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Now For Italy Kernan's Target More Exposed After Conquest of Rommel

The most exciting possibility arising from the defeat of Rommel in Egypt is that of an offensive worthy of the name, the belated motion of Allied power into the real theater of war's operations. In every country, both Allied and Axis, is the hope or fear that this wave of power across the desert will not recode until it has been augmented an exercise of the power across the desert will not recode until it has been augmented an exercise on the country of the power and oversthelms. sweeps on into Europe and overwhelms the extended German armies. The target of attack, if Rommel is knocked cold in Egypt, will be near at hand, inviting

Across the narrows of the Mediterranean lies the Italian boot, exposed and now beyond much help from Hitler, and now beyond much help from Hitter, By seizing the advantage of the moment, and quickly pressing their gains, British and American forces might force ne-trance to the conquered realms there at relatively light cost. Sea power and air power and the man power available might guarantee the success of the invasion.

For such a day the Army's Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Kernan has been waiting without patience. Last Winter in his book, "Defense will Not Win The War," strategist Kernan urged the invasion of taly in Spring, 1942. He outlined the

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The perinaulia bes in the strategic center of that world island which Hiller spires to dominate. Without Italy, every hope of Nazi victory Tiennes over Spaln and Victory Trance is weakened, the Balkan conquest gare rendered insecure, the chains loosed on the season of the seas

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Time has not altered the soundness of the Kernan strategy. While Rommel flee, and if he continues to fly, Allied momentum (supported by gathering strength in surrounding areas) might well carry on into Italy, immediately. The advantages of striking there now are inviting. While all is confusion in the German-Italian camp, invasion would have a greater chance of success. And the coming of British and American forces would create only sightly less enthusiasm among the people of Mussinily sempire than among the French, the Dutch, the Beltains, the Poles, the Norwegians, the Yugoslava and the Greeks.

Lagg-Ascarg Places

This City Needs (1) Cash And (2) a Commission

Along with the good news of a decrease Along with the good news of a decrease of: \$84,000 in the City of Charlotte's debt service requirements for next year comes the bad news of a probable office of \$80,000, due to uncollectible street assessments which now become charge-able against the little taxpayers. But let not the little taxpayers were too bitterly; the tax rate of \$1.35 is moderate as it stands; the City's bended indebtedness is gradually being paid offi; and the Currie Administration has made; a start at the much-needed job of going after delinquent street assessments.

notes, a tax rate of \$2.00 or so would not be out of line. Heaven forefred that any Council should elevate the rate for the fun of seems the bapaver squirm; at the same time, the point is that the rate is low now and getting lower all the time. It suggests a radical yet, altogether conservative innovations.

Nation. It would be shortsighted, we believe, not to take advantage of this opportunity to so on a basis of paying for capital improvements out of current revenue. Hitherto the City has always becauted bonds for its undertakings, and she pursuance of that poing over the part where so considerable tax had to be leved and year to pay principal and integer and the pursuance of that poing over the rears brought us to the point where so considerable tax had to be leved and year to pay principal and integer to the part where so considerable tax had to be leved and year to pay principal and integer to the part where a secondary of the point where the property of the paying the property of the paying th It would be shortsighted, we believe,

determine them in a comprehensive manner, rather than on the spur of the moment, so that they may be undertaken in the order of their desirability and feasibility.

What the City needs most awfully, in short, is a long-range program of public works and improvements, and it would be far more sensible, as well as economical, to assign the formulation of this program to some continuing (and non-political) City Planning Commission than to leave it to the City Councils which are forever changing and are not, by their nature and by the pressure of routine business, particularly suited to the part of city architects.

Wrong Medicine

The Government, Not Mobs, Has Jurisdiction Here

Nobody is going to catch us arguing that members of the sect of Jehovah's Witnesses are entitled to any special consideration in wartime. They have acquired for themselves, under freedom'r dispensation, a set of creeds and notions which in time of peace they might be indulged in to their hearts' content. But in time of war their doctrine and their practices collide with the national

their practices collide with the national security, and they have no standing. Even so, little is to be gained by manhandling their representatives.

