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## COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

An explosive area, strategically vital to the United States, is given up-to-date treatment as a unit. The ties of NORTH AFRICA with Europe and the Middle East are stressed, in addition to its political and religious heritage, and economic potential.

Here is what some of our authors say in the April issue . . .

### NORTH AFRICA . . .

*"North Africa provides physical bases for control of three of the most crucial waterways of the world. These are Gibraltar, the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, and the Suez Canal."* Huey Louis Kostanick, *University of California at Los Angeles.*

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND . . .

*" . . . in its 6000 years of history North Africa's Nineteenth and Twentieth Century subservience to England, France, Italy and Spain is but a fleeting interlude."* Frederick H. Cramer, Mount Holyoke College.

### FRENCH NORTH AFRICA . . .

*"The future of France in North Africa depends on the degree to which it has learned the lessons of the recent past. The loyalty of a people cannot be bought nor can it be demanded; it can only be earned."* Alvin Z. Rubinstein, *University of Pennsylvania.*

### EGYPT AND GREAT BRITAIN . . .

*"The Suez Canal is vital in the Western defense system, yet the base would be useless to Britain if it is surrounded by an unfriendly nation or nations."* Frances H. Ferrell, Chicago Board of Education.

### UNITED STATES AND NORTH AFRICA . . .

*"United States interests in North Africa have suddenly expanded within a dozen years to prodigious proportions for which our State Department and public opinion were hardly prepared."* Sidney B. Fay, *Harvard University.*