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Hard But Unfair

We know just how Legislator LeGrand
(New Hanover) felt when he introduced
that bill to make Federal income taxes
a lawful deduction on State income tax
returns. Here a fellow goes and pays out
great hunks of taxes to the Federal Government, even unto the greater part
of his sustenance. He has been taxed
until it hurts, and he knows it. Then
he starts making out his State return,
and when he comes to taxes allowable
as a deduction, he finds this curt instruction:

No deduction will be allowed for gaso-line taxes, automobile licenses, registra-tion fees, inheritance, sales, gift and in-come taxes.

tion fees, inheritance, sales, gift and me-come taxes.

In an era when governments impose the heaviest tribute on income and pur-chases, the State of North Carolina bilithely continues to recognize almost nothing but local property taxes as a lien on living and having ones being. It ain't right, why, even the fore-fovernment, which to disallowing this fident when in detailing exemptions to the tunks, except is State income-taxes-paid as a prior charge on net income, thereby mollifying the victim some-what.

case for his bill, and will have a lot of rooters for it. But in the end, the point will be lost.

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For the fact is that North Carolina expects every tax source to produce so much money, the sum of which is essential to the balanced budget. To recognize Federal income taxes as a deduction would reduce by many million the revenue which State income taxes produce, and would entail, unavoidably, a higher income tax rate. That would be more equitable, in many cases. But it would cause a profonzed how! to go up from the taxpayers, who move only mutter once a year, and the State would have an issue on its hands instead of merely a gripe. merely a gripe,

A Fresh Start

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra has had its ups and downs for a good many years now, and there are probably others to come. But the recent change in conductors and the shifts on the board of directors indicate that something new is atoot, and were moved to hand out a little advice for which we make no charge.

Several things fraditionally have held the orchestra back: (1) tight control by one or two men, (2) a far too rigid emphasis and insistence on strictly "long, half" programs, (3) inadequate financing which has denied it the services of programs, (3) inadequate financing which has denied it the services of programs, (3) inadecons, (4) a poor public relations program, (5) fair, y amateurish performances, though this is probably an effect rather than a cause.

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The former director started the orchestra from scratch, brought it through
twelve very trying years. He deserves
enormous credit. But it was his orchestra in every sense of the word, and
therein lay the chief obstacle to its
flourishing.

Now it is Charlotte's orchestra. No one
can expect the new director. Guy S.
Hutchins, to work magic overnight. The
building and supporting of a symphony
orchestra takes time. Even the biggest
and best in this country are unable to
support themselves by the box office
slone and have to be subsidized privately. We think they're worth it.

The Charlotte orchestra's personnel

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The Charlotte orchestra's personnel
will be limited in number and quality
until the war is over. But it's not too
early to begin correcting some of the
past mistakes so that it eventually will
earry out its natural function. For a
symphony orchestra is a civic asset only
if. It is a good one—it must not only
offer enjoyable entertainment, but must
also lift the level of musical appreciation.

Toll Of Retreat

The casualty lists from Belgium which Americans had awaited in dread were find out about Charlie Charlies Charl

missing, and presumed prisoners of war.

And on the entire Western Front, embracing the four great American armies in action, only 4,033 men were listed as killed. The foul in wounded was 52,594 (and this, too, includes the whole front, and not just the battle of the bulge). That figure is depressing, and the picture it calls forth is dreadful—but we should count ourselves fortunate that bad-enough is not a great deal worse. In reireat, when a well-armed and pushing all enemy is breath earlier and properly in the state of the bulger and properly in the state of the bulger and properly in the state of the bulger. That the American powerful enemy is breather and the state of the state of

A touch of the old arrogance appears in Mussolint's latest hazaugue, at Milan. It must be that failure has gone to his head.

New Helmsman

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New Jersey's Rep. Edward J. Hast, successor to Martin Dies as chief Investigator of un-American affairs is none too well qualified for his post, we'd say.

One important fact in his favor, perhaps, is than he voted against perpanent establishment, of this committee. It that, seems dublous reasoning, remember that he was voting against the principle of a permainent livestigatory committee. — and perhaps against the Dies Committee as we're bake known it in the past, That, likeri alone, qualifies him as a promising chairman. He had voted regularly, from session to session, to continue the life of the Dies group, but on a temporary basis, under the constant surveillance of Congress.

