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Meavy Price

Our Planes Fall Like Flies. But Prove the End Is Coming

As the Continent takes heavier and heavier poundings from combined Brit-lsh and American plane fleets, the Germans are forced into a new tactic. From here on out the raiders will be forced to pay heavily for their smashes at Ger-man cities and German industry. The Luftwaffe, having spent a great many months in hiding, has at last come out for the theory of defense, in line with the Nazi armies and its leaders.

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Proof of that reasoning is to be found
in the casualty figures of recent days.

The RAF and the U. S. Air forces have In the casualty figures of recent days. The RAF and the May and the Code and the Co

au their hopes in the nimble fighters to prevent complete devastation of their war machine. As Britain did in 1940, so Germany does now, and that fact alone is proof enough that the end is in sight.

For a fashionable Summer tint, what's the matter with Von Arnim purple— suggested by the apoplectic general of the same name, on being told to come along quietly?

More Plans

City's Own Program Compares Favorably With Any for Future

That file opened this week by City Manager R. W. Flack looked particularly appealing, almost like a Christmas present opened before its time. To Char-lotteans who plan to remain Charlotteans it looked like the outline of an ideal future; even in the figures one could see a new and better city arising. The survey itself, made almost two years The survey itself, made almost two years ago by that excellent public servant, City Treasurer L. L. Ledbetter, in conjunction with a U. S. engineer, calls for an outlay of almost eleven and a half milliona—but for that money, the City will be virtually reborn. The street-widening program, the new library, the health building, the sanitary, police and parks improvements, the construction of underpasses and a were atmort, are chief topins of the

tary, police and parks improvements, the construction of underpasses and a new airport are chief points of the program offereds by the City government. It is a foregone conclusion that a great many of those points will be adopted by the Chandtote Planning Committee—with the addition of sovera. There will be in addition, for example, an attempt to replace the old-fashioned Southern Railway Station, and to make its approaches safe for predestrians; a move for an uptown auditorium, probably on the County-owned site at Third and Tryon. There will also be a move for rest stations provided by the City in the business section, for the complete overing of Sugaw Creck, and the rebuilding of tis "blighted" areas.

The pleas of the Planning Committee that its four first-named objectives be placed in the City budget should be

that its four first-named objectives be placed in the City budget should be heard; we trust some provision will be made for them in the preparation of that budget this month (sewage improve-ments, health building, city boulevard and closing Sugaw Creek). If no pro-vision is made, then the Administration

The Chairman

We Suggest Ben Douglas To Head Aviation Body

If we're not out of order, we'd like to enter the nomination of Ben Douglas as chairman, of the recently-named State Aeronautical Commission. Governor Broughton named only members of the body, and announced no chairman. So far as we can see, Mr. Douglas is the man for the job.

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His wide experience in dealing with civic affairs, especially as regards aviation, fits him for the task of heading such an important agency. He is also the one man on the commission who has no ties with the aviation industry or politics. He is known as a promotion man for aviation, and not as a company executive or political string-puller. That is not to say that Ben Douglas is not a politician, for he will be a good one to the end of his days; it is enough that is, so to speak, an unattached politician at present.

His residence in the largest city of

His residence in the largest city of the Carolinas is still another recommenthe Carolinas is still another recommendation, for his presence in the center of the section's traffic will be a vital asset. His national contacts, including some valuable ones in Washington, will do North Carolina no harm if he is chosen to serve as head of the commissioners.

sion.

We can think of no reason why such a man, owing allegiance to neither aviation corporation nor political body, could not become a great success as key man in an enterprise so important to the future welfare of the State. At any rate, we advance his name as our choice for the job which will become bigger and bigger with the passing years.

