total war against Tugwell. Haven't you heard? in high places the little games go on. A

war against Tugweil. Haven't you heard?

Less midding will win the war. That's the frouble with the President. He middles. He deast's know what he warts. Does Congress congress will win the war. More power for Congress will win the war. More power for Congress will win the war. And more badmiston. When the war was the war was to be a work of the war was to be a work of the war. And more badmiston. When the war was the was the war was

Craftion

Somewhere there must be a big answer as to what will really win the war. Probably it is complicated and alightly terrifying; it may include a universal war service act (such as Britath has had for almost three years) to enable Government to assign workers to wital jobs; and taxes higher than assign workers to wital jobs; and taxes higher than casting workers to wital jobs; and taxes higher than the property of the pr

It is easier, and pleasanter, to select a little game, and play it. The housewife escapes from the war at a funny movie. A Congressman does it by talking about States' rights, and more power for judges.

power for Judges.
What's wrong with States' rights? Nothing's wrong with States' rights. Nothing's wrong with mories, either, or backgaumon. But we are concerned with the bitter, narrow question of what will will the war. I say that a Congressman who turns with the war. I say that a Congressman who turns will be supported by the control of the contr

He is enjoying the soft lights and sweet music of an issue he can live with. He is refreshing himself by dallying with something familiar and pleasant. It is nice, but it has nothing to do with the war.

with the war.

Actually, to climb into such an issue and make oneself cozy therein, at a time like this, is to climb into a kind of funk hole. And to persuade oneself the such that is to be the climb of the climb into a kind to be such that is to be the climb into a kind to be such that is to be the climb into a kind of the climb into a kind of

Time For A Plan

City Real Estate Grows

By Dick Young

A PROPERTY utilization or management division of the Municipal Government seems to be a need that will become more and more apparent as the City's foreclosure program progresses. For the first time, the Government is seriously carrying out a program of acquiring property on which street assessments and taxes have remained unpaid and piece after piece of property-is coming into the legal possession of the Government.

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Afterady title has been transferred on 25 pieces
of property and the sixt has Just been made. Others
will come in due time and in increasing numbers
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There are important implications in such a
stituation. Of prime consideration is the withdrawal of this property from the tax books. Properry publicly owned is not subject to taxation
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extent. And this is where the property management division would come in. This set-up should
be headed by a person who is thoroughly, smillar
walne of property and knows how to dispose of it.
If not at a profit, then not at a loss.

These holdings in the main will not be gilt-edge
reportry but some of it will be worthwithe and somebody slouds have the responsibility of 'looking after
will have scores of lots scattered all over the city,
and unless some direct responsibility is fixed, soon
the city will be owning property it perhaps deem's
enow it evers. Just recently that attuation developed
at tumbled-down shack on Oakhawn Avenue. The
City's ownership was revealed when inspectors sought
the owners to serve a condemnation notice for demolition of the house.

as has been pointed out, much of the property which will be transferred to the City, will be of little value and buyers carn't be found. Then, such property should be converted to public use. This is where a property utilization division would all the city's heldings would be in position to all the city's heldings would be in position to assist any numilepat department having the need for land. The Park and Recreation Commission would no doubt be the chief beneficiary of such arrangement because many tracts, even as small as one arrs, might be turned into a community

park or playground. Wartime restrictions on transportation are drawing all recreation and amusement closer home and already park officials are thinking of plans for community recreation facilities.

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City Hall Whirl: A typical Irish beauty is youth-ful. red-headed Joyce_Toomey_femiline messenger, who is adding chains and grace to an erstwhile mule bows have gone to warr... For days I was struck—with the mumber of automobiles parked behind the city Hall without the required 1943 licens tab, so one day this week I walked around and counted were 24 of them.

Those officers and members of the Police Department who took the examination, which Chief Walter F. Anderson had prepared as a guide in his time of the property of the

Visitim' Round

But Did They Play While They Played?

(Jackson Hill Item, Lexington Dispatch) It is corn husking time again. The younger folks enjoyed the first one in our community last Priday night at Grady Hunt's. Everyone worked while he worked and then played afterwards.

Jeepers, Fellows, Here Comes Jeter

(Hot Springs item, Marshall News-Record)
We are glad Sheriff Jeter P. Ramsey is keeping
his word. We can at least go to town without having
to dodge the drunks.

The Hoarder (Dellaplane item, North Wilkesboro Newsworld) George Johnson recently bought another horse.

