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Debacle

Washington Civil Agencies Cannot Cope With the War

Visitors to Washington in recent months have found ample evidence to support what they had suspected all along—that the U. S. Civil Service, in-competent and poorly organized, has collapsed under the burden of its war-time duties.

This critical situation is described by oseph H. Baird of Overseas News

sgency:

"Today Washington is a madhouse of hedfickingy and choos, doubly confounded. Thousands of officials, sub-officials and clerks. knowing little of their jobs, are blundering honestly but blindly along dark and complex corridors, which are terra inogalio to them, and will be for many months to come."

It is a shameful and sorry picture. I Baird puts the blame on the lack competent personnel:

competent personnel:

"The basic difficulty is that in this period of wartime expansion, really competent aides cannot be found. Consequently, two or three or four misfits often are necessary to do work that would normally be done—and better—by one person competently trained in Government administration."

Government administration."
We doubt that II may be that there
tre not enough poternment-trained emloyees available, but this, we contend,
s not to say that there are not comtendern men and women available. There
tre plenty able prospects about. We
ould name a dozen of our own acquainance, all of whom are anxious to serve
helr Government and who would do
o for less pay than they are now heir Government and who would o for less pay than they are

Unfortunately, it is neither compe-ency nor ability that is most important in securing a government job, The all-mportant consideration is politics—

Moreover, even if all Government de-partments were competently staffed, Moreover, even if all Government de-partments were competently staffed, here would be no guarantee of effi-ciency. As long as those time-killing conventions and customs commonly mown as red tape prevail, efficiency its in the back seat. In many bureaus, etters and other communications can-not be malled until they are checked and initialed by from seven to twelve exparate and distinct chair polishers. While the Axis is winning the war, our purceauerats have made a fetish of paper-work etiquette. Finally, if officials and underlines

work etiquette. Finally, if officials and underlings were of the maximum caliber, and even f red tape could be stripped off, the onfusion of purpose between dozens of werlapping and interferring agencies rould not abate. Only when there is a eal re-organization, one that zives every ureau and department a definite authority and a definite function, only when every employee is told what he is o do and required to do it, can Washneton's civil asceptes start functioning. ngton's civil agencies start functioning fficiently. Until then, the capital of he United States will remain a madnouse, a symbol of political degeneracy in a nation of virile and purposeful

A Farewell

With Unit 38 Goes a Whole Community's Affection

In 1861, when the Confederacy was nobiliting for war, it was the custom for whole troops and companies to be formed from the men of single communities. Diten the equipment for these units would be provided by some well-to-do attriot. Officers were elected rather than ommissioned, and offer a little preliminary drilling and target practice illmitted by the lack of ammunition, not to mension a good deal of last-minute courting indee the macrolass, the troop would consider the macrolass and the room would consider the macrolass was the consideration of the mensions and the room would consider the macrolass was the room would consider the macrolass. ander the magnolias, the troop would go gaily off to meet the Yanks and, as a natter of logical course, to lick the days

s of war on its grand scale, my organization in these days of t masses of troops and specialization m follows a localized pattern. But ospital Evacuation Unit No. 38 the lotte community has what is largely ighborhood company. In command lionel Whittler, assigned, but under to Partin White able, but where sim is Presson White, who has exchanged its familiar doctor's prefix for that of Jeut.-Col. and Major Paul Sanger and sajor Laurence Preming, able young Tharlotte surgeons, and Major Richard Query, rising Internist, and Major Vaiden Cendrick, a specialist in dentistry, and a oster of medical and administrative cap-

tains and lieutenants and enlisted techtains and lieutenants and enlisted technicians predominantly Charlotteans—and
a complement of nurses, proud wearers of
the gold bars of Second Lieutenants, who
compose the most appealing figures in
this throng as it sets off for camp and
thence for duty as ordered.
To the Army, Evacuation Unit No. 38
undoubtedly is but an entity made up of
so many specialists and so much equipment, impersonally to be assigned its part
in the west ware recomment. To Charlotte

ment, impersonally to be assigned its part in the vast war movement. To Charlotte it is more than that. Its men and women are our neighbors, our friende, our families. Wherever they may go, the abiding affection and concern of this community will accompany them until the day when reunion comes.

Innocent India

She Refuses To Put Up A Fight at Any Price

The unfortunate and unrealistic lead-ers of India have refused to fight Japan. That is what their rejection of Sir Stafford Cripps offer of self government now, dominion status after the war, means. The British proposed that, in return for the larger measure of free-form, the Indian come employing and In return for the larger measure of freedom, the Indians come completely and whole-heartedly into the war against the Axis. What the British seemingly overlooked, was the fact that one nation cannot trade another nation into an all-out war effort. That is what Hitler has been attempting to do in the Balkans, with little success.

