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Pantelleria

Unbelievable Show of Air Power Brought Its Doom

The fall of Pantelleria will echo alarm-The fall of Pantelleria will echo alarmingly among the conquered lands of Barope, for the tiny Mediterranean outpost suffered terribly under the same sort of relentless pounding which is inevitably coming to the continent isaleif. The conquest of the rocky little isle does not signal immediate invasion, but it is cheering to the Allied cause because it makes the Mediterranean safer, it clears the way for new advances, and marks a great success of our arms against a rock-ribbed natural fortress.

For 19 consecutive days, virtually un-challenged in the air, British and Amer-ican air units hammered at the island, can air units hammered at the siand, until there was no resistance left. From the sea, toward the end, big guns of the Royal Navy poured destruction into the defenses. Pantelleria, under such pittless bombardment, could not long stand. Herole Malla had never taken such punishment in such a subrt time; the end was inevitable for the Italian

If may well be, as some experts have suggested, that Italy is not to be actually invaded. But the islands must be selzed, and action against tiny Lampedusa and larger fieldly and Sardinia is virtually certain. If and when it comes, it will batter the Italian defenders just as those of Pantelleria were battered. The full-grown might of the Allied Air Forces is too much for the Azis to combat, in say theater where such concentration is possible. The fact that over 1,000 planes awarmed over the doomed island. say theater wases. See that the core 1,000 planes swarmed over the doomed island es the final day is the signal that the entemy can never hope to challenge us to that again, on equal terms. Pantelseria was a signal. The first bit of the captive continent may be add to have fallen, and the rest will follow inevitably.

The largest library in Edinburgh adds sace for thousands of additional books, his war will end in time, and one can't agin too soon to think of the memoirs.

Money's Worth

North Carolina Gets It In Good Government

In Good Government
North Carolina's taxpayers, it appears
from a long set of freshly-released figures, get more for their money than
the people of almost any other state.
The per couple make all the same of the per
freering of 101 and for much a relatively
small outlay — N. C. ranks forty-first
far in excess of those offered by most
state—they receive benefits
far in excess of those offered by most
state governments. It was no surprise
to find the State ranking as No. 41 in
a national list, for it always hovers
about there, but it was almost a shock
to find the per caulta costs so low and to find the per capita costs so low and the benefits so high.

The University of North Carolina News Letter comments:

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The most interesting observation to be derived from the accompanying analysis is that North Carolina stands near the top among the states in which state government has completely taken over certain operating services and renders considerable assistance to local government and the states are proported to the states and the states are considerable assistance to local government of that own the process of the states are considered to the states and the states are considered to the states of the lie health and other activities. How-ever, the main costs in all states are schools and roads, and these costs in North Carolina are borne entirely by the state. The only conclusion that one can draw from a study of ser-vices on the one hand and cost on the other is that the North Carolina State Law deliver were a lower way. the other is that the North Carolina State lax dollar goes a long way. It is pery likely true that no other state gets more services for its expenditure than does North Carolina. This only states that rank below us were seven Southern States, not one of which has what might be called steams the contemus.

nearly 29 million dollars in grants to local school units. There is certainly more state government in North Carolina than in a majority of the states that rank ahead of North Carolina in per capita expenditure by state governments. The ansier to the low rank of North Carolina in per capita cost of state government, therefore, lies in efficiency in administering the services heavily supported by the state on the one hand and in relatively low contributions to certain services more liberally supported by other states. One might say that in education the explanation poes beyond efficiency! efficiency!

North Carolinians have-a right to be north Carolinians nave_a right to be proud of their government, and not only of the present administration, but also many of the past. They should also be grateful—and, when the average Carolinian thinks of it, he probably is.

An Old Story

Coal Strikes Still Co Back To Lack of New Deal Policy

Regardless of all the firing back and Regardless of all the firing back and forth in the coal wage disputes, the claims and counter-claims, moves and counter-moves, we believe that one in-escapable conclusion is that the roots of the trouble go back into the early days of the New Deal. Special concessions and favoritism shown virtually all union leaders by the Administration since 1933 have had a damaging cumulative effect upon the U. S. economy—and have come to be the greatest single cause of resentment against the New Deal.

