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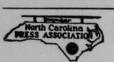
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A Historic Conference

About the best news that we have heard since the war started came from Moscow this week with the announcement that America, Britain, Russia and China-the great allied nations-have jointly determined to crush their enemies into unconditional surrender and then, as peace-time partners, work together for international peace and security.

This solemn pledge, therefore, should remove all doubt from our minds and from the minds of our enemies that Russia will not co-operate with the United States and England to defeat Germany and to help restore world peace.

It should dispel all doubt that Russia might sign a separate peace with Germany and disregard the rights and wishes of the allies. It should be an assurance, too, to all small nations of the globe that the allies are determined to have a lasting organization of peace-loving nations and to confer cold vengeance on all enemies who have bloodied their hands with barbarism.

The conferees also pledged to have further meetings, to provide ways of conferring through diplomatic channels, to set up an advisory commission in London on European affairs and another advisory council to deal with Italy.

A plan for banning fascism in Italy and setting up a democracy was outlined and General Eisenhower was given the authority for its execution. It may even provide for the resignation of the King, which was cable—15 per cent domestic, to 25 per ments for their losses (much requested this week by Premier Badoglio.

1. There shall be unity of action and consultations between powers with a common enemy (Russia is not at war with Japan and there was no intimation she should be) until the day of unconditional surrender.

There shall be established as soon as possible "a general international organization, based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all peace-loving states, and open to membership by all such states, large and small, for the maintenance of international peace and security."

3. There shall be cooperation by all hands "to bring about a practicable general agreement with respect to the regulation of armaments in the post-war period."

4. There shall be swift and sure justice for those Germans guilty of atrocities in occupied lands. America, Britain and Russia joined in this; Japanese of this type have already been promised punishment by President Roosevelt. The German slaughterers of helpless people will be tried in their victims' homelands and if necessary will be pursued "to the uttermost ends of the earth" for delivery to their accusers.

This was, indeed, a historic conference and has served severe notice on our enemies. To Secretary Hull goes much credit for the success of the conference. The announced agreements follow closely the pattern designed by this nation.

50 Years of Progress

In 1893 a group of Waldenses settled in the edge of Burke county and established a community which was later incorporated as the town of Valdese, which is the Italian word of Waldensian.

since that time, Valdese has grown from ed a sort of beatific state.

a small community to a fine little town of nearly 4,000 population, and today Valdese is standing on the threshold of a new era of expansion and development.

This remarkable progress has been due, in a large measure, to the fine character of the Waldenses. They are hard workers, resourceful, thrifty, tolerant, honest, reverent, patriotic and have deep love for home and abiding faith in God Almighty.

In celebration of the Golden Anniversary, an observance was staged in the town last week, with Gov. Broughton delivering an address and unveiling a marble monument dedicated to the founding of the

An inspiring story of the founding and growth of Valdese was told in a special 32-page anniversary edition of The Valdese News, which is published by Miss Beatrice Cobb. This was an excellent issue and we congratulate Miss Cobb and other members of the staff.

To the Waldenses, we also extend hearty congratulations and best wishes. You have already made an inspiring and enviable record.

Tax Committee Reports

After weeks of hearings and deliberations, the House ways and means committee has practically completed its work and recommendations on a new tax bill which will provide \$2,183,000,000 of additional revenue-80 percent short of the \$10,500,-000,000 requested by the administration.

The committee has said "No" to increasing individual income taxes next year but has recommended raising the excess profit tax on corporations from 90 to 95 percent. It has recommended increasing postal rates and certain excise taxes that are summed up as follows:

Liquor-Raised from \$6 per gallon to \$8; beer—\$7 per barrel to \$8; wine—now 10 cents to \$1 per gallon, to 15 cents to

Cigars—Present excises of \$2.50 to \$20 per thousand doubled.

Electric light bulbs and tubes—Increased from 5 per cent of manufacturers' sale price to 25 per cent.

Jewelry-10 per cent retail, to 20 per cent; furs-10 per cent retail, to 25 per cent; luggage, handbags, wallets-now 10 two years ago, that we then conper cent of manufacturers price on luggage only to 25 per cent of retail.

Toilet preparations (soaps, tooth and ing extent of our sea power, or mouth washes, dentrifices) - now untax- its prospective peacetime usage, ed, to 10 per cent of manufacturers' sale the United States currently reprice; other toilet preparations (lipstick, ports (October issue) that our etc.)—10 per cent retail, to 25 per cent.

Local telephone-10 per cent of bill, to craft carriers, five cruisers, 39 de-15 per cent; long distance phone—20 per stroyers, and 18 submarines. cent, to 25 per cent; telephone, radio and cent, and 10 per cent international, to 15 | heavier so far than ours) and, The four decisions of the conference per cent; leased wires-non-services, 15 while the building plans of Tokyo that stood out, however, were as follows: per cent to 20 per cent.

Transportation of persons-10 per cent, that the United States soon will to 15; transportation of property—3 per have a five-ocean navy, double or

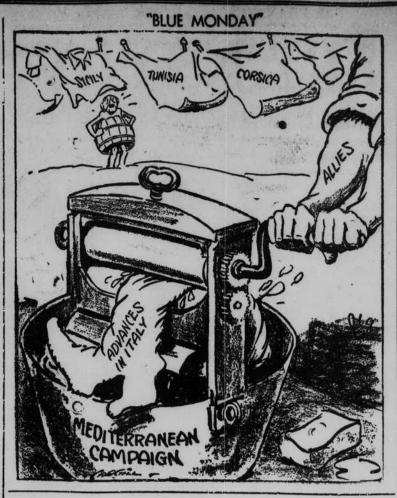
Postage—In-town letters—two cents to three; out-of-town letters-three cents to four; airmail—six cents to eight; second class mail—doubled, except newspapers and religious and church papers exempted from boost; third class — doubled; money orders-now six to 22 cents per ratio with Brittania, the former order, to 10 to 36 cents; registered mailnow 15 cents to \$1, to 20 cents to \$1.35; insured and COD mail-doubled.

