# Gratitude, In Chocolate

THE Hershey bar, the boxed bon bon and the chocolate cake are about to become victims of British socialism and Brazilian democracy, sacrificed in the war we fought for world freedom. The cocoa bean is bying squeezed by a brace of the pretitest little monopolies you ever saw, and as a result well begin to see our chocolate dainties in museums only. Out now the beans are going for 49 cents a pound; we bought em for five cents a pound; we bought em for five cents a poind in 1939. If other prices had jumped at that rate, we'd be buying wheat at \$10 a bushel, butter at \$3.50 a pound, eggs at \$3.20 a dozen and round steak at \$3.50 a pound.

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Our candy makers, among others, are in a tizzy. They've aiready spread chocolate coatings so thin that they're transparent, and added a few cents to the retail price and added a few cents to the retail price sight, they're Atrough. They fear that consumers will not pay the heavy freight when the price rise reaches them—and they're aiready having trouble selling candy by the pound at \$1.25, which was 60 cents before the war.

The British and Brazilians are giving us

the business. In British West Africa and Brazil are grown three-fourths of the world's occas beans. During the war the British took the cocca supply out of private hands, and the Government took over. With a monopoly under tight control, they began to kick up the price, and customers gan to kick up the price, and customers of the price of th When Brazil saw Americans taking it, they had an inspiration themselves. The Bra-zilian Government now has a monopoly of

rilian Government now has a monopoly of its own.

With the price about ten times as high as in pre-war days, the nickel candy bar is doomed, and so are other cheap American chocolate products. There's only one hope: American buyers haven't begun to take high-priced cocos on the recently opened market, and they may be able to hold out long enough to break the monopoly. Remembering the finesse with which the British milked us with a crude rubber monopoly after the last war, however, our chances look alim indeed. Of course lit's all among United Nations, and strictly between frends. Maybe this is what they meant by reverse lend-lease.

## The Job Is Still Tough

AMID congratulations which are being justly showered upon the new members of the city Parks & Refereation warning. The seven new members appointed at the climax of a long running fight between city Hall and the old Commission are about to tackle one of the loughest of our municipal problems. They will discover that the resigned Commission faced almost instrmountable difficulties, and that it was forced to the most nigardly kind of husbandry to stretch an inadequate budget over a great need.

They will discover shortly just what it means that Charlotte budgets about the same amount for recreation as the ordinary city of 25,000 people. They may soon get some relief from ABC store profits, but will find that those want solve their problem.

We wish the seven well, and confidently await their first moves to break the old dilemma which has always beset City recreation profess here: bot little money to provide the common property of the common pr

gave itself to the recreation program. We expect the new regime to follow that pat-

# South Carolina Hangover

NOT in all the troubled history of South

Anging on the shelves. Customers are
hot so eager, nor so numerous, these days.

Berywhere they look, there is the threat
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forces fill a \$100,000 war chest to fight, for
local option.

To try and ease the back-breaking tax
load, dealer and wholesaler allke is planning to test the validity of the State's gross
profits tax in the courts. That may be a
long process, and will certainly be expensive. Meantime, liquor dealers all over the
state, in whatever phase? of the business,
are harried by older, higher-priced stocks

It as dark day for the private liquor
forces of South Carolina. It would be
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## Now You See It, Now . . . .

THE, way to run a genuine bl-partisan foreign policy, it appears, is to ig one day and zag the next. Or that's the way it looks from this distance, as the American course wavers and doubles back in apparent confusion before a bristing and belligerent Russia. No American, we suppose, has been comfortable since we first entered the twilight zone marked by the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan. This week, unless we're badly confused ourselves, the State Department three veryone off the track.

The sanswer may lie in the devious ways of world diplomacy for all we know; we or we were sweating with the Balkan problems, straining to check Russian Influence with a little pressure here and a little there, we made some noisy doubletalk about Bulgaria, that shining ittle democracy where trouble has often been brewed. In United Nations assembly we were more than where we've been, down a formore than where we've been, down a lor-more than where we've betten, down a lor-more than where we've betten the family of nations—and winning. We were charging Russian domination of their government in the most unfaiton of their government in the m

In United Nations assembly we were sniping at the Bulgars, fighting their ac-

The answer may lie in the devious ways of world diplomacy for all we know; we hope it does. All we know now is that the singular bit of byplay, viewed beside our general attitude of resistance to Russia and our outpouring of arms into Greece, makes very little sense indeed. When our foreign policy gets where it's going, if it ever does, perhaps we will understand the mysterious days-to-day moves. But we suspect that more than where we've been, down a tortuous, winding trail of expediency.

