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### Undefeated

and figures. Any German with an eye can see, wherever he looks at the last flaming hours of the Third are at hand. He sees it in the charge of cities stream across the instand, in the dead on every hand, the rapid deterioration of the once-unity Wehrmacht.

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The has no need of counting back to sanuary 12, and reflecting that in thick over two months the distance between Eastern and Western Allied emiles has been cut in half. The figures might-tell him the dread truth with finality, but it would not be new so Hans. Ten million of his country-asm are gone, dead or wounded.

This Germany which has lived less han seven years of its 1,000-year expected through its sixth Winter of war, the series of ruin. It has, in fact, already arrived, and a Germany with its millions of homeless souls lives on time to rowed by Hitler and Himmler. But it is not a beaten nation at all, and sherien lies grave danger to future.

The people of its conquered towns are, in the main, deftant and conare, in the main, deflant and contemptions, and their voices drown out the cheers for the liberators. We need 
expect no abject apposiges from Germany's common people. Washington 
and London are discovering that, years 
after, Moscow had learned the sccret. 
They are learning that the ripping 
down of the Nazi flag and the dispersel of the enemy troops means little, 
and that wherever we scratch a German we find raw material for a Nazi. 
We must remember that after victory 
le won.

### Null And Void

The people of Florida have a consti-tional amendment that won't work. They made it themselves, under the stimulus of anti-labor forces aroused by war-time stress and strain. They did in protest of labor practices which seemed unfair and wasteful, and doub-less were. But for whatever reason they did it, they did it—and now that they have it on the books it avails them nothing.

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This had been suspected from the beginning, of course. It was obvious that, the many closed-shop contracts arieady in operation in Florida could not be abrogated by an anti-closed-shop amendment, whatever Attorney General Tom Watson thought. And the State Supreme Court came to a quick decision. It refused, on petition, to inherirers with the operation of a closed-shop contract, and that invalidated the amendment.

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If this ruling sticks, then the amend-ment might as well not be on the books.

This has been an unhappy case from the beginning. Florida, wanting to regulate labor practices within its borders, should properly have ap-proached the problem by legislating to control those practices—and those only. It should not have officially made a blanket condemnation of labor, and at-ternated to curb come with particular consense tondemnation of labor, and as-tempted to curb some evils by riding roughshod over all, and without regard for the consequences. The closed shop smendment in that state, we'd say, is stymied, and it is better so.

### A Dry Peace?

It's not enough to have a just prace, a lasting peace, a safe and same peace to make the nations of the word into one great family. It must also be a dry peace. The WCTU wants to make Higour control the lifth freedom, to guarantee to all nations the right to make and enforce laws governing traffic in drugs "including alcohol;"—all to be confirmed by treaty.

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This question is likely to be injected hinto the world security talks at San Francisco next month, and plunged into the midst of such little terms as the fact of Germany and Japan, policing the world, formulation of economic policy. The drys want to make it a tider on peace, to vote a combination

ticket: disarm the Germans and write a Volstead. Act for the world.

This is self-determination with a new twist. The European control of the tention of the

#### Big Stick

There's one thing about Senators Russell's and Maybank's bill creating a Savannah River Authority which is both unusual and commendable. They say quite frankly, that the main idea is electic power. The New Deal when broaching authorities, has preferred to accentuate the positive necessity for flood control and navigation, remaining as mum as possible about power production.

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Honesty is the best policy, of course, but it does not follow that Government-owned and operated power plants are the best policy for the country. Yes, we know that the Power Trust for many years abused its public monopoly beyond forgiveness, not only because of its high rates but the, itseal shenningans which were pulled. So far as the Power Trust is concerned, let it be said that it only got what it had coming.

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But in moving to correct these abuses, as has been done through the Pederal Power Commission, and the laws of Congress, the Government has gone a good deal further. It has taxed the private power industry to an extent approaching punishment. It has entered into direct competition in the production and sale of power, and when the U. S. Government, with its freedom from taxes of any kind, its unlimited capital and borrowing power, its indifference to profit or loss or even to an accounting—when the U. S. Government, becomes your competition, to its indifference to profit or loss or even to an accounting—when the U. S. Government, becomes your competition, brother, you've got competition.

