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#### Nice Nellies A Word of Honor Saves

Axis-French Warships

The United Nations, which we trust will emerge from this conflict as the mightlest nations of the earth, are laking pathy-cake with the Axis again, the Allies who have failed, to date, to mend their own fighting ways to meet her ough-and-tumble, eye-gouging tac-les of the enemy, are missing another chance to toughen themselves in war-are.

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At home, millions remember pain-tuily that, while Hiller's hounds were at he kill in Czechoslovakia, there were kmerican spokesmen who warned that we must not lose our honor, or forfeit but tradition of decency by fighting back in kind. That frame of mind, extending nite all our armed forces, is still alive in Alexandria.

There, in that ancient harbor, are railusable units of the French Fleet, donths ago, the British gave their word of honor that they would not be selzed; low, with the growing threat that the Jermans may take Alexandria and grab he ships themselves, President Roose-elt and the British have suggested in-erning them elsewhere.

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Missed completely was the most obfous and only beneficial move: That
he French alips not only be selzed, but
completely outfitted by the Allies, and
hrown into battle whenever and wherwer they are needed. The accomplishnent of that coup is blocked only by
that "word of honor," a filmsy barrier
in the path of nations battling desperstayly for their very lives against an
enemy to whom honor is nothing.

This is no time for babying ourselves
or the enemy, If the mice of Vichy protest that their ships should be returned
to French ports, we should refer ino compulsion even to listen to their squeaks.
Any of that passe gallantry toward the
enemy and half-enemy in a free-for-all
to the death is not only unbecoming, but
ruinous. We have wasted time enough,
land enough, material enough and lives
enough in compromising with ourselves
and our poor old sense of the decent.

What we need now, even more than
a second front, even more than a distinct spirit of the offense, even more
than time, is the determination to be
men against the beasts, not gentlemen.
Grab the rousting ships and let the consequences be dammed. We need those
bottoms a sight worse than we need
watery Vichy.

### Tenshun Suli!

Th' Confedrucy Has Took Over Thisheah Wah

Who remembers the old arithmetic problem of another generation, a long-gone legend for many a wrinkled-browed unreconstructed child of the South: Effen one Confedrit kin lick a hun-nert Yankees, how menny Yankees kin ten Confedrits lick?

nert Yankees, how menny Yankees kin ten Confedrits lick?
No, sults, it warn't all owha at Appamatiox when Marse Robert gav up his sword. It taken us sevanty-five years to do it, but we jus' hered the news from Egg-wipt. Th' Confedracy is atter 'em agin. We guess there's some kine uv Bull Run in Egg-wipt. They prorely turnt out ole Gineral Grant, an' brung back Marse Robert Lee.
They was meaning thin tanks fo' the wab, but we knowed hit to be a matthin uy principul. Yuk his stop a Yankee, but yuh cain't noliow stop thin Johnny Rebs, an' that's hockome Grants is out and Lees is in. Effen there wuz a Jackson airypiane, now, an' a Forrest rifle, an' a Mosby cannon, we'd show em. Don't look much like weuns air winnin' this heah wah, but it ain't gonna be long now.

ain't bin guns an' boats an' Trouble sin't bin guns an' boats an' men. Weall done a sight uw winning encet without none of thet. Trouble has bin, too menny uv quan fellers fightin' this wah has come frum too fer Nawth. Yuh gotta git hot tuh win wahs, an' weall's 'customed to thet. Tain't new-fangled. It's ole-fangled, like Lee, 'stid uv Grant.

### Baltic Piracy

Sweden's German-Bound Convoys Too Tender

The American Swediait News Exchange, Inc. (founded 1921, incorporated 1927, confused, 1942) is brewing beautiful Axis propagands with our blessings at its lew York brewery. This week, in its Salietin No. 69, it exhibits the curious

reasoning which seems to afflict all those surrounded by the Nazi influence. Swedish ships, the bulletin says, are being sunk in Swedish waters, with great loss of life and property. There is no positive identification of the nationality of the submarines making these attacks, but Russla is accusted.

