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"With or without offense to friends or foes
I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

French Freedom Dies

One must conclude from 85-year-old Marshall Petain's address announcing to the world the full collaboration of the Vichy government with Hitler's aims and objectives, that either a German gun was pointed at his head, or that he is a fascist at heart, or that he is in his dotage. Probably all three account for the "hero of Verdun" becoming the betrayer of France.

Petaín, in announcing the intention of France to share with her conqueror in a European reorganization in which France will become a vassal state, admitted that his own program for the regeneration of France had failed and that democracy in France was dead — in fact, had never lived in the American pattern. He disclosed that centuries of quarreling with France's eastern neighbors had given way to a larger perspective "by which our activity can open up a reconciled continent." But it will be at cost of French independence and liberty, the future only a decadent nation can peacefully accept.

What course the collaboration will take has not been defined, but the appointment of Admiral Darlan, British baiter, as chief of national defense indicates that it will call for a joint German-French defense of Dakar and other French possessions, the turning over of the French navy to Germany and a general military, as well as economic and political cooperation with Hitler.

Petaín aligned France squarely beside Germany in her attack upon Russia and called it a "gigantic" task in the development to the east in defense of a civilization and which can change the map of the world. Yet Russia has for decades been the closest ally France has had along with Britain, both of whom fought gallantly only a quarter of a century ago to preserve French freedom from German attack, yet both of whom Petaín seeks to destroy to bring victory to France's ancient enemy and slavery to Europe.

Japan's Encirclement

Secretary Hull says that if Japan imagines she is dangerously encircled, she has accomplished that encirclement herself, and has it in her own power to escape encirclement. As a matter of fact, Japanese aggression and threats of aggression caused Japan's present situation.

Not content with seizing Manchuria, part of China and conducting a four-years' war for the balance of China, Japan has massed a huge force on the Siberian border for an attack on Russia, despite the recent peace pact, has with the connivance of the Vichy government, militarily seized French Indo-China, is serving ultimatums on Thailand, and threatening the Dutch East Indies.

Japan's invasion of Southeast Asia menaces British Malaya, Burma and India as well as the Philippines and Australia and the Dutch East Indies. Naturally the British, the Dutch, the Australians and Americans have mobilized forces in the danger zone to resist Japanese aggression. To the north she faces the Russian Siberian army and in China itself the rejuvenated Chinese army.

Aside from our Asiatic fleet based in the Philippines, the threatened nations have assembled naval forces consisting of approximately four battleships, 12 cruisers and an unknown number of destroyers, submarines and torpedo boats and at least 1350 modern warplanes against Japan's 3600 old model planes. Our main fleet at Hawaii can engage in a major encounter for a finishing blow if necessary.

As both the United States and Britain have warned Japan, peace or war rests with Japan and future bluffs will be called.

Young's Milk Solution

Owen D. Young, former head of the General Electric, of the Radio Company of America, author of the Young plan for German reparations, with a long and distinguished career as industrialist and financier, who is now a farmer, has offered a new solution for the milk price controversy perpetually raging in New York. He proposes that the United States buy up surplus milk the way it does cotton and other farm products.

Mr. Young urges improvement of the price scale but asserts "no ceiling should be put on milk prices until the labor returns to the farmer are reflected to a point of fair equilibrium if not indeed equalization with industrial and other wages." He continues:

"If the government would undertake to purchase all the manufactured milk products produced in the milkshed at a price which would yield the farmer in the blend not less than a stated minimum for his milk for a period of not less than eight months or more than a year, then the farmer would know for the first time if the price were adequate that he could keep or enlarge his herds and borrow money if necessary to feed them."

Mr. Young also asks that milk and its products be given government protection as a defense industry, by making what is the equivalent of a guaranteed price or a guaranteed minimum.

All of this entails increased government supervision and control of production and prices and would be another incursion into a bureaucratic paternalism that is disguised state socialism.

Civil Defense in West Stressed

San Francisco, Aug. 13 (AP)—A campaign to impress upon westerners the need for an adequate civil defense program has been started by Charles R. Page, civilian defense director for the 9th corps area.

Page plans to visit the governors of Oregon, Washington and California in the near future and outline to them the work of the office of civilian defense.

