Spain Asks U.S. for

*100,000,000 Credit

Francisco Franco has assured

the United States Government

he intends to keep Spain at

peace and neutral in the war

and in return has asked for

a credit of \$100,000,000.00

with which to buy foodstuffs

for his people.

WASHINGTON- Generalissimo

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Consolidated City-County Government under Council-Manager Administration. Public Port Terminals.

Perfected Truck and Berry Preserving and Marketing Facilities.

Arena for Sports and Industrial Shows. Beaside Highway from Wrightsville Beach to Bald Head Island.

Extension of City Limits. 35-Foot Cape Fear River channel, wider Turning Basin, with ship lanes into industrial sites along Eastern bank south of Wilmington.

Paved River Road to Southport, via Orton Plantation.

Development of Pulp Wood Production through sustained-vield methods throughout Southeastern North Carolina.

Unified Industrial and Resort Promotional Agency, supported by one countywide tax.

Shipyards and Drydocks. Negro Health Center for Southeastern North Carolina, developed around the Community Hospital.

Adequate hospital lilities for whites. Junior High School. Tobacco Warehouse for Export Buyers.

Development of native grape growing throughout Southeastern North Carolina. Modern Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Most Christians are fairly familiar with the beattitudes of the Sermon on the Mount. . . . But there is a little beattitude in Matthew II has not failed. He is carrying on exactly on deeds. schedule. . . . He has never missed an appointment, and is never late. We need not be offended that He is not converting the world. He did not promise to do that, but to return in great glory to reign until all enemies are put under His feet. That blessed hour draws ever near er, and the darker the days, the surer His soon

-VANCE HAVNER IN "THE KING'S BUSINESS"

In Tight Place

desert against the Italian legions spread out in the war.

When Mussolini's Libyan army began its

time has arrived to take the initiative and wars in which its members are engaged. strike back. Behind this decision lie several | So there was nothing to indicated that Japan control of the Mediterranean.

And, finally, the amazing successes scored by the Greeks in Albania have put Italy very much on the defensive in that theater of war. Mussolini must rush everything available to Mussolini must rush everyining available to Behind the treasury's plan to borrow \$000,Albania to the detriment of his African cam000,000 through the issuance of notes that will than ten billion dollars. In pre-convention days, only dissent came from one repre-

to hit Italy hard on all fronts and the British have been obtained, probably with greater than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there tion and a lot of persons important than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there to make the been obtained, probably with greater than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there to make the been obtained, probably with greater than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there to make the been obtained, probably with greater than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there to make the been obtained, probably with greater than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there to make the been obtained, probably with greater than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there to make the been obtained, probably with greater than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there to make the been obtained, probably with greater than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there to make the been obtained, probably with greater than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there to make the been obtained, probably with greater than the tall, broad-backed Texan and there the been obtained to make the bee note the change in the positions of Italy and Britain as a result of Il Duce's mad thrust at to end the system of issuing tax-exempt bonds When the nominations were over and the stream but not McNutt and Jones.

its offensive in Africa, a move Mussolini an- certain that the next congress will be asked he laid his ultimatum on the doorstep of the suggested by President Roosevelt once before. Athens government. Now Britain, by striking with tremendous force at the armies under Graziani in Africa, has placed Mussolini in the African campaign, and let Graziani be wiped out, to make a last effort to stop the Greek advance in Albania, or withdraw from Albania, giving the Greeks a major triumph, with the hope of bolstering Graziani's flagging cause across the Mediterranean, with his ability to land reinforcements and supplies in

doubt The Italians are in such a precarious posican win in either.

Planning For The Future

It is a helpful and gratifying thought that Wilmington, New Hanover county and Southeastern North Carolina have risen above the comfortable assumption that regional planning is a pleasant sideline rather than a task which has a vital bearing on our future welfare.

