A critical phase of the war is almost in sight as Hitler's legions move with the seemingly irresistible force of evasion toward the Middle East. What happens in the next few months may determine whether the war will last a few years or many years. Thus, the destinies of the entire human family rest upon the leadership of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill. It is a mighty responsibility. And none but the bold and courageous would be suited for such a task or could undertake it with any hope of success. We can be happy in the thought that these two great leaders are able and wise, bold and brave, stouthearted, yet filled with the milk of human kindness. Let us bid Prime Minister Churchill godspeed as he returns to his own country where his leadership is being questioned and challenged.

Before the back-drop of this war drama the debates in the House and in the Senate over whether CCC will be continued, whether government wheat will be sold at a price below parity, whether the Farm Security Administration shall be eliminated or continued, seem small and insignificant indeed. Yet, we must remember that our internal economy must function. Economic and political chaos at home would mean military defeat on the battle field. This war is not only a conflict of military might. It is, in some respects, an endurance contest between democratic and totalitarian economies. Many people honest and conscientiously think that agencies like the CC camps should be completely eliminated. Many others say that they are vitally needed to protect the Nation's national forests. So, the contest goes on. It resulted in two tiss tie votes in the Senate, with Vice-President Wallace casting the deciding vote in both instances in favor of retaining the CCC's.

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The eyes of the world have been focused sharply upon Washington for the last several days as President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, the two great leaders of the English speaking world, conferred with each other and called in other leaders of the United Nations.

and Young King Peter, exiled from his country by the cruel invasion of the Nazi hordes, was received in the Capitol with enthusiasm. Though young King Peter made a good impression, his appearance once more demonstrated the inaneness of a hereditary monarchy. The Boy King bears his age well, it is true, but he is not the leader of his people by virtue of any merit which he has shown, or which he may have. The fault cannot be found in his age. It would be the same at any age. In a Democracy a man rises to leadership by battling his way up from a common level. Mistakes occur in our system, but they are the exception. Sometimes a cancerous growth on a Democracy, known as a corrupt political machine, elevates men to positions of high public trust for which they are not qualified and to which they would have little opportunity of elevation without the advantage of the machine over the fellow citizens. But these things pass away. The people are complacent for awhile, but eventually they become aroused and a wave of indignation will sweep away the sore and corruption.

Perhaps young King Peter will some day do well as a king, and if he is to be a king let us hope that he does do well. But it just seems

silly to think that an untried child should become the leader of a great people in its hour of stress and tribulation simply because he is the son of his father.

Prime Minister Churchill has returned home after conferences, which we hope have been very fruitful. Little can be said about the plans which our great leaders made, but it can be said that the Congressional leaders who conferred with them on Thursday came back to the Congress with a look of hope and encouragement on their faces.

regarding housing facilities in areas which will require non-local agricultural workers, and to make certain additional labor camp facilities are established where necessary. The Agriculture Department and the Employment Service and any other Department or agency having information on such transfer of workers are to transmit information on transportation needs to the ODT.

The directive to the Employment Service establishing worker recruitment priorities and transient agricultural worker recruitment both safeguard the workers' interests from the point of view of wages and working conditions, Mr. McNutt said. The "Placement Priorities Directive" provides the Employment Service may except from the priority provisions an employing establishment in which "wages and conditions of work are not at least as advantageous to a worker referred to a job opening therein as those prevailing for similar establishments in the industrial area."

Selective Service

Selective Service Headquarters said local boards should segregate registrants into four categories from which men may be called for service. The ruling, coincident with the President's signing the bill providing family allowances for dependents of men in the armed forces, sets up a new policy under which registrants will be inducted in the following order: (1) registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have no bona fide financial dependents; (2) qualified registrants who have financial dependents other than wives or children mentioned in categories 3 and 4; (3) qualified registrants married prior to December 8, 1941, who have wives with whom they are maintaining a bona fide family relationship in their homes; (4) qualified registrants married prior to December 8, 1941, who have wives and children, or children alone, with whom they maintain a fona fide family relationship in their homes. Local boards will continue to review the case of each individual, Headquarters said.