From The New York Times

### October Lights The Fires

BLOND Octobes comes striding over the hills wearing a crimson shirt and faded green trousers. His morning breath is the mist in the valleys, and at evening there are stars in his eyes, a waxing moon over his shoulder, and the cool whisper of valley breeze in his vylce. He comes this way to light the fire? Or. Autumn in the maple groves, to put a final polish on the late winesays, to whiste a farewell to Summer and set the foxes-to barking and tell the owis that now they can ask their eternal quiestions.

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October might be called a god of travel,
if we were to fashion a new mythology; for
now come the perfect days to get out and
wander the hills and valleys of these latitudes. The scene changes from day to day,
as though all the color in the spectrum
were being spilled across the landscaperadiant blue of the sky and the lakes and
ponds reflecting it, green of every tone in
the conflers and in the reluctant oaks, yellows verging from sun shimmer to moon
or ange in the elins, the beeches, the
maples, and reds-that range to purplish
nowns, sumac and dogwood and maple and
oak and sour gum and sasafras and viburnum. There is the indigo of fox grapes,
if you know where to find them.

October is colorful, it is exploerant, it is
full of lively spirit. Spring fever can't hold

a candle to October fever, when it comes to inner restlessness. The birds are on the wing, the leaves are footloose and eager for a breeze, the horizon is a challenge that amounts to an insidious summons. Liste closely and you can hear. October, that fellow in the crimson shirt, whistling a soft melody that is as old as Autumn upon this earth.

Davidson College hasn't a football player from north of Norfolk. Well, boys, for all of us you may feel free to give them Yankees hell a-coming and a-gwine. — Greensboro Daily News.

High prices are forcing some mothers to cut down drastically on their children's milk supply. Does this come under the head of "veluntary" rationing?—Christian Science Monitor.

Fashion note: Women's dresses will be longer this season but there will be little change in men's pants pockets.—Arkansas Gazette.

The reason there are women bandits in New Orleans probably is that there are too many such jobs for the men to fill.—New Orleans States.

'Hold Everything Till After The Election, Fellows'



### People's Platform

# Church Loyalty Sunday

unanimously
Other denominational alliances of ministers which
we held their meetings since then have also enprised it and many of the churches have indicated
tell intention to co-operate in this observance. The
sals of Church Loyalty Sunday are:

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1. That our devotion to Christ will be greatly increased.
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#### What Russia Offers

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no collective bargaining.

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ever recorded. Does Stalin ever go in rags to market
to buy writer has the wine has to wrap in paper he
stupidity, powerty and fifth so rampant as it, is in
Russia. And people are actually trying to sell that
them are falling for it.

Americans, be on guard,
and whenever Communism strikes at you, strike,
back hard. Let's have more Patrick Henrys and
leace could go to Russia. No one is forcing him to
stay here.

—MRS. E. RICHEY.

-MRS. E. RICHEY.

#### Hot Southern Blood CHARLOTTE

Editors. The News:

I'VS not that I object so much to Adm. Bull-Halsey
doing a little nipping (although guzzling would
seem to be a better word).

And in view of his victorious career, I can even
corrobot the admiral's stupid and irresponsible remark that, in general, he nevel trusted a fighting
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that Robert E. Lee, Jeb Stuart and Stonewall Jackson
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to boil!
But, what can you expect from a paper with a Midwestern editor and a Yankee publisher?
WOTE: The inference was R. F. LOVE.
Cocasional nipoling had little to do with winning wars and it came from a hot-blooded Southerner on the next desk).

#### **Enough Of Burkholder**

CHARLOTTE

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount il. Communications possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscenity will be deleted—otherwise anything one. Back letter must be signed although, in exceptional cases and upon request, Tax News.

#### Marquis Childs

# Italy's Labor Giant

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Party have claimed a membership up to \$,000,000 make it the largest party in Europe. They actually may have \$300,000 mode on the largest party in Europe. They actually may have \$300,000 mode on the largest party in Europe. They actually may have \$300,000 mode on the largest party in Europe. They actually may have \$300,000 mode on the largest party in Europe. They actually may have \$300,000 mode on the largest party in Europe. They actually may have \$300,000 mode on the largest party in Europe. They actually may have \$300,000 mode on the largest party in Europe. They actually not party to the largest party in Europe. The is big. with thick shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, with thick shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, with thick shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, with thick shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, with thick shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, between the communiate. The shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, but have been actually actually the shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, but with the shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, but with the shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, but with the shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, but with the shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, but with the shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, but with the shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, but with the shoulders and a big head with a shock of black hair, but with a shock of blac

# Stewart Alsop

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# Drew Pearson's: Tom Clark On Spot In Wall St. Cases

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three have divorced themselves from their Wall Street firms,
there is no doubt in the anions of Washinston officialism
sideration to any suggestions made by them.

For some months the Justice Department has been holding a grand Jury investigation of Wall Street investment
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