Other than that, as has the approach of a Party caurus, and that of Mississippi's Rep. Rankin in particular, The blessing of that over-orthusiastic hivestigator scarcely qualifies as an asset, but well left it pass in order to get back to Hart himself at the passing the second of the continue that he had been assent to the continue that the passing of the over-orthusiastic hivestigator scarcely qualifies as an asset, but well left it pass in order to get back to Hart himself against most of the thing. It measures le wanted to fortify Guim, but was acainst extending military service to eighteen months. Bittin belliperent-port and combat-zone baus, establishing the War, lifting the arms embargo. But he voted for the Pulbright Resolution, and on the home front generally supported the war effort. In this field he voted for subsidies, against investigating the War, lifting the arms embargo. But he voted for subsidies, against investigating the War, lifting the arms embargo, But he voted for subsidies, against the field he voted for subsidies, against the effect al acancies, but voted acanist the Hatch Act banning "pernicious political activities."

A Democraf from Jersey City, he's surely a Haueu man and a Party man, His record to this point and his attitude toward the old Does committee in this session suggest that he will

The hot stuff aside, what did they ever find out about Charlie Chaplin? Was the guy any good as a drama

A Kina's Tender Love

For a long time Britain's King Henry VIII fall, or find a piace in your heart and affected to rid himself of his first wife. Cather-feeton.

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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WASHINGTON
Chreshold of his fourth term is no longer Harry
Hopkins, no longer Aman Dettilegr.
For about two years, Anna has been living at the
White House where she has come to be not only hostess, but ther father's confident, friend and
pointments, more and more private reports dealing with impriant policy
now pass through Anna's hands.
Sometimes during a conversation in
pick up the phone and call his daughter in the residence part of the White
House to sok her the status of a certain problem is pool health, a refreshling point of view, and her mother's
indefatigable energy. When she lived
in Seattle, where her husband, John
Intelligencer, Anna cellide the womans page, helped with
the paper generally and was a real asset.

Came the war, and John got a capitaln's commission
after attending the school for military government, later
going to Ruly. Now, however the probably next to Anna
and perhaps equal to Harry Hopkins in the President's
confidence.

Boettiger Watches

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Most people durie More it. but Bottleer, despite his
Army uniform, sat in on the famous White House dinner
just before the Chicase convention in July, where Mayor
Kelly of Chicago, Mayor Hague of Jersey Chty, Postmaster General Weblers and Chairman Bob Hamman
And Chairman House and Line Barry
Triuman for Vice-President.
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Cikinis, who later became Mrs. Jimmy, 6e he left for Mellyweed.

Later Franklin Jr., while studying law at the Unit versity of Virginia, was around the While House frequency of the property of the Mrs. Mrs. Jimmy, 18 was and the President has fallen back on his daughter, who perhaps even more than Jimmy, always has been the apple of his eye.

Negro Troops OK'd

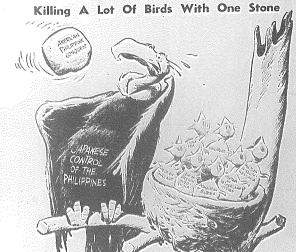
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Army uniform, sat in on the famous Nutile Home dinner place before the Chicago convention in Jule, where Mayor Laborate Cheryold Walker and Chairman Bob Hamngan persuaded PDR to shelve Henry Walker and take Barry Truman for Vice-President.

Boettiger, still in the Army, keeps out of the lime limbel, 151 seem much around Washington, but it very much in the limer consums as much or more than the State Deciparments.

For years, the President cherished the idea that one of his sons might work with him at the White House, Cambridge to act as Administrative Assistant to the President without stairs, But Jump and Laborate Cast, including a bapaultul narse he met at the Mayor.



The Plight Of Stricken Norway

By Marquis Childs

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3. Lingling, important air base, fell with fittle opposition,

4. Wenchow, scaport south of
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direct route to western Japan's
heavy industry assenate.

5. Collapse of Merrill's Marau-ders from Illuess, fatigue, disease

occupation would do. The Nor-wegion people had not started, but they were close to the line.

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Our Losses In China

By James R. Young

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the Burma-India sector.

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Japan's fortification of 550 shifted buildings and supplies, reduces our land based attacks on Formosa, Japan's fortification of 50 miles.

Japan's fortification of 50 miles and 10 miles.

The Japa have Buildaled us in

The Japa have liquidated us in Chim. They have crushed Chimas resistance. Any pause in activity is to mass fresh strength and push further inland. Japan's regested.

supplies.

The Chinese soldier is not blamed. He has capacity and willingness. He fought with our weapons and trained ander some



"While you were bombing the Japs we had some ex-citement ourselves—he took his first steps and pulled a set of dishes off the dining room table!"

The German Mind

By Dorothy Thompson

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Swapping Prisoners

By Hal Boyle

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T. Sgt. Gen D. D. Weaver of Silver
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EVACUATE CASUALTIES

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