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## The Record

ongress Can't Be Trusted To Do Its Best For Army

The Administration is behind the army and the Navy in turning on the heat to dissuade Congress from voting its effect the drafting of fathers. The record shows that although Congress has yielded to all Administration demands for conscription, Congress has et he same time imposed certain restrictions which the Administration did strictions which the Administration did not like but was powerless to prevent. After the German invasion of the Low Countries in May, 1940, which led soon to the fall of France, the President ask-ed for authority to call the National Guard into Federal service. Then the Ad-ministration got behind a bill for con-scription which had already been intro-

tweed.

The National Guard measure went through both houses of Congress with Hitle opposition. But Congress first add- a provision allowing Guardsmen below the rank of Captain to resign within no other means of support. Another provision forbade the use of the Guardsmen emisside the Western Hemisphere, except in United States territory, even in case of war.

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in United States terrifory, even in case of war.

The Selective Service bill went through both houses, in September, 1888, by less than a 2 to 1 vote. The sill cerried the same limitation on foreign service as had the National Guard act. And the selectees were to be trained for only one year, unless in the meanitate Congress had declared an emergency to cots. The flowe everworld, the selection of the service at any one time to \$90,900.

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In July, 1941, the President saked Congress to declare a state of mational swergency, so that the training period for selectees could be extended for an indefinite period. Congress demurred, but ultimately voted to extend service for selectees by 18 months. The bill to that effect went through the Senate by use of 45 to 30, and through the House by only one vote (203 to 202). However, a canvass of the House membership showed that a much larger margin of victory would have been obtained for a proposal to extend the draft period by one year, instead of by 18 months.

At the same time Congress removed the 800,000 limitation on the number of selectees in training at any one time. Congress at that time for removing the geographical limitation on service. Such that selectees were to be released from service if their redenition would cause hardship to dependents. But there was no sentiment in Congress at that time for removing the geographical limitation on service. After Japan, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States, this limitation was unanimously repealed, and the period of service was extended to six months after the end of hostilities.

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In 1942 opposition crumbled to the proposal to lower the draft age to 18, after the Administration went to bat for the Senate with only 5 dissenting votes and by the House with only 18. But the Senate voted 39 to 31, despite attenuous Administration opposition, to require a year's training for teen-age draftees before they could be sent into combat overseas. This proposal was eliminated averseas. This proposal was eliminated in conference. But the bill as enacted contained the Tydings amendment for automatic deferment of farm workers who were indispensable and irreplaceable.

able. This year the Sente passed, by better than a 2 to 1 vote and over Adminstration by the start than a 2 to 1 vote and over Adminstration opposite the Bankhead bill for blanket deferment of the start of the sta

## Prohibition

Rep. Bryson Has An Idea It Might Help War Industry

Congressian Hryson of South Caro-line is spurring the good horse Prohibi-tion in the House again, this time in series of saming drinking liquor in its saminy—as a cure for absentecism. The saminy—as a cure for absentecism. The same is worth gate by with it, and and for its life of us see why he apends

such a great deal of time on the cause, having been rebuffed so often and so

such a great deal of time on the cause, having been rebuifed so often and so recently.

The country is permitting the passage of a great many little prohibitions in the province; it will not aubmit to national Prohibition again, and the constantly recurring efforts in Congress, abortive in development, do nothing to help the cause of the Drys. The Congressman calls to attention the fact that he has received petitions bearing 125,000 names from the people of the country, asking Prohibition. He should not be misled by that manifestation of interest in his program; it will not be enough to pass the proposed bill.

Drinking lauor, undoubtedly, does not contribute to the effective prosecution of the war. Yet its prohibition certainly will not apeed us to victory. There is the old, old crux of the matter: Prohibition does not heal, but featers. Already there is a kind undrificial and unmerched Prohibition in the country. Stordage of whisky has driven many contributed to the distribution of the war will upwards him within ken. Prices swirl upwards him within ken. Prices swirl upwards him within ken. Prices swirl upwards him without the passage of a law will, and without the passage of a law will, and without the passage of a law will, and without the passage of a law the passage of a law will be a fact the passage of a law will be to the last, there is no Congressman upon whom the deprived drinkers can vent their te.

