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Do Not Despair
Even the President Joins
Rum! Confusion, But...

There need be no sinking of the heart that the President has announced his objection to the passage of the Senate's idea of the Rum Plan. He has not taken up arms against the little taxpayers who want to crawl out from under a heavy burden by getting on a current basis with Uncle Sam; he has only taken the position of Bob Doughton, that men who became rich in 1942 should not be presented gifts by their Government.

there are for an unknown number of British prisoners in Germany. His accommodations will be more comfortable than those of ordinary war prisoners.

Big Timber
Quickly, Home-Grown
Presidential Nominees Arise

Without an attempt at making jokes, and without beating the drum in pride for the Carolinas, we'd like to make mention of the Presidential "possibilities" in these parts which are cropping up in a breathtaking sudden.

Rum! first spoke the man in the street knew that he liked what he heard, and applauded. The man in the street was earnest and eager; he cared nothing for the arguments of lost causes or "indifferent" if there were those items to be cared for, then they should be cared for by experts behind the scenes.

For President, either Jim Byrnes or Melville Broughton; for Vice-President, either Olin Johnston or Ellis Arnall.

We'd be among the first to raise a hand if the question was one of Governor Broughton's ability; and we know full well that Jim Byrnes can take care of himself in high political circles—but we take no stock in this talk of Carolinians for the Presidency, and think it well that the public simply listen and forget it.

Gay Carillon
England's Bells Too Much
For Bitter Old Von Arnim

One of the most thrilling stories from London is the little dispatch this war to us was the little dispatch from London that is telling of the bells of England and North Ireland, pealing a great chorus of joy at the news from Tunisia—at the very moment Colonel General Jurgen Von Arnim was alighting from a plane in South England, and a man, but to it was all the war.

Subterfuge
Japs Lie (Perhaps Threaten)
With False Charges of Gas

There may have been an ominous meaning in the Japanese claim that American troops were using poison gas in the battle fighting along the crags of Attu again, the charge may have been only for use as an alibi for use when Attu is lost. It is obvious, not only to Americans, but to almost any other nation on the troubled globe, that the charge is only a subterfuge.

Who's Boss?
Soldiers Vs. Politicians

By Samuel Crafton
NEW YORK
THERE is a story from London that we have decided to deal only with the enemy's military leaders when we invade Europe. We shall accept surrender only from field commanders. We shall make no terms, conditions, armistices, or arrangements with civilian politicians of any stripe.

There is also a Washington paragraph in the Wall Street Journal which says exactly the reverse: That we are going to follow the North African method throughout Europe, that the State Department plans to make deals ahead of time with "friendly factions" in each country to be invaded.

There is a comical refrain in the two stories, taken together. The London report, by Raymond Daniell in the New York Times, says, by way of illustration, that we would not make a deal with, for instance, the Italian royal family. A Wall Street Journal story from Washington, says, by way of illustration, that we might, for instance, make a deal with the Italian royal family. Is there a difference of opinion, then, between Britain and America, on the course to be followed?

It looks like it. Both stories appear in solid, reliable, non-neurotic publications. It is a fair assumption that Mr. Daniell obtained his story from official quarters in London, and that the Wall Street Journal obtained its item from official circles in Washington. There is further supporting evidence in the past behavior patterns of the two countries. Britain has not dealt with Fascists, Quislings, and two-traitors, in this war. We, on the other hand, invented Darianism, and boasted about it.

The British plan for shall we call it the London story? comes much closer to the spirit of the Casablanca "unconditional surrender" than selecting some of the cheese rinds and odd herdings of European politics, and agreeing to their conditions in order to get their "Darianism" to us was not in the least unconditional. It was full of conditions. He surrendered on condition that we leave him



The Way Down
Decaying Reich

By Raymond Capper
STOCKHOLM

DETERIORATION in Germany is bound to accelerate from now on. For instance, Germany's chief source of phosphates has been North Africa—the Sfax area. No other adequate supply is available, which means a drastic loss of farm productivity this season.

