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An Astonishing Overturn

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

On Tuesday, masters, there took place
in the United States an astounding political
upheaval. The Republican Party,
which had been considered to be on
the verge of oblivion, suddenly reas-

Westward Ho

Allied Drive in Egypt May
Clear Way for Big Offensive

Back and forth across North Africa's
desert wastes the hopes of our war
have often flowed. From Egypt's story
of blood and sand the most spectacular
phase of world conflict has run a fe-

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 in-

Plebiscite

Josh Lee's Defeat Signals
New Prohibition Failure

The defeat of Oklahoma's Senator
Josh Lee may be taken for what it's
worth without applying any mystic laws
of cause and effect. Dry Oklahoma's
simpler didn't want more of Dry
Leader Lee. E. H. Moore, an anti-
New Deal Democrat turned Republican,

War Control

By Raymond Clapper

FOR most of us the new controlled materials plan
the War Production Board is complicated and of interest with regard to its
purpose rather than to its method of operation. An idea of its wide
reach into industrial operation may be suggested by the fact that WPCB
is already eight months in which will be automatically taken care of.

It is a long overdue move. The purpose of the controlled
materials plan is to stop the rampant over-ordering and scrambling
for short materials that has thrown war production out of balance.

Now WPCB 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 bottlenecks. Other
materials are short, but if war production is built around those three
materials other shortages probably will be automatically taken care of.

When the controlled materials plan goes into effect, no one can get
steel, copper or aluminum without clearing through the Requirements
Board of WPCB. That board, under control of Ferdinand Eberstadt,
vice-chairman of WPCB and until recently the executive of the joint
Army-Navy Munitions Board, will say where steel, copper and aluminum
shall go. That board will say what is needed first, what is needed next,
and who must wait or go without.

Until now there has been wild, competitive grabbing for these
short materials by the Army, Navy, Maritime Commission, Land-
Lease Administration and by some other agencies. Ordering was
done sometimes out of all proportion to reasonable needs simply
because of an uncontrolled production program which had to get
early with a big order or some other agency would get there first.

War needs will be balanced, and materials in the WPCB 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 for-
warded to you by WPCB.

That means rigid control for war industry. It means control over
most of the industrial activity of the country. Probably 70 to 80 per-
cent of American industrial production will come under the con-
trolled 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.

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 can go on. But the
squeeze is on and it will be heavy. Make no mistake about that.

The outlook for the war is calling for everything that can be put
into it. The effort will be drastic all around. But I don't believe there
will be the slightest doubt about the necessity for it. This war is going
to be the hardest thing by far that we ever went through, and mea-
sure, no matter how disastrous war production or war production or elim-
inate unnecessary activity have to be taken.

Quote, Unquote

IF I were to tell you how few
I-bombers China has received
from us, I would be telling you
how far Russia feels we are from
fulfilling our commitment. You
would agree with me that we
have little reason to boast of our
performance. —Wendell Willkie.

When our common victory
has been won the people of
Hellas will once more assume
their proud and rightful place
in the family of nations.
—Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles.

The people of the United States
salute the people of Greece in the
conviction that Greek freedom and
institutions will be resurrected and
restored.
—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 forces beyond his
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. Halpany.

Europeans have been coming
to this land ever since 400
years ago in an uninterrupted
pilgrimage seeking liberty and
plains; they have found them.
This irrevocable destiny
of America is the very soul of
our common front we form to-
day.
—Former Colombian Minister
of Education German Arce-
nieto.

They won't do what you tell
them on Park Avenue. You've got
to get a copy to tell them.
—New York City Council
president, discussing
public's co-operation with air
raid wardens.

Visitin' Around

WAS AFRAID HE MIGHT
GET SPRINKLED, WE PRESUME
(Foster Creek Item, Marshall News-Record)

The Rev. Grady Funder of Barton, pastor of the Free Baptist
Church, failed to get to his appointment Sunday morning, probably
on account of the rain.

WHAT'S VIRGINIA GOT?
THAT DRY POUNDS AIN'T!
(Dry Foundation, Morganton News-Herald)

Miss Beba Laughridge and Howard Hunsacker 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 counties in the interest of his furniture
making establishment here.

Side Glances

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underlined by a note of gratification, though
the feeling is general is that the Anglo-American
action was a big "betrayal." Be that as it may,
people realize that this is a "betrayal" never.
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grooming China for the new role that she is
destined to play in the post-war world.

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the American and British Governments, and par-
ticularly the several thousand American, British and
other extra-territorial Chinese living in free
China, is the real state of affairs of the Chinese
judiciary system. In other words, the question asked
repeatedly in Chungking is, Has justice and
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ment of extra-territoriality? In other words, has
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Lay Experts

The Typewriter Strategists

By Dorothy Thompson

WASHINGTON
MY mind keeps harking back to the President's
remark in his last public utterance about "typewriter
strategists" and his advice to leave the war
to the experts. If there were not a queer feeling in
the pile of American stomachs about the conduct of
the war, as to both military and domestic mobiliza-
tion, there would not be any "typewriter strategists."

But as a person with an incoercible search-
after definitions, I would like to know the mean-
ing of "typewriter strategists." The phrase in its
context implies that no one but the High Com-
mand has a right to an opinion on matters of war
strategy.

Now, a "typewriter strategist." If 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 was in no army—neither the German, the
Italian, the former French, the British, nor ours.

I make only one exception. Students of Russian
military strategy find consistency in the Russian way
of war tactics, the form of Russian resistance and
where the armies would be halted. That is the military
journalist, Max Werner.

Mr. Werner's analysis has been no act of
creative fancy. He has spent the last few years of
his life in almost exclusive study of the military,
publications of the Germans and the Russians,
and has been able to speak in several foreign
languages. He is gifted with an exceptional
memory and an acute intelligence. He has been
right to date, this area of the war. Now he
has written a book called "The Great Offensive,"
warning against certain strategies, advocating
others.

In his opinion worthless because he is not in
a High Command?

China Makes Ready

Freedom Is On The Way

By Norman Soong
(NANA China Correspondent)

CHUNGKING (BY RADIO)
THE topic of the day in Chungking is still the
abolition of extra-territoriality. The influential
Ta Kung Pao, for instance, has been urging
renewed British and American support of their intention
to abrogate their extra-territorial privileges in China
as a "cock's crow at dawn" heralding a new era
in relations between China and the Anglo-Saxon
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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 Sino-
Japanese War broke out, there were in the whole

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