

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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SPIES IN CONSULATES

Vichy Ambassador Henry-Haye recently let out a loud wail about newspaper reports charging him and his staff with undercover pro-Axis activities.

It is possible that Henry-Haye knows nothing about it, but government authorities are in possession of evidence that Nazi agents are on Vichy consular staffs in this country. Also, that such agents have been installed in Hungarian consular offices.

It has been ascertained that several weeks before Axis consulates were ordered expelled, Berlin, either tipped off or anticipating the move, quietly began shifting some of its agents to Vichy and Hungarian consulates.

The Vichy consulate in Chicago, headed by Raymond Imbault-Huot, was one of those that suddenly had a mysterious staff expansion. Another was in the Hungarian consulate in Cleveland, directed by Louis Alexy.

Two "investigators" were added to Imbault-Huot's staff early in June. These men were in constant contact with the Nazi consulate in Chicago; in fact, they called there almost every day until the Nazi consul departed in July. This was definitely established by Dies committee agents and from a former member of the Vichy consular staff in Chicago, who resigned in disgust after many years of service.

THE PRESIDENT'S MOTHER

Sara Delano Roosevelt thought the man to whom she proudly referred to as "My son, the President" was capable of doing anything he set his mind to; and the President would have done anything he could to satisfy her wishes.

But one favor he could not grant, despite his high office. Because of its intimate character, the story was kept a secret by the few who knew it, but now that the gracious mistress of Hyde Park has passed on, it can be told.

During the Czechoslovak crisis in 1939, the President was conferring with advisers when a secretary interrupted with word that his mother was calling from New York. The President picked up the phone, inquired, "Yes, mother?"

Mrs. Roosevelt was in a state of high excitement. There was some difficulty over a friend who had come to this country from Europe. He wanted to remain until he was certain it would be safe for him to return, but the state department was refusing to grant an extension of his visa. Couldn't the President do something?

"I'm sorry, mother," he replied, "but I'm afraid I can't help you on this."

An excited buzz of conversation came through the phone. It might be dangerous for the friend to return. Wasn't the President the highest official of the government and couldn't he do something?

Roosevelt glanced helplessly at those about him. Then, with a patient smile, he again addressed the phone.

"Mother," he explained, "it's against the law."

This was one door even the President of the United States could not open for his mother or anybody.

NO SUGAR SHORTAGE

Don't get alarmed about those rumors of an impending sugar shortage. The department of agriculture, which should know, isn't.

Official statistics show that there is plenty of refined sugar for civilian needs. Production in the next few months, plus the reserve stocks of beet and cane sugar refiners—amounting to over 1,550,000 tons—will be more than enough to meet consumer demands until the next crop.

Only problem is what government experts term "mal-location." Due to consumer hoarding, stocks in the East are below normal, though rapidly being replenished from the top-heavy reserves of refineries in other sections, chiefly the Gulf states.

As a double precaution, the agriculture department has approved sharp increases in 1941 marketing quotas, which were stepped up to 9,002,976 tons. This is 2,386,000 tons more than the quotas announced at the beginning of the year and a million tons greater than those approved July 30.

Some sugar-producing areas, including Cuba, are not expected to supply their enlarged quotas, due to heavy rains on their raw stocks, but Puerto Rico and U. S. beet areas have plenty of supplies on hand to meet the new marketing allotments.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Sen. Bob Reynolds' hopes to be the bridegroom of \$80,000-a-year heirless Evalyn McLean did not keep the Raleigh, N. C., post of the American Legion from scorching him for his isolationism.

Friends of Jim Farley can always tell when he is traveling abroad. The genial ex-Democratic chairman keeps them posted with a trail of personally penned picture postcards. He mails them by the hundreds. Farley visited Honolulu with two of his children.

The Once Over

H.I. Phillips

SIMPLIFYING THE TAX BLOW

The senate finance committee recently voted for the Simplified Chart system for helping the public determine its income tax. It now seems certain that the Do-It-Without-The-Dizzy-Spell idea will become law and that the new arrivals within the income tax classifications will almost be admitted on a Pay-As-You-Enter system.

Secretary Morgenthau says that with the rank and file of taxpayers "it ain't the money; it's the confusion." He contends that a man in the lower brackets should be able to go to a post office, glance at a chart and find out what he owes Uncle Sam without going nuts.

When the income tax was limited to the Upper Brackets and only took in a small proportion of the people, it was all right to let them suffer. There seemed no reason why they shouldn't be given the works, up to and including the headache, the spots before the eyes, the night-sweats, the nervous breakdowns and the mad call for lawyers.

