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ability to unify continental resources for a bitter contest of endurance. That is undoubtedly true. To it one must add the superior strength of the Nazi air force and the overwhelming might of its army. The navy, it appears, can be strengthened during the course of long war. What chance have the British?

these are to be used first of all to keep America out of war. Actually the ally now chosen is the one most likely to pull America in. Aid to those standing against aggression will go forward all the faster because of the direct threat implicit in this new alliance of aggressors.—Christian Science Monitor.

It should be understood, in considering this problem, that Hitler's amazing success has been due largely to the surprise use of superior air strength. This is important because it opens the way for the British to defeat Germany without launching an actual invasion of Germany, which would cost millions of lives.

If the British can equal, and then surpass the Nazi air force, they will be able to pound Germany, from center to circumference. With the fleet tightening the blockade, which will weaken Germany industrially, and bombers giving Germany the "London-treatment," the chances are that the Nazis will cry "Kamerad!" Now, the United States, and the dominions, play an important role in the prospects of British air supremacy. With British production of planes maintained as high as possible, with this country making available its plant resources and the dominions attending to the training of pilots as well as bolstering plane production, there seems no reason to doubt the probability of British supremacy in a year or two.

When An Axis Needs a Friend

Reichsfuhrer Hitler has long made it plain that he considers treaties to be mere formalities. Now Japan has signed on the Axis' dotted line. This treaty also is a formality. And not only in the sense that Herr Hitler has given to that word. It is a formality also because it writes down on parchment, with impressive seals and signatures attached thereto, not a great new plan for world conquest just decided upon by totalitarians but a technique that has been in operation for years.

It merely states history in future tense. This does not make the treaty any more palatable to peaceable peoples. Where there has been only a tacit understanding among the directors of violence, there will now be military and diplomatic arrangements arrived at by consultation. But they will hardly be more effective, and likely will be less effective, than the moves of aggression in the Pacific and in Europe during the last eight or nine years.

Both in Great Britain and in the United States there are plenty of thoughtful people who can envisage even more startling developments than the new Axis-Tokyo agreement. The possibility of a five-power to talitarian front—Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain and Russia—is already being discussed among Americans. And the peculiar readiness of the Vichy Government to stand against Britain while continuing the capitulation before the demands of Japan and to accommodate itself to German wishes is not being ignored in the United States.

Britain Has Chance To Win War

American Army officers, after spending several weeks in Great Britain, express the opinion that the war in Europe will be long-fought and they seem to think that the British have a chance to win. It is noted, along this line, that the British Navy, Army and Air Force have increased in strength since war began last year. The morale of the people on the beleaguered island continues firm. Hitler's invasion has not begun and optimism increases as to what will happen when it starts. The question now being cautiously discussed is, how can the British ever expect to win the war? It is pointed out that Germany has the greater population, control of vast areas of subjugated countries and the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For some time I have felt that something more about the Conscription Bill should be published in The Weekly, and especially since recently hearing young men say that they had never heard that any provision was made for conscientious objectors to military training. I shall appreciate it much if they will publish the enclosed article in this week's Weekly.

Sincerely,
 MATTIE SAUNDERS.

Tyner, N. C.
 September 30, 1940.

THE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR TO MILITARY TRAINING

People are viewing the Conscription Bill from many different standpoints. Some say it is the best thing that could be done at this critical period; others claim that "the Army by its own testimony has been getting more recruits each month than the quotas call for, the Navy has a waiting list of 7,000, and the Army Air Force has stopped recruiting because there are no planes for more than 8,000, although Congress has appropriated money for 40,000"; still others say the Navy is getting sufficient recruits, but the Army needs to have more than are being enlisted; some think every young man should have a year's training; others say the smattering of knowledge obtained by them will be of no real benefit, but will only take the time of officers who should be concentrating on a smaller, efficiently trained force. Hanson W. Baldwin, New York Times Military Expert, is said to show in the August "Harper's" that conscription is wholly unjustifiable and unnecessary for the defense of the United States or even for defense of this hemisphere from military invasion; some believe that conscription except in time of actual war is undemocratic and unconstitutional; the Lawyers Committee to Keep the United States out of War maintains that "the founding fathers never intended to grant Congress the power to raise armies by conscription in peace time, the free government they founded being indeed the culmination of an historic struggle against standing armies and forced military service."