Deal,
Special, privilege for union leaders and
workers willing to follow them through
any action prepared the way for a holdup of war production in this case. It
prepared the way for a harsh War Labor
Board decision against the miners, after
great pressure from operators. It stirred management in many parts of the
country almost into a state of revolt.
It brought about, almost directly, all
the confusion in the coal fields for many
months past. months past.

Because there has been no sensible policy of keeping Labor under some sort of control during peace time, there has been no chance of keeping its irrespon-sible fringe under control in time of war. sible fringe under control in time of war. Regardless of whether on thinks John Lewis, or WLB or the coal operators at fault in the bringing about of the coal crisis, the blame must be laid before the New Deal, which has falled to see, or refused to see, that a spineless policy loward excessive Labor demands made the work stoppage possible, and made it inevitable that all attempts at conciliation would be in valin.

Anti-Zoot

Probe of Origin Ill-Advised; We'd Sooner Know Nothing .

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If the folks (whoever they are) who started the movement to discover the origin of the zoot suit are really in earnest, we're in favor of taking out an injunction. That's a subject we don't want in on, and would only suffer to hear it discussed. So far as we're concerned, it cannot be broached without endangering the dignity of mankind, Just as we'd vote against public inspection of a closet known to be full of skeletons, we'd avoid this zoot business.

who knows but that this investigation, taken far enough, mighth' fall into the hands of the psychologists—and that whole of the hundar race wouldn't whole of the hundar race wouldn't whole of the hundar race wouldn't have been to the creating furry? Is there a man as the ensuing furry? Is there a man as the control of the potential of the property of the property is there are the charge of one property in mind and heart the desire to wear the outlandish garb of the zoolers? Is there one who will confess to a yearning for a logothal drooping down his leg, past the knee?

Are there those who will malign their

Are there those who will malien their Are there those who will mallign their ancestors, by suggesting that the loose breeches of Civil War days suggested this modern madness? Who will submit to the charge that the double-brimmed hat reflects truthfully any human personality? Who will succumb to the lure of tight-bothomed pants and otherworldly jackets? Why, in short, this investigation?

of tight-bottomed pants and other-worldly Jackets? Why, in short, this in-vestigation? We'd sooner leave the crass exhi-bitionists in peace, until they have given way before the demands of war, out-grown their strange tastes, and gone back to normal of their own desires. We definitely don't want to pin this thing

Unbelierable

The Strikes In America

By Raymond Clapper

A MERICAN labor troubles are incomprehensible over the net. I can find no way to explain them to the people here who inquire. In this war there is no people here who inquire. In this war there is no people here who inquire and the net of the laboration industry like coal mining.

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Nor can they understand the Packard strike
which, as reported in London, was caused by giving work to three Nergrees on the assembly line,
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problem. Our trouble in that respect is the subject
of widespread interest, because it is regarded as
ne of the big minority problems of the world.

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the problems of the world
as in does not make sense abroad, especially when
his is printed alongside a newspaper report
Ambaxador Winant's address on the Four Freedoms at Manchester.

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dustrial-labor relations in Britain and Sweden. Nor are labor relations without blemish here is: England. Even the most carefully devised machin-ery will not always work automatically, especially when there are differences of opinion as to whether the burdens are equitably distributed.

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Last year England say more strike than at any
time in the war. A million a half working days were
it is still disturbing. The whole work loss from industrial disputes is estimated by the Labor Ministry
to average about half an hour per worker per year.
There have been increasing numbers of short strike
protesting overetine work or pay inequalities.