"We are prepared to coordinate the civil defense activities of the

states and the political subdivisions," Page said. "The federal government has no intention to interfere with the rights and responsibilities of the states. It is their duty to protect their people. We only want to help them."

Page said the federal government might provide additional fire fighting equipment for cities but that they will be expected to employ their own auxiliary fire fighters and policemen.

"A paid force would be necessary," he said, "because volunteers do not work efficiently enough."

Page was appointed by Florence La Guardia, national director of the office of civilian defense.

Husbands

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

The old Romans probably would have taken it as an omen yesterday morning, a dead jackrabbit lying on the State pavement in front of Hull's smoke emporium, where it has been killed by an automobile during the night and ground to unpleasant bits by passing cars. Yea, such might have forecast the advent of further invasions of wild life into our highly civilized downtown quarters later in the day, but nobody volunteered to do last honors to the jackrabbit and he disintegrated under traffic. But yesterday afternoon came the real story

when a small hawk, labeled by the expert Ornithologist, Boyd Claggett as a falcon, or sharp-shinned hawk, to chase a pigeon over the downtown rooftops. Finally the pigeon spied the open doors of Cooke's stationery and headed into the store, the falcon after him. They made a number of evolutions about the store to the conservation of customers and employees. The pigeon finally sought refuge behind some packing cases in the back room and the hawk took to cover behind a filing case. He was captured with a fish landing net and put in a cage at Parker's next door. The pigeon was freed to engage in whatever fun a pigeon has outdoors. The sharp-shinned hawk is one of the most murderous little feathered creatures either afoot or aloft and he'd think nothing of tweaking off a man's finger or nose if same was made available. If this sort of wild life invasion keeps on the city council will have to pass an ordinance or something.

Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

Draft Trouble

Indianapolis—Two letters enlivened the work of Indiana selective service headquarters.

One was from a Marion county grandmother who offered to go to camp instead of her grandson, who still had a year before finishing college.

"I can cook—I can sew. I could help with the washing. Please let me go," she said. "I'm not doing anything at home here."

The other was from a wife on the Ohio river who said she wished her draftee-husband had been sent to Alaska or some other far off place instead of Fort Knox, Ky., right across the river.

The woman complained he "insists on coming home each week-end."

Looted

Philadelphia—Thieves who looted Robert Jones' store weren't overlooking a thing.

Apparently backing a truck to the door, they carted off 277 suits of clothes worth \$4126, even stripping the wax models in the display windows.

We Give Up

Santa Monica, Calif.—Disappearance of \$5700 from the police department safe is still a mystery, after two weeks of sleuthing.

So red-faced officers have dug in their own pockets to offer a \$500 reward.

If at First—

Seattle—Housewives find it hard to resist this peddler's technique. He calls first, offering "no peddlers or agents' signs."

Falling to make a sale, he returns a few minutes later with some handy household gadgets.

Doctor Dick Ross, the eminent physician, offered a free diagnosis yesterday as he passed by a bald spot on Van Wier's head in a local restaurant yesterday and noticed a large lump on the bald spot. "Fall from a horse?" he asked. "No, I guess it was a spider bite," said Van.

Quartet Will Appear

Woodburn—The gospel quartet from St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn., will give a sacred concert at the Lutheran church in Woodburn Thursday evening.

England's balloon barrages have proved ready to migrating birds as well as to airplanes.



Nazis Claim Closing on Odessa—German sources claimed they were drawing a ring around Odessa with thrusts about the Bug river (1) and a drive from Bessarabia and that they had sunk six Russian troop transports in the Black sea. The Russians said their air force had wrecked a railway bridge at Cerna-Voda, Rumania, on the oil line that flows from Constanta toward Germany, and bombed shipping at Constanta.—Associated Press Photo.

Kelly Says:

Valley Cantonment May Be Enlarged

Extensive Use of Electricity Proposed

Senate Committee Ignores Tax Measure

By Paul Dunham

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—If present plans are carried out, instead of 60,000-odd acres the military cantonment in the Corvallis area will require 100,000 acres—all to be removed from tax rolls. The present proposal is for a territory 12 miles long and 10 miles wide, with accommodations for a triangular division and other unspecified troops, in all 35,000 men and officers. Blueprints are almost completed, showing a detailed contour map of everything within the area, railroad, highway, roads, rivers, firing range and location of the scores of barracks, mess halls, chapels, utilities, etc.