## For Veterans

Their Return May Be Made Happy By Planners

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City Manager Flack made sense, talking of the most vital post-war almob security for returning soldiers. His eloquent statement of that aim should suffice to make official Charlotte cognizant of its duty in that respect. But we are certain he did spt intend to leave such a pail over planners and planners-to-be. He made that point in passing, as a matter of fact, but the sum total of his remarks might be misread by the public into something like this: Save the soldier a pob, and let other plans take care of themselves.

We feel sure M. Flack did not mean to infer that; for any such course could then only to confusion. There is the alternative that the sum of the sum of the plan which may now be made by the plans which a summer to applicate to a the solder's lob almost automatically. It is a sure-fire winner of applause to stand forth for the vete employment; it is something else to plan how it might best be obtained.

In the first place, most of the returning solders from this community will be able to go back into their oid jobs, under the law. Those who are not able to do so will be bolstered by some Federal aid. The others, and no one knows how many there will be, must be taken into the busy operation of local industry and commerce. If housewives, young-aters and the physically until leave their present jobs, and go back to prevented present jobs,

their present Jobs, and go back to prewar pursuits, many places will be left
open.

There are the special problems of the
lame and halt who will redurn; the lifetime casualities will present a heartwringing task for officialdom. Places
must be found for them; but finding
places for any of these men, whole or
injured, will entail a great deal more
than the actual sallying forth to find
jobs for veterans. The need is to be
answered in the expansion of municipal
property and services, in the erection
of new buildings, the making of a bigger
airport, the wreckage of more slum
areas, and the raising of new housing
notests, the plans for expansion of
transport, and for the endless growth
of every kind which will come with
peace.

The determination to find a secure
place in civilians life for the returned
soldier is not new. The shame of the
Bonus Army, and the criminal neglect
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Money isn't everything. What is the Treasury's favorite character, per capita, carrying around in the shape of pork chops in the pocket? Changed Tune

# The Merry-Go-Round

By Draw Postson

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weckel) an out-and-out Russlan oppenent,
The State Departments Russlan polley slways
was based upon the old, last war thesis of building
up a series of builfer slates against Russla, Chief
architect of this polley was Berle, and it is toward
engine from the state of the series of the series of the series
lengthy round table State Department conferences
when the question swung to Russla,
It was Berle who took a hand in slopping the
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the President alagned a chit on July 25, which ordered
that these materials must be "gotten through by toslight."

Berle vs. FDR

Nevertheless, three months later, Berle took the lead in a State Department conference which held

up the shipment of these oil refineries on the ground that they were receded at home Eventually the Russian than they were receded at home Eventually the Russian than the manuter in which Earls and other anti-Russian electrons around Russian and the manuter in which Earls and other anti-Russian electrons around Russian than the manuter in which Earls and other anti-Russian electrons around Russian than the Russ

not permitted to confer with the Free French in North Africa.

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Annog others, Berle and his friends gave a visa to sx-Tinance Minister Matusewalt of Foland, listed to xx-Tinance Minister Matusewalt of Foland, listed to xx-Tinance Minister to the Polland Minister to the Polland Minister to the Polland-American daily was given a passport to enter the U. S. A., but new contributes articles to the Polland-American daily Newy Switz Violently attacking Russia, When certain French democrats enter the properties of the smithtensian leader friendly co-operation with the smithtensian leader friendly co-operation with the smithtensian leader friendly co-operation with the smithtensian leader that the properties of the stating that his activities "are fully benefit of the properties of the stating that his activities "are fully known to this Department and have been worked out in close co-operation with us."

