

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS



Published Every Afternoon Except Sunday By The News Publishing Company... W. C. Dowd, Jr. President... Editor

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1943

Plane Truth

At-U Superiority Answers Critics of U. S. Warplanes

Just as a new wave of criticism was rising against American war planes and the policy-makers who sent them into battle...

The war correspondent Allan Michie suggests that our claims of German losses have been greatly exaggerated...

From the War Department last week came another announcement concerning our planes and their killing power...

We may take it for granted that in the future 45 in the past, American planes and the men who fly them will prove the equals or superiors of any machines and men they meet in the skies...

Inspection

Secretary Knox Puts Pacific War on the Big Schedule

As the Casablanca Conference threw the spotlight of war on Hitler and his captive Europe, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox was doing his part in the Pacific...

Perhaps, when the Spring offensive of the United Nations breaks, war in the Orient will be placed on a new one-table, and those who have insisted

that Japan must not be given a breathing spell while we concentrate on Germany will be satisfied.

Wine War

Opponents of Alcohol Threat Smokecreens Over Bill

To the thirty North Carolinians who annually consume some 2,000,000 gallons of wine, the course of the bill aimed at control of their favorite beverage must be bewildering.

That provision, apparently, was tossed in to lure farm votes. It has already failed. The State Grange and the Farm Bureau Federation, seldom united on any question, immediately banded together to fight the whole business...

The Dreamers

For North Carolina, They Want Fewer Taxes, More Spending

More than one group of citizens, an undetermined number of legislators, several state newspapers are off again to the chase, riding to the sound of that lovely old cry, "Lower taxes and higher appropriations."

To begin with, there's the State surplus of \$30,000,000 to set the stage, with \$10,000,000 in it frozen for the duration. Eying that unprecedented sum of ready cash, supporters of almost any new bill lick their chops, answer all shouts from the economy-minded with a leer and posture toward the burning coffers. It's there, why not take it out and spend it around?

The next generation, says the White House, must know the blessings of social security from the cradle to the grave. Thus, as they say, being to the manna born.

T. n Years After

Adolph Gives A Shudder

By Dorothy Thompson

ON January 30, 1933, a minor official announced at the daily press conference of the German government that President Hindenburg had appointed Adolph Hitler Chancellor of the Reich. It was a Saturday.



On a same evening an enormous, torchlight parade of uniformed S. A. men marched in formations through the streets of Berlin, shouting in rhythmic chorus, "Perish the Jews! Down with Democracy!"

Hitler threw out of the Reichstag the deputies they had elected and thus had a majority. From this moment on, he prepared this war.

Looking back we may forget every so-called "internal achievement"—those "accomplishments" at one time hailed by so many people throughout the world. It is now clear to everyone that all of them had but one aim and one meaning: This war.

On Saturday, January 30, 1933, the Swastika was to fly over Paris and London, and Moscow. In Washington, Democracy was to be foisting in the White House and a vast movement of American anti-contents to be halting the con-

querer and calling for collaboration with him. Berlin was to be the capital of the world, the German Race its masters, and the Master Race incarnate in President Hindenburg.

The Swastika flew over Paris—but every day hostages are shot, Poland and Greece are a shambles and the people starve and moan, "How long, how long!"

Two places are more before Adolf Hitler's eyes: two words, the most ominous he has ever heard: "Stalingrad." "Casablanca." Two words incarnated in two other words: "Unconditional Surrender."

"Why has it come to this? Why have the Satanic gods decreed me? Did not the crystal bowl show me with a crown upon my head? Did not the lines of my hand, and the constellations of my stars promise me a god-like glory?"

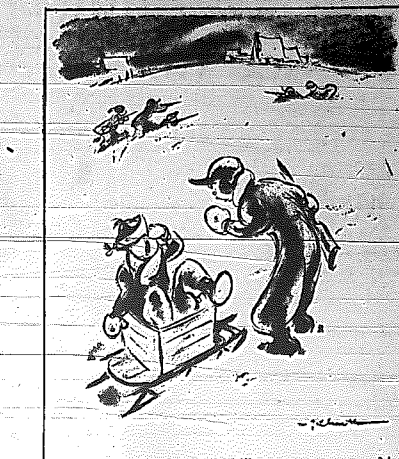
"They sit aloof, with folded arms, and iron eyes. "Zelizer is a fool. I am surrounded by fools."

