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nor bulldozed into discontinuing such

work. In ordinary times, newspapers could and vould make such surveys for themselves, and would keep the public informed about what is being done. Unfortunately, there are enough war secrets involved in most such subjects so that newspapermen cannot perform, fully and satisfactorily, their function as watchdogs for the public. Mr. Davis' staff has not proven an acceptable substitute for freedom of the press to pry into misfeasance and non-feasance of governmental agencies. No Government agency, responsible to the

feasance of governmental agencies. No Government agency, responsible to the same executive whose appointees have been remiss, could be expected to swing from the boottops against bureaucratic inefficiencies. Nevertheiess, the public knows infinitely more about the weak spota of Government, because the GWI is doing what it can as an agency of public enlightenment, than if the office had avoided that field.

The Other Foot Italy, Entertaining Bombers, Can't Stand This Kind of War Italy, whose ill-starred leader was

Italy, whose ill-starred leader was once pleading with Hiller for the "privilege" of sending his bombers on the London run with the Luftwaffe, is crying for her life. She will be answered only by the rain of bombs, until the final swift thrust of invasion comes. The homeiand will lie in ruins before the Summer is very old, and its people will be out of the war. Englishmen and Americans can't hear, somehow, the

and Americans can't hear, somehow, the plea that Italian cities are sacred, and that their bombing amounts to barbarity —whereas the bombing of British cities two years ago was only a mild form of sport.

sport.

No, the Italian Boot is to be given to understand this war first hand, that the aboe must often be made to ill on the other foot. With the African Empire gone and the people swarming North, out of the path of the relenties bombers and the coming armies, Italy is saddened by this war. It has more joils in store. There must be only srim laughter in the control centers where British and American planes are dispatched on the flights over Italy; it is

patched on the flights over Italy; it is worth a good laugh to hear the Italians

This Italy has learned too much from

This Italy has learned too much from Germany; the riotous acceptance of war in time of easy triumphs is not war. The dogged, damnable days of hanging on, of conserving strength, and trusting in tomorrow is the victorious way of war. Italy knows nothing of that, nor does Germany. Now that the time for defeat has come, ahe whimpers as Germany is beginning to whimper Refere

dereat has come, she whimpers as Ger-many is beginning to whimper. Before the end, somewhere, she will try to drop out of the struggle, pleading inno-cence of any evil intentions. It is our hope she will be shown no mercy at all, not until the bloody end.

The North Carolina State Guard, com-posed of men who are making real sac-rifices to their communities in order to

rifices to their communities in order to serve with an agency for public pro-tection, has made a frank appeal to able-bodied men left at home by war. This appeal should not go unanswered. The Charlotte unit, having undergone rigorous training, has admirably substi-tuted for the departed National Quard, but it has lost men to the service at

a rapid rate. It needs more men im-

a rapid rate. It needs more men, im-mediately.

As its officers point out, there is a chance for service for almost all men at home, and an opportunity for those who will eventually enter the service. Prospective soldiers may gain experi-ence in the State Guard which will be-

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come invaluable to them once they enter the Army. Intensive training in many phases of the military arts is a con-siderable offering to young men, but the Guard offers the opportunity also for unexcelled service.

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unexcelled service.

The former duties of the National Ouard have been taken over by the younger outfit, and at least for the duration, the State Guard will remain on call for service, whenever called by Governor Broughton, the commander-in-chief. The State has, in the Guard, an extremely valuable agency, operated at low cost. It as papeal for new mem-

Starte Guraral Indispensable Agency Needs An Increase in Its Membership

st J. E. Dowd, USNR, Vice-President and Editor, on leave for the duration W. C. Dowd, 1865-1927 a

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Great Unknown

Pacific Mysteries Unanswered As Great Battles Loom Ahead

As Great Ballies Loom Ahead
There is a double mystery hanging
over the great Pacific battle zones this
month: Now that Attu has been cleaned
up, there is the probability that fighting
the Japs, wherever we meet them in the
future, will be like battling groundhogs,
dug into the earth. And the lull is
overlong. Something is certainly brewing.

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The aspects of the fighting on Attu are of importance because it seems that the future struggie against Japan will be one against men who burrow themselves in, and drag in their weapons and supplies after them. Almost immune to sir action, the Japa on rocky Attu had to be rocted out by infantry, with the bayonet playing a prominent role. The tenacity of the enemy, elling to his nests in the cold rocks, surpasses anything yet reported from Europe. There was only one encouraging factor. The Jap soldier did not make the intelligent use of his position that he might have.

