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2. Said not a word about moderating the appropriations which make high taxes necessary.

The State and Federal Governments have different orders to fill. It is true. Nobody contends very heatedly any more that it isn't Washington's proper function to see that there are jobt to go round and that the national economy flourishes, even if it has to be done at the Treasury's expense. The State benefits fiscally from this practice but holds fast, nevertheless, to the conviction that in its own affairs it is limited in what it are not not in the same of the same in the s

#### Smoke & Fire

As editorialists, we can't understand why most of our little readers persist in smoking, especially in these times. You should know by now that nicotine, the active ingredient of tobacco. Is a very poisonous alkaloid, .CIOH14N2—and that this pungent oily ilquid is a dibase, derived from pyridine and pyrrolldine. And that, in aqueous solution, is is used as an insecticide.

You should remember that, back in the good old days when it was a sign of effiminacy for a man to wear a wrist watch, an aura of degeneracy hung over him who smoked cigarettes. He-men, you will recall, smoked pipes or cigars, or chewed. In those times if any man had risen to predict that, by 1945, eigarettes would be scare in this country despite production of 350 billion, the would have been hustled off to an institution. In those times, 40 billion took care of all who wished to brave public opinion and puff on the coffin nails. In the past twenty years the growth of the cigarette habit, especially among women, has increased per capita consumption three-fold. It has been one of the signs of our times. It has grown like this:

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1290, 50 billion; 1925, 75 billion; 1938, 172 billion; 1940, 120 billion; 1940, 120 billion; 1940, 125 billion; 1940, 258 billion; 1940, 650 billion.

An assounding growth, sufficient of the pause to Americans who wonder what may be coming next. Do you realize what those figures mean? They mean that, even it there were only 325 billion olgaretkes smoked in the country last year, every man, woman and child in America could have used 2.400—or every person over eighteen could have used 3,100 a year (eight and a half a day). Scandalous, and you little readers should give serious thought to abandoning this victous habit, seeing where the Theorem 1980.

seading us.

This business is not very old, though prior to 1492 Europeans were given to inhaling amoke from burning herbs. This is girleity a New World device, and has caused consternation among mankind since Walter Raleigh's servant first doubted him with a bucketful of water. doused him with a bucketful of water, supposing him to be on fire. The history has been curious. "Tobacco," as a mat-ter of fact, originally meant the pipe in which Indians smoked the weed, and the

which Indians smoked the weed, and the Spaniards made the error of applying the word to the plant itself.
It was after the Civil War before ciga-rettles were made, and in the 80's be-fore Buck Duke had a perfected ciga-rettle "machine turning out 100,000 smokes a day. By 1890 American Tobac-

Idea, mates, is a funny thing. The Tressury of the State of North Carolina is remining over with money, the state of North Carolina is remining over with money, the state of North Carolina is remining over with money, the state of North Carolina in his included the state of North Carolina, in his included the following of North Carolina, in his included the following of North Carolina, in his included the following of North Carolina, in his included in full-tearnestness:

1. Maintenance of the taxes which produce State revenue:

2. Appropriations strictly within expectations of normal revenue.

3. A few days later the President of the United States addressed himself to the same fiscal topic. Though the U. S. Tressury labors under the most mountainous debt in this country's or any sther's history, though for fourteen years it has accumulated fourteen successive deficits, and never a threat of a surplus, the President.

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Right on the heels of British-American declaration that we would stick by the Polish Government-in-exile came Russia's embrace of the Poles of Lubin. This was an outright and unfriendly repudiation of the Soviet's Western Allies, and one more announcement that Stalin intends to pursue his own course in the East, regardless of opinion in Washington and London.

Even so, look at the consistent record of Russia in world affairs, and you must conclude that the nation knows what it's talking about, that it has its aims clearly in tew, and will follow them unswervingly. Look at the Russian sacrifice in this war, and at the conclusive evidence that Moscow knew what was brewing from those own knew what was brewing from the very-first.-Look at the Russian record of good faith in dealing with other nations. Look at the times Russia was right about world affairs—and we were wrong. Look at the affair in Spain, for example.

Oh, therejals every reason to believe Russia is in her right mind, and that she has every right to defend her self-interest.

So, for that matter, is Britain in pos-

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So, for that matter, is Britain in pos-80, for that matter, is Britain in pos-session of her senses, and busily look-ing to her own interests. Peeling inse-cure about her position in the world of tomorrow, she has appeared in the role of a grasping power, seeking to find security by sewing up the Mediterra-nean, by moving into Belgium as if she intended to stay.

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him as the Idealist. He stands on principles which now appear to be in danger
of trampling. Hooked up in a blood allance with two such hard-headed realists, he secks no new spheres of influence.

fluence.

He may defend his principles, but even if they fall, in Europe, his self-interest will not suffer. Poland may become Ruswill not suffer. Poland may become Russian; the Italian colonies may become British; Europe at large may be divided into spheres of influence, and though Uncle Sam may not like it, he can manage to live in a world like that.

His protests may not be strong crough to alter the present trend, in that case, he must accept things as they stand,

### Hear, Hear!

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ing about with his campaign promises. He is already busy drafting a bill to create his school of American diplomacy, an idea which won favorable comment last Spring. This piece of proposed legislation, of course, is outside the usual routine, and is aimed at a serious national problem—even an international problem—even an international problem—end he not at all a piece of pork for North Carolina's Tenth District.

