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### Anti-South

#### Patman Report Finds Small Business in Dixie Suffering

The Patman Report on the plight of the small business man before the bungling of bureaus will stand as a study of the ills attending the dis-jointed economy of the South in warjointed economy of the South in war-time. Through 80 pages, the troubles besettling the industry of the section are set forth in detail; bared are in-competence and petty chicanery among big business men helping to run the war from Washington. There are dozens of detailed instances of disservice; as in every nation at war, there is in this field a lack of organization.

The conclusions and recommenda-tions of the House Committee on Small Business as concerns the South seem to us of great importance. Selected

1. Pay in meny Government plants is ridiculously hiph, and should be lowered. 2. Immediate stems should be taken to assure adequate Lend-Lease type of the U. S. civilian economy should be investigated. WPB and OPA should immediately decentraise their powers so that lead offices might more quickly deal with their problems.

Though the South has many large industrial plants, most of them are small. The juture economic welfare of the South depends upon the health of its small industries—for the region is rich in possibilities of industrial development. If for any reason these small industries are not permitted to grow, the development of the South will be "incalculably retarded."

Both findings and recommendations are direct charges that the bureaus have not lived by the bord of the law laid down by Congress; Southern members of the Committee are concerned for their section. Because all small business has been ill used in the hurry of wartime production, the South has been made to feel discrimination. The Patman Report is a command that it cease.

### Time Of Quiet

#### Chorus of Laymen Will Sound Sour to Experts

The face of the war has changed voice, back home, has not. There but its voice, back home, has not. There are mass meetings in London. There are editorial screams in American cities. There are barking commentators, unrufffed by records of past predictions gone awry. They all sak a Second Front. It is a tiresome echo of 1942. Now that the pace of battle allows, the layman in the gallery will scream, much as does a bleacher fan at a baseball game, for sction. The spectators will advise the creeks.

There are learned discourses, studded with statistics and mileage charts. They will open after this fashion: The war is three and a half years old. America has been spirtling for 15 months. We have produced the machine of war, the mightiest nations of the earth. Yet we are still on the defensive everywhere. Let us atrike nous before it is too lafe. We waste our substance.

There is a great deal of such foolith. There are learned discourses studded

matte our substance.
There is a great deal of such foolishness being written and spoken; it is
not only drivel, it presents a sort of
danger to our cause at home. Its tune
is pitched in a thin minor key, it is
unpleasant. It is divisive, breeding distrust, removing confidence in our leadtrust, removing confidence in our lead-ers. And it invites any and all lay observers to jump into the war and help themselves. It passes the innocent street-

observers to jump into the war and help themselves. It passes the innocent street-corner and armchair variety of experting. After so long in the papers and on the air, it grows into a sort of national mood. The country-decidee-grad-military progress of the sar. It makes its own decisions in a field of which it knows literally nothing.

With the coming of Spring, 1943, the waiting is hard. To be sure, the fourth year of war is on the way, and Americans have already passed the first-year mark. There have been, true enough, millions of weapons made and millions of men trained. Many of them are overseas, ready to be thrown against the seamy. True enough, it was hoped that Tunisis would be cleared by Christmas, but it he big battle is atill ahead. True enough, the Continent has not been succeed, from land. It is true that we assume a kind of defenaive action on

all fronts, but that is no cause for a growing shout from the galleries.

The men, Roosevelt and Churchill, who hold the destiny of the world, are who hold the destiny of the world, are charged with the overall direction of the great Anglo-American effort at liberation. Often, before, when critics plagued them, they were forced to keep their silence and great plans went forward which were miracles of their time. When those plans were revealed, Prime Minister and President agreed that, in the future, the critics might how! They, would never be thrown a bone. They were to be disregarded. Military decisions, in every instance, would be made as they should be made, by military men, and upon a military basis. So the coming of Spring is no reason for an increasing whine from the knownothing amateurs at home. It is the business of the layman who wishes his countrymen well to hold this silence and his patience. The day will come ason cnough when young Americana wills storm Festurg Europe and the Great Sast Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere from land, see and air. In that time, we will sand, see and air. In that time, we will charged with the overall direction of

land, sea and air. In that time, we will land, sea and air. In that time, we will pay the price of countless thousands of lives in the greatest of our national sacrifices. On the eve of that terrible occasion, it little becomes those of us at home to how! a foolish chorus.