The sinkings, says the Exchange, are no more than "sheer pirace," and Swed-no more than "sheer pirace," and Swed-

The sinkings, says the Exchange, are no more than "sheer piracy," and Swed-ish naval vessels are urged to take "strongest retailatory measures." This submarine warfare, to be sure, is piracy. The poor, heipless vessels sunk had no protection other than a large convoying force of Swedish warships. There were only carrying fron ore and coal. And they were only bound for Germany, Good old Germany, Good old Commany, Good old C

Influenced by a fine book of between-Influenced by a fine book of between-war days, we once thought of Sweden as Sweden, The Middle Way. She is, certainly, not there now. We think it time someone, somewhere, blotted out—this professed majvele of the Swedes and pointed out graphically the consequences of acting as a busy, Axis-alding neutral in this wer.

Meanwhile the Russians, we feel sure, will proceed with their Bailto blockade of Germany, under the Jolly Roger, the Hammer and Sickle, or any other emblem.

#### The Last Straw Mrs. R. Adds Her Tuco Cents'

Worth to Ration Muddle

The quaintest argument as to The quaintest argument as to why Eastern Scaboard states should be required to put up its cars while the rest of the country goes riding merrily along has been advanced by Mrs. Roosevelt. Speaking to delegates of the Women's Trade Union Auxillaries of the Hudson Shore Labor School (huh?), she said:

Shore Labor School (huh?), she said:
"If we want to conserve rubber, we are the people here in the East who have the best transportation in other ways. We have more trains, more planes, five want to use them, and more bus lines."

The people in the West not to be reference means that these people never see another soul for weeks and w.eks, nor have a way of getting a sick person to a doctor."

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Holy Junping Jehosephat! So a drammer in North Carolina is supposed to tay his sample cases on the bus tif the bas can carry then), making a town and then perhaps another town in a day and spending the night in the second town, where ordinarily he would cover half-a-dozen towns in a day, all in order that the housewise of Illinois may visit, with one another or farm families in lowa go over and watch somebody else's wheat grow for a change!

change!
This is of a piece with fan dancers for Civilian Defense (actually, she wasn't a fan dancer), of co-ordinators for duck pins and hadminton, of all the öther foolishness that has been sprung on a people who have been told that they had to make sacrifices to win a war. And here comes Mrs. Roosevelt with the bad effrontery to argue that the East should be rationed to conserve tires so that the West may go traipsing around!

around!
Maddening, that's what it is. Will
somebody please ask the lady to slick
to youth movements and to not crossing picket lines?

## Nes Bestlesine

Insurmountable Obstacles

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Here we go again, Hitler's gallant legions on the Russian front are once more cutting heroic capers in the face of terrific odds imposed by nature. This time, there's no record-breaking weather, no compliant of the pesky Sovites who refuse to surrender sensibly. This time it's the Russian roads.

Over "almost bottomless roads" in South Russia, the communique says, the Nazis are continuing the pursuit of the defeated enemy. We can look into space and see 'em now, flying ever forward over bottomless roads. Nothing ever stumps the Third Reich.

We hold this sure sign of German troubles to be the most cheering bit, of news from that huge hattlefront, topping even the Russian strength in the North, and the presche of U. S. planes in action. For the record shows that when one of those tricky little masterpieces blows out of Berlin, Hitler's plans are failing.

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"Come Back After the Election"



Return Engagement

# Candhi Heads For Jail

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By Pertinax

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complace the British rule in India. Were
take agitation to take the form of what is called civil
disobedience, that is refusal to pay taxes and rents,
to co-operate with the authorities in any wax, no
tolerance would be shown. The leaders might have
At the beginning of the war, the Viceroy of India,
Lord Linlithnow received Gandrit. The latter was
told that non-violence men could await themselves of
the privileged treatment granted in England to conscientious objectors but that substitute of the retening directly involved in the war seemed, Indeed,
tryy remote. The Government at New Delhi certainly will not refux its settled policy at a moment
when the country is well within the Japanese menuer.