But the Every-Man-An-Einstein policy is to be dropped now that the income tax laws have been eased so that anybody can get in.

Uncle Sam knows that if the rank and file of his citizens were ever asked to go through all that trouble making out an income tax blank, there would be what Willie Howard calls a "re-wolt." Either that or more mental collapses than our institutions could handle.

Hence the "Not A Headache In A Carload" type of tax collection.

It is all right as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough. We think the tax blank should be made prettier. And carry a page of funnies.

We submit the following extra suggestions for making tax paying more painless:

1. Make the tax blanks prettier and include a page of funnies.

2. Preface each blank with the words "Don't Bother Reading This. See Your Postmaster."

3. Inclose postage for return.

4. Have the mailman leave each blank with an apology and explain that it's just too bad.

5. Forbid lengthy discussion of the tax blank in the home. Let the husband say, "I guess I'll run down to the post office and have my income tax apprehensions attended to," and let the wife limit her comment to "Okay. I hope it's nothing serious."

6. Have the post office chart printed in colors and throw in a couple of movie shorts in the corridor.

7. Require the postmasters to serve hot coffee and sandwiches.

Do You Remember—

Away back when the ultimatum came first and the attack second?

"Japan is proceeding with the reconstruction of the Chinese continent with the full co-operation of China. Churchill's charge that Japan is encroaching upon the Chinese people is wholly groundless." — Japanese spokesman.

And then again, the world doesn't seem to understand that those alleged bombs are really flower pots.

PORTRAIT OF A MAYOR

Into an airplane—

Out of it quick!

Into another—

With shovel and pick!

Off to a concert.

Then—zip!—to a spot

To christen a hangar,

A park or all-hot!

Whisk! To some city

To dig a big hole,

Run a steamshovel

Or help to mine coal!

This way and that way

With gusto and joy—

"Flash" Fiorello,"

The Dynamo Boy!

"Hank Greenberg Made Corporal"—Headline.

A man named Low has been named an official of the New York gas shortage crisis.

Elmer Twitchell just couldn't resist the temptation. He walked up to an auto bearing an "I Don't Waste Gas" sticker and scribbled on it "Wanna bet?"

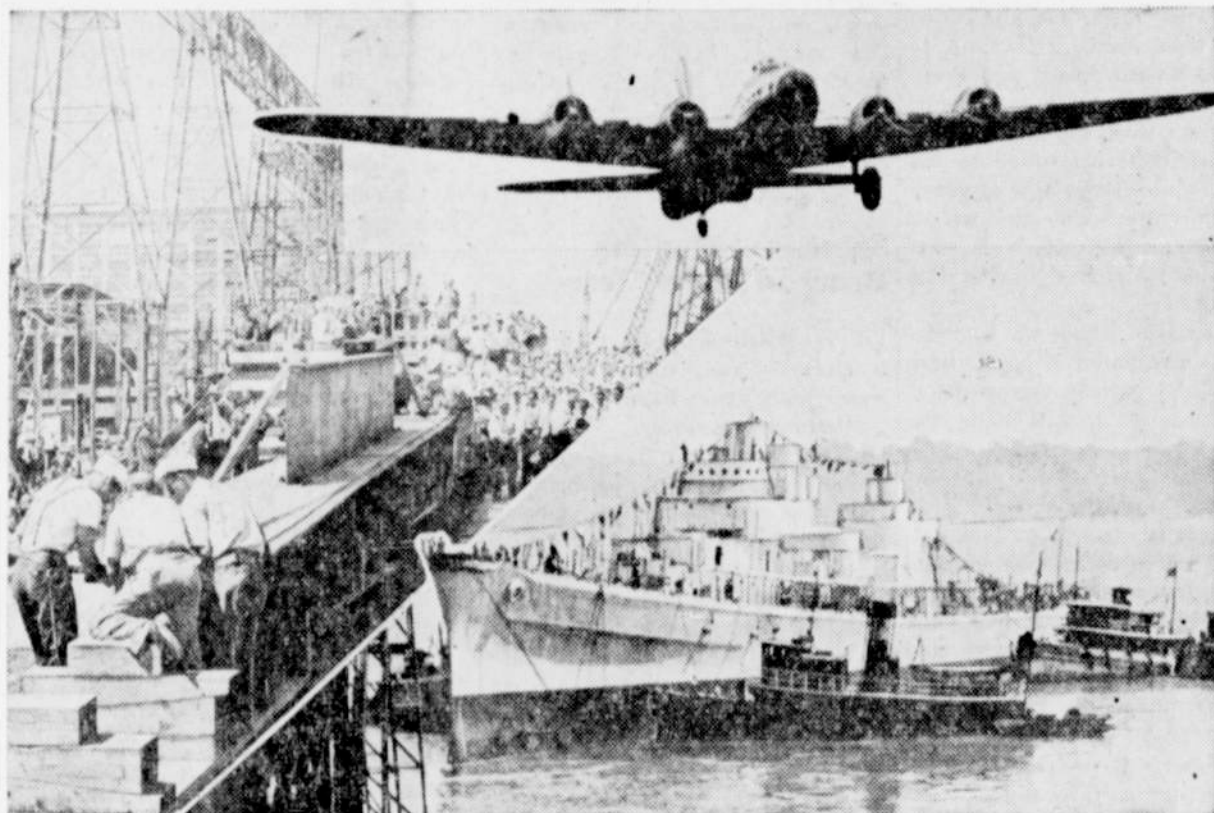
Ima Dodo says she isn't worried about America being drawn into the war for the next month or so. "It couldn't go in," she explains, "until after the world series."

