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In One Swoop

An emphaic sign of the extent and amount of income tax frauds and black market transactions is contained in President. Trumans statement on the abbiect and the Tressury's official interest in, transactions involving currency in denominations of \$50,00 and up. When the President of the United Blates directs the Civil Service Commission to solicit 10,000 additional investigators for the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and allows himself to be directly quoired as basying that the cases of tax-revision are "Truly shocking," the Oovernment must be exceedingly prefurbed.

Back in 1932-1933 when banks were Back in 1832-1933 when banks were falling generously, money in circulation fore from about 4.5 billions to 5.7. This was cause for alarm. Actually, money in circulation was money out of circula-tion. It had gone from bank accounts to lockboxes, mattresses and the old-sock. But look now.

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Money in icrulation has reached the incredible total of 26 billions of dollars. The business boom and free use of eash-instead of credit would have justified a substantial increase, but nothing like-this. The excess explains why the Treasury has moved to require financial agencies to record all transactions in bills of \$50.00 and over, It aims to find out who holds bills of larce denomination.

onlis of \$80.00 and over, it aims to find out who holds bills of large denominations, where he got them and if his stile to them is clear.

Honest people will wish the sleutls luck, and be gind, perhaps, to tip them off to any suspicious circumstances. But it is a might big job to track down any substantial part of 26 billions in cursubstantial part of 26 billions in currency. Perhaps, in the end, we shall be driven to the expedient that France invoked to nullify the value of French currency (sulficases of 10 taken by their former hosts, the Nazis, and their stooges. What France did was simply to require that on a given date everyone bring in his old bills and exchange them, provided he could show a clear title, for new bills.

Is there a second to the motion?

A Hangover

Can it be that we will have the censor with us forever, now that we have pleked him up during war? Big Three leadership has found him such a comforting fellow, and so prolific. We bore on him heavily during the unfolding of our offensive against Germany, which was proper, As a device for promoting military accurity the censor served us well.

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But somewhere down the line our leadership discovered that the censor could also be used in matters of policy, which had nothing to do with security—at least not military security. Then the censor became a political weapon.

At this moment almost everything in Europe is obscured by the censor's screen. The stringent Russian methods of press control have been advanced over Europe as far as the Elbe; we knownthing of what is going on in Russian-occupied or Russian-dominated countries. Behind British censorship in Italy and Greece other developments are hidden. There is, for example, the cuttous and incomplete story of just why Socialist Pietro Nenni was arrested for speaking to a clamoring audience of speaking to a clamoring audience of workers which waylaid him in the

workers which waylaid nim in the streets.

But leat Americans puff up with right-eous indignation at any such high-handedness, we might consider our own contribution to the sprading fog. Only recently did SHAFF ann unce an end to news restrictions in Europe except those covering actual military affairs.

to news restrictions in Europe except those covering actual military affairs. It was well ended; the policy was indefensible with the end of the war. But there are still complaints.

One correspondent says that U. S. writters are denied access to Nazi papers of all kinds. Another says that photographers were barred fron. Berchlesgaden after a U. S. general had been pictured talking with Marshal Kresslring over a bottle of wine. Another complained that correspondents had to queetion Julius Streicher, the Jew-baiter and slaughterer, through a U. S. of-

ficer, and were forbidden to ask ques-tions concerning the Jews. This, too, is tions concerning the Jews. This, too, is indefensible censorship. We seem to have fallen into a war-time habit. It must soon be broken.

OPA & Profits

At a time when Congressional war parties are closing in on the Office of Price Administration, and citizens are freely piling the blame for each and every shortage on this sugency, Administrator Chester Bowles rises to deliver a statement on the profits of American industry during the war.

They have been pretty terrific, he says, speaking from what he calls the most detailed study on the subject. He makes these points:

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1. Corporate profits before laxes in
1943 were about three and a half times
greater than in 1939. After (axes) they
were more than double those of '39. (Department of Commerce figures).

2. In 1944 profits before taxes rose an additional 2-1-2 per cent over '43, and after taxes were about the same as in '43, despite increased tax rates.

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3. In the first quarter of this year earnings of all corporations, both before and after taxes, were slightly below last year's level. But profits of most price-controlled industries continued to rise.