The result of these varied opinions has been that instead of one of the most important bills ever to come before Congress in peace time having been pushed through with less than two weeks Congressional consideration as was first proposed, approximately a month of real, earnest debate in both Houses of Congress was consumed, which was far more democratic, and during this debate the bill was modified considerably. One of the amendments was in regard to conscientious objectors to war.

Throughout the history of our nation there have been, as there are now, not only religious bodies who oppose war, but scattered here and there are individuals whose consciences will not permit them to take any part whatever in wilfully taking, or preparing to take, human life in mass slaughter any more than they would singly. Since conscientiousness is one of the essential virtues of good citizenship, this freedom of conscience is the right of each man in regard to service in war. It is not that these objectors do not love their country as well as others; nor that they count their lives more dear; for many of them have risked their lives to relieve suffering during wars, although they could not cause others to suffer; many have themselves suf-

Three Mayors Urge No Tampering With Present Route 17

That the towns of Edenton, Windsor and Williamston are seriously disturbed over the No. 17 Highway situation is shown by the following resolutions signed by the mayors of the three communities and forwarded on Monday to Chairman Frank Dunlop and his conferees on the State Highway and Public Works Commission at Raleigh. The resolutions hearing the signatures of Mayor J. H. McMullan of Edenton, Mayor J. A. Pritchett of Windsor, and Mayor J. J. Hassell of Williamston, preceded the visit of citizens of the three towns to the same Commission on Wednesday, and outline what Edenton, Windsor and Williamston have done to publicize No. 17 and beg that the present status of the route be continued and in no way be tampered with nor any alternate route be permitted.

The resolutions were as follows: "Whereas, since its inception in North Carolina U. S. 17 has traversed Eastern North Carolina through the counties of Chowan, Bertie and Martin, and

"Whereas, since this highway route was established in North Carolina it has been the official route of the Ocean Highway Association and its predecessors, and

"Whereas, through the leadership of the people of Chowan, Bertie and Martin counties the Williamston fill, the Chowan River bridge and the fine highways traversing this section were built, and

"Whereas, the counties of Chowan, Bertie and Martin donated directly to the State over \$400,000 for the construction of the aforesaid projects, and paid in tolls over the Chowan River Bridge well over \$200,000, and

"Whereas, the Ocean Highway Association, in collaboration with the counties of Chowan, Bertie and Martin, have spent over \$115,000 in promoting and publicizing the said route U. S. 17, and is now spending about \$20,000 for this purpose, and

"Whereas, the counties of Chowan, Bertie and Martin are now and have for many years spent annually over \$5.0 for this purpose through the Ocean Highway Association and several times this amount through other publicity agencies, and

"Whereas, due to the success of this route, the towns of Edenton, Windsor and Williamston have erected three modern hotels involving an expenditure of over \$300,000, together with numerous modern filling stations and eating houses for the accommodation of the tourist, and

"Whereas, the route through Edenton, Windsor and Williamston is the shortest route through this section and by far the most historic, scenic and picturesque in Eastern North Carolina, and

"Whereas, the tourist business which these communities have built up through the years is now the main source of income for these towns, the loss of which would endanger their economy and

"Whereas, any diversions of this traffic might tend to confuse the tourist and discourage those who have built it up from further effort in its promotion, and

"Whereas, the counties not traversed by U. S. 17 have done nothing to promote and publicize it,

"Now therefore, be it resolved, by the Mayors of Edenton, Windsor and Williamston, representing the expressed and unanimous sentiment of the people of the aforesaid counties of Chowan, Bertie and Martin, that the N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission be memorialized to jealously guard the present status of this route to the end that it in no way be tampered with and that no alternate route be permitted in North Carolina to same. And that the Williamston fill be repaired as soon as possible."

ferred imprisonment and even death because they remained loyal to their conscience and refused to bear arms.

