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An Astonishing Overturn

Republican Party, Facing Oblivion, Confronts The Democrats With That Identical Prospect

isted Wendel Wilkiet, the outstanding lateeman in the party, and has made disgusting spectacle of Itself, that old possibly have produced any such evolution of the ballots. What was it, ben?

It may have been a combination of actors and personalities and simple ompetition without national significance between state organizations such is took place in Illinois with the relection of a Democratic Senator whom so party could gloat over; or, as in few Jersey, the defeat of a Democratic aschine which nobody could regret. But in the main the overturn was far less of a Republican victory than an Administration defeat. Where the Repub-

Westward Ho

Allied Drive in Egypt May Clear Way for Big Offensive

Back and forth across North Africa's unclean wastes the hopes of our war have often flowed. From Expt's story of blood and sand the most spectacular hapse of world conflict has run a feriestah course of advance and retreat. Today, as Rommel's African Korps reels under the biggest offensive of them all, the United Nations may indulge in a flutter of the heart. This time, apparently, the Anglo-American attack is seaving nothing to chance, and cleaning up as it goes.

Because the new push broke long weeks of stalemate and relieved the pressure on Alexandria, because it was launched with the advantage of superficity in planes and armor and beat the Germans to the punch, it may rightip be hailed as the official opening of the great Ailled offensive against the Axis. Still only in its preliminary phase despite its fercoity, the young victory is almed toward the accomplishment of the first big job; the clearing of Africa.

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If Rommel can be hammered until his strength is gone, and his supply lines kept under constant fire, then the long coast may actually be won at last, and the soft spots of the Axis dominions across the Mediterranean will be exposed for future drives. The British, after several days of cautious reports, blew off the lid. The Germans were fleeing pell-mell. Axis capitals admitted their troops had withdrawn to new lines.

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The Russian front was already feeling relief as several divisions were plucked away and rushed to the Bouth. On the way, they had to face busy American bombers which have already wrecked a formidable armada of supply ships and transports. Under greater difficulties im-posed by long shipping lanes and air-lines, the Allies have built superiority in the air. When it began to be felt, the Germans padt the great price of the Germans paid the great price of 506 planes lost. The news from Egypt

is good.

If it continues to be good it may
well set off a train of successes. For, if
Rommel can be decisively beaten, Alhed power will roll the Southern length
of the Mediterranean to the French us une Mediterranean to the French colonies and be in position to regain supremacy of the sea. If this is accomplished, Italy, Southern France or the Balkan may look for trouble in the Spring. The march begun west of Alemein may become the shortest results to Berlin.

Next to a beloved heroine of the com-k, no one ages as impercettibly as the smile commentator in the half-column

The Democrats With That Identical Prospect

On Tuesday, masters, there took place in the United States an astounding positional upheaval. The Republican Party, which had been considered to be on he verge of oblivion, suddenly reassected itself and as the count stands is on ear to control of the House of the record of the House of there days ago it would not have been dispossed three days ago it would not have been brought possible. What was there in been record of the party of the House in the record of the party of the House in the record of the party of the House in the fancy of the sople?

It is as plain as the nose on Hamilah's face that there was nothing in the political leaderahip of the Republican Party, which has virtually republished Mendell Wilkich, the outstanding the deferents, can hold that Southern strength.

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where win the Administration culti-vate new support? From labor, of a certainty, and Southern Democrats can-not be converted into Laborites. From

not be converted into Laborites. From the Negroes, and Bouthern Democratic can never be converted into Negrophiles. Not even the old and overpowering Democratic label can hold them in the ranks as these issues unfold.

The extent of the upheaval, then, is clear, but the full consequences of it are yet to unfold. What of the war? Will the leaderless Republicans be able to prosecute it as well as to oppose the present prosecution of it? And what of 1944? Between now and that time two years hence there is a vast void of uncertainty. In it the South's Democracy may be swallowed up whole.

At The Source

Manpower-Draft Officials Can Learn From Local Boards

Not the least of the galling frictions besetting draft officials up and down the line has been the failure or inability of local draft boards to follow set national policies. Because such policles have always been set from the top, more by dictum than compromise based upon experience and reason, the

top, more by dictum than compromise based upon experience and reason, the breakdowns have not been the fault of the thousands of local boards.