During the first World war Wilmington experienced the tremendous impact that a rearmament program can have. Population expanded rapidly; houses were hurriedly built, (Sunday Only)
...\$.20 6 Months\$1.25 highways were under a heavy strain. Today, with the rapid expansion of defense activities, we are facing a roughly similar situation. This city and county-this entire southeastern section of the state—are in the center of an area where major projects under the defense pro-

We can sit by and allow ourselves to be overrun and overwhelmed, or we can lay plans now to meet and take advantage of it. There can be no doubt that we are at the crossroads of opportunity. If our choice is right, all will be well; if wrong, we must expect only confusion and frustration. It is fortunate, indeed, that these basic facts are acknowledged and understood in our civic, social, official and religious circles.

The need now is for constructive planninga program that will be comprehensive enough to deal intelligently with every phase of the new life we must live at no distant date.

This first step in planning-to recognize the problem—has already been taken. The second s to decide how the problem is to be met. That is still to be reckoned with. Charles W. Eliot, a member of the National Resources Planning Board, suggests that cities and regions situated as this area is cannot better meet their opportunity than by creating a planning commission, amply financed and competently directed, with adequate powers to do a thorough job. He says that such a commission thus equipped and cooperating with other regional planning bodies "can be a potent force for the orderly development of the commuraty."

We have had one experience, with most other American cities similarly situated, of difficulty if not disaster for the Duce. the evils and discomforts of hasty, planless expansion, in the midst of an emergency. This time, if we are wise, we will do a better job by drawing the blueprints in advance.

Different Definitions

If words meant the same things to Americans and Japanese it would be possible to be (11;6) that we often miss. . . . "And blessed is encouraged by the conciliatory remarks Forhe, whosoever shall not be offended in Me!" The eign Minister Matsuoka addressed to foreign truth of this beattitude needs to be called to correspondents in his recent press conference. our remembrance in a time like this. . . . When Unfortunately every statement he made must things we see even to contradict the things we be understood in the light of definitions believe, we must not be offended. . . . Christ placed on those terms in the past by Japanese

> Mr. Matsuoka declared that he hopes and prays for a better understanding between the two countries. Since the beginning of Japan's career of conquest Japanese statesmen have bewailed our inability to see the situation with their eyes. What he actually wants, then, it is fair to assume, is American willingness to have Japan do as she pleases in the Orient.

Again Mr. Matsuoka expressed the conviction that all differences between the two counthe national defense program. tries can be adjusted if both keep their heads cool and mind their own business. That ought It's Too Early to be true, but the trouble is that Japan has Britain's sudden thrust through the African announced it to be her business to create a "new order in East Asia" contemplating, to in the Sidi Barrani region, which has already judge from the record, Japanese hegemony speculation at this time is about as far fetched resulted in the capture of that base with many in that sphere at the expense of the indepen- as forecasting what the weather will be on elecsupplies, marks another major turning point dence of China and the legitimate interests of all other nations.

On one point the Japanese foreign minister campaign against Egypt months ago, Brit- was perfectly frank. He admitted without cavain's forces in that area were forced to fall it that the Three-Power pact was intended to else, took himself out of the picture and anback into defensive positions with no objective keep the United States out of the European beyond the single one of holding up the Italian war. That is the way we understood it, too. To call it a "peace pact," on the other hand, By unleashing an offensive now the British is disingenuous as far as Americans are conhave revealed their own confidence that the cerned, since its real purpose is to win the

important developments of the last two has actually relinquished any of her ambitions months. The lull in Marshal Graziani's Afri- or modified her aims, unless we accept Mr. can campaign has given the British time to re- Matsuoka's denials that the idea of political inforce their army in Egypt heavily; heavy domination of the Orient for the sake of ecoblows struck at the Italian navy at Taranto nomic exploitation is far from Tokyo's mind and elsewhere have given Britain undisputed These denials we cannot credit in the face out of the picture and threw the weight of his of the plain facts.