Ase Error

House Committee Spurns NYA Because It Knows No Better

When the House Appropriations Com-mittee, by a one-vote margin, turned thumbs down on the National Youth Administration and threw it to an un-Administration and threw it to an uncertain fate on the floor, the national war effort suffered a definite setback. The result of ignorance of NYA's present program and blind partisan politics may well be that a most valuable New Deal agency will go out of existence at the end of the month. If that comes to pass, the Committee will have been guilty of a national disservice by a vote of IT-15 merely because it disdained to investigate. The Committee doubliess has the same outdated idea of NYA as that held by the general public; it was, in fact, clearly

general public; it was, in fact, clearly stated by Representative Grant, a Re-publican from Indiana, who declared: "NYA is an agency that has outlived its usefulness and become another tool in the hands of New Deal social experi-menters."

We believe no man can be certain of

We believe no man can be certain of the actual value of a sprawling agency like NYA to the nation, but we are morally certain that the House Committee had it all wrong, that it dealt with the problem carelessly, Investigation would have shown, for example, that some \$50,000 highly-trained boys and girls (welders, woodworkers, metal workers, smiths, machine operators) have gone or will go to war industry this wear.

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NYA hasn't been a relief agency since war came, not at all. It has been, of its own volition, a war agency, and has operated as such. If Representative Crant can picture the pouring of some 800 trained young workers into war industry every day as "social experiment," he's too much for us. Death its commentation of the comment of t

Having sunk a hospital ship, the tire-less Jap must think up some new de-pravity. Any resemblance of this char-acter to a human being is entirely in-advertent.

A picture page shows a zoo bear fitted with eyeglasses. It was felt that bruin was missing some of the odder-looking visitors.

Thumbs are no good. Photos after

No Soft Snap

Bombs Over Germany

By Raymond Clapper

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND

A MERICAN bomber and fighter pilote oberatling out of England with whom I have talked while the state of England with whom I have talked while called the state of the state o

the time.

Mal-Gen. Ira C. Eaker reports that the Eighth Air Force is expanding rapidly and will double its size between now and October. Fucl, evers, bombs and maintenance are adequately cordinated. All this is a better gauge than the continuation of the continuati

win the war.

The quality of American bomber crews is being demonstrated. I have met numbers of these men who are finishing the required number of missions, which means they will be relieved for instruction work back home. Most of them have carried their missions through without protection of fighter planes. At one heavy-homber station I met a Liberator pilot, Lieutenant David Arnold, Just after he had halv been in Los Angeles. We has completed 22 missions, and with good luck will soon be graduated out.

These men in their early '20s take heavy ships out without fighter protection and fight their way to their targets and back. Ask them what they think about on the way over, and they answer that they think about how to fight their way back to England. Their formations

within range must stand the fire of many machine runs, semetimes mere than a handle.

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Some Ab Force men with whom I talked said they believed it would be better if our bombers had long-range flighter escort to the targets and back. They say enemy fighters hover around to begin their states while row bombers are frozen on their bemb run ever the target. The Nail pilots often flight in their own flak. They also hover to pounce en stragglers crippled by flisk.

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American bombers could be excerted on most missions by P-38s, the twin-engine Lightaings. These are the only fighters having califeient range. But we are using most of our Lightaings in Africa now, cleaning here on the new P-41 Thunderbolt, which is an excellent allitude fighter but lacks the range to accompany deep bombing missions.

If we are going to rely on bombing to break Cermany's back in preparation for invasion, the case made by our airmen for more protection of this vital weapon seems unanswerable.

About Time To Use Dynamite

-By Dorman Smith



What's Truth?