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The defeat of Oklahoma's Senator
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Leader Lee E. H. More, an antiNew Deal Democrat turned Republican,
whipped him declately and went a long
way toward proving that Oklahoma
wants no part of a new Prohibitionist
drive in war times.
Lee campaigned unsuccessuily on the
platform that his people should support the Administration, that the opposition was obstructing the war effort. Ballots reflected the voters' belief that the Administration should not
be supported as it is now being run—
at least through the re-election of Lee.
The result of Lee's defeat should be to
strengthen the will of Congressmen who
disapprove of a Prohibition encore, but
comment that they might be forced to
vote for it if it came to the floor. If
the Lee constituents turned down the
leader of Congressional dry forces, and
in a dry-minded state, that must reflect
the national views.

Master Plan War Control

By Raymond Clapper

i)ne Must Contess It: Man Is More Sensible Than

POR most of us the new controlled materials plan of the War Pro-duction Board is complicated and of interest with regard to its purposes rather than to its method of operation. An idea of its wide reach into industrial operation may be suggested by the fact that WPB is allowing eight months in which to put the plan into rule operation.

nowing eight months in which to put the plan into full operation.

It is a long everdes move. The purpose of the controlled alerials plan is to stop the flagrant over-ordering and cerability is about materials that has threwn war production out of balance for have airplance without propellers, ships without captures, too uch of some things and not enough of others. Some plants must uit down while others acked up.

shut down while others catch up.

Now WDB is setting up a bank. A bank loaded not with money
but with steel, copper and aluminum. Those are for the present to be
the three controlled materials. They are the real bottleneks. Other
materials are short, but if, war production is built around those three
materials are short, gather than the submatically taken care of.
Rubber may come into the plan later.

When the controlled materials plan goes into effect, no one can get
reed, copper or aluminum without clearing through the Requirements
soord of WTB. That board, under control of Zerdinand Exertsdat,
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nd who must wait or go without.

Until now there has been wild, competitive grabbing for these short materials by the Army, Nary, Maritime Commission, Lend-Lease Administration and by some other squencies. Ordering was done sometimes out of all propertion to reasonable needs simply because in a function of the same than th

will be no mere tickets sold than are seats in the theater.

Are needs will be balanced, and materials in the WPB bank will be drawn on by order. You, running your steel mill, can send your steel only to the manufacturer whose allotment number has been forwarded to you by WPB.

That means right of the weather for war industry. It means control over the country. Probably 70 to 80 per cent of American industrial production will come under the the controlled materials plan. It isn't very different from what Germany has done. But this is war. There isn't any escape from it. We have tried to avoid it too long as it is.

avoid it too long as it is.

Civilians are going to be shut down on drastically. Only about one and a half per cent of next year's steel production will be reserved for civilian uses. Only three-fourths of one per cent of copper production will be left for civilian uses. Most of that will be allowed to go only for repairs to refrigerators, and that sort of thing. Enough materials will be held out to keep trains running, to keep farm implements working, to maintain utilities and other such services so that the life of the country on go on. But the queeces to an and it will be heavy. Make no mislake about that.

The outlook for the war is calling for everything that can be put in the control of the put in the control of t

Onote, Unquote

IF I were to tell you how few bombers. China has received from us you simply would not believe me. If I were to tell you for the first simply continued to the first simply would agree with me that we have little reason to boast of our performance.

—Wendell Wilkle.

When our common victory has been won the people of Helias will once more assume their proud and rightful place in the family of nations.

—Undersceretary of State Sumner Welles.

Senator Tom Connally, chairman Foreign Relations Committee.

If only we can raise the bid and get more American air

power, we can stretch the Hun's force beyond its limit. —British radio commentator,

Our victory, like a large portion of our ships, planes and guns, still is in the making.

—Rear Admiral W. H. P. Blandy.

Europeans have been coming to this land ever since 450 years ago in an uninterrupted pligrimage aceking liberty and plainness; they have found them. This irrevocable destiny of America is the very soul of the common front we form to-day.

They won't do what you tell tem on Park Avenue. You've got o get a cop to tell them.

Newbold Morris, New York City Council president, discussing public's co-operation with air raid wardens.

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WAS AFRAID HE MIGHT GET SPRINKLED, WE PRESUME

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The Rev. Oracly Fender of Marion, pastor of the Free Baptist
Church, failed to get to his appointment Sunday morning, probably
on account of the Tain.

WHATS VIRGINIA GOT
THAT DRY PONDS AIN'T?
(Dry Ponds item, Morganton News-Herald)
Miss Reba Laughridge and Howard Hunaucker of Blackstone, Va.,
were married last week and have gone to Virginia to live, We wish
them a long and happy life together.

BUT DID HE HAVE FUN?

(North Wilkesboro Hustler)

Mr. Joe Welborn returned last Thursday from a successful trip with his truck into adjoining countles in the interest of his furniture making establishment here.

Side Glances



"He wins—we'll have to let him ride in the tank as the gunner. He's the only one with a helmet!"