## Lost Cause

#### Democrats Let the Ruml Plan Get Away, GOP Can Use It

Among other signs that the leadership Among other aigns that the leadership of the Democratic Party is not what it is once was is the stand taken these days against the essence of the Ruml Plan of Income tax payments. The majority spokesmen, throwing caution to the wind, have taken a position against any "forgiveness" of obligation on past income—and have permitted the Republicans to come out strongly for the Ruml Plan as it was originally Rumled.

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Someone in the Democratic wigwam
doesn't realize that the people of the
country are desperately in earnest about
this current basis for tax payments; they
don't know that a withholding tax for all the year through, immediately bring all the year through, immediately bringing all taxpayers up to date, is right in
line with the Social Security frame of
mind. Someone missed a guess. For
it won't be long before the people
discover that all this double talk about
tax "forgiving" and lost "assets" is nothing more than double talk—and that
Beardsley Rumi apoke the truth when
he claimed that the tax clock could be
turned a year shead, a plain and simple
maneuer. maneuver

maneuver.

It seems to us that the Democrats would have been quick to see that the Ruml Plan, it beaten in the present session, would crop up as a campaign issue in 1944—and just the sort of an issue in 1944—and just the sort of an issue the GOP is cryling for. If there was need for evidence that this issue can stir the people, all the Party had to do this Winter was listen. Apparently, they those not to listen, and turned back to the technical complexities of tax-cooking by Treasury recipes. That sort of thing has no popular appeal for the people. They like something they can understand, like postponing tax payments, "forgiving," or making them easier. We can't understand how the sachems let that one get away.

### Over The Top

#### Success of Red Cross Drive A Tribute to Community

Whatever else may be said of the people of Mccklenburg County, it may not be said that they are hard of heart. Their willingness to give freely of their help to one cause after another

of their help to one cause after another has been a hallmark of community effort. And they were at their humane, warm-hearted best in topping the Red Cross War Fund quota by some \$55,000. Officials of the National Red Cross thought other accomplishment. an ...inspiration." Charlotte was the first city of its size in the East to reach its quota; it is safe to say that few, anywhere in America, will overreach a quota so far. This was a performance of which City and County may be proud.

Both workers and subscribers felt the Both workers and subscribers felt the pressing need of Red Cross in time of war. Under Chairman David Ovens and Associate Carl McCraw the crews of solicitors made their greatest effort, and the people gave their greatest offering. The result was such an overwheiming success that it is to be remembered as a high spot in the life of a community. The people were alive to a great responsibility.

# What Of Medicine?

# Womanpower Is Ready

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON THERE is another angle to the question of man-power. Can we afford to waste medical skill when it is so limited?

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Many communittes have been stripped of their yoldans. Yel is in ot enough. The Wer Departnt announces that this thousand more physicians to be taken from civilina life this year, Apsimately-a third-of-them-will-be-used as internes I neptial residents.

nd hospital residents.

In California, a friend of mine recently visited an Army hospital. Only a portion of the beds were occupied. My friend found on duy there a prominent child specialist serving new as a major in the Army Medical Corps. He was putting in a very light day's work largely in an administrative capacily around the hospital.

capacity around the hospital.

Yet in the small town nearby there is not a single physician left. Under Army regulations the residence of the state of the state

to the community,

However, there may be sound reasons for the regulations and I am not arguing that so much as I am asking questions as to whether we are making the best use of our medical skill with the state of the state of

in the country,

Secretary of War Stimson has a niece, Dr. Berbara Stimson, who is an orthopedic surgeon. She went into the British Medical Corps and was promoted to be a major. But she was unable to obtain a commission in the American Army,

The Army Medical Corps is not to be blamed for the refusal to use women physicians except per-

l Clapper
haps in that it has not been aggressive in trying to do something about it. "The barrier has been created to be the control of the

women.

