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almost any man with mechanical abil-ity: mechanics, welders, metal workers,

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The factories, he continued, were turning out planes much faster than the Air Forces could maintain them. On the ground, where much vital work is done, there was a shortage of war. There were pilots, and there were a few mechanics on hand. But not enough.

The pay? Mechanics for the Army will be paid \$50 monthly and keep, with a chance to advance and allowances for dependents. But that, probably, won't be enough. The thousands of such men who, now have wartline jobs (and jobs necessary in these times) are earning wike that Army pay every week. Only patriotism or the draft would—remove them into the Air Forces.

Bars And Stripes Convicts Beg for Chance

To Be Sent Into Battle

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The plan of a Missouri prison Inmate to form a division of American convicts has reached the cars of Washington. And, it seems to us, the scheme is worthy of that kind of consideration. Many smoog the 200,000 prisoners of the land doubless burn with a desire to be up and at the enemy. There is no thought of escaping sentence here; they offer to come back home. If they are able, to complete serving their time.

This is no such offer as might be made by any group in an Axia country. These men, in a sense, are free men. They are about the business of paying for crimes against society, but they are paying prices which were pre-arranged and which they submitted to. They do not belong at all to a slave class, and at least one thinker among them feels no bitterness against his country; he wants to offer what remains of his life to help. Behind the walls and bars a new sense of futility ham-come to prisoners. With the suggestion for the specially-uniformed division were these words, bearing a lesson for the U. S.: "You have no idea of the torture, the heart-ache, the disappointment and longing

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ache, the disappointment and longing that grips men's souls every time they hear about the war effort."

Those who plead for a chance to fight, are, perhaps, in no lower state than those of their countrymen on the outside who were just as poorly prepared for war. The men in stripes want a chance, and deserve it because they are still Americans.

The Army, we think, should rule out the possibility of public antipathy for the plan. If it concludes that a hardighting unit of tough-minded convicts can help our cause in any way, they should go behind the bars to a new source of willing recruits.

New Perception

Something Has Been Added To Local Government

To Local Government

In the papers last week were two news stories about Charlotte and its government which, while wholly unconnected, seemed somehow to have a common denominator. One was about the per capita cost of government in comparison with all the other cities of more than 100,000. Away below the average—in fact, second from the bottom, shielded only by Florian Slappey's and the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company's Birmingham—was the Queen

pany's Birmingham--was the Queen City of the Carolinas and points south.

clity of the Carolinas and points south. That was good.

The other news story concerned a proposed ordinance conferring authority upon the City's building inspector to condemn dwellings which for a doesn reasons, were untit for biunan habitation. Impetus behind the move was the necessity to eliminate 400 substandard dwellings by next March in order to comply with the U. S. Housing Authority's contract, but the ordinance will stand on its own bottom. As long as 11 may remain on the books the

Anthority's contract, but the ordinance will stand on its own bottom. As long as it may remain on the books the building impactor will possess the authority to condenn until dwellings, and that is good.

The two stories together serve to characterize this city in which 100,000 characterize the city in which 100,000 characterize the city in which 100,000 monetoners of existence. Our municipal government has been well-run in a fiscal sense; taxes are low-comparatively, and the taxpayers get their money's worth. But only now are beginning to wake up, to the lacks and deficiencies of our environment and to adopt a policy of doing something about them. We will be, in time, the better community for it.

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### **Vew Touches**

U. S. Civilians Can Feel The War Coming Closer

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For the log of progress of an emerging
over on the third birthday of the war
nere are new and faintly encouraging
ntries. America, long awaited in many
conquered land as saviour, was easing
to the swing of total war.
Scattered squadrons of her planes
ere pecking at the enemy on every
ont; her men were gathering, manines rolling up in small numbers
thind them. In the face of almost
rerwheiming problems of world transricht, the fighters were beginning to get
ener. They were the advance guard,
of meant the real coming of trouble
the Axis.
But the true signs of change were at
ome. The civilian, allowed to look forard to a future of sacrifice for too
ng, learned about meat rationing. Hertey of Selective Service talked more
and more about husbands and fathers,
annifacture of whisky tup to ye and
surbon) was ordered to cease after
or, it, the present stock to last a thirsty
on of the years.
The promised meab rations, based upon
evious normal consumption, would
ill represent no shortage; other peoples
that of the proper of the proper
try service. There would still be whisky
to the thirsty, But these were signs, all
te same. The tide of war, was rising at
one. There was no man who couldn't
of the macrifices, but as digns that the
lofthe nature to service the whole way
this fight is being answered. Almost
the months after Pearl Harbor, we're
string ready to roll.