NAZI 'INVINCIBILITY" INTUITION ROMMEL Lay Experts

Last of the Line

mable.—FREDERICK THE GREAT.

The Typewriter Strategists

WASHINGTON
IN mind keeps hasking, back to the Predictiva
memark in his last public utferance about "typewriter strategista" and his advice to leave the war
to the experts. If there were not a queasy feeling in
he pils of American stomachs about the conduct of
the war, as to both military and domestic mobilization, there would not be any "typewriter strategista".

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strategy.

Now, a "typewriter strategist." If serious is not WASHINGTON

mand has a right to an opinion on matters of war strategy.

Now, a "typewriter strategist," it serious, is not someone who conjures ideas out of his own soul, but has studied different schools of "experts." The fact is that in no army or navy do its own experts all agree, I say in no army—neither the German, the Italian, the former French, the British, nor ours.

I make only one exception. Students of Russian war plan, for the last fifteen years. The purge of the green's war of the last fifteen years. The purge of the green's war of the last fifteen years. The purge of the green's war of the last fifteen years. The purge of the last fifteen years is a substitute of the last for the last for example. There was Billy Mitchell, whom the "ypewriter strategists" could not save from being court-martialice, despite himself, in serie to all some views to which no alternion was paid in the High Command. His name was Charles de Gaulle.

In the last war Clemenceau remarked "War is a

In the last war Clemenceau remarked "War is a much too serious matter to be left to Generals." The

tank was forced upon the British Army by Churchill and Lloyd George. The German generals at the same time, and even after the tank had helped them lose the war, called the new weapon a "coffin on wheels." What gives the military experts in the High Commands their superiority? Long training in the art and science of war—out of books and out of experience—and the advantages of a privileged intelligence service.

These last advantages are more doubtful than they seem. For it is apparent that High than they seem. For it is apparent that High than they seem. It is a supported to the seem of the see

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At least one "Upewiter stategat" has forceden the military aspects of flustian resistance, and even where the armies would be halted. That is the military journalist, Max Werner of the military journalist, Max Werner of the military journalist. He has spent the last ten years of his life in almost exclusive study of the military publications of the Germans and the Russians. He has the military of the military publications of the Germans and the Russians. He is gifted with an exceptional memory and an acute includence. He has been right, to date, in this area of the war. Now he has written a book called "The Girea Offensive" warning against certain strategies, advocating others.

Is his opinion worthless because he is not in a

China Makes Beady

Freedom Is On The Way

Ry Norman Soone

CHUNGKING (BY RADIO) CHUNCKING (BY RADIO)

THE topic of the day in Chungking is still the abolition of extra-teritophility. The influential Ta Kung Pio., for matance, characterizes the American and Zittida amounteement of their intention to a cook's row at dawn' usbering in a new era of relations between China and the Anglo-Saxon powers.

Dublic reactions are varied but they are all underlined by a noise of gratification, though the fretling in general is that the Angle-America action was a bit "belated." Be that as it may, the essentially fatalistic yet realistic Chinnes people realise that "late is better than never, and official as well as unofficial circles are greening China for the new role that she is destined to play in the post-war world.

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One of the Chings uppermost in the minds, of the American and Britlan Governments, and particularly the several thousand American Court and the China to the China, is the Feel state of affairs of the Chinese judiciary system. In other words, the question asked by foreignera in China;king is, have beginds the and judicial reforms been sufficiently effected in China which would justify the only in the control of the China sufficiently established order and regarded the China sufficiently established order and regarded to the British partial mental to finance protection and justice to foreignera? This is once thing that the British pariliamentary mission to China, which the British pariliamentary mission to China, which the China Chin

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Mr. Chu's information about the number of model courts and prisons is doubly significant in view of the fact that in 1937, the year when the Bindpaparese War broke out, there were in the whole

of China four hundred and six modern courts and aixteen modern prisons. Now, in the course of the account of the course of the court of the course of the court of the course of the court of the court

forms so that the result has been nothing shore or remarkable. The model of the property of th

pencines of three of five judges.

Each county or municipality is equipped with
a District Court but if a county or municipality
overs a wife area a Branch District Court may
be created. Each province or "special area," such
as Tibet, has one High Court, but if the provinceor special area is large in size branch High Courts
may be established. The suppress Court is established the the court of the present case, Chungking.

in certain courts for the trial of cases in which for-eigners are involved and legal counseliers provided for them, some of whom might be foreigners. While it was the British who first pressed for extra-territoriality, it was the Americans who elabo-rated it, defining it in criminal cases and extend-ing it to evil ones.