By this competition the Government, bas exacted off the private power companies from expanding their facilities to keep pace with the contart's present, and future electrical south. They feel tucky to be keeping what, they've got. And so, looking around, the Government asys, "We need electric power here. No-body cise being includes."

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#### Easing Off

There are signs that the war boom days in North Carolina, such as they are, draw toward an end. The signs are yet small, but by no means insig-nificant. A decline has set in, making are yet sman, out on no means insistmificant. A decline has set in, makingitself-felt-in-employment-and-wagesDuring February there was a 1.2 per
cent decrease in the number of workers
from the previous-month. That in itself
may not indicate that we have passed
the peak of prosperity but a kindred
figure does. For, with this tiny decrease in the number of workers, total
wage carnings fell off 3.6 per cent.

That is very likely the beginning of
a trend which will plek up speed during
the coming year. By virtue of North
Carolina's position as a state underfed
on war contracts, there should be little
shock during readjustment to peacetime conditions, but there mist be a
slow-down.

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Raleigh's interest in the new figures, Raleigh's interest in the new figures, of course, was that of the tax collector. With declining employment figures and a drop in wages, spending will also drop—and so will income taxes. The State discovered during this 'session of the General Assembly that even its fat surplus did not enable it to spend money for all the great projects it had staked out. It will find, in the months ahead, that the conservative Assembly acted wheely in putting aside our millions for debt rettrement and emergency fund. The beginning of that return to normal of which tax experts spoke during the Winter is evidently around the next two or three corners.

## Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

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# The Merry-Go-Round

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Yalta while Churchill, Rosewell and
Stallin were talking of political matters, and remarked that the Russian
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has in the war as a communications and supply Actually, this was the first confirmation by any high led officer that Pacific strategy had been discussed Yaita. Previously Roosevelt, Byrnes and Churchill said the subject was not discussed.

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Fleid Marchal Wilson made several other significant
points. He admitted among other things that the camplain in Islay had been one big headache after another.

However, Wilson pointed out that, the invasion of Italy
had cleared the Nazis out of the Mediterranean, had
also gone a libre way to build up United Nations morals
more than a year before the liberation of Pranci.

#### Nazis Kept Busy

Wilson, who was former British commander in the Mediterrancan, also disclosed that a total of 50 Nati divisions were kept busy by the early fighting of the Allies in Italy and by Tito's Partisans in Yugoslavia. Wilson also disclosed for the first time the troubles Britain had in trying to deal with Gra. Rikharida and the troubles Britain had in trying to deal with Gra. Rikharida Allies the right-wing certain the control of the second in the British had in trying to deal with Gra. Rikharida Allies the right-wing certain the control of the way Britain has run the tribute of the Grack above. The first warning the British received of incipient ususian criticism came right after the Yaita Conterence, the Moscow radio leveled a blast control of the Way Britain has run with the Way of the Way Britain has run the Grack above and the Britain that the Moscow radio leveled a blast accommendated Mikhailovitch even tried to

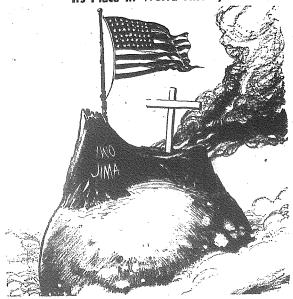
crease withest even hearing from Washington.
The farmers of Haly, withou hold friends, are largely responsible for Raly's economic plight. He charged they withhold food from markets and sell it on the black market because of bigger profits and the doubtful value of Italian money.

### Russian Hands Off?

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Throughout his talk, Field Marshal Wilson considently maintained the Russians had not interfered either in Yugoslavia or. Oreoce, but had "played it straight" and the property of the property of the straight of the property of the property of the straight of the property of the property of the straight of the property of the pro

Its Place In World History



# The Light Comes Back In Cologne

By Marquis Childs

Willen officers of the Allied Military Government took over this ruined cilly, they had to dart from scratch. There was no electric light, no water, no heat, no communications of any sort.

But there was one tank they nut before exceptibling Gottano prison the political prisoners abandoned by the length of the political prisoners abandoned by the fleeting Gormans.

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One of the last to come out of the prison was a young gtl who walked with a cane and was supported by an older man. She was beautiful, but in no ordinary sense. In her face, parlicularly in her large cyra, was an indefinable look that was courage and somethow triumph, too.