Obliging Bus Drivers

How about the bus drivers? Well. how? We read of old that there once flourished in peace, happiness and plenty a man named Job. In course of time he lost his fortune, his family, and his health, and was covered with sores. He was true to the faith and lives in memory as the world's hero of faith and fortitude. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him", expressed the essence of Job's religion. We sometimes think the bus driver of today is the modern miracle of patience and good humor.

Down the road goes the bus, but the unmusical alarm announces that some one "wants off". So the bus stops. Perhaps a couple of hundred yards farther some one "wants on". Then, the modern Job starts again. A mile down the road a figure stands waving frantically. He or she is flagging the bus; a passenger gets on. The bus starts again and gets up speed—then somebody "wants off". And so it is.

One reason why most of the drivers are such nice fellows is that they have passed During the fifty years that have passed | through much tribulation and have reach-



obvious one, namely:

ery character after the war.

identifying themselves with

many are agreed privately it is

about the only remaining feasible

House Ways and Means Chair-

method of tapping the source of

swollen war incomes.

Washington, Nov. 3 - Senate and public discussions on how to preserve the peace of the world have tended to devolve into political abstractions, forgetful of one basic, concrete fact, more important than all the accumulation of words and ideas, namely:

The United States will have a navy at the end of this war which will outclass Britain's historic sea power by a ratio of probably five to one, unbelievable though that guess may now seem to the public. The most conservative estimate places our contemplated superiority at three to one

Indeed, no less secretive a source than the World almanac was able to show, as of November templated approximately a two to one advantage

While few appreciate the growa magazine of the navy league of growing fleet the first six months of this year acquired six new air-

Apparently, the British have not been able to build replaceare hardly guessable, it is plain from known and published facts treble the size of any fleet heretocent retained and to include parcel post. fore known to the history of the world.

Therefore, the American navy will have a dominant controlling factor in the future peace of the world and its economic and political operation. Britain may have the bases, but we will have the ships, the old way of a five to five Mistress of the Seas, obviously is gone forever.

It is inconceivable that these ships will be scrapped at the war's end to repeat the folly of the 1921 disarmament conference, which enabled the Japs to build, and later to sneak-build against US and Britain to the point of making her war against US feasible.

Indeed, no other nation will be close enough to us on the sea to be interested in promoting a scrapping program.

Such an unrivaled fleet, topped with an adequate, alert air force, and a moderate-sized army, conceivably could guarantee the security of this country for another generation or more.

While the Hull-Stalin talks in Moscow are not likely to even touch upon such a subject (Russia no doubt will come out of the war with the largest and best single army) and a current post-war discussion persists in avoiding such mundane matters, the real actual planning behind doors here is apt -and indeed should be worked

out from this basic consideration. Guiding fact to be remembered about the Stalin-Hull news from Moscow is that the Russian news papers exist, not primarily for the purpose of giving out news, but to further the interests of the Soviet government. Commenting upon the trend of the talks, therefore, probably will remain quite useless until official announcements are issued afterward by the partici-

The only worthwhile suggestion which can be made is the rather

many thousands of gallons of ink goatee. have been saved by cartoonists since that big chin of Mussolini's

Yanks in Australia viewing their first emu must naturally wonder how such a big bird can fit into a crossword puzzle.

"Nazis Put Out Peace Feelers" -headline. This is no football game, Adolf, so it's no use calling for time out.

has been the life-long ambition of gan in disguise.

ZADOK DUMKOPF says it grandpappy Jenkins, who thinks would be interesting to know how he'd look pretty sharp wearing a

Weeping, according to a noted retired from the realm of big medico, is good for the health. Hitler, boasts the Nazis radio, is in fine physical trim.

> Speaking of duration pions, some sort of award should be made to the New York Giants. They've just endured one of the worst seasons in their history.

The next time Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria thumb a ride on a battlewagon, they should To be made a Kentucky colonel first make certain it isn't a tobog-

Blankenship Praises **Ecusta Paper Plant**

S. G. Blankenship, president of the American Pulp and Paper Mill Superintendents association, visited the Ecusta Paper corporation's plant last week-end and declared that "it is the finest paper mill in America".

Mr. Blankenship spoke at the Mr. Hull is primarily interested annual conference of the Southin trade, not in military matters, ern and Southeastern division of and Russia will need goods of evhis association held in Atlanta last week.

The national president is pro-Politics killed the sales tax and duction manager of the Port Royal s likely to kill any important tax Pulp and Paper company, Ltd., of action before the next election. New York City. While here he Congressmen just figure there is visited Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Vanno advantage to be gained by nah and Mr. Raymond Bennett, new chairman of the Southeastern sales tax, (the administration and division of the superintendents labor being against it) although association.

Brevard Boys Are **Elected To Office**

man Doughton has accused the Bob O. Brannon, popular Brev-Republicans of playing politics beard boy, has been elected presicause they have been against most dent of the pre-college group at ax proposals, but he and his fel- Brevard college, it was announced low Democrats are no less guilty. today. Brannon is the son of Mr. Indeed, so was the treasury in and Mrs. M. O. Brannon, of Brevmaking its rather political propos- ard. al. Election time is too near for

Alex Kizer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kizer, of Brevard, was FOR SALE - Typewriter ribbons, chosen as vice president and Bet new shipment, for Standard and ty Lou Buckner, daughter of Mrs Portable; also carbon paper and Pauline Buckner, of Asheville, stencils. At The Times office. was elected secretary-treasurer.



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