From the beginning it was obvious that if the Indians wanted to join in war, if it was in their hearts to resist aggression, no mere circumstance of political advantage could keep them

resist aggression, no mere circumstance of political advantage could keep them from making a maximum effort. On the other hand, if they were to take a passive, defeatist, non-violent attitude, it was clear that no British offer could be large enough to induce them to flight. Even if Britiah had offered them complete freedom, had withdrawn every Englishman from the sub-continent, there is no assurance that India would make more than a token resistance against Japan.

against Japan.
India, it appears, it not yet worthy of sovereign statehood in a world where a nation's right to exist is directly dependent upon its ability to defend itself by force of arms. India needs a protector. Without one, she is helpless.

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Is It for Victory or Profit That We Fight?

It would simplify the war-profit-limi-tation bill controversy, we should think, if the Congressional committees con-cerned could agree on the basic issue involved. And that issue is whether the paramount incentive for war production is profit or wither.

involved. And that issue is whencer the paramount incentive for war production is profit or victory.

No man can serve two masters. In this instance, he must decide whether the dominant motivation for his effort springs from a desire to make more money or from a resolution to help the nation win the war. One or the other of these incentives must come first, for they are, by their very nature, competitive. If a manufacturer, or a laborumion member, or a farmer, or a political is true to the profit motive, then all the patriotic concessions and exceptions immediable cannot bring him whole-heartedly into the war effort. If he is dedicated and devoted to the purpose of winning the war, he will not bother to profit from it.

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pose of winning the war, he will not bother to profit from it.

This is not intended to slander the profit movies as an institution. In peace time, the quest for profit is what makes the wheels so around. It introduces money and ideas: it is the force that times the manager to find new and more efficient methods of production; it is what the worker is after when he joins a labor union. It is the royalities that beckon to writers and the commissions that entice the salesmen.

The profit motive is in the blood-stream of America. But, God help us, we have got to inoculate ourselves against it for the duration if we hope to win this war.

This is the greatest conversion of all, It was obvious all along that we couldn't win the war on the basis of more wealth for everybody. There was going to be less of nearly everything except work to be done, Fighting a war meant a lower standard of living no matter who said we wouldn't have to give up any social gains.

We couldn't begin to fight this war

We couldn't begin to fight this war we count begin to fight this war on a profit basis, even if we wanted to. Ask the boys in the Army. They can speak with authority, because they are too busy accepting sacrifice to be absorbed with thoughts of personal gain. City Hall Today:

Arhelger Memorial

By Dick Young

TUCKED away below Hawthorne



and gave her all.

In designed abandon, to give
the effect of natural formation,
huge rocks have been set in the
bank beneath the street level and
these form a natural background
for a waterfall. Crystal-clear wameaning over the rocks and into the wading pool. Fastened to one of the boulders is a tablet of enduring bronze, shaped like a scroll, on which is this inteription of the state of the sta

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RESCUE WAS ATTEMPTED IN SUMMER OF 1931

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It was in the Summer of 1931 that Miss Artheiger accompanied a good for the summer of the

Profits Cciling

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON
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HARD ON OTHERS
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Rumor: John L. Lewis May Bolt the C. I. O.



Letters to the Editors:

Chip Robert On Football

Editors, The News:

Someone, evidently from your paper, sent me an interesting editorial in your March 23 issue in distribution of the control of the contro

Side Glances

"The trouble with the Government is they spend too much time talking and not enough time actually working."

craft for the County Chairman-ship? If he would pledge to keep the County Covernment at the Courthouse, where it should stay? If there is too much danger that the County Government might be moved to the County Welfare De-partment after this coming elec-tion.

There is plenty of information for the right people, at the right to concerning the above sugges-

Myers Park Church Appreciates Publicity

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Editors. The News:

As the Secretary of the Board of
Stewards of the Myers Park Methodist Church, at our meeting last
night, I was authorized and instructed to express to you and to
Mr. Gurlith the appreciation of
our Board of Sewards and offer
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P. GRAINGER PIEROE, Secretary.

Lonely Soldier Wants Correspondents

President, Robert & Co.
The Maytlower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Wants County Run
From Courthouse
Editors, The Rway:
Has the time come when the Charlotte and McKelenburg voters are day to start a campaign to find an outstanding man like Mr.
Caldwell McDonald or Mr. AshiCaldwell McDonald or Mr. AshiCaldwell McDonald or Mr. Ashice ii. I am sure that many kind

hearts will sympathize with me and drop me a few lines.