The Government is prepared to deal with them, as that may become necessary, through courts of law. Such of their literature and utterances as may be seditious will be suppressed. Draft-dodgers among them will be jailed. Any interference with military activities would be punished severely, But all, mind you, by orderly and discriminating juddicial processes, not by street flighting or mobs.

disial processes, not by street fighting or mobs.

There have been two instances recently where Witnesses were set ufon and beaten, one in Kannapolis and one on Thursday night in Charlotte. Thereby nothing—less than nothing—for the internal security of the country was accomplished, for these practitioners thrive upon martyrdom. Moreover, any attempt by individuals in time of war to take the law into their own hands is, on its face, an offense against the Government, and is itself not to be tolerated.

Well In Mand

Local Lunch Prices Not Soaring as OPA's Johnson Charged

If the restaurants of North Carolina are jacking up their prices on such victory vittles as they're able to obtain these days, there's no evidence of it in Charlotte. Theodore S. Johnson of OPA charges that prices in some places have advanced 100 per cent, far out of line, with other price increases. He suggested no investigation, but singled out the meal-serving industry to a

public allegedly up in arms.

We talked with a Charlotte restaurateur about the Johnson statement. and he cave his business a stout defense. Distorted prices in Charlotte cat-ing places, he said, just ain't. There have been advances, many of them recentiv, but they have been forced upon restaurants and caleternas by a flood of difficulties and rising costs, and are

of difficulties and rising costs, and are still in the low percentage class.

Many an item bought by food disdispensions in not held down under a challing. Foods, eggs, milk and butter can rise with the market, and that means that a downtown breaktast egg may mup from a model to capit cents, or from a dime to fifteen cents on the plate. Further, products which are processed are not restricted as to price—but non-processed foods like milk and cercal will always be controlled.

When the Frost Is on the Punkin



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Democrats Still Dazed

WASHINGTON

THE Democratic Congressmen were slightly deazed in their first comment on the election result. All they could mutter, as the final returns came in was: "It looks like someons kicked us in the teeth." One constead member afterbieted his defent closely through the promising closely and the state of the control of the comment of the control of the comment of the control of the comment of the comm

what happened to him.

The successful Republican candidates generally said in help public statements that their successful Republican candidates generally said in help public statements that their successful republic statements that their successful republic statements with the war effort. I believe the explanation runs deeper than that, My mail furnished an advance warning of what was compared in this country against methods that have been successful republic statements. It is a weather than the successful republic statement of the successful republic stateme

lng, and the reasons for it. There is a popular revoil in this country against methods that have been revoiled in the country against war methods. It is an expression of feeling that pervades, not only the small business men and the conservative element, these who, together, might be called the Wilkits vite of the last election, then conservative element, these who, together, might be called the Wilkits vite of the last election, then consider the wilkits vite of the last election, the constitution of the last election, the constitution of the last election, the consideration of the last election, the last election of the last election o

in changed modes of living, food, work, transportation, have heard no one herrudge these ascriftces, but their plaint and plea is for better administration over them. They want kindly direction, not arbitrary and unexplained admonitions. They may be them to the same that the same that administration is not this and that, hargie and scrape for gas, sugar, coffee, meat. They see themselves that administration is not efficient in the way it is handling them. They want better methods that administration is not efficient in the way it is handling them. They want better methods They will get them, are setting them. As one wise Democratic leader said when he saw the returns: "Now we have someone looking over our abnoluter." The election result, therefore, cannot be anything the them to be a saw the returns: "Now we have someone looking over our abnoluter." The election result, therefore, cannot be anything the methods of handling them also. They are asping FDR has failed to consult them, although they have the same that the same than the same that the same that the same that the same than the same that the same

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Benefits From The GOP

By Raymond Clapper WASHINGTON

"HIS virtury of unexpected size for the Republicans can be put to a most lastful purpose. It can be used to drive the Administration to more efficient conduct of the war. There are ingleations that it will be so used. Comment of Republicans on the day after election pointed that

Thomas E. Desce said Americans must re-double their efforts for a total, uncompromising, crushing viters. Herbert Hower and there was a strong element of protest in the elec-tions but a mortest of instance on more el-fertive organization of the war. A few days earlier Wendell William said that the election of a large number of liberal and enlightened Republicans was the heat way to drive the frovernment to correct confusion and infe-librates.