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As for the hull, that is perplexing. June is well under way, and Guadal-canal was saely in our hands by the first of March, cleaned up for more action. It was in early Spring that Australia shuddered with the prospect of Jap invasion from the string of outlying bases just a few hundred miles away. There has been no major action—at least none has been reported. There has been nonly the drive against Atlu, and that may be considered only a minor action, even if the Jap forces were virtually annihilated.

This absence of any action, or any sign of action is not only strange to Americans; it must be ominous to Japan. The Americans long months ago, aud-samy isamehed a furious offensive, bit off a Jap outpost and caused a great-concentration of enemy strength in activation of which is the decision of which is the decision of which is the decision of which we have a stranged on the first of the double mystery and allied blow of It is possible that

It is possible that an Allied blow of grand proportions is in the making, and hast all strength is being husbanded for that blow. It is also possible that there has been major action in the Pacific, and that we have suffered more grave losses. There can be only sympathy for the makers of combined strategy and operations in Washington, for the Pacific tasks are huge, especially when fitted into the overall picture of the war. But because the high command has been something less than completely frank in the past in the matter of our own losses, it may be suspected that unreported doings have been taking place on the great Pacific.

Harassed

OWI's Enemies Attack, But Davis Is in Clear

Probably it was inevitable that the Office of War Information should be attacked as a propaganda agency for one reason, because it is the appointive creature of the party in power, and as such it is natural—if not falt—game for the opposition. For another reason, be-cause the OWI has made mistakes which have provided ammunition for

oritics.

On more than one occasion Director Elmer Davis has conceded frankly that his office had issued unfortunate material. At other times he has stood belbehind releases that were

ligerently behind releases that were under attack.

It would be easy for Mr. Davis to avoid such troubles. He could confine his output to humdrum factual statements, full of exhaustive and exhaustive a

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ection with often controversial mat-rs—the rubber situation, for example; the performance of American warplanes; war financing; the food production and distribution breakdown.

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For Remembrance

The Great Lesson From North Africa

WASHINGTON Over the confusion that has arisen in North Africa over the person of M. Peyrouton may be solved, there are lessons to be drawn from it. It was not difficult to foresee that the arrival of Ceneral de Gaulle in Algiers would be, first of all, a personal triumph, and secondly, would give rise to differences. Though General de Gaulle came quietly, a unique enthusiasm surrounds his person, It would be unique enthusiasm surrounds his person, It would be unique stated to be under the control of the control

ne people for three full years.

Had he falled is establish a popular following, it would have been sad proof of the degeneration in defeat of the French nation. General de Gaulle has the advantage of having been right before the war, during the war, and after the war. He has drawn the political consequences of military observations. These facts give his person authority.

person authority. That he is a stubborn and obstinate man; that he is not surrounded altogether with the wisest advisers; that the Free French movement is abot through with dissension—these are also feets. Fet, as far as personal characteristics are some of the state of the feet of

name a trusted leader and a clear set of ideas.

There is no choice to be made between the purty and integrity of Giraud and de Gaulle. No one can accuse Giraud that he spent the years when de Gaulle was mobilising France, in prison, escape from which made him also a mational hero, Yet it is also true, that however advised, General endpoint of principles. The continuation of principles are chosen under the point of principles. General de Gaulle may have some incompetent advisers, but he has no advisers who fifted Fascism. It is beside point to any that Mr. Pervouton is a table administrator. So for that matter, is Muscolini. This is not a war in behalf of good administrators, but in behalf of freedom. A Pervouton is intelligent enough to see the popular trend, nating to be relieved of his post and assigned to Mr. Pervouton is intelligent enough to see the popular trend, armed forces, he has done his country his first political service. That resignation is seen is ego on the way to unity.

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the people of France.

There were times when de Gaulle was too obviously favored by Britain—and that militated against him, too. The people of France have lived three years under foreign rule or a pupper government, supported against all comers by comparing the people of the people

If this column is correctly informed regarding produces designed for many countries, including Germany and July 1, would be well to revise them in the light of the exchange to the light of the exchange the light of the light of the exchange the light of the light o

The Voice of Experience

-Bu Dorman Smith



Little Change

England Is Still Grim

No Comment Required

more culture, more beauty -these our race must have or it

Richard Tregaskis, American re-porter in the South Pacific, de-

Bible Thought

You help 'yourself more than you help God by obeying him.' Just obey and trust God for results: He that keepeth the commandment keepth his own soul.

—Prov. 19:16.