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Widespread disaulistaction exists among 200600 transport workers over the rejection by a special control of the protection of writine operation of bussess and trans. There were numerous local walkouts, Union lenders successfully effected the stricts back its work, also as the protection of the protection o

The Next Operation

-Ry Dorman Smith



Despite Victory

Forgotten Men In Africa

By MARTIN STONE
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(Martin Sione is the peculoopys of a man
who was intensed for many months in one of the
norst concentration camps in North Africa,
Dielfa, Just arrived in the United States, Stone,
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Dielfa, Just arrived in the United States, Stone,
Nober reliability is vouched for by the Joint AntiFaschst Refugee Committee, reveals some startiling
and hitherto undisclosed facts about The Forgotten Men of North Africa.)

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THOUSANDS of tergotten men in North African
T concentration compa are hoping that the new
French Committee of National Liberation will remember them. Their liberation is one of the pressing
tasks confronting the Agiers administration, in which
General Charies de Gaulle and his "Fighting French".

The men I speak of—and I was one of them—are
the Spanish, French, and other European refugees
who had fought in the ranks against the Asis. They
are still prisoners, under hortible conditions, seven
summer Welles, Underscerteary of State, spoke of
the transfer of 2,000 Spanish Republicans, and raports from Mexico said that 800 Spaniards were to be
received there, but there is yet no evidence that
these things have been else.

40 refugees from Germany and Austria.

The camp commander is a French officer who is a drunkard and a drug addict. He practices cruelly out of perversion. Daily men are put into a sement cell and beaten. Once a group of twelve members of the International Brigade were kept in the cell 30 days for building a campifre to make coffee from the command of the cell and the

The men at Diella have to make anadals of alfalfa do for shoes. These wound their feet, and the wounds heal slowly and become lines feet, and the wounds heal slowly and become lines about three feet of snow in the camp, for the side is in the Middle Allas Mountains. The joint commission member I spoke to said his group could not effect the release of the Spanish

As of March 30, 1942, when I left North Africa, only 100 refugees of the thousands in North Africa, and the I measured in the thousands in North Africa, and the refugees of I must emphasize that is in territory where the British and American forces are imilitary control. It is hard to know how many thousands of anti-Axis refugees are in concentration camps and on labor gangs in Africa, for the French authorities are always shifting the prisoners from one place to another.

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In a concentration camp, I recall hearing of President Roscovett's request for our liberation on Nov. 17, 1942. I heard broadcasts from London stating that all of the concentration camps had been when I left two months ago, still behind barbed wire. The Prench officials who have been responsible for the state of a fairs in Africa are inspired by Velry, which is, in turn, inspired by Berlin. An episode typifying the character of these Prenchmers tool. A British ship carrying 700 German and Italian prisoners, and 500 Britishers, was wrecked off the North African coast, and the survivors were picked up by a French desirroyer. They were to have been been consulted to the survivors were picked up by a French desirroyer. They were to have been been consultation camps.

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Axis prisoners received favored treatment. Thousands of men, many of them Foreign Legionnaires, are casight in a system of alaw labor maintained by the French bureaucray in North Africa. These men are farmed out for North Africa. These men are farmed out for have folled and perished in the building of the Trans-Saharan railroad. The French officials hold them in savery through the tegal fiction hold them in savery through the tegal fiction from intervening. The Americans have replied to appeals for aid that since the men in the labor battallom were "mobilized," It was an "internal French problem."

batialions were "mobilized," it was an "infernal French problem."

These workers are hired out at 45 francs a day man. They are housed in the crudest of barneks; one camp, which was later shut down, had only holes and the shut of the

I have reason to believe that conditions in North

Side Glances



es, we heard your speech in the City Council at-tacking the dictators—but all we want now is that sewer fixed on North Elm Street!"

In June

Mein Kampf's End

By ANNE O'HARA McCORMICK
In The New York Times

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If The Description of the Themselve of the trip to Washington and the African front, he maintains the eminence as the greatest war commentator, and the only one who helped also to make the strategy of the two great phases of the stringle that began in 1914 strategy of the two great phases of the stringle that began in 1914 the general and the chronicler of the control of the trip of the control of the trip of the chronicle of the trip of the

ool from the forge of decision.