It has been found that many are not aware that provision has been made in the Conscription Bill for Conscientious Objectors, and it seems but fair to inform those who do not already know, that the bill as passed by Congress and signed by the President provides exemption from military service for any person "who by reason of religious training or belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in wars of any kind."

All these must register on October 16 just as others do, but the detailed registration questionnaires, which will be sent later, provide an opportunity to state conscientious objections to military service and training.

The local Selective Board has authority to pass on the sincerity of the conviction of any person applying for exemption as a conscientious objector, and may excuse him from combatant service and direct that he perform only such duties as the President declares non-combatant; but, if he conscientiously objects doing these also, he may be directed to perform "work of national importance under civilian direction," or the Board may not sustain the claim of the person and rule that he be made liable to

Free Tickets For State Fair To Be Given Children

Supt. F. T. Johnson Gets 1,000 Tickets For Kids Of Perquimans County Schools

Superintendent F. T. Johnson, of Perquimans County schools, said today that free passes to the State Fair at Raleigh, October 8-12, have been received for all of the 1,000 school children of Perquimans.

All of the State's 900,000 school children will be guests of the 1940 exposition on Friday, October 11, which has been designated as "Young North Carolinians' Day."

Superintendent F. T. Johnson joined Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in urging students to attend the Fair.

"I am sure that any child attending the State Fair will go away with a finer spirit of State patriotism and with a better appreciation of the magnificent resources and possibilities of North Carolina," Dr. Erwin said, terming the Fair "an outstanding educational institution."

Governor Hoey added his praise for the State Fair, declaring it "has become an agency of education and progress."

In addition to 92,000 square feet of exhibits, pupils will find an elaborate entertainment program consisting of a mile-long midway, thrilling grandstand acts from all parts of the Nation; fast harness, auto and motorcycle races and a colorful musical revue.

full military service. Any conscientious objector who is dissatisfied with the ruling of the local Selective Board may appeal for decision to an Appeal Board. If the Appeal Board or the local Board sustain the claims, the person should be listed on a register of conscientious objectors.

Breaks Arm While Picking Grapes With Neighbors

Mrs. Charlie Lane, of near Belvidere, fell from a grape vine at the home of Basil Copeland Wednesday afternoon, breaking her arm between the wrist and elbow.

Mrs. Lane, who is 60 years old, was picking grapes from the large

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vine, with the Copelands and other neighbors, when a support for the vine broke. She was treated at the Hertford Clinic.

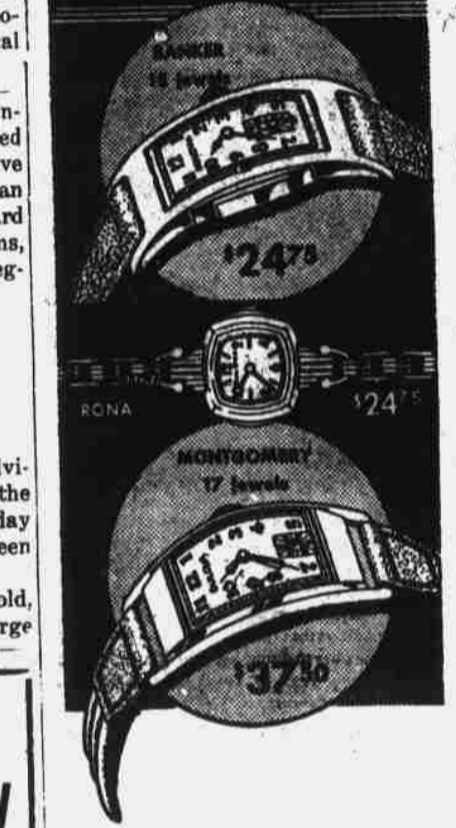
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