The American Legion and numerous medical societies have urged the use of women physicians in the armed forces. There are buildeds of women physicians and surgeous with special shills in the Helds ball work, support the physicians and surgeous with special shills in the Helds ball work, special shills in the Helds and the shill be shill

Canada and Australia take women into their Medical Corps without distinction. It is very much the same in England. The Russian Army makes no distinction between men and women physicians.

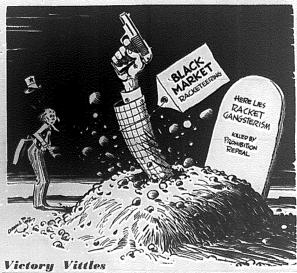
listinction between men and women physicians.

There is no reason in common sense why a woman physician can't go anywhere that a woman Army nurse can go. We have the Army taking a number of physicians out of civilian life this year that is larger than the total number of reasons detected in the country. In addition, the state of the control of the country of the C

Why should not physicians, whether men or wom-en, be considered as one pool and be distributed either in the Army or in civilian life according to the most effective use of their particular specialties?

### Resurrected

\_\_Ru Dorman Smith



# The Heavenly Vegetables

Tale Of Two Prophets

By TOM JIMISON

In The Richmond Cannety Journal

DOES Your wife have a temper like a cat-tight a
voice like a runty buzz-taw and a dispattion
like a dominecker hen trying to raise a broad of
ducks? Get her interested in a garden. It will put
roses on her cheeks, the sparkle of shiny brooks in
her eves and the old of gladness in her heart. It
will put new spring in her step and a new song in
her mouth.

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It is just a step from pulling weeds out of rows of vectables to plucing tarse out of the soul, and keeping a patch of earth clean just naturally leads to cleaning up the mind. Growing flowers and pool things to eat is a fore-trained flowers and pool things to eat is a fore-trained flowers and pool things to eat is a fore-trained flowers and pool things to eat is a fore-trained flowers and pool things to eat is a fore-trained flowers and pool things to eat is a fore-trained flowers and pool things to eat is a fore-trained flowers of the property of the p

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VESTERDAY'S News and Observer carried phophecies by two of the great men of the world—Anhony Eden. British stateaman, who is in conference
with President Roosevelt and other leaders in Washington, and Mr. Edward Benes, who was President of
Czechostwakia before his country was overrun and he
of the world's ablets officials—esholar as well as
stateman. Mr. Eden stands among Britain's foremest
leaders.

But which is the great prophet in his era when men, great and small, are given to, putting on the mantle worn by inspired prophets? Both cannot be assigned to the ranks of the major

Casaful. Theore

our homes would be blooming with beauty and laden with plenty.

with plenty.

A whole passed of people ecem to think that food can only be grown in the backyard. That is a device of Satan and an ally of the Asts is device of Satan and an ally of the Asts. Their front yards for ornamental purposes and thought them beautiful. They were called "soon as we learned to cat them we framstered them to the back of the house, thinking it vulgar to ralso rations among the blossoms of the front yard.

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Sich as that is powerful foolish. Tomatoes and enpopers and many other vegicibles are still ornamestal and should adorn our front yards.

Sich as that is powerful foolish. Tomatoes and support of the powerful foolish is the powerful foolish. The still ornamestal and should adorn our front yards. Is pritted by far than sumply you jet fook at. What is more pleasing to the cye than ripening fruit, crinkly letter, flowering otra or climbing beam where Yard some fooling of the cye of

# Visitin' Around,

prophets. Time alone will tell if they are even to be classed with the minor prophets.

Musta Thought Cheese Was Aircady Rationed

(Hemby Bridge item, Monroe Journal)

Mr. John Love had a rat trap set and his two-year-old son turned out to be the rat and got caught in it.

But Not for Long, Understand, Not for Long (Mount Moriah item, Monroe Journal)

of fodder and was badly shaken up and unconscious for a short while.

Mama, Hasn't That Man Been Here Before? CHatteras item,
Dare County Times)
Fulford Pecle spent a few days
here with his family last week,

But Why? (Hemby Bridge ilem, Monroe Journal)

A few days ago Mr. Andrew Miss Howard McCain had a mule Brower somehow fell from a load to dis recently.