Now it is for Gandhi to make up his mind.
His program has been endersed by the working
wear of the property of the consists of fifteen emphares and the full committee consists of fifteen emphares and the full commitGandhi will carry the larger body as easily as he
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The Government of fields justifies the attitude as follows: The question at issue, the independence of India, must no longer be regarded as a controversial matter. It is an good as settled since Sit Sistifiord feated, India can elect whatever constituent assembly it desires. It will be open to that assembly to destremant this British Commonwealth of Matiens in the world, it will be for her own representatives to decide.

Bit why does not the Imperial Government give India, without Burther delay, the chance of finding that the state of the control of the contro

on Gandhi's own admission, a period of anarchy bound to follow the withdrawal of British power, less than 150,000,000 Indians, that is 90,000,000

Moslems, 45,000,000 outcasts, 6,000,000 Sikhs, etc., re-fuse to put up with the political accendancy of the Hir-his and they are ready to resist to the point of civil war.

(vil war. "Let us fight it our between ourselves," Gandhi keeps on repeating in his weekly Harljan, "Let the British leave India into God's hands. Anyhow, a true India will rise in the place of the false one we see."

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That line of reasoning cannot be called very impressive. A chaotic India would fall to the Japanese like ripe fruit.

How can Gandhi and the friends theself that their claim, if translated into actions would not back upon the explanation that the United Nations might, nevertheless, be allowed to make use of Indian might, nevertheless, be allowed to make use of Indian retritory for strategic purposes after the Indian Army itself indi been disbanded. This is so much empty itself indi been disbanded. This is so much empty itself india been disbanded. This is so much empty itself india been disbanded. This is so much empty itself india been disbanded. This is so much empty itself the been disbanded. This is so much empty itself the been disbanded. This is so much empty itself the been disbanded. This is so much empty itself the been disbanded. This is so much empty itself the been disbanded in the promote the proposed of the been disbanded in the proposed to the proposed to the proposed to the public of the disbanded in the proposed to the public of the profession of the problem. But we say that the proposed in India appears to be in the gift, not only of the British, but also of the Mostlems.

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Such being the terms of the problem, the suspicion arises that there are elements in India which look to Japan for getting rid of the British connection and for compelling simultaneously the chihad disaffents to submit to Hindu overlordship. Gandhi himself probably does not travel over that road but the policy which he exists must automatically, out of shee necessity, expand in parallelism with it.

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Internal affairs in India, as they are today, do not call for pessinsium. The army now reaches the total strength of 1.257,000 men as against 197,000 in September 197,000 in Se

### Mannagall Tas Pastities

# Inflation Tide Rising

By SEN, HARRY F. BYRD (D-Va) IT 18 very evident that our fight against inflation has reached a very critical stage.

vety critical stage.

In his testimony yesterday before a House Committee, Mr. Henderson admitted Cat the piloconton programs in the piloconton programs in danger of breaking down. Already piloc increases have begun and this will very soon be relicated in the relain prices of many commodities executial to our Schiemer.

scential to our existence.

Once the virious spiral of inflation is well started, it is extremely difficult if not imperent and the spiral of the spiral properties and effective action to control inflation cannot be longer delayed without bringing control in the country. Should be spiral to the control inflation of the country should be spiral to the includes of government of a free country than an uncontrolled inflation.

The reasons for this imminent collapse of the control of luffaction are very obviou. Netther the Administration nor the Congress has been leveling to meet squarely the problem of influtors and measures to prevent it. The price control bill did not

liminates the largest single iten foot.

