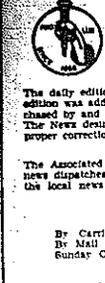


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No Exemption
Free Enterprise, as Free Men
Must Enlist or Be Drafted

Seems to us that Mr. Wilkie is manufacturing thunder and lightning about the amendment to the
Conscription Bill authorizing the Government to take over plants needed for
defense. We don't believe he will set
very far by acting upon his intention to
make that one of the issues in the cam-

It is undoubtedly true that there is a
radical bloc in Congress which would not
be above using war or preparation
against war as an excuse to "socialize"
and socialize our system of free enter-
prise. A good bit of this talk about
conscripting wealth probably concerns
plans that design.

But on the other hand the great body
of American opinion, and in all likeli-
hood the majority opinion in Congress,
is heartily in favor of compelling free
enterprise to make the same sacrifices,
where essential in the interest of na-
tional defense as are required of free
men. There is no special privilege that
certain industry from being ordered to
drop what it is doing, whether that be
manufacturing for the profitable British
war trade or making lollipops for Lith-
uanians, and turning to the production
of goods that support the war effort.

In A Walk
City Has Murder Crown For
Year Practically in Bag

The murder rate in the United States
for the first six months of 1940 fell off
six per cent as compared with the same
period in 1939, according to the semi-
annual report of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation. But not in Charlotte.

Last year's total of murder cases for
the Queen City was 35, of which only
twelve were checked up in the first six
months of the year. But the total for
the first half of 1940 was 21. If the same
rate holds for the last half of the year,
the gain over 1939 will be 20 per cent.

Atlanta, usually the closest contender,
can show only 48 murders for the first
six months, though it has three times
as many murders as Charlotte. For
close last year, it trailed badly with only
twelve murders for more than half again
as many people as Charlotte.

Miami, which also ran us hard in 1939,
has 21 for nearly twice our population.
Birmingham, Memphis, Dallas, Houston
and all other cities are out of the
running. New Orleans, with approxi-
mately five times our population, had
twenty murders. Richmond had ten,
Norfolk eight.

Secret Mission
We Observe Paul Revere
On Important Business

What warning it was Paul Revere had
to deliver we don't know. At first we
thought it was that Hitler had landed
at Charleston and was proceeding on his
dashback plans. But if it is being
kept a deep dark secret from us by the
war services.

To truth, he did not look the part. He
had back teeth, and he was distinctly
unimpressive. It was had been asked
for our opinion as to his proper destiny.

Treason Guy
It Ought To Be Used With
Caution and Exactness

Governor Healy told his audience at
Mini Hill Friday that.

"Congress ought to outlaw the Communist
Party, the German Nazi Bund and
every other subversive element in the
country. We must have national
unity in America and enlist our own
dividual spirit, anti communist or otherwise."

That will undoubtedly command en-
thusiastic popular approval. But nec-
essarily because of that, it deserves to
be re-emphasized that this sort of thing
ought to be undertaken only with the
greatest caution.

A good case can be made out for the
necessity of outlawing the Communist
Party and the Bund. Both undoubtedly
represent foreign conspiracies for the
sabotaging of the defense of this coun-
try and its ultimate overthrow. Both
work, not by argument but by cunning
efforts to create chaos, and both look
ultimately to the use of force to estab-
lish their rule over the great body of
the American people, who hate them
and their ideologies.

Nevertheless, the history of attempts
to suppress such organizations indicates
that they always bob back up under
other guises. And in each whatever
the case, the Bund and Communist
between the right of the members of
these outfits in their opinions and the
expression of them and their respira-
tory methods. It is the privilege of a
man in the United States to hold Com-
munist or Fascist opinions, and to ex-
press them in the full of Rights we
meanly nothing. The right which may
justly be denied him is the right to at-
tempt to force those opinions on others
by plotting with a foreign power to
destroy this Government and the right of
free opinion and free speech for others.

Above all, the definitions of "subversive
elements" ought to be strictly and closely
drawn. The "criminal syndicalism" law
passed in some states during the last war
was so drawn that ordinary labor union
activities were made a felony. And
elements in this country which call any
liberty or independence of opinion
"subversive."

