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ON FLANDERS FIELDS

Germany allows no press reports to tell of the plight of France, but this does not prevent refugees in America from telling what is going on.

A dramatic picture of French life is brought overseas by the secretary of the manufacturers' association of France, M. Robert A. Dordet, who came in by Baltimore, and was not exposed to general press interviews. As told the Merry-Go-Round exclusively, this is his story:

There are no automobiles on the streets of France, because there is no gasoline. Supplies have been cut off by the British embargo and later the German.

There is a shortage of all foods, a complete absence of some. There is no coffee, no tea, no butter, no milk. Winter is coming and there is no coal.

Some of these supplies are normally available in France, but today they are lacking either because of interrupted transportation or because of confiscation by the Germans.

Furthermore, the invasion of refugees—French, Belgian and Dutch—has reduced food supplies. So far, refugees swarming all over the countryside have kept themselves alive on the fruits and vegetables of southern France.

Fall harvesting and planting is further disrupted by the absence of workers. A million French soldiers are held as prisoners, and requests for their release to work in fields and factories have been unavailing. Three times Vichy's Vice Premier Laval went to Paris to appeal to the German high command, and even was refused an audience. Germany was too busy waging war on England to talk about problems of peace.

COME'N' SEE IT

If certain leading advertising agencies can sell the idea to army brasshats, the boys in camp this winter will see star radio shows—with glamorous movie queens, famous comics, popular crooners and top bands—put on the air.

However, there is considerable difference of opinion among army chiefs on this novel plan. They are agreed that the shows would be a big hit and a morale builder, but some of them question the commercial features of the program.

If one class of sponsors, such as cigarettes or automobiles, are allowed to stage broadcasts in army camps, they contend that others, such as patent medicines, might demand similar privileges and couldn't fairly be refused. They also argue that no commercial performances should be allowed in government posts.

Proponents of the plan retort that this would no more imply government endorsement of the product than if soldiers in uniform attended the same shows in radio stations. Also, that it didn't matter who the sponsor was so long as the show was clean and star entertainment.

Note—Civilian press aides in the war department are strong for the proposal, but their military associates are not.

A FINE TRIBUTE

Finest recent tribute to a United States senator was circulated behind his back, when 84 colleagues signed a petition asking Roosevelt to appoint Sen. Henry Fountain Ashurst to the U. S. Court of Claims.

There are only 96 members of the senate, and 12 were absent or ill when the petition was circulated proposing this reward for the senator from Arizona. Ashurst has served that state for 28 years since the first day it was elevated from a territory to statehood. He was defeated this year in the Democratic primary, largely because a weak heart prevented him from going home to campaign.

In addition to his old friend, Senator Tom Connally of Texas, the person who helped get the record-breaking total of 84 senatorial signatures for Ashurst was Mrs. Lionel Atwill, daughter of the late Edward T. Stotesbury and sister of Jimmy Cromwell.

When the list was handed to Roosevelt, he remarked: "I wish I could get 84 senators behind me."

CAPITAL CHAFF

Edward H. McCrahan, World war veteran, has proposed a new army decoration to the war department—a "Good Conduct medal" that would be given to all honorably discharged veterans and draftees.

To block Nazi seizure of Dutch investments in the United States through terrorization of their families and associates, Dutch businessmen in this country have quietly formed new companies that have taken over the assets of the old ones under long-term notes, payable only when Holland regains its freedom. This reorganization has been done with treasury and SEC aid, thus saving about \$50,000,000 from Nazi coffers.

Sen. Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts takes his two dachshund dogs for a stroll before bedtime.



New York Newsboy:

When Irene Kuhn, who has covered everything from fires to murders, began her exciting career, a wise newspaperman gave her this counsel: "Get around town—find out what people are talking about. Give your readers a little daily jolt on something they are gabbing about at home, perhaps, and can gab about some more. Controversial stuff—so they can argue. The big idea is this: Make half of them happy and half of them sore."