This will be an expensive plant. It is proposed, for example, that the meals for the men be cooked with electricity. For illumination and cooking 20,000 kilowatts will be required, which will cost the government more than \$2,000,000 for the juice, transmission and distribution alone. Electric cookstoves will be a novelty in a cantonment. This power will come from Bonneville, where there is a shortage of power for war defense purposes, but as now proposed the electricity will be diverted from war orders to frying hamburgers and from the making of aluminum or other essentials to cooking bread and pancakes.

May Shift Roads

Oregon highway commission has been requested to abandon the west side Pacific highway (U. S. 99) for many miles and build a new highway. There is a prospect that the railroad now in that section may be shifted for there must be no firing across highways or railroads. Unless another source of water is found, water must be taken from Willamette river and chemically treated.

It is not improbable that one of the three sites proposed by Eugene will be taken later. At the moment, the officer in charge of the 120 members of his civilian personnel is renting vacant college buildings on the old campus of Albany college. Should there be a likelihood of a Eugene site also being included the college administration building would make an ideal headquarters from which could be directed both the Eugene and Corvallis activities. In this connection it has been suggested that the government include the college structure in its cantonment program. The building, which cost \$300,000, could be purchased for much less, and when the government is spending billions of dollars for defense and millions of dollars for a cantonment, a couple of hundred thousand would mean nothing. The National Youth Administration also wants the college to conduct a vocational training school, teaching welding, mechanics and similar trades now in much demand in the shipbuilding and aircraft industries. N.Y.A., however, is not interested in the purchase of property, only in renting. Presumably the owners of the former school are willing to sell to the war department.

Farmers Protest

Continued protests have been coming to the Oregon delegation from farmers. They object to being yanked off their farms, root and branch, and compelled to start life anew elsewhere. Their objections, however, will be overruled, for in a national emergency the individual is swept aside for the general welfare. Similar complaints have been lodged with the war department in every instance where a cantonment was located—even in the swamp country. Some kicks have come from the Medford area, which also is in the cantonment picture and is a "natural" for military purposes.

Senate finance committee is ignoring the new tax measure passed by the house under the gag rule (take it or leave it; no amendments) and will prepare a tax bill of its own devising. Head of this committee is Senator George, who relinquished chairmanship of the foreign relations committee to Senator Connally. There may be some features of the house bill which will be retained, but in the main the senate committee will have a new bill. As taxes on income will not become operative until next March 15, it is contended that there is no great rush to enact a tax measure and that the senate committee can proceed leisurely. It may be October before the senate has whipped its bill into shape and is ready to present it on the floor for debate, and the people will then get a better understanding of the measure than they had of the bill shoved through the house.

Reaction Awaited

This strategy is also intended to permit the committee and the senate to obtain the reaction from the general public on the items taxed by the house bill. There is an impression that the senate proposal, in some respects, will be stiffer than the house wants with regard to lowering exemptions and deductions. The president, himself, prefers lowering the base a trifle, arguing that the little fellow wants to contribute toward national defense. The government issued figures recently showing that one-third of the American families have less than \$700 a year in cash income.

Methods and planes developed in the United States are used to train military pilots in Honduras, the department of commerce reports.

Horses Also Have Good Time At Convention

Almond, N. Y., Aug. 13 (AP)—Even the horses, if you believe President George Kane, are having a wonderful time at the 14th annual world's horse traders' convention.

"It's a cinch for a horse," explains the lanky, tobacco-chewing master of ceremonies at what is developing into the "wappinest" barnyard carnival of a long line of successful "swap fests."

"The horses have it easy," says Kane. "They have lots of free hay and pasture and no work." Kane, a trader of note in horse-swapping circles of western New York, should know whereof he speaks. He is the originator of the "world's horse traders convention," its first and only president and the power behind the throne.

The convention is beautifully organized. On one side of a highway just outside the village of Almond is President Kane's horse barn, housing up to a dozen horses of various ages, colors, sizes and values.

A partly-wooded field on the other side of the highway, split by rippling Canada creek, is filled with automobiles, motor trucks, spectators, a traveling carnival, horse traders and their stock in trade.