In the end you cannot "brush out any
one" by force. You can only get the
right of free opinion and free speech, or others
to do active damage.

A statistic reveals that millions in this
country are unemployed, but no help-
fulness. It is not explained what they are
caught in when the phone rings.

Reading, says an interviewer, is a fa-
vorable pastime of many circus performers.
And what is prettier than the contor-
tionist curled up with a good book?

Says the Slovak Minister of Propa-
ganda, "I cannot express my admiration
of Hitler in words." Conditions seem to
be the same all over.

"How," asks a suburban housewife in
despair, "can I keep dogs from running
through my flower bed?" There was the
old Babylonian dodge — the hanging
garden.

Honest
Enough
By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON—While the Wilkie
campaign has not been
on the terms of the crusade that the
candidate
promulgated, the
appeared before
the Republi-
can National
Convention at
Philadelphia, still
of the "fish-
ing" aspects.

Even the ap-
pearance of Wilkie
and his run-
ning-mate,
Senator
McNary, at the
convention,
concerning
over the Hull
resignation,
trade
something forthright about it,
saying
what they say an integrity
not present in political
campaigns.

It is no error to have a dis-
agreement in the ranks. Bet-
ter that Wilkie and McNary
should stand by their respective
convictions — Roosevelt
— President when he
disappeared over the American Youth
League in December, too, that
Secretary Hull and the Adminis-
tration Committee, Sen-
ator McNary, are as far apart
over the resignation program
as Wilkie and McNary.

SAYS NEITHER MAN
HAS BODDED ISSUES
The important thing is that
neither Wilkie nor McNary
attempted to substitute into num-
bering words-mouth evasion. Wilkie
did not duck any question,
saying that the complete silent
treatment in his acceptance speech,
McNary did not duck any question,
saying that the complete silent
treatment in his acceptance speech.

But he stood by his side on
the New Deal social reforms and
public works policy which he has
supported against the opposition
of most of his own party in Con-
gress.

Running-mate Wilkie followed
through at once with an endorse-
ment of what McNary had said
in a strong denunciation of the
Wilkie-McNary coverage in
going against many of his own party
in supporting conscription and
Reverend Wilkie's importance
of British survival to the United
States. That was an inviting phrase
for a group dependent on his
conscience on the road so after the
vote, Wilkie could have altered
up his support of the Act im-
plementation — and possibly have
turned the country into a most
fertile land.

HIS REPUTATION OF
COULDN'T WAS FINE
There was far public coverage
also in the way Wilkie repudiated
the support of the Act, and
in his statement to this effect:
"I don't have to be President
to support the Act, but I do
have to keep my beliefs clear, that
is, in order to live with myself. I
am not prepared to be President
of the United States to compromise
with my fundamental
beliefs."

Wilkie's utterance that for sup-
port that statement. His example
could well be emulated in the
future by any candidate for
office, it is that it puts a
premium upon exactness and bowing
to the wind.

POWER TEMPTS MANY
MEN THESE DAYS
These are bound to be days of
great change in the world. Great
temptations exist under free
democracy to buckle to the short-
sighted, the greedy, the selfish,
to the lure of the soft destiny.
The only offset to individual strength
and integrity is the strength of
strength to stand for what they
believe will be the best long-
range benefit for the people.
They must look to the distant fu-
ture for their reward, and wait for
the day when the promised rewards
state some things as here im-
portant than winning an election,
and their power must not be
controlling.

In that sense the Wilkie candi-
dacy thus far has constituted
a great test of the character of
state republicans. Whether from this
that Wilkie can step up his cam-
paign, it is the test of the
integrity of the state republicans to
be seen. He has now
moved from Wall Street to Main
Street. How his business, and
campaign headquarters he will con-
duct a campaign that will take
him around the country. He is
soured of an eager hearing and
the rest is up to him.