Newspaper men and free-lance writers have a tough struggle to make a living. The pen may be mightier than the sword, but hunger is mightier than both. The best description of a scribbler's plight came from a soap king named Lord Leverhulme—when he gave a job to an unlucky novelist. "I don't think you will regret going into business," said Leverhulme, "literature is a very nice ornamental walking stick, but it's a poor crutch."

He was one of Marshal Foch's assistants in the first World War, and was presented with the Croix de Guerre with 13 palms when it ended. . . . In the second World War he was the only plane manufacturer who thought more of his country than of profits and he did his best to aid the cause of France. . . . He was out of the country on a Government mission when the Battle of France came to its tragic end. . . . He refused to take advantage of the opportunity to flee to the United States. . . . Instead, he returned to France—where he was promptly jailed. . . . The charge: Trying to escape. . . . His friends are trying to aid his cause, but Justice is looking the other way these days. His name: Paul L. Weiller.

Typewriter Ribbons: Cosmo Hamilton's: He shut himself into his room to work until the fingers of dawn turned up the veil of night. . . . D. Boone's: There was a time when Maine was thought to be the pulse of the nation, but there have been indications during the last couple of elections that it is just a hardened artery.

The Village News-Press

(Prop. and Editor, W. Winchell)  
Ye ed just read in John McManus' piece about Johannes Steel getting off a pretty good saying, "The Vichy-washy French government." By heck, that's taking the words right out of ye ed's desk.

What the City Slickers Are Talking About: How George Abbott and Marcy Wescott, who once were smitten, hardly talk now, mostly because of a part in his new show: "The White Haired Boy" . . . Samson Rapaelson's new play about New York drama critics. Seems that Sam is going to make a composite character about the sinful goings-on between an actress and a critic who is a married man. . . . My goodness. . . . Betsy Berkeley of Billy Rose's girl-factory, and Bill Kelly, the cameraman, who flew down to Washington to become cameraman and wife. . . . Bob Ritchie and his writer, Fred Finklehoffe, almost coming to blows over the casting of their new play "Hiya—Gentlemen" . . . The new baby girl over at Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grafton's house, who has been named Abigail Alice. . . . The one about the Nazi spy over here who just got fired by Mr. Goebbels because he was sending inaccurate information he pilfered out of New York coliums.

Old Guth McClintic won't have any truck with the Fifth Columnists in our midst. Guth has a sign posted on his office door where he hires showfolks. It says: "No Communists or Nazis Need Apply. Only Folks Who Are Loyal Americans." That's tellin' 'em!

The Village News-Press hears about a lot of famous draft dodgers who are using pull to get jobs in the Sikorsky plant.

Ye ed was criticized recently for suggesting that school children stop saluting Our Flag with the outstretched arm like the Nazis do. Seems as how the school board considered it a good idea, however, according to the stories in the papers. They ordered pupils to salute the way the soldiers and sailors do—fingers to their temples when the Flag passes by.

Miss Zorina, the actress, has left the bed and board of Mr. Balanchine, her husband, by moving into the Ritz Towers hotel.

Joe Kennedy, our ambassador to London, isn't at odds with our President. Joe will resign and become chairman of the defense commission. This ought to set at rest the talk that Joe and F. D. R. have fallen out.

By the bye, ye ed is to be exposed again in a book soon. The writer is a banker we writ up recently as being a big bum. This is to tell all our subscribers anytime they read or hear anything about us it is most likely true.