Army

The War Department said allowances for dependents of Army men in the four lowest ranks, as authorized in a bill signed by the President, will not be available before November 1, but the benefits will be retroactive to June 1 for dependents of men in the Army at that time. The delay is caused by the time required to set up the necessary machinery, the Department said. Secretary Stimson said the recent order prohibiting Army troops to marry overseas, without the consent of their commanding officers, was necessary because the acquisition of dependents abroad would create many difficult problems — among thembringing foreign wives of soldiers back to this country.

Mr. Stimson said the Army is preparing to give synthetic rubber tires a test. He said the Army is also experimenting with new types of tires and pontoons especially built to conserve rubber. Engineer Pontoon Companies have been replacing aluminum pontoons with pontoons made of rubberized fabric to save both rubber and aluminum, and contracts have been awarded for the manufacture of large quantities of synthetic rubber tires, the Department said.

The Department announced the Midwestern Signal Corps School at Camp Crowder, Mo., will be opened July 1, with a full training program in Army communications under the direction of Maj. Gen. Walter E. Prosser, Commandant.

To train Army personnel in the military use of the camera, the Army Photographic School is now operating with expanded facilities at the Signal Corps Photographic Center, Astoria, L. I., the Department said. The school formerly was located at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Shipping

The Maritime Commission said contracts aggregating \$5,245,542 for construction of 28 wooden barges were awarded to 7 Atlantic, Pacific and Great Lakes shippards. The barges will be 180 feet long, of 750 deadweight tons, and will cost from \$170,729 to \$214,000 each, the Commission said.

Economic Stabilization

In a radio address on the President's seven-point anti-inflation program, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Eccles said the war program calls for the Government to draw back into the Treasury from the expanding national income "an amount equal to what the Government is spending...through taxes and through the sale of Government securities. So far as the Treasury can in this way get back as much as it spends for war, the financing of the war is readily accomplished." Such a policy has the following three-fold effect, he said:
(1) It draws off the market money which otherwise might bid up prices. (2) It reduces spending power in relation to the supply of civilian goods. (3) The Government is able to finance the war without borrowing from commercial banks — "for such borrowing creates additional money, and may have highly inflationary effects."

Taxes

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau said the Treasury has recommended a plan whereby deductions of income taxes at source next year would be limited to 5 percent instead of 10 percent. Under the new plan, the 5 percent tax will be applied entirely to taxes due on 1943 income. Under the previous plan, a 10 percent withholding levy would have been applied half to taxes on 1942 income and half to taxes on 1943 income. Mr. Morgenthau said taxpayers may be given the option of paying their 1942 income tax in monthly installments next year instead of in quarterly installments.

War Bond Sales

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau told a press conference he does not believe the June War Bond quota of \$800,000,000 will be reached. In answer to a question he said sales improved after the bad news of Tobruk and further Japanese incursions in the Aleutians, and the July quota of \$1,000,000,000 will probably be attained.

The Post Office and Treasury Departments said rural mail carriers, who have been selling War Savings Stamps, will sell War Bonds. Carriers will accept payment in cash or War Stamps and will deliver the Bond after its issuance by the Postmaster.

Prices

Outlook in Egypt

Since Prime Minister Churchill is not in the habit of minimizing British reverses or of indulging in overly optimistic predictions, his reportedly confident attitude toward the situation in Egypt, despite steady advances eastward by Rommel's forces, provides some measure of reassuranc to those who are alarmed by the Middle East developments. Congressional leaders came away from their conference at the White House displaying evident satisfaction at what they had learned. Mr. Churchill was represented as asserting that Egypt and the Suez Canal would be held against the worst that Rommel could offer.

Whether the Prime Minister was expressing determination rather than venturing a prophecy is not known. is of interest to note that orful view of the crisis in Eco

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