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is coincing to the point where, with the sid of
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worned labor commissions against accepting the
to copper mines. He said unless such arbitrary
power was cuited, the Administration would conserror and impress workers regardless of their conserror and interference in the war effort, as the
shiptime of labor grows. If the Republicans set
the three to be imposed for the war, we are in
for a lot of trouble.

Public discontent with the Administration

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Public discontent with the Administration has been voiced by electing Republicans. If that is accepted by the Republicans as a license to throw monkey wrenches around, the election results would prove to have been a national misfortune.

The statements of Republican leaders like Dowe, Hoover and Wilklie clarify the purposes to which the Republican Party must defleate its new opportunity. If their advice is followed, the new opportunity. If their advice is followed, presult conditions in this areanal of bureaucracy. The kind of work that Republicans in Congress can do has been begun by the Truman and Tolan committees. They have been non-political in their purpose. Through the work of members of both parties they have directed attention to wakenesses in the war organization and have made countless constructive auggestions, some public, some confidential.

Unquestionably most of the work of running the

Unquestionably most of the work of running the war and most of the policies in connection with it have to be originated and developed by the executive branch. Congress is not equipped to ceal with such a problem, for instance, as organizing the flow of short muterials, as in the new controlled materials plan.

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But were executive agencies are likely to do congress on them. There is much discussion within the Administration over the size of the Army, expanding lend-lens supplies to fighting alless, and providing adequate a heavy air campaign over Germany. Civilian officials as well as the military have something to say about these questions.

There is no reason why specialized committees of Congress should not have some part in follows.

There is no reason way specialized communication of Congress should not have some part in following the docussions and indicating advice for what The war effort will be stronger if Congress is close to it than if it is kepl as the private property of the executive branch. High-rands committees, working with a sense of responsibility and co-operation, often in confidential discussion, and co-operation, often in confidential discussion, and would be a highly bureaucratic affair.

Relief In Sight

Recreation Fund

By Dick Young

CHARLOTTE's recreation program, which has always been cultidad around like a red-harder shepchild, may come into its own as the result of the morale-ruiding Eschalan Fund that has been set up by the Federal Government to adverse he was defort through guarantee of the Beart of the morale-ruiding Eschalan Fund that has been set up by the Federal Government to adverse he was defort through guarantee of the Beart of the B

With Lanham Fund help, the local program can be considerably advanced.

Merale en the heme front is as imperiant as merale on the battle front and proper recention and entertainment for the people battle front and proper recently and entertainment for the people battle front and proper recently and the second munity recreation, the task should be more vigorously attacked in these days of war sizes. And that is caucily what the recreation leaders are doing in their effort to secure help from the Lanham that financial aid will some be forthcoming.

Here an. There on City Hall Square: Police officers gave sight of relief when those examinations were over. And they weren't so bad cliner, although a holiday for members of the City Council as well as for City Hall workers. The Councilmen who authorized the Armistice Day holiday will also enjoy a day off by skipping their weekly session next Wednesday. The Conditions of Tax Collector man M. M. Plummer, whose father died this week.

Platform Of The People

Help For The Army

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He Wants To Know
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LEWIS AYER SMITH.
Charlotte, N. C.

Visitin' Round

The North Wind May Blow (New Hope Item, Mource Journal) Mr. Luther Aycoth almost has his new house finished.

Sad Parton (Dellwood items, Waynesville Mountaineer) Olifton Parton-lost a fine horse recently. The animal took sick and died soon afterwards.

Bible Thought

Forgive as often as you would like to be forgiven if you were the oftender and not the one offended. Then cam Fore to him, and said. Lord, how off shell by brother sin against me, and I forgine him? Till seven times?—Matt. 18:21.



"Those shell-rimmed glasses are only camouflage! She pretends to be intellectual, but I notice every time she goes to the library she manages to walk home with a date!"