Japanese School Children Salute Our Flag



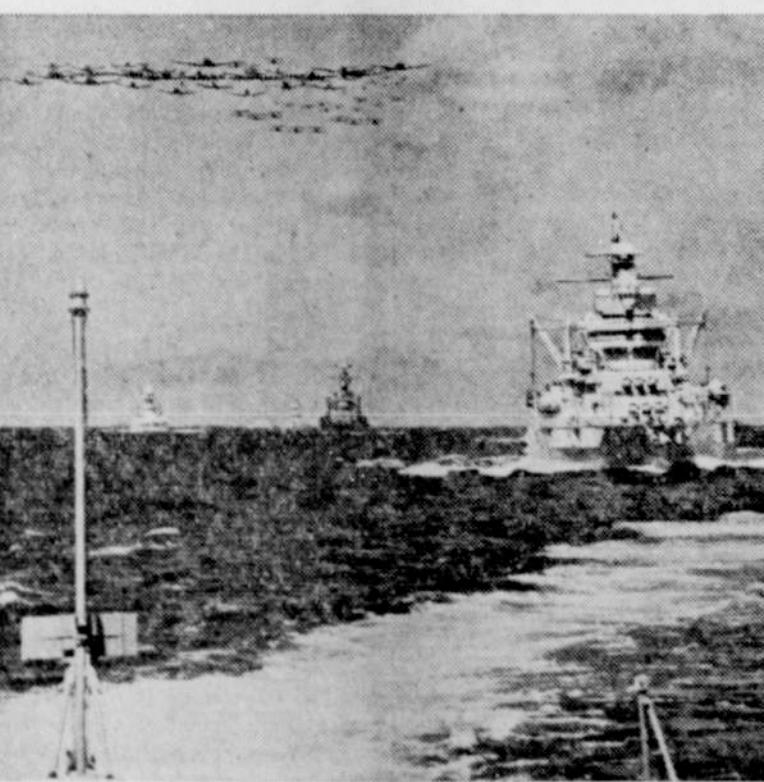
Here is a morning scene in one of the classrooms of the Moiliili Japanese language school in Honolulu, where the ceremony of saluting the flag as it is performed in American mainland schools was introduced recently. The Japanese children bow in the style to which they are accustomed. There are 26 Japanese language schools in Honolulu.

Is 'Your Number Up,' Mr. Young American?



Right: Judge Howard E. Davis, chairman of the draft advisory board for Philadelphia, with the historic World war goldfish bowl that left its resting place in Independence hall to play its role in the nation's first peacetime conscription. Left: James, Arthur and Timothy Dunn, three brothers who by an odd coincidence drew draft numbers 1, 2 and 3, topping list of 3,425 registrants from Queens, New York.

Our First and Second Line of Defense



Ships of the United States fleet are pictured during recent maneuvers off the California coast, as naval planes fly in formation overhead. Building a navy second to no nation is rapidly becoming a reality, as America prepares for defense and protection of the Western hemisphere against possible invasion by the totalitarian powers.

'Sunshine' Made in New Jersey



S. G. Hibben, director of applied lighting at the Westinghouse lamp laboratories in Bloomfield, N. J., shown with the 10,000-watt mercury vapor lamp that produces a light one-fifth as bright as the surface of the sun. Although encased in a cooling jacket of running water, the radiations from the lamp set fire to the wrapping paper.

Trousseau



Fifteen-year-old Delvina Walker of Luray, Va., leans against her 76-year-old husband, John Hefflin. Recently married, they took up residence on his big farm nearby.

Flee War Zone



Adam Ahmed, Turkish waiter aboard the Egyptian refugee ship, El Nil, grins as he holds Moses Levitt, of Palestine, when the El Nil docks at Jersey City.

Transforming a Box Into Smart Ottoman

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

PAD the top of a box and slip cover it; then add a separate cushion three inches thick. The result will be a smart ottoman that either may match or contrast with the cover of your favorite chair. The little feet made of drawer pulls keep the ottoman from looking like a box. A corded seam where the skirt of the slip cover joins the top, and an inverted pleat at each corner of the skirt also give a professional touch. I



suggest tacking the slip cover firmly in place as shown in the sketch.

If down or feathers are used to fill the separate cushion, make an inner cushion of ticking with a top and a bottom piece the size of the box top; and a straight three-inch piece around the sides. If kapok is used for filling, this inner cushion may be made of muslin. The cover of the separate cushion has corded seams to match the box slip cover.

NOTE: These directions should be clipped from the paper as they are not available in booklet form. However, complete directions for making slip covers and for making corded seams are in SEWING, Book No. 1, No. 3 also contains valuable slip cover suggestions. These 32-page booklets are 10c each. Send order to:

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There's none so blind as they that won't see.—Swift.



Sunny Mood  
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