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Red Reaper

Hitler's Admission of Reverses Presages the Final Defeat

Berlin's almost frantic announcement Berlin's almost frantic announcement that the 22 doomed Nazi divisions before Stalingrad face annihilation not only marks the first admission of serious reverses in Russia; it is also the first hint from official German sources that decleat in war has become a looming possibility. For, deeplie the fact that Germany's armies are still magnificent weapons for attack or defense, their bleeding in the Bast has brought them to the brink of disarter.

If the Red Army is able to keep its drives rolling, capture Rostov and de-stroy North-South communications, then stroy North-South communications, then the great Southern area must be evacuated by Hiller, and a whole new flank will become vulnerable. The ferocity of the Soviet advance has completely altered the face of the conflict. No longer is the important, speculation based upon-the breakup of German morale at home; it is now possible that German armies will suffer a military catastrophe from which there can be no recovery.

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In Africa, too, there can be little hope
that the Nazis can long endure. With
General Alexander aiready in possession
of Tripoil, and growing Aliled air
power over Tunisia, the delayed squeeze
is coming. The retreating Rommel still
has a long trip ahead to Tunis, with a
great battleground at his disposal if he
chooses to make a stand; but lacking air
power and being outnumbered on the power and being outnumbered on the ground, he may well lose the race, and place Hitler's forces in a double squeeze.

Official sources in London and Wash-ngton have consistently advised caution ington have consistently advised caution to the peoples at home, and deplored sublime optimism. But with the Russians continuing to take a heavy toil, and Hitler facing ever-growing power in Africa, there must now be real hope among the High Command that the war can be ended in 1943.

Birth Rate

It Must Be Supervised, Not Returned to the Midwines

Returned to the Midwines
The question of extending the service
of Charlotte's maternity clinic after the
Duke internes are recalled in March is
not simply a matter of importance: it
so is simply a matter of importance: it
so ene of life and death for the entire
community, For, despite the remarksible gain in hospital and medical facilities
here, the birth rate of the city is
not pilled up in spick-and-span delivery
rooms, but in the homes.

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For everal years Duke internes, working for experience, have supervised the births of more than two-flirds of Charlotte's bables. Last year well over 1,000 births were attended by the young men of the clinic, and with their departure, the City must take up the burden. If the work of the clinic is left with the Health Department, a return to midwifer will result—and with all the attendant dangers of such a system the cost to the city will be as large as that of a plan of hospitalization.

pitalization.

It is to be hoped that City Manager
R. W. Flack and Administrator Carl
Flath-of Memorial Hospital will carry
through the proposed plan of supervisory clinics at Memorial and the Good
Samaritan, where facilities are available to meet the city's needs in the
coming crisis. That appears to be the
only solution to the pressing problem.
The time has come to end the all
too common scenes of home deliveries,
hundreds of them performed in dark,
dirty rooms where the first wall of the
mew infants proclaim birth as it has been

new infants proclaim birth as it has in bygone generations, with none of the benefits of life-saving progress.

Dixie Do

The South Controls Congress. And Carries a Heavy Burden

The declaration of independence by Congress isn't enough. It is well established that it's going to be its own boss, eligible for applause and liable to criticism of its acts. But it might be of interest just now to note that the South, miderest just now to note that the South, such, is in a position to control Congress, and steer it as it will. The question of Dixte's desires in national and international legislation has not been of greater importance since the formative years of the natio

states holding Democratic ma-in both houses (Maryland, Viria, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, tucky and Tennessee) are, by and large,

tucky and Tennessee) are, by and large, represented by conservatives. Actual Southern strength is counted in 29 of 57 Democratic seats in the Senate, and more than 120 of the 222 Democratic seats in the House. And the recent record of that voting strength has pitted the South against other sections consistently. On the Smith anti-strike bill, 108 Southerners voted yea, only eight may, non-Southern Democrats voted 100 to 21 for the bill. Pifty-three of the 56 Southerners voted against the Wage-Hour bill, and so right on down the line, against labor unions and higher taxes. Southern votes may be split, however, when peace—making time comes around. The Deep South has been aggressively interventionist, as against some of its Western neighbors, but it has sided with Western Farm sentiment. With potential control of the direction of war and peace, the South carries a great responsibility. It is fortunate that the day of Dixle's yelling radicals (from Watson, Pitchfork Bill Tillman, Cole Blease and Huy Long) is gone.

