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## Heavy Gain

### Weighed Against Negro Park, A Few Protests Are Light

Study a map of the city of Charlotte at once it becomes apparent that an area between Second Ward and Merrittown, lying along Sugar Creek the rear of the Thompson Orphanage, is not only a natural site for a Negro park; it is a site which is suitable for nothing else. Two populous Negro sections adjoin it east and west, and it could be connected by the street that a City proposes to construct, thus reaching East Morehead and East Fourth Street.

The creation of this park would represent not only a major benefit for the entire city but a logical, advantageous development for the benefit of all. Furthermore, a combination of favorable circumstances makes the project entirely feasible even for the tight budget on which the Parks and Recreation Commission has to operate. It may be said positively that if no Negro park can be established here, no Negro park can be, within the foreseeable future, will be established to serve thousands of parkless residents.

Mr. Charles H. Stone and his associates in the commission have moved with the same wisdom and yet with due regard for the rights of property-owners their efforts to build this park. It is proposed that the park boundary setting white residential districts to the south be fixed at some distance from rear property lines, that a fence be erected, that strip 50 feet wide be planted in evergreens, but still the residents of Greenwood Cliff and Harding Park are reported to be adamant against offering the park to be placed on this site.

Who would contend, we take it, that the white property-owners are to be aggrieved. Yet even now their property is not so far removed from Negro sections, unless it be that Congo Street occupied by white families. And in civic sense they have an obligation to meet objections against what is to be undertaken to build a park which is to be of benefit to the entire city.

We have every respect for the rights of those objecting property-owners on Greenwood Cliff and Harding Park, but undubitably they have their rights under the law. At the same time, this is a public case of the greatest importance, and we believe that the few should make way graciously.

impetuous, trembling with emotion for liberty.

After the months of prostration and travel in evil company, France gave Germany the long-postponed answer it deserved, and the Allies the answer they have awaited in vain. With one blow she made of Pierre Laval and his collaborators nothing. In London, France stepped beyond the pale. Until restoration, her soul can be her own, whatever the torture.

## Who's Next?

### War Threat Clozes on Spain With Pressure of Events

The Russian squeeze on Hitler's armies in the Caucasus, the fierce resistance met by Allied troops in Tunisia, and the seizure of Toulon by the Nazis combine this week to flick the spotlight of war in the Mediterranean from East to West. And there are growing indications that war-weary, half-starved Spain is the next stop on the march of spreading conflict.

A move toward the Middle East through Turkey seems highly unlikely now that Timoshenko's fierce charge has imperiled Germany's Southern foothold in Russia, and continued Russian pressure might make Hitler's entire position around the Black Sea untenable.

New signs of the constricting iron ring must have France, and yet with due regard for the rights of property-owners their efforts to build this park. It is proposed that the park boundary setting white residential districts to the south be fixed at some distance from rear property lines, that a fence be erected, that strip 50 feet wide be planted in evergreens, but still the residents of Greenwood Cliff and Harding Park are reported to be adamant against offering the park to be placed on this site.

## All For One

### Hoffman Sacrifices The World To Keep Michigan Rolling

Michigan's Representative Clare Hoffman, never at a loss for something to say whether or not there is something to be said, wins the Ivory Tower award of the nation for taking Toulon and the French ships, then he is varying from his methods of the past. Daring points to the Iberian Peninsula.

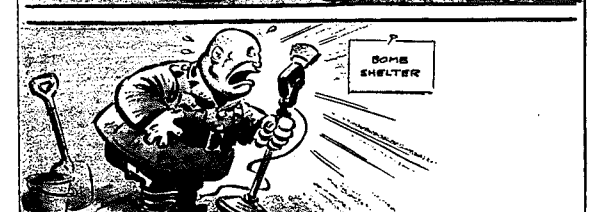
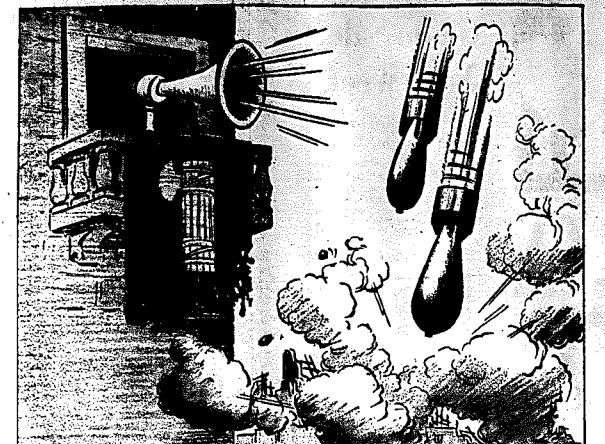
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It is time that the left hand knew what the right hand was doing. It is time that the people of this country became aware of the fact, alive to the consequences of the policy which has been followed by the left hand of the Administration is taking from our own people, it is time that the people who elect him to his high office, be citizens responsible for and call to account those who continue the policy of depriving them of the means necessary to carry on their businesses, to cultivate the land they own, and, at the first opportunity, to take their own lives.

Licker Talks Mighty Loud When It Gets Loose From De Jug.—By Joel Chandler Harris

## The Big Noise in Italy

—By Harblock



## Trouble For Hitler

# The Allies Are Closing In

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON  
The Italian people literally have three-quarters of a million Nazi guns at their heads. Sixty or more German divisions have been pushed into Mussolini's land by Hitler, to ward off as long as possible the collapse of the Fascist regime and the revolution that would bring the first break for peace.

Consequently, these recent rumors out of Turkey and elsewhere, suggesting that the old Marshal Badoglio is already preparing to oust Mr. Duce, have not whipped up much expectation of immediate action here.