There Is No More

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK

AH. TRUTH. Guth, what is fruit? Truth, say a number of commentators, is that air power will will like war; look at Pantellera. They write their stories from Thinkia, which was overcome by land stories from Thinkia, which was overcome by land Pantellera. says an observer. After all, lapan is an island, just like the Italian fortress. And the shades of a hundred RAF filters, heroes of the Battle of Britain, silr, as they listen to the theory that islands are peculiarly succeptible of air conquest.

are peculiarly susceptible to air conquest. What is truth? Truth, says the New York World Telegrach, is that Mr. Hoover handled the food problem better in the last war than we are in that war. He negtects to meution that sugar sold for 25 cents a pound on the white market during the last war; or, rather, that the whole country was one big black market, Truth is one quare inch of the side of the elephant; pick the market of the side of the side of the side of the country was one big black market. Truth is one quare inch of the side of the elephant; pick the air three ways the rest of the side of the

Ab, truth. What is truth? Truth is the argument that we ought to let food prices rise, instead of having Governmen, food subsidies, because the public pays, "anyway," in either case. Always beware of the word 'anyway," It is the most dangerous word in the language.

We would only have to pay subsidies to the perhaps five or ten per cent of hard-up marginal producers in each field, whereas a general price rise lifts the prices obtained by all the producers, whether the year already carriing a profit or not general price increase, already formally adopted by several Senators, gives subsidies to those who do not need them, as an alternative to giving subsidies to those who do not need them, as an alternative to giving subsidies to those who do

What is fruith? Truth is the renewed isolationist attack on the Atlantic Charter and the Four Fredoms, as a lot of "star-gazing" monabline. The world han't ready for these ideals, say they, in a hot radio and the four freedy for these ideals, say they, in a hot radio and the four freedy for the same and the four freedy for the factor of the factor of

Truth is the same commentator, beneating the lack of unity among the French in Africa, which, he says, holds up the war affort. But which, he says, holds up the war affort. But to complete the says, holds up the war affort. But to our policy. Here he holds blandly over the to our policy. Here he holds blandly over the top of his spectacles; as at a natural phenomenon in which we had no share. Our policy had only to do with the conquest of Afficis, in which to do with the conquest of Afficis in which had nothing to de with either Darkin or Giraud.

Truth is a startled American reporter putting in single sentence, without comment (as if he were little afraid of it) his discovery that the bulk of a little afraid of it) his discovery that the bulk of the French soldiers in Africa are pro-de Gaulle. The truth that we needed Giraud has been living on Page I for six months, but this last truth is a sin-gle sentence on Page 4. Ah, truth, truth! What is truth? Truth is every-thing you believed five years ago, reissued with a fing on its cover. Truth is a free ride on the back of events. Truth as footnote, wagging the book. Truth is the thing you shave in the morning.

Visitin' Around

(Shady Grove item. Lexington Dispatch) Lexington Dispatch)

Jerry Clodfelter has purchased a very flue team of sorrel horses and will help produce food for victory, last Monday.

FLASH:

Miss Moselle Strickland visited Miss Pauline Bunn recently. Ron Ami. We Reckon

Bible Thought

Grenada, Miss. She will be gone several weeks.

Maybe He Just Misplaced Her

Forerunners Of Henry Kaiser

Henry Kalser
(Twenty Years Ago,
Lexington Dispatch)
Miss Leis Ware, home econor
teacher at the high school,
nounces an exhibit of articles m
by her students tomorrow af
noon.

God loves us beyond all words,
But He does not want to spoil
us. He is a wise as well as a
louing Father. Like as a father.

Side Glances



"We ought to keep the old town like it was when the boys went to war, so if the people want me, I'm willing to run for mayor again!"

Big Pinpoint

Is Sicily Next?

THE heavy bombardment of Sicily is similar to that which resulted in the surrender of Pantelleria and Lampedusa. Change in the ownership of Sicily would be no exception in the tunultuous history of the largest Island in the Mcditerranean. Few areas in the world have changed hands so often.

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The Strails of Messina, which separate Sicily from the mainland, are only 2 1-4 miles wide at one peint, with a maximum of
12 miles, and at one time Sicily was obviously part of the maintand
of Europe. Deforestation has made the island less fertile than when
forest, Carthaquina, and Reman fought for possession, and many
of the Italians who emigrated to the United Sisters were Sicilians
of the Black Hand and the Siaffa, but well before the outbreak of the present war organized lawlessness had been ended. The
rainy easons last from November to March. In the dry season the
sirocco, dry wind from Africa, is oppressive. The chief mineral deposit is sulphur.