Too Much Money

Uncle Sam's Eye Glitters at Record Cash Circulation

Record Cash Circulation

We don't know where or how he got
It, but the American consumer has a
sight more money these days than is
good for him. That's according to the
Government view, and a move is underway to take it away from him, now. He
carries it in his Jeans, or has it ready
for quick disposal in his bank. It's more
than anyone else ever had before, for
any length of time.

In lush 1928, at the peak of the boom,
old Consumer had something less than
five billions in circulation; in late August, 1939, he had more than seven billlions. Last year, his total was in excess
of eleven billions. But today, flowing in
public, where Consumer can get at it,
is a fantastic fifteen and a haif billlons. Wherefore the Government lives
in fear.

in fear.

The fear is that Consumer might use his new wealth unwisely, and by sticking it in the wrong places, might bring it in the wrong places, might bring inflation overnight. In liquid form, such an accumulation of eash is thought to be so dangerous as to threaten an immediate thal wave of spending.

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A national sales tax is not the answer to Consumer's joyful problem, for its imposition would likely set off an imprecedented buying spree—and there are still enough goods available to permit spending almost without limit. And because not even the buzzling bureaus dare suggest that bank deposits be frozen, another solution must be found.

The millions who wonder how in thinger they'll meet income taxes in March may be puzzled over the whole affair, but for their enlightnement, direct taxes on spending are on the way. Things may seem tough now, but it is only the beginning. Consumer started it all, when he jungled the jits in his jeans.

Fast Work

Blythe and McDougle Steer An Important Bill To Success

Even in a speed-minded Legislature Even in a speed-minded Legislature, it is a tribute to the standing and political skill of Senator Joe Blythe and Representative H. I. McDougle of Mecklenburg that the Blythe bill in behalf

Representative H. I. McDougle of Mechalenburg that the Blythe bill in behalf of the State's feeble-minded children made such rapid progress on its way to passage. Finally, we believe, the bill will result in the relief of one of North Carolina's gravest problems.

For the study proposed by Senator Blythe is certain to indicate the need for expanding the services now offered by Caswell Training School, and it has already been shown that the lawmakers are conscious of the Pledmont's lack of such facilities—and are willing to take action—This—campaign—of—course, has been a concern of Jine Niws for a long while, and we look with satisfaction as the County's legislators do their part to bring relief to the young sufferers.

Perhaps the limited debate on the bill will amount to no more than a bit of byplay, but we sensed the danger of political interference at Rep. Wallace's insistence that no new children's hospital unit be undertaken, but that Caswell in his home county should be enlarged. The method may be of little moment so long as care is provided for the method may be of little moment of or present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of present facilities is not possible of the method of

The Generals Are Busy

Let Politicians Politic

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON

I said to a friend of mine that perhaps the Fighting

French were being too exclusive in objecting to
the Vichy French with whom we were working in
North Africa, and why couldn't they forget their factions and unite against the Ger-

mans?
Obviously I had touched a charged

nerve.
My friend made a little speech to
me: "Suppose people had gone to
General George Washington and
urged him to take Benedict Arnold Arnold was a good general.

back. Arnold was a good general, one of Washington's ablest. Suppose the proposition had been put up to General Washington's the Benditt Arnold had become disappointed over his deal with the British and was rather anxious to become an American patriot again and would like to come back on General Washington's taff. General Washington's taff. General Washington's taff. General Washington's taff. General Washington and the American solidar-desperately as they needed the handware found it expedient to take Bendick Arnold back? Would General Washington and the American solidar-desperately as they needed the handware DACK Would Cherral Washington and the American soldiers—desperately as they needed help—have been willing to fight beside a general who had once betrayed them and gone over to the enemy? There are principles that fight harder than expediency does."

Similarly, this French business in North Africas is charged with intense emotions growing out of the fact that some Frenchmen like General ed Gaulte refused to surrender in 1840, whereas de Gaulte refused to surrender in 1840, whereas to the Germans.

Just heen made Governor of Algiera by us, has been considered a Fascisi. Sketches of what he has done do not make reading that goes under the banner of the Four Freedoms. How much of this is fair to him is difficult to say. But the does not look like one of our side. He has not seemed interested in defeating Germany. In agrument that he is a good administrator is not alone enough to justify importing him for Argentins, where he has been Vieby ambassador.

The best that has been said of him in the current discussion is that he was in the anti-Laval wing of the Petain crowd.

The intricate policy that rebuffs Frenchmen who want to fight the Germans, and takes up with Frenchwant to fight the Germans, and takes up with Frenchmen who have been playing ball with them, is hard to follow at this late date. Secretary Bull became angry when reporters questioned him show it this week. The powers here may be able to turn down questions by telling menspaper reporters it would be better to think about the war instead of raising these matters. But this situation rates a question as to what this war all about.