Recently be gave voice to the sense of hurrying movement that size the world as the June days march on. His speech had the effect of a cutatian-raiser, He spoke of 'eperations now impending in the European theater of the war" with the assurance of the producer giving the signal for the performance to begin. 71 is evident, he said, "that amphibious operations of a peculiar complexity and harded on a large scale are approaching."

pietally and hasard on a large scale are approaching. The Prime Minister was, cheered as jubiliantly in the Home of Commons as if he were ambouncing the iriumphant end instead of the beginning of the crucial adventure. He was cheered because his words were interpreted as a forecast of invasion.

Expectation is keyed up for "amphibious operations" in the Mediterment area, it stands to reason that the Allied forces cannot stand for the companion of the companion of the companion of the Churchillis reference to the Russian from should not be overlooked in our intentiness on the Meditersment atepping-stones. He reminded his between that 190 Germans and 22 statilite divisions are concentrated in Russia. The greatest of the "impending" battles for Europe, he asserted, with the Dought in the East.

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192 Hassen will be the decidive battlefeld. If all the signs on our and the signs of our and the signs of the sign

This Summer will tell the tale. The Nats have to stage an offen-sive, but some observers believe that it will be only a sham, a series of samil-scale thrusts designed to assure the people in Germany and the occupied and neutral countries that they have not lost the power of militative. But this restraint is not in the nature of the Nats demon, which must race to death if it cannot race to victory. It gives large openings to the Russians and it is not even a good gamble, for the Germans are stronger today relative to their opponents than they will eter be spain.

wer be again.

Why, therefore, do they not move? The two great offensives against Russia started in June, as Napotenn's did, the first on the 22st, the second on the 28th. Last year the great drive to the Volga 22st, the second on the 28th. Last year the great drive to the Volga May. And both years Hitler has been blamed by military critice for starting too iate. He might possibly have been able to reach or hold his objectives, they say, if the campaign had begun two or three weeks carrier.

three weeks earlier.

June is now one-third some. Hiller has more readen to stirck quickly this year, than before, because each week is a gift to tak ententies. If he is willing to see what her, Churchill means, affeat de the up his armies in the East while "amphibious operations" threaten in the East while "amphibious operations" threaten in the West, it is an admission that the power of initiative has passed to the other side. If he fears a German move will serve as a signal for concerted action by the Russians and the Western Allies, he believes that we have at least a common strategy. Perhaps we have; it is a first of the strategy of the stra

Everywhere the armies wall, tense and hesitant because the next meves are momentous and irrevecable. The Russians do not move first against the 216 divisions massed against them because their strategy from the outset has been to atthe when the Germans their strategy from the outset has been to atthe when the Germans their strategy from the outset has been to atthe when the Germans their strategy from the outset of the strategy from the outset of the strategy from the contract of the strategy from the strategy f

scale of the battle in the East.

Mr. Churchill's prologue to the third act proclaims that the Russians
will not be alone, but he makes it clear that Russia remains this Summer the child protagonist in the drams. Hiller predicted in "Media
Kampf" that his final struggle would be with the Slavs, and be proceds now to Juliful his self-determined fast.

Forgotten Words

The Radicals

(The Golden Book) -

This country with its institutions belongs to the people. Whenever they grow weary of the existing Government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

We have forgotten the very principles of our origin if we have forgotten how to object, how to realst, how to agitate, how to pull down and build up, even to the extent of revolu-tionary practice.—WOODROW. WILSON.

forms of their patriot dead; help us then is a good thing and as neces-sary in the political world as atorms in the physical world. What signify a few lives lost in

to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.—THOMAS JEFFER- 1.

And they shall build houses and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat.—ISAIAH.

Bible Thought

YOU ARE MAKING DECI-YOU ARE MAKING DECI-BIONS FOR PUTURE GENERA-TIONS AS WELL AS FOR YOURSELF. IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO SERVE THE LORD BETTER BET A GOOD EXAMPLE: As for me