In other words, they are fighting a tenry-weeny plan for spending maybe two, maybe five billions a year to keep people at work, during a period in which we are spending one hundred billions a year in keep-ing people at work. people at work.

They are saying, the Government ain't a going to support the ple, at a time when the Government jolly well is supporting the ple; they are saying we will not do it, at a time when we obviously doing it.

nost of It borrowed.

So, the problem is, can we cut one hundred billions a year down to two billions, or, even, five billions. The opposition seems conceive of the problem as one of whether we ought to start from zero and go up. It would be nice to obtain that fresh start, at zero, but how do the Congressional conservatives propose to obtain it for ur. They want to start from scratch, but where is scratch. Stratch was the first cassalty of the war.

Here is the whole country living on the Federal budget, while the opposition says firmly that it is not going to me the Federal budget for any such of a purpose. The theory will be popular so long as there is no interference with the practice.

We have bought off from social security at the war-time price of a dollar on the pointy. The question is can we buy off again, at two pennics on the dollar? When the day comes, we shall be quite lucky if the offer is a firm one, and holds.

Side Glances

"I'd like my husband to be inducted—he wants to fight all the time and I'm not able to!"

CONTINUING on the social security plan, I make the point that we are discussing unemployment relief at a time when the national income is silt-good.cooped we are discussing in the danger: of drubpth during a fiscal cloudburst. The fact that Congressional conservatives will opposely be able to achieve the plant for this year is not a tribute to their point of view, or to their popularity. It is tribute to the war budget.

sugget.

These men are fighting security at a time when almost everybody has it, or a reasonably securate facalmile of it, in one war-born form or another. They are fighting the concept of maintaining living standards through Government expenditures, at a time when living standards through Government expenditures.

re doing it.

The real test of public opinion on accurity will come when there tan't any accurity. So the help cut away the obscurantist under the contraction in the second test of the congression in that it is not their popularity, not their charm, not incir curity half, which makes it possible for them to attack security. It is the war budget. They are really hugging the war budget to their become; they are dressing themselves in it, as in a greatesst. But it is perhaps not a durable garment.

But it is perhaps not a durable garment.

It could, correctly, be said that the social security plan is not a scheme for suddenly up and spending a couple of billions a year to support the people. It is a plan to demobilize the spending of a hundred billions a year down to a mere couple of billions. It is a testably a plan to cett Government expenditures in support of the people to perhaps one-fittleth of the present leaves the superhaps contributed to the proposition in support of the people to perhaps one-fittleth of the present leaves the spending very little to keep its people of ministagnary country, which is spending very little to keep its people on spend several billions a year. It would be pleasant, perhaps, to be a citteen of so fiscally-fortunate a country. But I don't know where that coughty is. It is certainly not this country. The people of this country inost of it borrowed.

So, the problem is, can we set an analysis of Pederal money, not to the problem is, can we set an analysis.

Dear Insecurity By Samuel Grafton

Dissy Economy

# Farmers And Food able, there are still four major shortages working against the ballyhooed production quotas. In order of importance these short-ages are: manpower, farm ma-chinery, stockfeeds, and fertillizer,

A PPOINTMENT of a special A Senate committee under Colton Ed' Smith to investigate 1843's food prospects constitutes only a reflex of the unrest attraign in farm and food processing the consensus is that domestic food production this year, in proportion to announced total requirements will also define the consensus as that domestic food production this year, in proportion to announced total requirements will also defamilious levels.

ween critical and calamitous levels. Which it will be, they warm, depends upon whether we continue to get the abnormally good weather of the past three crop years, or whether three crop years, or whether with us and delivers a drought, alter planting season, or early frosts. But it is almost unanimously agreed that 1913 fand supplies will be less than 1945.

1942.
Granting that farmers are determined to do their level best, that populations of livestock, dairy animals, and poultry are above or close to all-time record highs, and that plenty of seed is avail-

Manpower and machinery abortages are universally admitted, but the degree and importance of these shortages are subject to argument and opinion. On the optimistic date are consistent forces; on the positional date, are constitutionally exercised as a constitution of the constitution of tically everybedy else.

Whether the optimits or the peasimists are right cannot be determined until the final trop figures are totted up a year from the control of the co