### Sabotaye Within WPB's Men, If Guilty, Deserve the Works

There will be no room in the jall mong respectable criminals for WPB's wrmer chief and assistant chief of the

mong respectable criminals for WPB's more rhelf and assistant chief of the wallable Used Tools Section if the didtement against them is sustained, to have profited (to the tune of \$30,000) rome a private transaction they entered to with a machine tool dealer was bad nough, but represented only plain ought, but represented only plain supdity. The rest of the charge comes nder a different heading. It was that they had conspired to revent critically-required machine tools from being allocated to war contractors. I the thing the second of the control of the two business men ir at once established as saboleurs, all the more reprehensibly so because they erre working on the inside with the id and the protection of the confidence hat had been reposited in them.

hat had been reposited in them.

For, sabolage in war time there is only me fit punishment. It may seem unduly atteme to begin with, but after a few xecutions we would get used to it, and It is wholly just. He who deliberately interferes with the war effort deliberately indangers the lives of the men in our timed forces, Anybody who deliberately indangers the lives of the men in our timed forces, anybody who deliberately indangers the lives of the men in our timed forces should lose his own life.

If conspiracy to impede the war effort a proved against Messrs. Rhoads and oliseer, let them suffer the ultimate in consequences. They will have carned it.

### **Lost Americans**

We Knew Those Mechanics

Were Around Here, But , . .

But, just two months later, the Army But, just two months later, the Army shipped out a big searching party, blood-hounds, almost. Young officers were dispatched into the provinces with orders to bring back mechanics for the Air Porces, thousands of them. This was a land full of mechanics, but they were in the wrong places. The Army had a groblem in realignment, a tough one. "A young leutenant, for instance, stood up at a Charlotte civic club meeting. He expected no mechanics to volunteer from his sudience, he said, but he wanted his, He wanted the names of two lances from each member. He wanted Trouble In S. C.

## Maybank's Narrow Escape

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON

A SHUDDER ran down Congressional and executive spines here when Senator Maybahs squeezed through for re-nomination in South Carolina by something like 5.060 votes out of more than a quater of a milion cast. It close enough to Mr. Roosevitt Mr. Natyandiffern use the White Heuse pool as their swimming hole, and be has been the leader of the state since Senator Byrnes went up to the Supreme Bench.

supreme Bench. His friends in advance, figured the primary as a runaway, particularly as he was facing only 65-sear-old Eugene Blease thal-brother of the late flery Scnator Cole Bléase) who advanced no particularly not political issue, at least not in his speeches. But when the voters were counted Senator Maybank and lost just about everyfuing in the state except in his home town, Charleston, where his majority was sufficient to overcome his deficiencies deserwingers.

surricent to overcome his deflicencies elsewhere. In the political closkrooms here it is confidently believed there were only two issues involved in Senator Maybank's hatbreadth escape, neither of which can be discerned very clearly anywhere on

(1) Gasoline rationing, and (2) white supremacy.
The near-absence of these issues from the
public record of the primary debate does not,
however, lessen the effect which the South Carolina results may have on national politics, and
national gas rationing.

Maybank was not particularly identified with gas rationing. He had not voted for any bill to that effect, because there has been no legislation on that particular subject. The regulation is directed by Executive order.

Purthermore, Mr. Maybank took pains to point out everywhere on the stump that he had protested to Leon Henderson, the gas regulator, against the restrictions on traveling salesmen and on business men, which were hindering or ruining their business.

nen, which were hindering or running their oldsines But the people aff could see a pipe line running right through their state into North Carolina, and made no secret of their dissatisfaction with the existing Administration. The Business Execu-tives Association, in the upper part of the state, particularly protested.

particularly protested.

Mr. MayDank's apposition candidate made in o point of this attaution, but on the second issue—the question of white supermacy—Mr. Blease did not one or twice indicate that, if elected, he would vote for Mr. Roosevett's policies on every question except that one of the control of t

rided Negroes.

The primary result showed two lessons tre-futably. The current method of gasoline ration-ing has not yet been justified in South Carolina, and unless it is justified—by literior Secreta-lecks, for example, removing the Government pub-liciting the needs of the armed services, or by trying to help business people who are suffering from it—political repercussions elsewhere can hardly be avoided.

It shows, without question, also, that whoever wants to thresh out age-old racial problems now is not doing the war unity program any good, or helping the Administration in the South.

Congressman Sidestepper

-By Herblock



Bulletin From Britain

present vantage point it is not intreasonable to say that notice of the 1867's publications runting the 1867's publications runting the 1867's publications runting the 1867's publications runting the 1867's publications are supported to the 1867's point of the 1867's point of the 1867's point of the 1867's publication of 1867's publication of the 1867's

the world into which it first dropped unnoticed; and "it is," in Prof. A. N. Whitehead's words, "still with us as a power."

words, "still with us as a payer."

One takes it for granted now that it will be named on any list of those books that have helped shape "the modern mind." the 81. John's list, for example. It has touched the most diverse ways. Thus in the same year that under its influence an unknown Russian who called himself Lenin was joining the 81. Petersburg circle of the Society of the so

many-sided literature that illus-trates Groce's characterization of "Das Kapital" as a work which 'has been taken in dim for a Treatite on Economy, a Philosophy of History, a System of Laws on Sociology, a Moral and Political of History, a System of Laws on Sociology, a Moral and Political model of the Company of the C

ative."

