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EDITERIAL
We've got 'em talking about olivine for mag nesium production in Washington and Raleigh. The Governor and North Carolina's Congressional dele gation held a conference about it in Washington the same day the Governor visited President Roosevelt

Don't let anybody fool you about the olivine sit uation. There is a good probability that a magnesium plant will be located along the Webster lead. The Chamber of Commerce and The Journal have in terested many influential men in the project. More magnesium can be gotten from olivine than from Sam.

The building of a few dams furnishes only a temporary spurt in business in Western North Carolina, in case the power is to be used elsewhere to industrialize other regions. After they are completed, only a hand ful of men are employed about them a mation of magnesium houses. But a plant for the production of magnesium from olivine would furnish an imishediate expendi ployment to thousands, who would make their homes ployment to thousands, who would make their homes afford to let that pass us by.

## EARLE GODBEY- $\mathbf{3 0}$

Not since the days when D. A. Tompkins furnish ed the money, J. P. Caldwell, the spice, and John Charles McNeill, the poetry, to make the Charlotte Observer the great newspaper that it was, has North Carolina seen so brilliant an editorial page as the Greensboro News has given us. Now Earle Godbey is dead. The readers of newspapers in North Carolina will miss him sorely; will miss his brilliant rapier thrusts at wrengdoing, his sage advice, and the fun of his wit. We wish the Greensboro News well We hope that it will continue in its. signal service to North Carolina; but to us that newspaper can never again be the Greensboro News we have known, for no longer do Earle Godbey's hands indite the editorials, the reading of which gave us so much genuine pleasure, so much relief from care in this sorry world that he has left.

## SHEER IMPUDENCE

This paper has always leaned to the cause of la bor, believing that the present place of American La bor, the highest paid, freest, and with the best work ing conditions of any laboring people anywhere at any time in history has largely been won by organiza

It is undoubtedly true th
It is undoubtedly true that there are capitalists who are seeking to pile up larger fortunes from the present world calamity, and that other capitalists would not hesitate to obstruct the defense program, it were to their personal advantage or to the ad vantage of their companies to do so. Al
sighted and is unworthy of Americans.

There are labor leaders and labor groups that have not hesitated to hinder the program in defens effort, if they thought they could gain some advan tage from it. But, for unmitigated gall and sheer of the United Miners, in calling a strike in the vital of the United Miners, in calling a strike in the vital captive coal mines, despite the thrice repeated request
of the President of the United States that he not do so, nust take first place. In fact it ranks very close to the work of saboteurs in the countries of Europe tha have become victims of Hitlerism.

It must be borne in mind that there is no question of wages. The miners are apparently satisfied with that. There is no controversy over either hours or working conditions. Apparently these are satisfactory. The strike was called in an effort to force the wners of the mines and the non-union workers to agree to a closed shop. In other words they insist that no free American, regardless of his experience or skill as a workman, rgardless of his circumstances shall be allowed to work in the mines unless he firs pays his fee and becomes a member of John L. Lewis' C. I. O., mine workers union. That proposal is on the ace of it un-American, un-Democratic, and we be lieve the Supreme Court would pronounce it illegal and un-C

Upon that flimsy excuse, for that unworthy cause Mr. Lewis is willing to jeopardize the defense ef gency, to defy the President of the United States who is the best friend organized and unorganized labor has ever had in the White House.

The captive coal mines are set aside for the production of coal for the production of steel, vital to the National Defense. The strike strikes at the very heart of American defense, at the arsenal for the defense of democracy and the preservation of civilization in the world.

The American people see the thing clearly. They are not deceived. And Mr. Lewis, along with all the others who have tried to hinder our government in its effort to preserve for us and our posterity the lob erties and economic security we enjoy, will be the object of their scorn and contempt. Mr. Lewis, bigger ego has expanded un the United States is riding for a fall The pity of it is that there is danger that the a fall. The pity of it is that there is danger will suffer of pation short-sighted leadership as that fer because of such short-sighted leadership as that displayed by Mr. Lewis. When a man allows his pres to judices, his passions, his jealuusies and his envies to warp his judgment, he is doing in
to those whom he essays to lead.
If he persists in his course, we may soon be able to say: Exit Mr. Lewis!

## ASTOUNDING TRUTH

Perhaps the most astounding thing that President Roosevelt said in his historic speech on Navy Day was when he disclosed that he has in his postession a map of South America, including the Panama Canal, in which that continent's free countries are reduced to five vassal German states. No serious person could for a moment question the veracity of the President of the United States upon such a vital matter and he vouches for the authenticity of the map and the plans of Hitler for the conquest of South America. Thus the charge that Hitler, wild-eyed in the belief that the Germans are a superior race destined to be the master ace, set about deliberately to attempt the conquest of the entire world, and in so doing brought to the in nocent people the flood of blood and woes that is their present lot. And, it may be remembered that Hitle pondete conquest and nearer to the complat all human history.
all human history.
Then ,the President charged that the Nazis plan to overthrow every one of the existing religions, and subtitute Nazi emblems for the Cross, and Nazi writing for Holy Writ. The greatest cohesive force that any know that, and they know that if they can impose the new paganism upon the peoples, they can perhap weld the entire world into a "new order," ordered ac cording to the Nazi plan, with Germany the maste nation, and the rest of us serfs in passal states tied

The speech of the President was not only a reve lation of the purposes of the Nazis, so that none bu the most foolish can fail to read the truth at last. It was also a trumpet call to all Americans and all lovers of political and religious freedom, for humble and peaceful homes, and of economic security in liberty under the law, to rally behind the efforts that the British Empire and the United States are making to stop Hitler before it is too late.
"We have all taken our battle stations," the President said. Some of us labor in factories and mills some in forests and on farms, some in mines and shops and offices. Some of us sail the high seas in merchant and navy ships. Some fly in the air above the earth and the seas. Some are in training in the army camps. Some continue our work in schoons and colleges. Some are housewives. Some lines in Iceland Greenland, or in the islands of the Pacific, while others guard the Panama Canal and the West Indies. Each and every one of us has a part to play in this mighty world drama, upon the outcome of which de pends whether we shall live under a Newnism, for thi and coming generations.

The President sounded a note of hope and confi dence when he stated that Hitler can and will be stopped. The way of truth and light and liberty and and self-denial. The Master emphasized that truth when He trod that path. Before us lies an age of creatness or of craven slavery of body, of mind, and of pirit. The age calls for men and women of grea spirits and of noble purposes, of heroic sacrifice and humble living. No nation whose people no not possess humble living. No nation whose people in this mighty hose qualities can or should survive in this mighty upheaval that is plowing through human

The Journal believes that the American people most of them, when put to the test, possess thos qua decades; but at last the light is breaking The poople of thi country are seeing events in their true porspective. There remains but a minority in and out of that is still blinded by passions, predjudices, or wishful thinking. That minority has predjudices, or wishful thinking. That min

We stand today at Kadesh-Barnea, on the edge of the Land of Promise. The leaders who have sur veyed the land tells us in the languages of grand old Let us trust that we shall have the grace and guts to move forward, and not have to remain in the wilderness until a newer and better generation can be raised up, that has the strength of character to fol low the pillar of fire across the stormy waters of the rivers of doubt.

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