Our officials have told us we were fighting to Our officials have told us we were fighting to exterminate the Nazi-Fascist aggressors. They tell us, as President Roosevelt did in his radio broadcast last for the war and for the outrages against helpless people would be tried and punished after the war. Yet we accept their kindred spirits, their French collaborators in North Africa, and import one of them to the high post of governor of Aiglers.

It is becoming difficult to know whether it is It is becoming difficult to know whether it is the Fighting French or the Axis sympathizers that we want on our Mdc. A Fighting French leader went to North Africa, recently and after about a week on the spot was invited to leave. The effect of all this on the underground mayements in other occupied territory is liable to be discouraging. Men and women who risk their lives to carry on the underground fight, and to prepare for the day when the fight can be wareful examined to the state of the sta regard for many seed that in North Africa the Fighling French underground is repressed while those who had collaborated with the Axis are placed in control.

placed in centrol.

The battle for Tunisia is bound to be difficult.
General Elsenhower must be fully occupied with preparations for it. There surely is sufficient ability among the United Nations, to handle the political situation at his reaf for him. The Germans don't expect their military officers to stop fighting in order to act as political fixers. Their generals are left free to wage war, and civilians are bauled in to shoulder the political headaches.

The War Will Have To Wait

-Bu Herblock



All Or Nothing

Anti-Hitler Or Pro-Allies

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK

THE only argument on behalf of Marcel Peyrouton is that he was a second THE only argument on behalf of Marcel Peyrouton is that he was against Laval late in 1941. For that reason this new ex-Vichylte has now been made Governor General of Alectia with our incredible blessing. But what, precisely, does it prove about Peyrouton that he was against Laval? Democrats are against Laval, certainly; and some Fascists were against Laval; that things against the same thing are not necessarily equal to the same thing along the provided of th

Jacques Doriot, the most cynical Jacques Boriot, the most cynical of all French Facetsis, is against Laval. De Gaulle is against Laval. But no equation can relate Boriot and de Gaulle. Who in our State Department is responsible for this shocking, wretched and naive business of making opposition to Laval our touchstone mayway? I thought our touchstone was democrac.

For a long time we were friendly with Petain For a long time we were friendly with Petain because he was against Laval. I believe Petain was sincerely against Laval, just as he was sin-cerely against Freuch democracy. His latter antipathy was the more important, and because we did not believe this, we were bound to set a crooked course.

As to how far off true north we are now, let remember that Peryouton was a quite contented Min-ister of the Interior under Petáin, and that among his duties was the jailing of French Democrats and also the installation of the French variety of the Nurem-berg laws. But he was against Laval. What can say about people to whom these distinctions among Fascists are important, except that they are playing a fantastic game of names, picking one after another brightly out of a hat, hoping that some day the world will say: "Ah! You're getting warmer!"

It is assigning too much importance to Laval, to make hating him the shibboleth of democracy.

We have to build a case and a future for ourselves from the ground up. We need a little more sense of direction than to set our course by Laval, or any other Fascist, either straight toward him or straight away from him. We have had enough of such mechanical, automatic politics. When Peryouton, who was virtually civil administrator for Pretain, becomes civil administrator for North African territories we have taken naway from Petain, it began to loss as If you get to the same place in the end, no matter how you steer by than, also long as you steer by than, a long as you steer by than, a long as you steer by than, as one place in a war for democracy. Pascists can have a place in a war against Hitler, but not in war for democracy. Choose your partners! I say a war for democracy. Choose your partners! I say a war for democracy. Seasier to fight, and easier to win. Your quarry can't except from you by changing his name.

New we can understand just what reactions-We have to build a case and a future for ourselves

Now we can understand just what reactionary impulses the deep in the spirits of those who ary impulses ite deep in the spirits of those wind labid, with, a certain leef, that this is merely a war against Hitler, that there is no need to make it any fancier than that. For it is possible to win the war against Hitler and lose the war for democracy, while it is utterly impo-sible to win the war for democracy and lose the war against Hitler. These are two wars. They are fearfully different. While both, at the moment, seem to be wars against Hitler, that only proves once more, and on a higher level, that things against the same thing are not necessarily equal to the same thing.