We suspect that the bill, proposing the establishing of a school to train our diplomats which will be on a par with West Point and Annapolis, will meet with determined opposition in some quarters. For despite the growing realization that our State Department is at a disadvantage before representatives of other nations by reason of inexperienced personnel, the Department is each end of the matter of the proposition in some quarters. For despite the growing realization that our State Department is at a disadvantage before representatives of other nations by reason of inexperienced personnel, the Department is at a disadvantage with of the continuation of the proposition of the continuation of the Continua

## A Great Farewell

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-The Golden Book.

## The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pegrson

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Significantly, Byrnes' order followed a meeting of the manufacturers with Army supply chiefdain Li. Gen. Brehon Somervell. The meeting was called to devise means of increasing the output of military tires, but one of the three points agreed upon was price roll-back an civilian tires be postponed for at least 120 days.

It is no secret in the industry that pressure has been

Note—Keep an eye on Gen. Clay. He is the man who is really running things as far the Byrnes office and WPB are concerned.

#### Roosevelt In '48

### FCC Cuts Red Tape

The Federal Communications Commission last week as record for service by a Covernment spency, week set a record for service by a Covernment spency, when it received and approved an application in less than eight hours. Radio men who have seen their cases drag and the state of the second services of the second services of the second services. The second services of the second second services of the second services of the second seco

## Theory and Practice



### The Miracle At Arnhem

By Marguis Childs

WASHINGTON

WHEN you talk to a specialist in this specialists' war, and a specialist war.

Bit and 1945, and at the same time you see with a sense of shock what is spoosible for day after tomorrow. William at safe, the other day with Maj. Gen. Paul L. William at safe, the other day with Maj. Gen. Paul L. Troop. Carrier Command of the Ninth Air Force. He is a bit, raddy-faced man of 50 who was a filer in the last war.

war. All of the was a filer in the last war. Williams bossed the job of carrying the alrohen task forces during the past year, and when he talks with last enthusiasm about that Job, he beclinning stage. Birliy he enjoyed a Cliristmus leave at his home in Lido Island, Calif., and now, after a stop route at the Pentagon Bulding, he's required the Pentagon Bulding, he's trapped at Bastogne. The Armhem alrohene operation was of course, the biggest "lift" carried out thus far type the Night Tropp Carrier Command. In that operation, three dividings were transported in two days, with planes, 460 British planes and 2.00 gluders.

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The time is coming. Williams believes, when such operations will be entirely independent of the ground will inevitable be entirely independent of the ground will inevitable be in the hands of the men who assembled the silvorne force.

Althorne troops are expected to play an important part in the accupation of Germany. Fighting men can that will continue long after a general collapse.

To show how these things develop, once you work out the general plan. It's only necessary to compare Arnhem and Normandy.

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only 21 planes were lost in the Arnhem operation, and most of these were lost after the IPst two days, when the Germans moved in with anti-afteratic batteries. Only 25 crews were lost, and many of the erwa are known to have been captured. The ratio of loss for Normand yand Arnhem was about the same.

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# Quote, Unquote

A BOSTON lady was expressing her indignation at the indecent words being pointed on the walls and sitewalks of the city. "What will outsiders think of us?" she cried. "Why, some of the words aren't even spelled right!"
—Readers Digest.

--Gochiels,

I have been trying to look out
for the health and happiness of
soldiers for 35 years. However,
your letter is the first time I have
ever received written thanks and
I am very appreciative.

--Gen. Patton in note to Pvt.

Norton G. Addison of Chicago, who wrote to Patton thanking him for stay in rest camp.

No one now has direct control over food. The War Food Administration is subject to veto from other agencies and there is no single person responsible for a co-ordinated program.

—Rep. Thomas A Jenkins (R) of Ohlo

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No general ever has all the munitions of war that he can use, and we can't give Gen. Eisenhower too much. The sky's the limit.

—Maj.-Gen. Levin H. Campbell. Army Ordnance chief.

As our escert fighters were kept busy by American Gruinman fighters and the special attack planes did not come back either, we do not really know what happened. —Tokyo radio on Jap Sulu Bea attack.

Then I looked down and saw a foot on the deck. It was my own right foot, completely severed but for a tendon.

—Capit John M. Hoskins, aircraft carrier Princeton Survivor.



"Hurry up, let's get in line—I don't know what they're buying, but let's find out before it's all gone!"

## People's Platform

The past few weeks have been very anxious ones for those of us who have unahakable faith that this war is for freedom every where in the world, and for lasting peace.

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in which produces these very considered with the ballot box is to be repretted but in the last analysis this war is being fought and will be won for that very resoon—the right of all right to hold a different opinion. The rest will come in time just as certainly as Victory itself will come, it will not come overnight, come, it will not come overnight, will reach that plannade of elvisitions of the product of

# A Belgian Pin-Up

By Hal Boyle

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Cemille Delty, a social worker - Walmedy during the terror filled days when bombs and mailing destroyed ind besicejing Germans threatened to envelop it.

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