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At the dawn of history the inhabitants of Sicily seem to have been the Sicani, probably an Iberian race. Then came the Siculi from Italy, giving the Island its present name, then the Phoenicians. Beginning with the eighth century B. C. Greek colonised the Island, which still contains fine examples of Greek temples in the early Doric style. Then came the Carthagnians, who were driven out by the Romans, Sicily was the first Roman colony.

With the distincturation of the Roman Empire, Sicily was occupied by Vandais, who were also give the Sicily was completely the Sicily of the Roman Empire but in the aith tentury the Island was overrun by Saracens, who enslaved many of the Christians.

thristians. In the latter part of the eleventh century Normans occupied southern Italy, including Naplea, and in 1972, sinder Counter Regir, undertook the conquest of Sichly. They have long-time the conquest of Sichly. They have been supported to the conquest of Sichly. They have been supported to the conquest of the

an Englishman.

For several centuries the sovereignty of Sicily and southern Italy was shifted around among various rulers, including Holy Romen February the whom was buried at Paternon, in the lithireanth century the result of the result o

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it 6 Austria in exchange for Sardinia in 1720, when the Two Sicilies
became part of the Austrian dominions. Spain reconquered both
Sicily and southern Italy in 1734. They were ruide separately by
Spanish Bourbon ruiter, as kings of the Two Sicilies, except during
the Napoleonic Wars, when southern Italy was a vassal of Napoleon.

In 1868 Sichut revoluted.

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In 1880 Bicily revolted against Bourbon oppression, and an expedition under Garibald, setting out from Genoa, drove out the Napoleon troops. Garibaldi's force then crossed over to the mainland, conquering Naples, and Sicily and southern Haly were made part of the kingdom of Haly being organized out of various Italian provinces.—Editorial Recearch Report.

La Maeterlinck

An Inspiration

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he matter of refugees in the United States.

The Countes and her husband, Count Maurice Macterlinek, world-renowned playrright, denanctit, mysile, noet, philosopher, author, lecturer, field to this country in July, 1960.

There this United States very deeply," said the Countess, who tooks young an initiality and claiks tail philosophy with a purring myself, but I speak from the bottom of our hearts who I say this this is the only heaven left in the world.

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We are really week-end guesta in heaven, for I believe that when things are all attelle we no doubt will go home to Europe. Many will gusty here, but many, like us, will return to their native lands after this goings usine in the United States.

"There are two things that warm, the hearts of refugees in this country; We are made to feel, oh, so very welcome here; we realise that the fate of all Europeans and European countries is in America's hands.

lea's hands.

Only one thing makes me very sad: In Florida I saw a billboard with all the flags of the Allies on it and the flag of France was missing. I felt that was not right. The Government may have changed some, but the French people, the brave heart of France, and the French nation have not changed. The spirit of Joan of Arc is still three."

Count and Countess Masterlinck returned recently from a four-menth stay in Florida, and are at home again in their suite at the Hotel Plans. While in Florida Count Masterlinck wrote another book, his memoirs, which will be published in the Fall. It is dided Life of the Bites Birds, Biles Birds being his most fances plan. "It rap my husbend into writing that book," and the Countess voice inhield merily, "I trap him as a cut would a mouse. I ask him ques-tions. I make him answer me. Then pretty soon he's writing a book, Since we came to this country, my husbend has writine four plays, two books, two one-act plays. I think that he is wonderful, for Junk know he is 69 years old. Edu. sh, he is such a young man in spink know

Ouote, Unquote

The armed forces will get as much oil and gasoline an hey need. There is no use in anyone kidding anyone else about it—supplies avail—she for definition will be talled for the she for definition and in the she for definition and in the she for definition and depression.