Taxable U. S. Bonds

Behind the treasury's plan to borrow \$500,paign. Major shakeups in the Italian high be the first fully taxable obligations in the he frequently had been mentioned as a possent taken was: command have hinted at grave dissension in history of the federal government there is sible presidential candidate, but always de- "We don't want to kill him" (with something more than the simple purpose of clared he was not in the running. When the more work than he can stand.) All of this has opened a golden opportunity raising cash for defense. The money could Chicago convention swung into action, there A lot of water has run under the

This move is the first in a new campaign big white head was not prominently bent.

ticipated would be started at about the time to end the practice by the "simple statute"

The question of tax-exempt bonds is an old one, Under both Republican and Democratic administrations congress has been urged to such a tight place that he must either abandon take action to stop the practice, which does have aspects that are admittedly open to criticism. Recently it was generally agreed that a constitutional amendment would be necessary, and the difficulty of obtaining ratification by states anxious to preserve their borrowing ability was recognized.

But the Supreme Court has handed down number of decisions tending to undermine the principle that the federal government cantion in both areas that it is improbable they not tax state and municipal bonds and these lesser authorities cannot levy on federal bonds and notes. On this ground, President Roosevelt has asked congress in the past to handle the ssue by statute.

Now the question is injected, in a broad vay, into the defense program. Just how congress will view it remains to be seen. Obviously it should be dealt with only on its merits, without appeal to emotionals stimulated by the defense program.

Editorial Comment

THE PURGE IN ITALY N. Y. Herald-Tribune

While the bells were pealing throughout Greece yesterday for the taking of Argyrokastron, the Italians (who had not been allowed to know that Argyrokastron had been lost) were learning that the head of their navy was following Badoglio, the head of their army and their greatest soldier, into an abrupt retirement "at his own request." Admiral Cavagnari has been the responsible chief of the Italian Navy since 1933. If he was less famous than Badoglio, he was even more deeply identified with Fascist militarism. The disappearance of one such leader could be set down to some personal divergence of views. The disappearance of two of them-along with that of de Vecchi, Governor of the Dodecanese, who was one of the celebrated "quadruumvirs" of the Fascist march on Rome-means that something serious has been happening. And it will mean just that to every Italian

What is it? There are at least three possible explanations that will spring to every mind, in Italy as well as abroad. One is that the war. in Albania, in Egypt and at sea, has been so badly bungled that the men whom Mussolin picked to put at the very top of his military organization have had to be thrown out to save the situation. This would imply a shocking incompetence. The second explanation is that the men at the top were only lukewarm Fascist, and that Mussolini has been cleaning house in order to get thoroughly dependable people in sympathy with his policies in command. This would imply a dangerous schism opening under the dictatorial feet. The third explanation is that the trouble is not between the Fascist and non-Fascist elements but between the pro-Germans and anti-Germans: this would imply that the Germans are moving in to take over the country, which would reduce Mussolini to a cipher and so destroy him. No one knows which may be right. The point is that each explanation must spell serious by aiding the Allies have been bett, J. M. Savage and R. L. Cowan

WASHINGTON DAYBOOK

BY JACK STINNETT

cussions of the Democratic convention in most influential unit is at Chapei Martha Cowan, of Burgaw; two of recodifying North Carolina's laws Chicago continue to keep the Washington scene shifting and provide the capital kibitzers Hill, where State Secretary W. T. and eight grandchildren. with endless topics for speculation.

Of these, have been none more important perhaps than the steady rise of Jesse Jones and Paul V. McNutt. As Secretary of Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator, Jones is toting on his broad shoulders a double load. These two jobs carry more weight with the McLendon in Greensbro and local nation's business, big and little, than any others in the government.

And now McNutt comes up another notch. Already Federal Security Administrator, and thereby head of Social Security, the Public Carolina, and more are being or-Office of Education, the National Youth Ad- ganized, Mr. Blaisdell said. ministration and the Civilian Conservation Corps, he recently was given the important liam Allen White committee, which task of coordinating the entire health, medical came into existence in response to of Philip W. Bethea, 216 South Third welfare, nutrition and recreational aspects of a nation-wide sentiment which street, were held yesterday afternoon

Hardly had this announcement been made age destroyers have been turned the Dolton cemetery. than the item writers again were wondering over to Britain and then a number if President Roosevelt could be grooming Mc-Nutt for the presidential race of 1944. Such tion day that year. It's enough now to consider Shep Cooper Arrested the present in the light of that Chicago convention and let the future take care of itself.