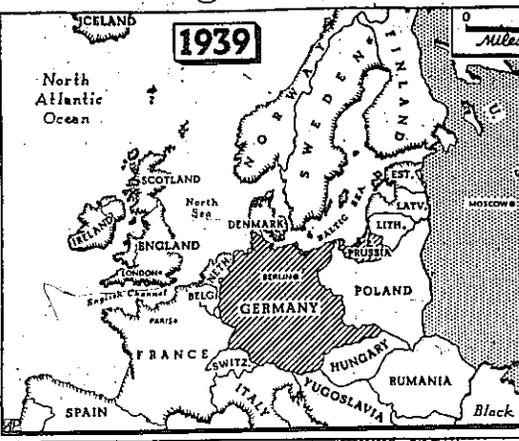
In the Backyard
A. P. L. Bulletin

The paper-making industry with
25,000 jobs has been discovered in
California's forest yard. Preliminary
tests have revealed that the
cotton flower oils discovered that
almost all the plants which pro-
duce a natural odor, which
drugs and flavorings are now grow-
ing in the gardens or parks of the
State. How this industry and
flavoring resources, together with
much like land gives the United
States a natural advantage.

At present the bulk of the world's
turpentine oil from pine trees is
shipped abroad for manufacture
into perfume compounds. It is
bought back at fancy prices. Win-
tergreen and peppermint oils are
harvested similarly. Presently
dependent upon Italy for lemon oil,
the country now supplies all per-
fume oils with its own.

It is the discovery of pesticides,
about 15 per cent of the total con-
sumption is usually finer oil. Alcohol,
cousinous with turpentine, can be
made up the remainder. Experi-
mented agriculturists, working with
the help of the U. S. Forest Service,
with profits in this \$22,000,000 field
it is believed.

A Map Editorial:
The Changes of a Year



The map at the top shows Europe as
it was a year ago—before Germany
had conquered Poland, Norway, Denmark,
The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg
and France, and before Russia's terri-
torial acquisitions. The diagonally
shaded area is Germany. The dotted
area is Russia. At the bottom is a map
of Europe at present—after a year
of war. Diagonally shaded areas are under
German domination. The dotted areas is
Russia, which has taken portions of Fin-
land and Rumania and incorporated
Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Letters to the Editor:
Urges Food For Europeans

Dear Sir:
I think your paper should run
a special column in favor of feeding
the unfortunate people of France,
Belgium and Holland this Winter.
The Battle axis "don't care"
as you would have others do unto
you and I'm sure if you are
ever hungry you will want to be
fed.

It is up to us to be the Good
 Samaritans, and God will bless us.
—NOHA P. HUNTER,
Hobartton.

Thinks We Should Act
Before It Is Too Late

Dear Sir:
I have just read with pleasure
your Thursday noon edition of
The News. It seems that some im-
portant activities as you have
reported today would have had a
great deal effect upon Germany as
a whole. We realize that a great
part of the news that we receive
today is propaganda, which we are
sorry to know. However, we are
glad to say even though the news
that we receive today might be
propaganda, it is better than
nothing. The writer has been thinking
for some time that it might be ad-
visable to use such propaganda, and
I am reasonable sure that we citizens
of the United States could
send to Germany the same de-
struction as they have sent to
France and England now. Threat-
ening and England now. Threat-
ening for the United States.

But we are also at a loss to
understand as to why this coun-
try with all of its resources, re-
spected by seemingly the most ad-
vanced of nations, is not doing
what was going on, and has al-
lowed our enemy countries to pre-
pare and use the means of destruc-
tion of war as this world has experienced.
I am sure that we citizens
are able to cope with situations exist-
ing in other countries, before it
is too late.
—R. L. NORWOOD
106 E. Flavelly Street,
Charlotte.

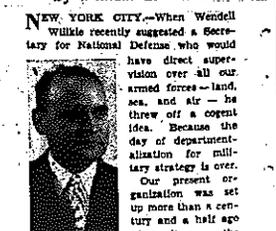
Open Letter Praises
City Police Work

Met. Edw. J. Nolan,
Chief City Police Department,
Charlotte, N. C.
Dear Chief:
I wish to commend the city po-
lice for their particularly fine
work. It is wonderful that you
and W. H. Stoenner, for the excellent
service they are rendering the tax-
payers of Charlotte. I am in-
terested in the question of
being able to cope with situations exist-
ing in other countries, before it
is too late.