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Mr. Bowles says that the contuning rise in profits of industries under price control regulations is due to increased production while the volume of strictly war industries is leveline off. The statement is apparently intended to answer critics who have servamed that business is being sacrificed. He also answers the charge that small business has suffered, saying. "This statement is also inaccurate." Department of Commerce charts show that unincorporated business profits doubled between 1939 and 1944, and in addition accounted for a larger proportion of total sales. He admiss that many individual firms have had difficulties, and that war is never fair, that anti-indiation programs.

have had difficulties, and that war is never fair, that anti-indiation programs cannot be painless. But the gain of bur-iness during war time, as compared with the 60 per cent of all corporations which were in the red in 1964-30, seems sat-ficient evidence to support his ejain that OPA, in controlling mices, has not sought to squeeze profits instead.

Train In Peace?

Yesterday the House committee on post-war military pelley commenced hearings on legislation for compulsory military training—and thus opened a battle which will undoubtedly be long and furious.

battle which will undoubtedly be long and furious. Yesterday, too, the Soviet Union, despite the fact that it is at peace after a gruefling conflict lasting six years in all, called up youth of 15 and 16 for military training. And General Prontin, Defense Commissar, announced that Russian military training would be on "an even higher, level" than during the war

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President Rossevelt came out strong-ly for peace-time-military training several times. As a matter of fact, the conscription law while his in effect today was the first peace-time national conscription in our history, coming as it did fifteen months before Pearl Harbor. And the memory of our soldiers reaction to that conscription with "Over 1 tion to that conscription (with "Over The Hill In October" a familiar slogan)

The Hill In October" a familiar slogany yet lingers.
Supporters of post-war military training believe that legislation is necessary right now, before the public forgets the lessons of this war, and return spain to the lethargy from which we sitred so late. Opponents, realizing that the plan will have less chance after the defeat of Japan, urge that we wait and see just how adequate is the machinery set up to administer and enforce the peace. We must, we suppose, make the decision soon, and the present state of afters in the world argues strongly for every measure of preparedness. It is interesting to reflect that, in 1920, a profession for the present state of the present state of the control of the control of the state of

every measure of preparedness. It is in-teresting to reflect that, in 1820, a pro-gram of military training was proposed, to but killed by a Senate amendment to make it voluntary. If we train at all, after this war, it must be compulsory training.

Statesmen At World

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record)

Team to the MF RANKIN Miss. I want to ray to the gentleman from Tease that during the last war we were all treader able. Now go and nee who is setting all the food today, who is getting the meat and who is being detailed. Look at the black markers which are being Cook at the black markers which are being MF. PATTAN TEASE. A life trust. MF. PATTAN TEASE. A life trust. MF. PATTAN TEASE. A life trust. MF. PATTAN I Last the meat about the formal business may lot the country MF. PATTAN AD. During the last war single.

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The inside story of how the Army and Navy are burning up Japan's main cities, block by block, may now be revealed at least in part.

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British insistence that the United States pay tolis on troops and war supplies shipped through the Suez Canal continues to rankle in high places.

Landon's explanation is that Suez is uni British-Gardina explanation in that Suez is uni British Canalons. 'The British own about 44 per cent of the stock, the French 32 per cent and the Dutch the balance.' However, U. S. officials don't accept the idea of the stock is the French 32 per cent and the British Gardina and the British Gardina and one of the famous events in the reise of Goyen Victoria was Disardis bold stroke in barrowing 1500,000 pounds streling in the name of the for the Government, and one of the famous events in barrowing 1500,000 pounds streling in the name of the for the Government and supplies of Canal stock.

However, in order to get around the British stream continuational own-stup of Suez. Washington on Suez tolls equivalent to the ownership of Suez. Washington on Suez tolls equivalent to the ownership of British stock in other wors. If the British own 44 per cent of Suez stock, thes would reduce canal tolls to American wastered to the Suez tolls be given us on revelse lend-lease equal to ownership of Suez tolls by French Mock, or about 32 per cent. Buth refused.

Note—Now that we are shipping troops and supplies from Europe through Suers to the Pacific war, Canal colls run into millions. British wer ausplies going through the Panama Canal get free tolls under lend-lease.

America's No. 1 Heel

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Nazi-U. S. Cartels

Tolks wouldn't think I'm such a bad guy after all."

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That Proves It



Mann of The Magic Mountain

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"Well we'll take you there and covered them broadly, who don't like his points. We should be say like has done lately, that we know that he is a great writer."

WASHINGTON

WE here in America are honoring Thomas Mann on line 76th burthday. This is in recognition of the formation of the formation of the same out of Germany, only of the same Germany that has preduced the thorons of Dachan and Belsen. I blink it is important to remain that today.

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everybody's histories. The complacent "it can't happen
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"You missed your calling. Mom—the way you can pretty up your face in a few minutes, I bet you'd be a swell artist on canvas."

Italy's Politics -

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Workers' Mutiny

By Samuel Grafton

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