### Russian Suspicions

Since Eckhard showed the letter to many people, the Russians naturally heard about it, and it made them more suspicious, But when Summer Welles heard about it, he wrote another letter denying that neard about it, he wrote another letter denying that Exhandt had any connection with the State Department. Suspected as a part of the plan of buffer states against Russla, was the entry of Milan Hodza, the Slovak leader who opposed the pro-Rus-slon policy of President Renes, The State Department gave Hodza a pasoport without even consulting the Checholovak Embassy.

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Supplementing this was a conversation between Borls and OWI representatives hast Winterstand the Cocchesiorak Personal College of the Cocchesiorak Personal College of the Cocchesiorak Relationated and said the only way to each the war was through internal revolution in Asis territary, Russia, Berle said, was beging down would be extremely difficult to invade.

Therefore, Berle concurred, our one big hope was to stir up revolution within Europe. To that end, he said, it had now become the official policy of the United States to work with Admiral Hority in Hally, together with certain Fascist leaders in Contral Europe.

In the last few days, however, Berle has changed hit turns Last week he called in certain officials from views regarding Russia. He even said that Russia could have all of Eastern Europe as far as he was concerned, Apparently the recent public debate over whether Berland results. But the big question is where the contract of the concerned Apparently the recent public debate over whether Berland results. But the big question is where meaning the contract of the co

It's No Use, Adolf, We're Onto Her Game, Too



Meaviest Of All

# Fifth Army's Burden

By Raymond Clapper WASHINGTON

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WEE CAN scarcely estimate how much depends on
We the success of Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army
in holding its brighened around Salerno. The territory is not so important. What counts is that the
Allies show they can go ashore and stay there against
the full power of Hitler to drive them sut.

he full power of Hilder to drive them out.

Depne lett its shelt-shoek on the Allies.
Sielly helped to resione Allied confidence in amphiblious operations. But these landings, like the
ones in North Africa last November, were not
against big-league German opposition. Saterno is
the first real test since Dieppe. At Dieppe tha
Hillith—and Canadians especially—learned what
it means to try to land against a heavily prepared
enemy. That coutly failure has before reared up to
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The striking through Prance. If we should lose at striking through Prance. If we should lose at Selerne, Hilter would turn trumphantly to his wavering satellites all through the Balkans and point to the striking through the Balkans and point to the striking through the Balkans and point to the striking through the Balkans and point to the strike was striking and Badoglio str. We don't know where the King and Badoglio str. We don't know where the King and Badoglio str. Possibly Filler has them in Rome.

If Hiller drove us off at Salerno, he could, all in make the subtracted of that is to the Allies look distribution to the strike blow through Prance, Allied monneism for months to cobine, are all boundings in this desperate hattle on the beachest around flaterno. When Napoleon linet up his troops in Egypt for the name of the strike throw the strike through the strike through the strike through the strike through through the strike through the strike through

And If the Fifth Army sticks, think what it means! It will be the proof that courage and raining, and air cover and co-beilmation, all spiraling, and air cover and co-beilmation, all spiralines will be supported as the support of t

Success will give us not only knowledge and experience, but something that we need equally, confidence in moving against the best of Hitler's veterans.

confidence in moving against the best of Hiller's electrans. In may have its effect on the other side of the world. China's Porcigin Minister, T. V. Soone, is making, curious reference to Japanese efforts to make peace with China. It probably is only equeeze play tells, yet if we had a failure in Italy that indefinitely, 'China might question how long she should hold on, Early Alled add to China in more attength than we have been able to supply it is though it is doubtful if Japan sould ever offer terms China could accept. Chinag wants Manchukuo and Pormosa.

Formosa.

Italy is going to be the lest of whether it is to be a fairly short war in Europe, or an indefinitely long one. Most of those with whem I talk still allow about a year to finish off Germany and I stilk to the October guess, which made last Summer while in England. But we might as well recognise that it will depend largely on how things as in Italy, Billier is trying desperately to also pus there.

desperately to stop us there.

Lookling down upon the hard-fighting Fifth
Army at Salerno are not the tembatones of the
Pharaoha 40 centuries dead but the hopes of thingpeople struggling to end the curse of this war and
to insure freedom for generations to come.