McNutt, who was openly in the field for the presidential nomination longer than any one nounced for the third term even before it was way and Patrolman Ferrell arrested known that F. D. R. would run again. But Shep Cooper of Fair Bluff Tuesday McNutt had gone to the convention with the at Chadbourn when they seized his most effective national organization in the 1937 Ford coupe containing six galfield. He had on his record a long list of politions of non-taxpaid liquor, ATU ical victories in his native indiana, including agents reported yesterday. four years as governor. He had been national commander of the American Legion, high commissioner to the Philippines, and for a day and bound over to a hearing year Federal Security Administrator (dispens- at 10 o'clock Monday under \$200 ing about \$800,000,000). There was hardly a bond. serious observer at the convention who didn't feel that McNutt could have had the Vice-Presi- were in the thick of it time and dency is he had wanted it. Yet, when Roosevelt again to help the President roll up called for Henry A. Wallace, McNutt bowed his majority. organization into the scales for the choice of Congress With Him his chief.

Frequently Mentioned

Now take the case of Jesse Jones. As chair- that congress had to pass a special man of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., for law to make it possible for him to wasn't an important party huddle in which his tant in the first and second terms

Greece. That campaign was undertaken with now followed by the federal government, the is admittedly a politician, but Jones, who decired and the municipalities. It is virtually noise any connections with professional politics, ition.

With the flow indications were over and the stream but not include and other in the other direction.

BURGAW, Dec. 12.—Funeral rites carrying them in the other direction.

CAROLINA WHITE UNITS ARE BUSY

Blaisdell Tells Chapel Hill Rotarians Groups Among Most Active In U. S.

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 12.-(A)-The North and South Carolina units of the William Allen White committee for the defense of America more active than those in any other section of the country, with the possible exception of some dell, liaison officer from the na- liams, Dr. Watts Farthing and Dr. tional headquarters of the com- J. T. Hoggard. mittee in New York, told Chapel He is survived by his wife, two

Hill, because many of the state brothers, I. H. Savage, of Burgaw, by 1943. units have stemmed from Chapel and R. L. Savage, of Castle Haynes; Couch's office is located.

While here Mr. Blaisdell conferred with Secretary Couch, Dr. Archibald Henderson, chairman of the Chapel Hill unit, and other members of the local committee. chairmen in other sections of the state before returning to national headquarters.

There are about 30 units in North

The first objectives of the Wilawaited only opportunity for crys- at 3:30 o'clock from the home of her tallization, have been accomplish- daughter, Mrs. S. H. Callahan, in ed, he said, in that the 50 over- Marion, S. C. Interment followed in ion, are on their way.

Local ATU agents in conjunction with Highway Patrol Corporal Carra-

Cooper was brought before U. S. Commissioner W. A. Wylie Wednes-

of outside purely administration circles is illustrated by the fact

Obituaries

TIMOTHY M. SAVAGE

Gen. Franco's Hands Across The Sea

Spain Applauds.

Defense Base Foe

Commends Chilean Aid

Who Opposed U.S. Plans

SANTIAGO, CHILE - The Spanish

government, through its charge d'affaires here, has expressed

its satisfaction with Defense

Minister Juvenal Hernandez's

opposition to leasing Chilean sites to the United States

for defense bases.

Funeral rites for Timothy Martin Savage, 65, of Castle Haynes, were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the McClure Memorial Presbyterian church with the Rev. C. C. Myers and Dr. C. H. Storey officiating. Interment followed in the Pike

Active pallbearers were nephews of the deceased, L. A. Ramsey, R. L. Savage, R. A. Hardison, Sam Cor-Honorary pallbearers were: A Ludeke, A. A. Loftin, D. L. Futch A. C. Blake, B. Van Bavel, E. C.