At the end of this month the Germans are to cut their meat ration. While the new ration will be more than the Swedish meat ration, the difference is that here fish, poultry and milk are rationed, the difference is that here fish, poultry and milk are rationed, the difference is that here fish, poultry and milk are rationed.

Swedish industrialists have many acquaintances in Germany, and report that all of them are now convinced Germany will lose the war. The Nazis are losing in popularity rapidly, but that does not necessarily mean a quick upset of their regime.

An industrialist here reports that bombing has destroyed most of the lime-making capacity in the Ruhr and that limestone reserves in serious jeopardy because there is no better tubing. Allied bombers are bound to have a cumulative effect on industry during the Summer and Fall. General German industrialists are entirely aware of the dangerous situation, but the realization is coming more slowly to the general public.

Swedish sources are confident that France's second peace feeler was inspired from Berlin. Here they take it as a further indication of the desperation of Germany's situation.

Even in Lapland, 90 miles from the Arctic Circle, you find everywhere people with Norwegian connections who are bitter over the brutality of the Germans in Norway. The Germans have made the best propaganda for the Allies in Sweden. The use of Norway as a refuge for bombed-out Germans is now forcing Norwegians to the line that neither side can win and that therefore it is senseless to go on with the war, that makes no impression here in Sweden.

I have been up into the mining section in the North. I talked with the Norwegian wife of one North Sweden industrialist whose relatives' town and Summer homes had been seized by the Nazis. Countless such cases are talked around among Swedes everywhere. It is significant that Germany used Franco, and not anyone in Sweden, as a mouthpiece for peace feelers.

Ersatz

—By Dorman Smith



Platform Of The People
Difference Of Opinion

Editors, The News:
I have thought a great deal about the difference of opinion between the public and the Government in North Carolina. I cannot believe that in a great state such as this there should be such a difference of opinion.

MR. BERNARD MCGRAVE, Asheville, N. C.
I believe that there are men, OR WOMEN who could be found who would have a real program for times such as these when, as never before, real statesmanship is needed.

All For Hoey
Editors, The News:
Thank God! A great, Christian, loyal North Carolinian offers himself to the self-respecting citizens of my beloved Old North State as candidate for the Senate.

On Behalf Of
Captain West
Editors, The News:
Please give me space to tell the public my ideas on rotten politics, and to say something in behalf of Captain Alex West and Sergeant Gardner. I have known them for 30 years, and have worked with them for under them six years as dog catcher.

Experts See

Our Tomorrow

OUR educational system after the war will speed up vocational training and work experience, and place special emphasis on social sciences, predicts Dr. W. W. Charters, The Wing Street, Journal, president of the University's Bureau of Educational Research.

A Trans-Atlantic plane which will carry 400 passengers is predicted by Tom Glider, chairman of the Republic Steel Corp., and of the Consolidated Valve Aircraft.

The 1943 ship-building goal of 16,000,000 tons will be surpassed, says a prediction made by Emory S. Land, chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission.

A new process of dehydrating, or drying milk, so that it retains its natural flavor and richness in health-giving chemicals when water is added has been announced by Dr. Charles E. Nash. It allows milk to remain unchanged. The new and improved milk, when processed, loses much of its taste and was not palatable for drinking.

When Hitler's war effort collapses he will become desperate and have a crack at England with everything he can throw—including poison gas in tremendous quantities, predicts Lord Halifax, British Ambassador.

A postwar boom in the building industry, bringing widespread employment and spending, and favorable conditions for the entire national economy, is the prediction of Leslie M. Cookey, vice-president of the Johns-Manville Co.

Crack Down
On Vice
Editors, The News:
What sort of make up do we have for "Crack"? Since the vice condition has been uncovered by authorities and the condition is now being dealt with by the police it is not surprising that the citizens do not rise up and demand immediate action.

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