President Kane is everywhere. He greets visitors at the entrance with "Hi, you old horse thief, make yourself at home." He sizes up each newly arriving equine with a practiced eye. Occasionally his eyes light with that covetous gleam.

"Go down there by the creek and be robbed," he chants with a smile, "or come up to God's country (the Kane barn) and be treated right."

Down by the creek everyone is enjoying the affair immensely. Two traders tangle in an attempt to make a deal and the crowd moves in close. Most of the traders are loud spoken, jovial men until the sordid subject of money is introduced. They cringe at the words, then look scornful. Even an amateur can tell they are traders, not buyers.

Ten dollars is big "boot," when money is involved in a transaction.

Body of Collings Washed Ashore

London, Aug. 13 (AP)—A body washed up on the Scottish coast was identified by means of a gold watch Tuesday as that of Kenneth Brown Collings, American war correspondent and aviator whose death in the sinking of a Canadian troop transport was announced May 6.

Collings and 11 other American fliers en route to England to serve as bomber ferry pilots were among 122 persons listed as missing in the loss of the unidentified troop transport due to "enemy action."

Vitamin Pills at Drinking Fountains

St. Helens, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—Any St. Helens Pulp & Paper company employee who feels the need of a little toning up will find vitamin pills at every drinking fountain.

He is invited to take as many as he likes but is advised to limit consumption to one a day. The company is setting them up.

Recently the hospital committee of two unions learned that a worker who is full of vitamins is apt also to be full of vim, vigor and vitality and less apt to lose time through illness. They suggested vitamin pills to the company. The company liked the idea and acted on it.

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Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer.

To the Editor: Some weeks ago there appeared in the Capital Journal an editorial which contained many inaccuracies as to the numbers represented by the various Christian denominations.

The figures concerning the Baptists were not correct. The attached article entitled "Christianity in America" gives the true status of the Baptist denomination.

It would be appreciated if the former article could receive this correction. Thank you.

"Statistical records of Christianity in America reveal that approximately 50 per cent of the total population in this country. The following facts are gleaned from the 1941 edition of the Yearbook of American Churches: There is listed a total of 64,601,594 church members. The largest denominational group is the Roman Catholic which has 21,284,455 members and 18,733 churches, approximately 40,000 priests. Baptist bodies are next with 10,898,937 members worshipping in 61,119 churches. Baptists are the strongest numerically throughout the rural areas and in small cities and towns. In large cities it requires a constant struggle to hold our own. This might well engage our best means of research. There must be understandable reasons why we cannot make progress in many urban areas. — The non-Roman Catholic church membership in this country is 42,317,139. The number of churches devoted to protestant and free-church worship is 221,658. Upon these churches devolves the task of winning by the gospel the 70,000,000 of our fellow countrymen who appear to make no confession of faith." — Watchman-Examiner, N.Y.—Baptist National Paper.

(Signed) REV. A. IRVING FOX

(Editor's Note: The statistics of church membership printed by the Capital Journal were those given in the 1941 Yearbook of American

Bids Opened on Eugene-Drain Line

Roseburg, Aug. 12 (AP)—Bids on construction of a 43-mile power transmission line to carry Bonneville power from Eugene to Drain to supply the North Douglas and West Douglas Electric Co-Operatives, were opened here today.

Ellsworth J. Johnson of the Portland REA office, said the bids would be referred to Washington, D. C., for award.

Offers on the 33,000-volt line were as follows, the first figure for complete construction and the second without conductors:

Tri-State Construction company, Portland, \$91,965 and \$55,690; Max Kunev, Spokane, \$96,879 and \$62,935; J. E. Chandler, Arcadia, Calif. \$96,904 and \$61,027; Hagen & McClinton, Myrtle Point (alternate only) \$61,732.

CCC Enrollees to Give Farm Labor

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—Civilian conservation corps director James J. McNetee Tuesday authorized the furloughing of CCC enrollees to enable them to accept temporary jobs helping farmers and orchard operators in harvesting crops in states where labor shortages exist or are threatened.

McNetee said the enrollees would be given temporary leave without pay while they work as harvest hands.

He emphasized that the harvesting work is "voluntary" on the part of the enrollees and assured the war department that there would be "no exploitation" or attempt to use them to lower wage standards.

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