Tilt at a Windmill
Amuses Him

Dear Sir:
There you go riding Rosinante
again! Anyways, this subscriber very
much enjoys the editorial in your
issue of Monday, Aug. 26, where
you neatly upped another of Mr.
Charles Burgess' windmills. I am in-
terested in seeing a shattering admin-
istrator to those who go out
their way to make the windmill tilted
tendril. By this I do not mean that
you are necessarily as stupid as the
windmill, but that you should wear
a chaplet of vine leaves on the
editorial brow but you do

Our Indian
Fighters
By William L. White



NEW YORK CITY—When Wendell
Wilkie recently suggested a Sec-
retary for National Defense who
would have direct super-
vision over all our
armed forces—land,
sea, and air—he
threw out a concept
of defense. Because
the day of department-
alization for mili-
tary strategy is over.
Our present or-
ganization was set
up more than a cen-
tury and a half ago
when it was the
duty of our army to fight the Indians
and the function of our navy to de-
fend our commerce from pirates or
European powers. Since the Indians
did not have any airplanes and the pirates
could not conceivably land an army
here, this sharp division worked very
well.

But Unified Command
Is Needed Now

But look at the way today, and as an
example, take the invasion of Norway
by the Nazis. This was not achieved
by a navy, and our army did not
fight. It was done by a single armed
body composed of all three, and work-
ing under unified command. The ships
brought their troops and tanks and
covered their initial landing with naval
guns. As they worked inland, our
bombers took up the job of breaking
a path for them until heavy tanks
and artillery could be landed.

This expedition was commanded not
by a field marshal, an air marshal, and
an admiral in Berlin, but by one man
in Norway who had absolute charge
of everything and directed the air, the
paratroops, tanks and destroyers by
radio.

How Must-If-Not-Selected
Our Ranking Officers

The defense of the Western Hemis-
phere presents America with the same
tactical problem. A navy alone can't
prevent the Nazis from pulling a suc-
cessful Fifth Column assault on Brazil;
it must be backed with an army pro-
tecting by an air force.

Another relic of our Indian fighting
is that we are seriously disturbed in the
last World War, if our ancient army
tradition of promoting officers on the
basis of seniority rather than brains,
with the result that at the top of the
service we have an aggregation of
leadership whose sole qualification for
leadership is that fact that they have
the physical constitutions of army
mules, and therefore did not die young
of bad liquor in prohibition days.

Only Buletta Show Up
A Bad General

The sad fact is that no one can
tell a good army commander from a
mediocre one until war breaks out and
their mistakes show up, which means
that many thousands of men must be
unnecessarily killed. By the time a
doctor is so the world knows exactly
how good he is the number of patients
he has saved or killed. But a bad
general has no chance to practice un-
til war breaks out, and then all his
patients are butchered in a single
battle.

Things are better in our navy, where
seniority counts for little in promotion,
and the less competent are weeded out
every year, and also because naval
maneuvers more nearly approximate
actual war conditions than army
maneuvers ever can.

Wendell Wilkie's fresh approach to
the whole problem through a Sec-
retary for National Defense might be
the saving of our army, which is
probably as deficient in competent com-
manders as it is in equipment.

Blind Spot
J. H. K. Mason Telegraph

Berlin reports that Himmler's Ges-
tapo is jailing thousands of officers in
captivity, which makes it appear that
the German wizards are like those in
this country in that they never know what
is going to happen to themselves.

Visitin' Around
Well, Maybe It's All Right

(Whartonville Item, New Bern Tribune).
W. H. Whinston and Mrs. E. S. Lupton
minored to Dayboro Saturday on
business.

Saw Enough, We Beckon
(Upton Hill Item, Hendersonville Times-
News).

T. A. Young has moved his sawmill
home after seeing at Horse Sho.

Anywhere, We Take It, Is a
Vacation From Hebron Street
(Western Hendersonville Item,
Western Carolina Tribune).

Miss Ruth McCarty of Hebron Street
is away on a vacation.
What Did They Do to
Amuse Themselves?
(Morganton News-Tribune).

Class No. 3 of the Sunday school
was the happy occasion for a picnic
on Lake James Friday evening. Mrs.
J. Thomas Neely is teacher.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT
And ye shall see me, and And
me, when ye shall see me, and
with all your heart.—Jeremiah
29:13.