If we are to avoid the great and inflation, we mean the same formation of the same formation of the same formation of the same formation that one of the main denotes the same formation of the same formation of inflation is an allout control, including every single element of cost, both of same formation of inflation is an allout control, including every single element of cost, both of all above elements control, including every single element of cost, both of the cost of the finished article offered for sale. Quick, desire, and courageous activities, and courageous activities and the same formation in the saved.

urrency system of our country.

It is not and cannot be made a substitute for an effective price control system. It is not increasing if the Congress and the Administration have the courage to do the obvious things to prevent inflation. Subsi-

dies will cost billions of del-lars, all of which must be bor-rowed. The spending of bor-rowed Government money in great amounts in luself the great amounts in luself the lem. It will place much of the civilian business enterprises of the country under the direc-civilian business enterprises of the country under the direc-civilian business enterprises of the country under the direc-tivity of the country of the civilian business enterprises of the paid out of the public treasury. Let us first give including in the control all ele-ments of cost.

For the good of America we must meet the situation intelligently and courageously and not seek a politi-cal compromise on an issue which admits of no compromise.

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The enemy of inflation is insidiously erecping up on us. E-ch
day's delay in meeting this enemy
is to the advantage of Hitler and
the Mikado.

We must not delay.

#### TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Act with discretion and moral dignity and the youngest will command respect and love! Let no one slight you because you are a youth.—I Timothy 4:12.

On The Tax Bill

They curtained the windows for an hour after leaving and before arriving. Most of the military people I have talked with think this window blackout business is silly, but somebody thought it up so now we are stuck with it.

thing."

During previous crossings these planes have sighted lifeboals adrift from top-edocd ships, but it would take a keener eye than mine to find out in all that gray waste beneath. After the first 200 miles we never haw the ocean again. A solid floor of clouds beneath us extended without a burden shape the solid single break for the next 1,1000 miles. It ended, uncannily, not more than the miles from our landing place on this side.

One man were a ring whose setting, instead of being a stone, was a Japanese tooth. Smoking was permitted in two compartments, and late in the afternoon the sloward served highballs, at 65 cents apiece, We had an excellent dinner.

### The Captain Was a Shark

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During the evening a poker game was going on in one compartment, and two bridge games in another. The captain won all the money at poker, and the passengers accused him of making a business of it. The captain, incidentally, was cordial and very popular with the passengers. Around midnight we all went to bed. Except that that's hardy that pursase for it. We just closed out could. Some slept in chairs, Some sprawied on life preservers. Some rolled in blankets and lay on the floor. That's the way I slept.

When we landed the sum was spining brightly and the country was itch and green. It was very reactful and quiet there. The was seemed an incorprous thing. Our crossing had been so quiet and mirroulous the incorprous thing. Our crossing had been so quiet and mirroulous that the country was the property of the country was the sum of the country was the sum of the country was the country with the country wi

# Reichstag At Home

By Paul Mallon

IT SOUNDED a little like the Reichstag when the House Ways and Means Committee unanimously decided on the strongest of gas rules for House consideration of the tremendous new lax bill. It meant that these terrific taxes were, in effect, levied by 25 men, that the representatives of the people in the House must either take their handlwork as a whole or reject it. No changes could be trade. Only three days of useless discussion was possible.

But even the rip sporting ultra-New Dealer Representative Knuts Hill of Washington voted for the Section of the Control of the Section of the

No tax bill is ever satisfactory, but this one came out of committee alightly heavier odor than usual, due to some fast last-trading.

It seems that Mr. McKeough, of Illinois, and some of his New Deal associates, schemed that final five per cent hoist in corporation taxes by trading off their votes privately on the joint husband and wife return proposition.

return proposition.

There are eight community property states which were determined to till the joint-return proposition made by the Treasury, and their Representatives were naturally eager to lend their votes to the corpus ations increase in return for New Deal support for their pet interest. But the till as a whole represents a general compromise all the way through.