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Belithm. They beat her many times. She said it quietly. Tears were in her eyes. She smilled. In her face was a conflict of emotions and yet again a sense of the triumph of the human spirit over address the same of the triumph of the human spirit over address which was wrong with her crippled leg. It might be tuberculosis of the bone. They counces of the prisoners was a French boy of aixteen, who had been seled for slave labor when he was fourteen and later imprisoner for a french boy of aixteen, who had been seled for slave labor when he was fourteen and later imprisoner for a found that he every search.

The youngest of the prisoners was a French boy of aixteen, who had been seled for one will fine. From his pinched body and wisened face, one would have judged him eleven or twelve years old.

In the courtword of the prison, where they assembled, was a first mount of earth. They pointed to and three who died after the Americans came in had been buried there in a common grow her found deed and three who died after the Americans came in had been buried there in a common grow had a doen, instance, and the selection of the older men, a Belgian who had survived the ordeal better that most of the others, took off his belt, found two pieces of wood tens looked on, he is the treth earth. While others looked on, he is the treth earth. While others looked on, he is the treth earth. While others looked on, he called Odet was hughling and waving, and waving the called Odet was hughling and waving. It was the end of the long night of herror, unbelievably the end.

# The People's Platform

Editors, The News:

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was quite proud of
Charlotte for standing up the way
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There is one thing that I wish
the people of Charlotte would get
helitid and get some action on.
With the exception of Norfolk,
Charlotte is the only town I have

cver here in while I have been in the service that doean't have a special price for servicemen on the movies. I know this doean't name are very important to the prespective of civilian lile but it means in lot to a serviceman because that is about the only thing there there is a service of the service one of the service of

servicemen to any show in town. While I was overseas, I went to Montevideo, Uraguay and they would have a guy out on the workets to beg us to come in and see the movie free of charge! Just think of it, a foreign country

showing nore courtesy to our servicement man omes of the cities reviewed to make the cities and the cities of the



"After planning the garden all Winter, don't you dare throw up your hands and say the ground is too hard like you did last Spring!"

## Plan For Europe

By Dorothy Thompson

NEW YORK.

AUFTEEN distinguished Europeans, or Americans of European beakground, most of them
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such a program.

The idea is not new. It has
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Richard Condenhove-Kalergi. It
has had the support in Britain of
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As the Great Power world emerges, the problem of postwar Europe becomes more and more under the control of the council of

by force or the threat of feree?

These leading questions have so far not received a statemantic and the state of the state of the union of the states, should should be stated to the state of the union of the states, should should be stated to the state of the union of the states, should should be stated to the union of the states, should should be stated to the union of the states, should should be stated to the union of the states, should should be stated to the union of the states, should should be stated to the union of the states, should should be stated, should should be union of the states, should should be union of the state

The thesis of the Declaration is: (1) That the nations of Europe constitute by reasons of geography and history an interdependent re-gion of the world.

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2) The world was a considered with a confectoration can secure for Europe isaling peace, speedy recovery, and personal liberty.

(3) That a Confederation authority should create a confederation armed force to protect all Europe is a confederation armed force to protect all Europe is a confederation armed force to protect all Europe is a confederation armed force to protect all Europe is a confederation armed force to protect all Europe is a confederation armed force to protect all Europe is a confederation and the confederation armed to the confederation armed t

the fyrmany.

(4) That no Fourth Reich should ever be established, but when Hitterian and pan-German imperialism have been swercome the varieus states of the Reich should enter the confederation.

(5) That the Confederation against reality, social and religious against reality, social and religious liberties and cultural sutonomies.

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(6) That a social bill of rights should aim at assuring all Europeans 'freedom from want.

(7) That the Confederation should gradually injudiest all inter-European trade barriers and transmission of the common currency and a coordinated transportation system.

(8) That within these limits of

(8) That within these limits of continental solidarity the European Confederation should respect the various democratic constitutions of its member states and guarantee their security and equality.

# Fat Uncle Sam

**By Samuel Grafton** 

NEW YORK

IT IS perhaps hard for us of realize that to the rox of the realize that the realize more than before the war begans with a pre-war average of 3.236. We since, among all the belligerent peoples, have belligerent peoples. have belligerent him have belligerent peoples. Have belligerent him have belligerent peoples have belligerent him have be