GOP Help

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Make It Stick

By Raymond Clapper

PEOPLE who want to see us stick together and stick with our allies to prevent the perpetration of another war were than this one, about the grateful for the helpful words of the new Republican National He says the American people will not be divided on word peace plans when the treaty is written to end the war, Mr. Spangier says that when the time comes to write a peace treaty the sentiment in America very likely will be in accord. "The people will want us to set down with the representatives of other bathons," the want to be at down with the representatives of other bathons, the transition of the people will want to be a sentiment of the people will want to be a sentiment to the second of the people will want to be a sentiment of the people will want to be a sentiment to the people will want to be a sentiment to be a sentiment

recurrence of another terrible war."

These words of the new Republican National Chairman undoubtedly will encourage American men who are fighting the war. Nothing could be more disheartening to our solders and saliors than to think that after they have won the victory it might be to win this war will undoubtedly be encouraged if he knows that back home the teaders of the opposition party as well as those in the Administration party are determined to follow-through-and not again boot away the victory and the position won for America at hard care behind the gun.

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Mr. Spangler says the world is becoming more interdependent all the time. As chairman of the Republican National Committee, he is na position of large influence with his party associates, not only the big shots, but the ones who carry the load in the states, counties and

big shots, but the ones who carry the load in the states, contintes and.

This war is big enough, and the job of steering through the chast
of peace will be hard enough, so that there will be work and credit, for
all to share regardless of party. This is certainly the time to follow
the old American tradition that politics stops at the water's edge.

However, words are cheap and we shall soon have a better
index-of-what to-expect. Will the Republicans recognize that
urgently to the American interest not to repudiate, the reciprocaltrade program? Will the Republicans be willing to ascrifice a
political lossue, out of which they can certainly demagone a
quantity of votes, in order not to do grave damage to the presign
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and influence of the United States in world affairs at this time?

We are making a heavy investment in this war. The essualties are just now announced at 61,000. They will be hearier in 1943, fat, heavier as that fuel oil and gasoline that you are not gettling goes into action in North Africa. In Europe and probably in Burma a little section of the property of the property of the property of the section was in the last war. But, as Mr. Spangler says, we must vote out the best plan to prevent another such war. It won't be done unless we are into nit, and the Republican Authoral Chairman recognizes this clearly in moving to bring his party into support of such efforts.

Nothing effective will be done if we scuttle the reciprocal-trade program at this session of Congress. It can be scuttled by extend its life—and some of the calculation of the confidence will try be got at it in that hyportilical, indirect way.

Cordell Hull has been one of the gallant figures in the last decade, the has personlifed the American combination of practical hard-headed to the properties of the properties

Not Of Our Species

From Coronet

MRIENDS of Elsa Maxwell rented their home in London and moved
to a hotel in another part of the city. However, their chow, Ming,
kept returning to his old home. He would usually arrive there about
nightfull scratching on the door for admission.

One evening he arrived just as the air raid sirens screamed.
Several times the new occupants of the house ordered the dog
to leave. He merely waged his tail, In desperation they phoned
the dog's owner and asked her what they should do.

Put Ming on the phone, ordered his miscress.
The dose was carried to the phone and the receiver was held to his
car. The voice coming over the phone was heard to ray:
Instantly, the dog dashed for home—while around him crashed the
togs which the Luftwaffe was diligently laying.

THE unusual activity of his old for terrier startled Thomas C. Gavin.

The animal streen years old and totally blind, seldem moved for from the first but on this particular day she treated should be house, bumping into things, stumbling over furniture—obviously searching for sometting.

In the cellar and garage, she poked about, smifting quinzleally in odd corners. At last on a low shelf she found what she sought—her harness, lead, and muzzle, not which she had always been extremely proud but had not worn since she became blind.

to make now work since she became blind.

A few hours later, Gavin stumbled on a little put of forn leather—the lead, harness and muzile. The dog had ripped all three, her only earthly powersions, to bits.

A few hours later she died.

Onote, Unquote

We are better shots (than the Japs), our weapons give us more firepower, and our reac-tions are quicker. —Lleut. Bernard Howes after New Guinea fighting:

New Guinea fighting.

I know of nothing which justifies the hope that the war will not be long or that bitter, bloody years do not lie ahead. It may be that the war in Europe will come to an end before the war in Asia.

—Winston Churchill.

The last season was known to the War Countries. This will use to make even to the Countries satellities in order for use the Alteropy Congress. View to a call goal.

—Hep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. The Countries with the Commans and Italians out of North Africa vo. to aclieve our goal. Then, after we have driven the Germans and Italians our of North Africa we will strike them somewhere else, —Lileut-Gen. Elsenhower to peo-ple of North Africa.

The German came over regularly every fifteen minutes. Ten bombs fell from the belly of each plane and a moment later the ground rocked and the roar of explosions came over the hilltop.

—United Press Correspondent Ned Russell at Tebourba in North Africa.

Side Glances



"Just think—if you weren't a married woman you'd probably have joined the WAACS, and you'd have 1 to answer reveille before breakfast!"