I would appreciate your trouble very much. Thanking you in advance, I remain, a lonely solder.

—PVT. ERNEST KUHNES.

Military Police Co.

Fort Brags.

Monsieur

Van De Castel

Hans Habe in
The American Mercury
I was told the following story
by Spaak, the Belgian Foreign
Minister.

Minister.

The Van de Castel family of Mont-sur-Marchiene, near Charlerd, was one of the hundred thousers of the control of th

gil, for having given bread to, a French prisoner.

The broken-hearted father rushed to Brussch. He wrede letters and to Brussch. He wrede letters and to bracken the state of the state of

TODAY'S BIBLE TROUGHT

Tomorrow may never come. Do the essential thing today: Be-hold now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.—II Corinthians 6:2.

Inflation In China

By Raymond Clapper

CHUNGKING, CHINA T is only partly true that President Roosevelt rushed through that halfbillion-dollar loan to China in order to assuage the disappointment of the Chi-



dency to put. Ritter first on their list of enomies.

The other reason is soon evident to the visitor in Chung-king. Frices have pre-war level. The pockets of coolle other-bearers are bulg-ing with name money in which the pre-war level.

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approximately ap

ing with paper money in rolls of the size that Texas cattlemen display on a Saturday night in Kansas City.

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At the Sing Song Coffee Shop, which is the main hangout here, coffee is \$6 (Chinese money) a cup. That's equal to 30 cents in American money. Most prices have doubled since December. A cheap shirt costs \$8 in American money.

ke Hollywood movie-star salaries.

A story that is told with good
humor by both parties illustrates the
situation. American Ambasedos
Clearence E. Gauss paid 35 in Amerlean money for a pair of garters.
He complained goodnaturedly to the
Directer of Commodities, who replied, "We don't consider garters
necessary."

necessary."

The Chinese have taken various practical steps to offset inflation. For instance, the sales of rice by the Government at 25 per cent of the commercial price. And many other means have been utilized to alleviate the effects or inflation. As a matter of fact, the effects are not so appelling here as they would be in a highly industrialized country. Eighty-five per cent of the population are farmers, and the farmers do well with rising prices. do well with rising prices.

FARMER LIKES FEEL OF A BIG ROLL

OF A BIG ROLL

At least Finance Minister H. H. Kung says the farmers feel better when they have a large roll of bills. Therefore they like the war. But if there were deflation, and less paper money in their pockets, they would think themselves less prosperous. The same thing goes for the coilies. Once they got 30 cents a day. Now they get 310 or more, because the shortage of labor gives them leverage and thus wages are legging less than is usual in an inflation.

Government employees on fixed

Gevernment employees on fixed salaries have been hit the hardest. The Government is issuing them commodity coupons on which they can draw fixed quantities of sup-plies, regardless of price, from Government-subsidized co-operative stores.

stores.

Note: The store of the momentum of the inflationary movement has caused real alarm, and it was felt necessary to restore confidence, in the currency. Hence the appeal for American and British loans. The Government is Just now issuing savings bonds redeemable in American money, the theory being that the Chinese will put money into these and thus draw off surplus currency.

MERCHANTS DON'T OFFER

MUCH FOR SALE
Aside from the expansion of currency,
It is also a fact of extreme importance
that there is little aside from food on
which to spend money. Purthermore,
there is hoarding of commodities, as its
usual during inflations. Even merchants
are not anxious to sell their goods. Thry
would rather hold them for higher
prices later on.

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It is hoped here that the American loan, of which \$200,000,000 is
for the purpose of backing the Chinate currency, will check these dangerous tendencies. The situation is
not out of control, but it has been
racing so fast that there is danger of
control being lost. Hence the
attempt now is put on the brakes.
The inflation doesn't endanger China's
war effort, as the rice supply is assured
and the Chinece soldier needs ittile cise.
The Government is manufacturing small
arms in more thus 100 arrenis that
were moved back in the retreat from
the industrial arras of the coast. The
big, gap is in planes and other heavy
stuff which must come from America
and Britain.

and Britain. Than initiation, is the real problem. China won't fold up just because of inflation. But if she can't get weapons ahe can't fight, which is the crux of the altunion now. The problem is not one for conomists so much as for a shipping and transport genius who can find a way to put weapons into withing hands here.

Visitin' Around

Keeping Up With (Rehobeth-Sandy Plains item.

(Renoscin-candy Frame 100m)
Shelby Star.

D. W. Callahan and Frank Jenkina are building new barns. Work on the Jenkina barn was started some time ass.

Mr. Callahan started his this week.

Rob