"Who told me that Russia was ripe to collapse? That the Orthodox Church would rise? That the Jews there had all in their hands? Who told me that? Not Brauchitsch, or Haushofer, or Oscar von Niedermayer. My God, they were right!"

"If it be true that my person, and my person alone, stands in the way of peace—peace that will leave us those lost girls, for which alone I have fought, then I am ready to resign. For I am fighting Germany and my Nazi revolution are all!"

"That would fix them. Let them answer that!" Casablanca: "Unconditional Surrender."

Side Glances



"You insisted on coming out here after I told you you couldn't stand the hardships of Winter on the Russian front!"

More Questions

What's Next? By Samuel Grafton

IT is wrong to say that the public has accepted "on faith" the military decisions made by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill at Casablanca. True, the public has not begged to be told what went on. The explanation is that the public thinks it knows what was decided.

The merest suggestion that no such offensive is planned would at once set the tube thumping against the secrecy of Casablanca, and would shatter the illing public acquiescence in the unconditional surrender of the communists.

And now we start on a second curious period like that which ended last week—the invasion of North Africa—a period in which the public will most likely be surprised to find that the last chapter of the war is about to start. Spring has around the corner, and with the first crocus, Englishmen and Americans will look for signs of the fun.

Nazis And Drys

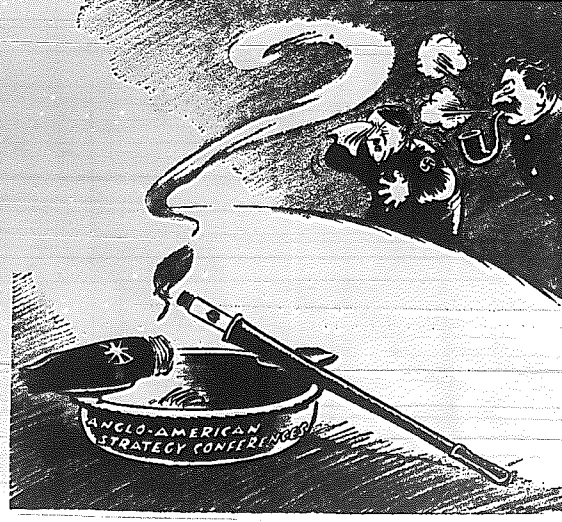
Liquor Sabotage

Hitler hasn't missed many tricks on the propaganda front—He and Goebbels are particularly fond of the "radio" technique. Setting up issues to split the internal unity of their enemies.

It is extremely benevolent. The nationalist government wishes to maintain contact with foreign temperance organizations, even those of the democratic countries, and German authorities have decided to collaborate actively with the American Temperance Union. They are representative at all sessions of the union to which they grant a yearly subsidy of 3,000 marks.

The Guy Who Can't Stand Tobacco Smoke

By Herblock



Running Wild

Grizzly Bear Jeffers

By Raymond Clapper

WITHOUT doubt William M. Jeffers, the grizzly bear administrator, is proving to be the most cankerous character that has shown up for duty in this crucial hour of emergency.



For instance, a manufacturer had several orders for valves—all of them urgent, some for the Army high-octane program, some for Navy escort ships, and some for the rubber program.

Mr. Nelson worked out a schedule which gave absolute protection for about 25 per cent of the Jeffers rubber program.

Scheduling for more than 50 per cent of the rubber program was later worked out and sent to James F. Byrnes, Director of Economic Stabilization, for White House approval.

The public attacks of Mr. Jeffers do not shake the Army in its determination to increase production capacity of 100-octane gasoline, even though machinery for it must be obtained at the expense of delay in providing similar machinery for the rubber program.

Some of the more politically nervous New Dealers are becoming a little worried over what they think Mr. Jeffers is getting behind. He is making himself a case against Washington bureaucrats that he may later carry to the country.