The particulars, the data, on which Marz reared the structure of his argument are as remote from as at the datable of the structure of datable of the structure of the

perhaps, but inescapable.
This sort of "success" does not validate the book's thests, of course, nor should it be mittaken for any "friumph of principles."
But it is a kind of success, that agirrounds only a very few works of the human mind 73 years after their origin—a kind of success which the dour Marx himself may have rive. "Inside the but harry himself may have rive." The but harry and pride of August, 1887.

# On Short Rations

WE still seem to get only one egg per head per used, so there are always great domestic discussions—when shell we can our egg? Nevelloss to say, one doesn't just eat it casually for brenktnat. One junkes it the piece de resistance of a meal, ont builds up the other food around if.

Zoe says on Monday morning. Now what about the 122 reply. Well, I may be late tonight and tred. If rather enjoy if on a night when I have lelsure to think about it beforefand. What about tonorrow night?

"We're having some of our point primes tonorrow. Primes are cuttoned." By the continued in the control of the primes are cuttoned. The control of the

thing might happen to me before Wednesday, or to the egs. Let's be dashing and have it tonight," "How?"

thing might appen to the best wednesses we would be to be desiring and have it tonight.

Whe both think for a long time, having turned off the radio so we can really concentrate.

"Last week I had it belied; the week before that, fried, and the week before that, extambled, so that it has been before that, extambled in the source of the



Visitin' Around

Please Go 'Way and Let Him Sleep 
Summyide Hem Moore good these cool nights. In the mornings 
at setting up time the 'knver' feels mighty good pulled up just a 
little closer and you like to steal a few more winks. Seems like it 
does me more good than thus whole night, soptishwork in planning for 
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Side Glances

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The Burden

After Three Years

"Take a tip from grandma and don't worry about Johnny—Egypt has produced only one Cleopatra!"

The New Yerker

WE are in sympathy with a young lady who is about to marry a bomber of the property of the pro

The Job Is Ahead By Raymond Clapper NOW the war goes into its fourth year and the fight for freedom is is a long way from being won. It is a long way from being won on the military front, and further from being being won on the political front.

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We are tipped off that the Solomon Islands action, which seems to be soling our way, it still a minor affair and dees not appread to be soling our way, it still a minor affair and dees not appread to the soling our way, it still a minor affair and dees not appread to the soling our way, it still a minor affair and dees not appread to the soling our way, it is a soling to the soling our way to the soling our way to the soling our way to the soling our probably is gene for a long time.

Only in the mounting strength in England is found the seed of really strong hope. Perhaps ultimate victory is planting its roots there is a soling of the soling of the soling out across the world.

On the political side also, the United Nations have much to do. Wars are won by military action. But songstimes the military action is decided not also be the energy to help our side as they were to help the Japanese, we probably would not have taken, such a beating. Our side was seriously hampered by hostile natives. The Japa were materially assisted by them.

Much the same denger sixts in India. The most popular leaders of India are in just reasonable to think that force will win the people of India. It was make them respect the Rithing General Colonial of the popular india without the support of the popular india without the support of the popular india without the support of the popular popular popular india without the support of the popular popular india without the support of the popular popular popular india without the support of the popular p

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### History Changed Its Course

# The Birthday Of A Terrifying Book

From the Baltimore Sun CEVENTY-PIVE years ago this of month an imacible, much-harassed man, sitting in bis dreary home in London, put side the last in a stack of corrected prior) sheets faithful friend, "So this volume is now finished." Thus Karl Marx announced to Prederick Engels the first part of "Das Kapital," writchen with the properties of the first part of "Das Kapital," writch with the properties of the first part of "Das Kapital," writch with the properties of the first part of "Das Kapital," writch with the properties of the properties o

ning of creditors."

The same year saw Russia's cession of Alaska to the United
States; the execution of Quretaro
of the "Emperor" Maximilian of
Mexico: the passage of the British
North America Act and the second
reform bill.

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that archetype of the poete
maudit, Basifelaire, and—one
of the most capricious noequitions in the control of
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birth. Although the first prowriter was only taking its first
form in the Milwaukee work
shep of Christopher Latham

Sholes, 1867 was a brilliant year in authorship. The flyst of Mark Twain's hooks appeared, Walter Pater began his career with the publication of his essay on Winklemann, and 2 Troillogic carried the Barchester series to its conclusion.

eries to its conclusion.

In England that year the publishers brought out new volumes, by Ruskin, Garlyle, Matthew Arnold, Mercelitt. Swinburne and Morris, in the United States they delive and Lanier. Bret Harfe, Emerson, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Artemus Ward.

It is no very great wonder that Kapital, at last issuing obscurely observed to be a support of the control of the cont

In any case Kapilal was no "event" in that noon day of the Victorian era. Unlike the "Origin of Species," shablished just eight years before, it did not agywhere arouse wide-apread interest or instantly set in motion, the marshaling and southlet of opinion.

Yet on looking back from our