On revisiting London after two years I an reminded of the proverb that the movement and the most of the proverb that the movement was the common than the common than the common than the summer of 1841. England was still estaken from the biltz. People had atood up through the most terrific mass punishment that ever nad beau visited on any population over so long a period. And they were directly an experience of the period of the policy of the period of the policy of the period of the policy of the period of the peri

rather than implrational assistance.

London seems hardly changed from those days. Buildings knocked down in the blitz are still knocked down. Rows of damaged houses atand vacant as they did two years ago. There is no manuposer beat heef in the still knocked down in the still knocked down. Rows of damaged houses atand vacant as they did two years ago. There is no manuposer beat been have been as configured to the still the still knocked have been as did not consider a place to the superactive Green and the supparactive Green as a cheep price. Some weeks. But on the schole England has not feld. German bombs on any scale comparable to that of 1941. Anti-afteraff guns are bristling now where there was nothing but vacant space two years ago.

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Rations are even tighter than two years ago.

In the fancy hotels the service and the silverware are still elegant, but you don't get you
much food with it. If you sit down to dinner and About The Enemy

From Yank, the Army Weekly On the eve of a bombing raid over Kiska a group of AAF fliers were addressed by their CQ. "Men."

he said, "tomorrow's job is one of the toughest we've ever tackled. The

the toughest we've ever tackied. The enemy has received reinforcements. We are using older planes. There's a hell of a storm brewing. We'll be lucky if one out of four of us ever gets back alive. We take off at 7 storm and if any one of you is 30 seconds late dammit, he can't come with us!"

A Nari blueprint of post war Europe in the event of a Ger-man victory, as described by Robert Ley, leader of Hitler's Labor Front: "A lower race needs less room, less clothing, leas food and less culture than a higher race. The German cannot live in the same fash-

can still get jugged hare or pigeon you are lucky. The tea is almost undrinkable, and the coffee is not much better. Milk has just been loosened up to round out the diet—and bight time seem drawn and pallid, Vilsters lose weight here. Cher fare is certainly frugal by any standard, and for one just in from Swedish amorganbard it seems hardly enough lo keep a sparrow up to normal weight.

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asti, as ii I nan neen away only a week.

The big change here is the Americans. This a little Washington, American uniforms and American civilians are everywhere. You can't walk into a hetel lebby or into the neighborhood of the American Embassy without seeing old friends, just in from the States. They have brought suite in from the States. They have brought suited a different place, and about that I hope to write later after traveling around the island some.

Although I have been here only two days I sense a caim confidence in place of the anxiety of two years years ago. It is curfous, though, how the British are taking it in their stride. You hear no bossting, and no dramatic language of the "dirty hun" type. They seem to be still going at it with quiet, workmanlike, undemonstrative determination.

In a recent article in the Ber-lin weekly "Das Reich," Propa-ganda Minister Joe Goebbels tears into Nazis who criticize German workers for sleeping German workers for alooping on their way to work in the early morning. "What should these workers do to show their faith in the Fuchrer?" asks Jee. "Should they shout at each station three times "Heli?" After all, what do you expect from

Silly Reporters?

DeGaulle's Nature

By Samuel Grafton

I STILL. have the feeling that General de Gaulie's supposed arrogance has been ridiculously over-emphasized in the American press. Our reporters sometimes seem to be so many Emily Posts, more concerned about the General's manners than about the Boneral's manners than about the Joseph of the Concerned about the General's manners than about the Joseph of the Concerned about the General's manners than about the Joseph of the Concerned about the General seems than about the Joseph of the Concerned about the General seems of the General seems of the Concerned about the General seems of the Gener

as water.

It is their need for each other which has brought de Gaulle and Giraud together, and through them, the liberal and conservative wings of French opinion. In spite of all contrary impulses, they have been brought foreibly together, by their problem, by Hiller, and even by us, who acted as brotters for the conservative view in making this deal, with acted as brotters for the conservative view in making this deal, have overcome the centrifugal forces which once pulled them sway from it.

Centripetal forces, sweeping Frenchmen toward a common center, have overcome the centrifugal forces which once pulled them away toward the control of the co

Visitin' Around

Last Wednesday was the first closing afternoon of stores in N. Wilkesboro. It was about 1 P. M. before clerks were entirely gone. A few remained to do one and another needed arranging of goods in clothing stores; or shifting of perishable foods to refrigerators Otherwise B Street appeared illule though more active than Sunday.

Side Glances



"The city kid's homesick, all right, but iky-said he'd work fourteen hours a day on