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Crime Wave

The Waylaying of Women Suggests Wisdom of Caution

It's a pretty horrible experience for a woman to be hit by a Negro man in the darkness, roughly handled and robbed. Yet in Charlotte it happens every night or so. In the last month, twelve or fifteen women have been victimized, and still the attacks go on.

The police, never fear, are doing all they can to nab the highwaymen. It is the sort of crime which a police department realizes it cannot tolerate and which is a challenge to every member of the force. It is also, by its nature, a highly difficult crime to detect.

Turn It Out

Don Nelson Says "To Hell With ... Counting the Cost"

Don Nelson is getting tough. He let it be known that he is fed up with businessmen who try to drive a hard bargain with the Government before starting to produce war materials.

"To hell with stopping to count the cost. Start turning out the stuff and we can argue the terms at our leisure."
"Turn it out by inefficient methods if necessary and figure out better ones as you go along—but get the stuff moving whatever happens."

That's telling 'em. If we'd had that kind of talk a year ago—and sufficient authority to back it up—we could be re-evaluating General MacArthur as well as leading a hero of him. There would be hundreds of American tanks and planes now Singapore instead of large promises and earnest exhortations. We might well be on the verge of carrying the war to Japan.

A year ago we were still talking about business as usual. What business as usual cost us can now be measured in millions of dollars and thousands of American lives. Business as usual in a world menaced by ruthless aggression is the shortest road to national suicide.

Derelict Desks

Political Appointees Crack Under War Pressure

As readers of his column know, Rayner Clapper is a level-headed writer. He catches the school of frenzied patriotism, to which many of his contemporaries belong, in favor of more moderate composition. Moreover he has been a consistent, if occasionally critical, supporter of the Roosevelt Administration.

But it is an excited Clapper who has been sending us columns lately. A Clapper who knows more than he does admit. The full significance of sloppy work and bungling administration in Washington has burst upon him. He has seen how incompetent and inadequate Government officials are hampering the nation's war effort.

"We wouldn't dare reveal the full story of the delays and runarounds in connection with the production of the Southwest Pacific, the stories of empty shops waiting for planes that were available but held in bureaucratic limbo. Official can't be found to sign the release."

Harvest

Gene Turner and Chinese "Y" Helped Make Us an Ally

Being a modest man, Eugene Turner didn't talk much about himself at the annual Charlotte YMCA dinner last night. He stuck to a description of China at war as he saw it during a recent trip to Chungking. He reported, as an eyewitness, the incredible courage and patience of the Chinese people.

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Bootleg Rubber

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON. DARK tales of racketeering in rubber have been heard in the States here, and you will shortly see the Truman Committee plugging the loopholes.



The whole question of the feasibility of the existing rationing system is left to be opened. The Government itself has announced 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 new tires were in stock when it cut off sales. The limited list of eligibles for these tires is so small that it is probable so many until much of the stock had rotted from age. Also there is the question of how to get the rubber from the industrial plants that of the Martin Bomber Factory near Baltimore are going to be able to get on and from work as their tires near out.

SITUATION LIKE PROHIBITION ARISES

With 25,000,000 car users in this country it is not surprising that it was inevitable that a situation similar to that which existed in prohibition would arise. Certainly there were not 25,000,000 drinkers in the nation nor was drinking a threat to anyone as is vehicular transportation for which no substitute has been offered.

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In Asia-At Home-In Russia

KEEP 'EM FLYING!



Letters to the Editor: Football And The Draft

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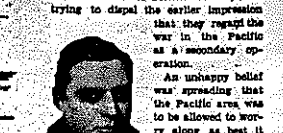
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Not An Hour To Be Lost

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON. FORTUNATELY both the United States and the British are busy doing their best to dispel the earlier impression that they regard the war in the Pacific as a secondary operation.



An unhappy ball was spreading that the Pacific area was to be allowed to pour along as best it could while the main effort was thrown against Hitler.

Concern was felt deeply in some quarters here that Roosevelt and Churchill were slipping into the idea that it did not matter how far Japan advanced if Germany could be crushed first because the mop up job then would be easy. The public caught that idea largely from a speech by Secretary of State Knox, who, after the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting something to the effect that Hitler was the chief enemy.

KNOX SAYS WE WILL FIGHT EVERYWHERE
New Secretary Knox says he was misunderstood. He says we will fight everywhere, as this is all one war. Prime Minister Churchill, in defending himself to Commons, says now that the Pacific war is not a secondary operation. Mr. Roosevelt says we were sending all possible help there. If it were not for red tape here we probably could send more, but that is something else.

Here is a most difficult matter of balance. If while crushing Japan we allowed Hitler to win, the victory in the Pacific would be a hollow one. Neither side was to give Japan a chance to overrun the entire Southwest Pacific while we were defeating Hitler. Indeed if Hitler should make contact with Japan through the Indian Ocean and the Middle East, the United Nations might find it impossible to win the war. These are things that we must not forget. If it were not for red tape here we probably could send more, but that is something else.

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There are other considerations. Could we ever be forgiven if we stood idly by while the people of Australia were invaded and captured by the Japanese? If we allow the Dutch East Indies to fall, Australia will have to be supplied with oil from our own Pacific Coast or from the Persian fields. It takes six weeks to get supplies to the Far East and not an hour to get to Los Angeles.

Ballad Of Hoarder's Goad

By the Ballad Editor

She's in the jail-house now. She's in the jail-house now. They told her once or twice That hoarding sugar wasn't nice She's in the jail-house now.

Left my home in the suburbs. Left in my auto and my car. Went down to the grocery store Just to get a little flour and meal. Didn't need no sugar. Had a great big sack at home But when I heard 'bout the rationing plan.

That's when I had to beam. (Yodelaydee, yadee, coooo!) Bought two pounds at the market Bought two pounds at the store Bought another two pounds at the butcher's shop.

Then I started all over for more. Clerk looked at my money Looked me right in the eye "Ain't I seen you in here before?" "Not an I, I hope to die". (Yodelaydee, yadee, coooo!)

Sugar in the pantry. Sugar in the basement too Had a one-pound sack in the closet stuffed in my husband's shoe. Feeling mighty happy About that rationing plan When a knock was heard on my kitchen door T'was a U. S. Gov'ment man (Yodelaydee, yadee, coooo!)

Jury read the verdict. "Hoarding in the first degree". Bent me to Atlanta. To the pen-it-ent-lar. Gilt on the fat-back at noon-time Gravy on the bread at night But when oatmeal comes in the mornin' Ain't a bit of sugar in sight. (Yodelaydee, yadee, coooo!)

Visitin' Around

Phifer Bunn for Fun

Phifer Bunn has purchased a good wood saw and is saving wood/coming and going. There is money in saving and selling wood, so everybody has to have it.