Those who are interested only in a war against Hiller are dataled by the possibility of setting up a special category of valuable Facetist, those against Hiller, those against Laval. We Democrate say the category is meaningless, that such men are our enemies in the were believe we are fighting. We can't cquarte the dignity of man with the taking of

Side Glances



"Come, children, let your father finish his figuring of bond, tax and current bill deductions—he profised to take us to a movie if he finds anything left over!"

City Hall Today

Sunday Politics

By Dick Young

I CAN see no reason except perhaps for political expediency) why the City Council did not amend the Sunday ordinance to permit earlier opening of motion pitture theaters so that theater-genes would not add to the congestion of war workers on the last run busses. If the Council didn't see fit to change the law then it should have adopted another amendment banning Sunday evening amusements in the interest of the war effort.

st of the war effort.

I am and have been in favor of Sunday movies (yet I haven't been to a show on Sunday since the law became effective) but that the sunday since the law became effective) but that it is not casential to the successful prosecution of the war, although I am sure that theater performances per se help in keeping up morate on the home from the control of the war.

up morale on the home front.

In order to win this war for freedom and democracy all of us are going to have to put the war effort first and the action of the Council was far from that because it permits pleasure seekers to crowd into which are the provided of the seekers of the condition of the work of the council refused to stand or be subjected to other discomforts and inconvenient or the consideration these producers of war materials in the chance perhaps amorbedy's prompted the refusal, will those who refused to act come forward with an explanation?

n explanation?

City Hall Sidelights: There's merit in Councilinan Ross' preposal for staggering terms for Council members atthough the sixyear term may be too long. The professional politications won't
favor the scheme that will allow a majority of holdover members
but there's no question in my mind that a majority familiar with
policies and operations would make for better government. The
spassibility of having to endure an extended rule of a mixif Council
might easily be eliminated by including a provision for recall.

Condense to the families of Max Kahi wooh died last week. Mi

Condolence to the family of Max Kahn who died last week. Mr. Kahn was a former member of the City Park and Recreation Contained the City Park and Recreating the City Park and Recreating the Recreating

mblem. The cheap skates who think they are "gypping" the City when they insert sligs in the downdown parking meters are all wrong. Those metal washers, which are now difficult to obtain, used for many purposes in the traffic signal division. The counters down in the accounting office save them for him and they are about as careful with them as they are with the pennies and nickets that come in through the meters.

nitests that come in through the meters.

Mrs. Alter McCountel, city clerk, felt, that she had lost a real friend when her elevest-care-old Boston terrier, Booty, died this seek. He are considered to the Park, and Described Commission of the Park, and Described Commission of the Park, and Described Commission of the Area of Described Commission of the Commission of the

The Sumprise

Payoff At 65

From Sales Management

Jo the average worker who carries a Social Security card (and
there are 40,000,000 such workers) his 1/2 salesy contribution to
Social Security is just a nuisance tax. Benefits? He-bas never given
much thought to them; something, perhaps, that may concern him
when he reaches the doddering old age of 83.

when he reaches the doddering old age of 5.

End B. Shields, Chlegon of agencyman, found this out after he had devized a simple Social Security calculator. By turning a disl-it chows what benefits a worker will draw at age 6.9 if his adapt has been from \$100\$ to \$250 a month for \$. 10, 20, or 30 years. What his wife, widow and one or two children would get are also shown on the handy little gadget. He tried it out on a satesman friend.

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on that insurance have been only \$150.

At the other end of the benefit range is Jim's father, also covered by a Security ten-dight number. He was 55 when the law started operating. His salary was \$150 a month. In another five years he may retire and draw benefits for the rest of his life. His wife, a year younger, will be eligible in six years for benefits equal to half those of her husband. Third total contribution, '1', of ealary, will have anounted to 500, but of they live to be '15 tiney may collect \$1850, with an additional properties of the benefit of their 180 premium."

Such pleasantly surprising facts interested Jim, as they would any worker, and Jir. Shields believes he has a deepe with a wind any worker, and Jir. Shields believes he has a deepe with a wind some state of the security and its benefits, particularly is every substantial payments for dependents in the event of a worker's death, he explains. The concrete information is pretty hard to dig out of the Secial Security Board's literature. Even officials admit this." His card-board calculator was designed primarily as an advertising giveway; with space for a safer message, or as a box top-safe-dime premitum or inquiry stimulations.

He hopes that before long a whispering sound will be heard in the land caused by people turning the dial, fluttering calendar leaves and wistfully muttering, "Goeh, won't my 65th birthday ever cawe?"

Visitim' Around

Woodrow The Romeo (RFD item, Lexington Dispatch)

in from Virginia to spend Christmas with