True, Italy should be the first to break. A strong revolutionary movement in hiding awaiting the first chance to take over. It would have pushed the feeble Mussolini off his place long ago, except that such a step would only bring Hitler's guns into action and crush the revolution prematurely.

So it looks to those who watch matters closely here that the Allied nations will have to take Sicily and then land troops in Italy before the signal can be given.

What Hitler has left in the way of air power, you now see facing us on the Mediterranean front. Sincerely, he called in everything he had of consequence from every front when he saw all Africa about to fall as a result of our invasion. He would not give Rommel enough air support to stop the British attack in Egypt, but when we moved into the western Mediterranean, he went and gave us the Luftwaffe.

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Africa with submarine and air protection. He has even succeeded in withdrawing troops from the Danubian Caucasus front and bringing them to Italy.

But our troops and the British out-number his three to one or more. We will win.

The Russian communists sound like the back of the German army has been broken at Stalingrad and annihilation of Hitler's armies on that front might possibly be complete. No one, however, ever knows how much Russia has, or how true are the Red communists. Official statements on both sides on that front have been notoriously exaggerated.

If the Soviet claims of killed and captured have not been repudiated, certainly a final decline of German military morale in areas would be indicated. But it is wiser to be cautious and expect that the Germans can form a straight line across the bend of the Dan River. Such a Winter line is physically feasible.

However, if the Soviets get as far as Rostov, they can cut the Caucasus armies of Hitler completely off from their bases and the Hitler master to proportions which will stimulate talk of surrender.

In the face of all these facts, they will hang on as long as possible. Rumors based on plain expediency, therefore, may be premature, may lead us to ease up. Clearly, this is the time for us to strike harder and fiercer. Our offensive plans must be rushed into double-quick. Things we contemplated doing next Spring must be done now. Production and deliveries must be stepped up.

## A Step Ahead

# Rule By Rules

By Dick Young

POLICE CHIEF WALTER ANDERSON is admittedly a good man. He has never been in any trouble and is doing a good job. At the No. 1. He said, give him the tools and he'll finish the job. In this instance, the tools of the police chief are the rules and regulations which he has prepared for the department.

Some opposition in the ranks of the Council is being expressed regarding certain provisions in the rules. One under attack is the proposed creation of an inactive division for the period of office. Now let us ask this one: is there any reason for its inclusion in the rules. In the first place, it has to be impermissibly considered. Personalities, present and future, must be ignored. A police officer or any other person in this field of business past, so is not, cannot be the same of efficiency.

Nature says no. But the aged officer should not be entirely eliminated. He should be added to the record. The idea as I see it, partially meets the deficiency of the retirement system (which past and present municipal administrators have studiously avoided) and under it, an aged officer can continue light or periodic duties and receive some compensation instead of being kicked out entirely without any pay. So why can't the rule be made a help instead of a hindrance to the chief officer?

Objection has also been voiced to the rule which will permit the chief or the Civil Service Commission to require any man or group of men of the department to submit to re-examination. What's wrong with that? If a man is unable to hold his job or to continue as a police officer, why should there be objection to taking an examination? Opponents may give the chief too much authority, that he can use it as an excuse to get rid of a man.

On the other hand, it would seem to me to provide the officer with a shield to protect himself against unwarranted attack. If he's thoroughly equipped for the job, he could prove it by examination and defeat any effort to "kick him out." And besides, efficiency is to be developed (and that's what we have been crying for in the police department for years) the chief must be able to make changes, switch men, and change administrative policies.

He is held responsible for the success or failure of the department and should have the means to attain success. And that means elimination of inefficiency through replacements and changes if that necessary for attainment of the goal.

Chief Anderson, I am sure, lays no claim to being a superman and his rules may not be perfect. He would welcome, I'm positive, constructive criticisms and suggestions. He would be the last to even hint at any blocking of discussion of the rules within the Council. Here in the discussion, let impartial and impersonal judgment prevail without the injection of personalities or politics. Then the tools for the making of a top-notch department will be clean and keen.

## Side Glances



"Now, young man, I've kept my savings in my old sugar bowl for 50 years, but I'll accept your considered opinion that the money would be just as safe in war bonds!"

## Platform Of The People

# We Go To Ride

Editors, The News: I BELIEVE, and I say this respectfully, that The News is being taken a ride by the union-baiting Westbrook Pegler and Hearst-man George Rothwell Brown in the matter of the anti-inflation matter—limiting incomes to \$25,000 per annum.

The editorial you were entitled "Red Factors" follows the line of these gentlemen, or having claimed credit for having discovered that this measure enacted by Presidential edict was once a plank in the Communist Party platform—ergo—because it was once in that platform, therefore the Government that put it into effect must subscribe to the Communist doctrine and anyone else who believes that this measure helps the fight against inflation is also a Communist.

Of course this is bunk, but more than that, it is dangerous thinking. Hitler used that line all over Europe on the way to power. He tried to identify every measure or every thought with Communism—and that's why the Communist Party platform—ergo—because it was once in that platform, therefore the Government that put it into effect must subscribe to the Communist doctrine and anyone else who believes that this measure helps the fight against inflation is also a Communist.

## Specialisation

# Shutdowns For Victory

By Raymond Clapper

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## Bible Thought

Do it now: Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hearts, ye double minded.—James 4:8

## Visitin' Round

And Next Week-End? (Robert) item, Concord Tribune) Mr. Calab expects to visit his son, who is in the Navy, this week-end.

## Would He Be Thrown? Arm?

(Ho: Springs News-Record) Mrs. Edith Sanders is getting along so nicely she and her children are expected to move to Mississippi, where Mr. Sanders has a plantation.