Creek church cemetery at Rocky

England groups, D. C. Blais- Baldwin, Paul Puskas, Dr. R. J. Wil Mrs. Crawford Webb, of Castle The most active chapter in the Haynes; three sisters, Mrs. W. C. country is at Asheville, which has Hardison, Castle Haynes, Mrs. J. H. general assembly to appropriate suf-

WILSON W. GREEN

Funeral rites for Wilson W. Green. 17, of Bolton, were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Car. plan, the 1943 assembly would pass vers Creek Methodist church in Council.

Mr. Green is survived by his wid-

ow, Katie Flowers Green; and three brothers. Charles Green, Ernest Green, and George Green, of Canada.

MRS. W. ELLIS BETHEA Funeral services for Mrs. W. Ellis Liquor Sales In State Bethea, 73, of Latta, S. C., mother

Mrs. Bethea is also survived by of flying fortresses, as well as one brother, J. G. Crawford, of 803.55 than receipts in November, have complete freedom in deba rifles, machine guns, and ammuni- Chesterfield; and five other chil- 1939, when there were 27 wet coundren, Mrs. S. H. Callahan, of Marties: ion; W. D. Bethea, of Atlanta; R. F. Bethea, of Macon; C. E. Bethea, of Latta; and Mrs. F. M. Mallette, In U. S. Liquor Case of Mount Holly, N. C.

> RICHARD E. ALFORD Funeral rites for Richard Ellis in November, 1939, he said. Alford, two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alford, of Wilmington, route three, were held from officiating. Interment followed in the New Seagate cemetery.

He is survived by his parents; four brothers, Bobby Alford, Jack Alford, Woodard Alford, and Clarence Al-

JAMES A. McCULLOCH James Alexander McCulloch, 87year-old retired dentist, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. E.

an illness of nearly two years. He is survived by his daughter. Funeral services will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock from Harrell's Funeral home by the Rev.

Pallbearers will be Tom Smith Carcy Walton, Tom Croom, Harris phy. Haskett, Warren Sanders and Ken-

BURGAW, Dec. 12.—Funeral rites several nieces and nephews.

CENSORED

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 12. -(P)-Louis Belios received a letter-or rather what was left of one—mailed from Greece October 27, day before the Italian invasion began.

Across one end of the envelope was a blue "passed by censor" notation in Italian. Inside, only the outer fringe of the letter sheet remained — looking very much like a picture frame without the picture.

Funds To Complete Work Of Recodifying Laws To Be Asked Of Legislature constantly berates the press, de-

RALEIGH, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A group of legislators, lawyers and state officials voted today to ask the 1941 Moreover, he boasted of it. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-49- The reper- more than 3100 members, and the Ramsey, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. ficient funds to complete the work

The group also recommended that funds be made available for the printing of 250 to 300 copies of the recodified statues, for distribution to the law-makers in 1943. Under the the recodified statutes in bulk, and they would become the official law of the state.

The recodification was started in 1939, after the last general assembly appropriated \$10,000 a year, for two years, for the work.

Amount To \$790.513.90

receipts of liquor sales in North Carolina's 26 wet counties totaled \$790,513.90 last month, higher by \$1,-

Cutlar Moore, chairman of the state board of Alcoholic Control, at a scrupulous respect for the tributed the increase to a boost in the federal tax on liquor. Actually, cussion. And the decent member less liquor was sold in the state than

Durham county, as usual, led in be repeated by scurrilous public sales for the month, with a total of tions. \$138,557.25. Sales in Cumberland the residence yesterday afternoon at county, where business is booming 3 o'clock, with the Rev. J. E. Allard with the expansion of Fort Bragg, amounted to \$80,587.20, compared lished in the record, the judgm with \$36,837.20 in the month last

SUED FOR DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.-(P)-Louis Alter, musical composer, was sued for divorce today by Mrs. Madeleine Short Alter, known on the New York stage as Mady Laurence. The Enfield, at Bradley's Creek Wednes- and pouting. They were married June complaint charges cruelty, sulkiness Just how well Jones is thought day afternoon at 5:45 o'clock after 20, 1936, in California and separated last month.

from the Burgaw Presbyterian church with the Rev. P. L. Clark sociation of Manufacturers today officiating. Burial followed in the Robert L. Jerome. Interment will Burgaw cemetery be in Måsonboro Baptist church

Mrs. Bannerman, before her marriage, was Miss Laura Murphy, the daughter of the late Dr. Hanson Mur-

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Katie Herring; one grandson, David Herring, of Gaffney, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Mac Moore and Mrs.

were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock ter-in-law. Mrs. J. R. Bannerman, Jr. | tional defense.