"Before Johnny joined the Army I couldn't get him to eat poultry—now all he talks about are those won-derful Southern chicks!"

A Disaster?

## Duce's Kescue

By Dorothy Thompson

POR many weeks I have been trying to permade myself that say misgivings regarding the political conduct of this war were exaggerated. I hope and pray that they are, I wish realthing neer on earth than to be proved wrong, Newtribless my apprehensions prow from day to day. We have had major milliary successes and were victories in recent days. But unless there is conceiling that I do soot know and cannot zee, our political conduct of the Rallan situation is a fineso.

a fance.

The Nazis have apparently received Mussalini from a Meditorransan Idand, which could be much more easily reached by the Angle-American flexis than by German people-basis. We undenther that have overwhelming air seperistify and it was certainly more difficult of the country of the Carabinities to land and shokely him, under the cyris of the Carabinieri guarding him than it would have been for the.

for us.

If should have been clear from the beginning but Riller, would attempt this. A few hours after the publication of Badoglie's explication the German radio amounced the formation of an Italian Fascals government on German soil, "in the name of Benito Mussolini"—am made a specific properties of the House of Savey. A great public discussion was under way concerning the wherebooks of Nussolini, for the ordinary man in the street knew that there must be a context between Riller and the Mussolini and the Context of the Cont

atrect knew that there must be a contest between Riller and the Allies over his person.

But we did not act. Why not? Did we believe it sid not matter? Did we believe that we had dime? Did we believe that a handral of Carabinari ed desubtful loyaties would be sufficient accurately?

If our authorities believed that what happened to Mussolin wa not important, then our troubles lie just where I have suspected-namely in a total lack of human imagination on the part of the directing our destinies. If sid all, Mussellin is also spissings of Facility legality Frimmer in Duce for 22 years, if there is any established legality permise of the property of

Pacist legitimacy, he is it.

Secondly, there is a myth about Musselini—a popular mythmantly that he needs a charmed life. This has the charmed
mantly that he needs a charmed life. This harmed
life. According to this myth, he harmed
life. According to this myth, no matter what dangers and disnaters it encounters, it always wins in the end, Hiller has lived on
this myth for years.

Now what to our divisions.

Now what is green.

Now what is our cituation? Halp is in the position of Vigolevia. e regular army is disarmed, and used only as manpower for labor at lailons by the Germans. The Fascist mittitl is being recreated in built of Italy held by the Germans, to police the country and fight the side of the Nazis.

n the side of the Nasis.

Against those a guerrilla warfare is beginning, mostly in the industrial North, that is to say, by workers. But there is one great difference between Italy and Yugoslavia, Nugoslavia is an aily, with clear hope of positive gains from our victory. And Italy is a nation which has unconditionally surrendered to us.

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## The Reward

By Rev. Herbert Spaugh

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"M YOUR frequent writings about prayer, you give me the impression
I that as long as a man renders unto God foedience to the law,
continuous prayer, and a decent, kindly, righteous life, that man has
a right to expect rewards and henefits of an actual material kind in
this world. What about the Book of Job?" So chickes a reader.

The Bible does not leach us that all our prayers are answered at all.
"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."
Furthermore we are fold that our prayers must be in accordance
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uman autering, especially the autering of "good" people.

The entire teaching of the Bible is that prayer is the Christian's lifetime. As one hymn writer pats it, "Frayer is the Christian's lifetime. As one hymn writer pats it, "Frayer is the Christian's to some standards, unanaversed. He prayed, that if it were pessible, the cup of His impending suffering might he faken away, yet concluded, "Nevertheless, and say will, but Thise be done."

the cup of his impending softering might be taken away, yet He concloded, "Nevertheless, and any olffil, but Thine be done." There are thousands of God-fearing people in the world tokey who are suffering under the cruel head of an eoil bupresor. They have suffered to the control of the cont

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