### Taxing Into Socialism?

The top tax-makers in Congress, like Committee Chairman Doughton, were determined that business should not be driven down by these taxes to the point of impoverishment. They did not want that last five per cent increase in corporation tax. It means the Government would take nearly half (48 per cent) of all business profits and what might be considered recent) of all business profits considered what might be considered and the considered taxes.

texts, State, local and other taxes

Certainly no corporation now could possibly make any more than
6 or 8 per cent, if that, even if it has been running a deficit for many
years. And even if it makes 8 per cent, this amount is distributed to
middudaus who must pay territic income taxes, so that the dovernment now is near taking everything pusiness makes in one form or
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The suspicion naturally evolves that some of the extreme New Desires want to impoverish business thus, in order that it may be easier taken over for socialistic operation. No proof of this contention exist. The New Desires expect private enterprise to continue to exist and private initiative to be maintained, under this bill. But no one can deay this much:

deny this much:
If anybody wants a socialistic system, taxation is the way to get it.
Government cannot possibly seize profitable business. It cannot pay
for successful private enterprises. It has insufficient resources to
acquire by purchase: But it can easily control, manage and even take
over business which is sick or weak. over Dusiness which is sale, we weak. This bill edges up to the line of impoverishment, and up against the question of whether individual ambient make mome can be made to the control of the profit system. But from that the control of Treasury necessity, the bill is still insufficient. It will make annual tax revenues about \$23,000,000,000 and leave about \$50,000,000,000 a year to be raised by floating bonds.

Of itself, therefore, it will not prevent or greatly hinder inflation.

It merely increases to an extreme point the old orthodox methods of New Deal taxation, offers no new ones.

New Deal taxation, offers no new ones. Everyone knows these rates cannot be repealed after the war is over. This is not a war tax bill, but a permanent one. It will be mercessary to maintain some such scale to carry the huge war debi which will be \$130,000,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year and perhaps two or three times that much by the time the war is over.

## Farmer In The Air

# Atlantic Hop

By Ernie Pyle

SOMEWHERE IN NORTHERN IRELAND FOR the second time, this wandering farmer has crossed the Allantie Cocan by alralan. Offinand that would seem like the beginning of an envisible record, yet, there was a passenger on our plane who had made 27 round-trip flights.

made 21, round-trip Hights.

If it were peacelime I could write for a week about the ocean crossing, but as things stand today I must say very little, and that very late, one column will dispose of all the publishable material about our flight. I can't tell you where I started, where I stopped, nor how long the journey took. I can't set that once under way the whole thing second the standard of the standard way in the standard way the whole thing second to the standard way in the standard way in the standard way in the standard way in the standard way the stand

The weather is a forbidien lopid these days, but since the Committee don't know when we crossed I can say that our vestmes and the little seems almost little when we crossed I can say that our vestmes amount of the seems almost little seems almost week the seems almost week the seems almost seems almost little seems almost l

#### There's Nothing To See

Ane SULER WILD II.

None of us could resist pecking, however, and it seemed that the most important and responsible passengers did most of the pecking. The bilinds were taken off the windows as soon as we were out of sight of land. They were up again during the light, but that didn't make any difference because we couldn't have seen anything anyhow. The ulpits are short now. Also, we seen rushing toward the sun. Our total darkness in crossing the eccan was only four hours.

For the first 200 miles the ocean was wide and clear beneath us. The only things we saw were a dozen blue-white icchergs. They looked small from the plane, but actually they were bigger than battleships. We saw no ships at all. Somebody asked the captain if he had ever acen a convoy or a submarine. He smiled, and said, "I never see any.

The captain said he had never seen a solid undercast for such a terrific distance. The clouds were all beneath, not above us, and it was bright and sunshiny up where we were.

right and sunsmith up where we were.

Once we were out to sae, the passengers got off their coats and got comfortable. I took off my the and put on a sweater and a pair of house slippers. Several others did likewise. A couple of bridge games went on all afternoon. The rest for us sat in groups and taiked. All the passengers were men, and all Americans. One of them turned out to be a man I had net in California also years got. Half a done of us the decreased by plant before.