Fair Enough

The Star wishes its readers to know that views and opin. ions expressed in this article are those of the author and may not always harmonize with its position.—The Editor.

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—P-The recent upsetment of representative Ham Fish over some newspaper reporting which he held to be incurate and slanderous reminds me to remind him that this sort things is much more flagrantly done by the members of the house ar the senate than by newspaper re porters. I will not go into the tails of the report which annoye Mr. Fish, because the original legation or insinuation might last his denial in the mind of reader. However, he speculated to the advisability of suing for like and on that point I would like observe that the ordinary citize has no such redress when he slandered by a member of either house from the floor thereof. Mr. Fish's anger over this pup. lication recalls a little controv

that I had with him a year or sr ago on the same subject. Mr. F was preparing a speech to be deivered in his district and was con. emplating some unconfirmed and if untrue, slanderous matter which had come to him anonymously the mail. I asked him if he h checked these allegations, and version of the conversation is that although he had not, he had plan ned to use the material, anyway, qualifying it with some such escape clauses as "it is alleged" and "it is believed."

Dispute Ended He later said he had no intention

of using the allegations unconfirm. ed, and there the dispute ended, It was his word and my recollection against mine. That speech was to have been delivered off the floor, where the congressional munity does not run and the congressman, theoretically, would have been legally responsible in his remarks. But, inasmuch as the person affected was President Roosevelt, he was still immune because he figured the President wouldn't sue. In fact, many political orators operate under an implied immunity and are notoriou y indifferent to truth and provable fact in their comments affecting the reputations of defenseless citi-

A communist member of congress once said of a certain man that this man got drunk every night, although the congressman had never had the honor of meeting the man and probably had never even seen him. A like charge against the communist congressman published in a paper having financial assets would doubtless have resulted in a libel suit being filed, communists being hell on their legal rights and ever alert o grab a dollar from a capitalist. am aware of another case in which a famous public man, who

liberately libeled a citizen in speech after two lawyers had adsed him that certain matter his address was clearly libel Legal Remedy

I certainly will not assume burden of defending the publi tion of the report to which r presentative Fish objected, but do want to emphasize the fact t he has a legal remedy, when he and all other members of bo houses may slander citizens impunity, and that some of the have been known to do so.

Unfortunately, not all memi of congress have a high regard for their responsibility and, because most of them are politicians occupation, they are, on the av age, much less careful on the f than reporters are in print. politician grows up in the hab of immunity. The reporter began to hear about libel when he is cub. The congressman has no cit editor over him to ask, 'who your authority for this charge And to delete it from his remark if it is an anonymous tip or rumou Obviously, members of congress

cause it is necessary that But this immunity should impo on every member a consciention respect for the truth, an aversion to scandal for its own sake a putation of the citizen under should assume a duty to expute wanton slander at once lest the

cannot be held accountable,

If the United States govern were legally responsible for all libel uttered in congress and pu would just about consume the tire pot of cash on hand, account receivable and the proceeds public works and building and United States navy sold under

Fuller Named President Of U. S. Manufacturen

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-Walter D. Fuller, president of tiss Publishing Co., Philadelphia elected president of the Nationa As president, Fuller will be xecutive for the coming year organization of 7,600 industrial fit which cover the entire United States He succeeds in office H. Prentis, Jr., president of Armstr Cork Co., who has held office during

the last year. Fuller has been chairman important resolutions com Magum Moore, all of Burgaw; and which today presented a propledging the complete cooperation She is also survived by a daugh- industry with government in