Three New Rear Admirals for U. S. Navy



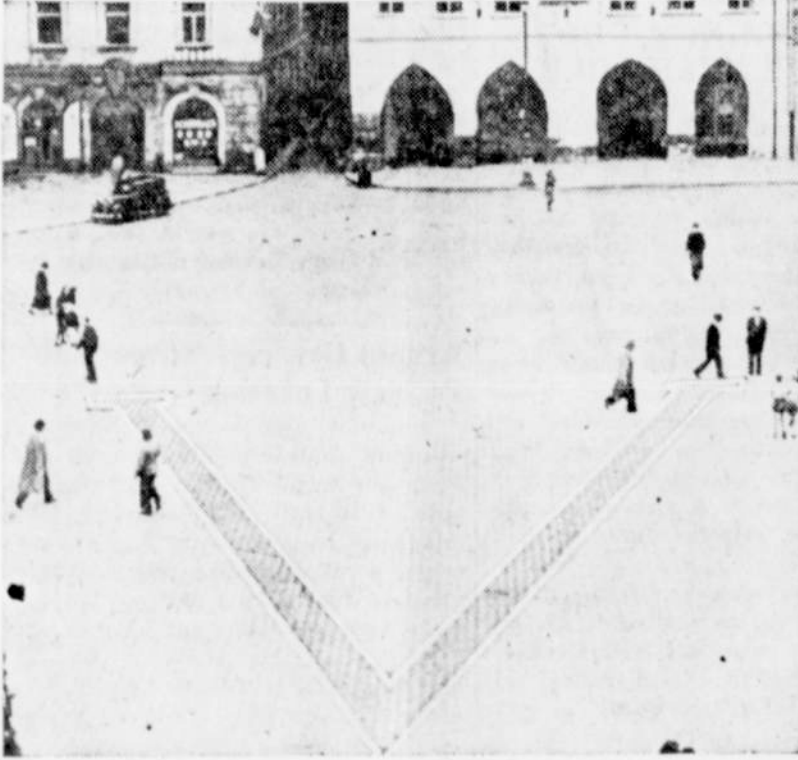
President Roosevelt has approved the recommendations of the line selection board, which selected 12 officers of the grade of captain for promotion to the grade of rear admiral. Among the navy officers to step into the charmed circle are, left to right, J. R. Beardsall, J. F. Shafroth and O. M. Hustvedt. The promotion was made necessary by the expansion of the U. S. navy to meet threat of war.

America Strengthens Sea and Air Arm



Pictured at left is a view of the keel laying for the new 10,000-ton cruiser, Wilkes-Barre, at the recently re-opened century-old Cramps shipyards, near Philadelphia. Upper right: Widely heralded new flying fortress, probably world's deadliest instrument of destruction, emerges from the Boeing plant in Seattle for first test flight. Lower right: The U. S. cruiser San Juan, after being launched at the Fore River yard of the Bethlehem Steel company, Quincy, Mass.

But This 'V' Is for Sieg



Attempting to steal the thunder of "Col. V. Britton," who is the sparkplug of the British "V for Victory" crusade, the Germans release this photo to a skeptical world. It shows a great "V" inscribed in a public square in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The V stands for Victoria, an ancient German word for victory, long superseded by the familiar "sieg" of modern Germany.

Rescued Yankee Fliers Land in British Port



Five American fliers who were en route to England to fly for the R.A.F. and who were rescued when their ship was torpedoed. Four other Americans were drowned. The rescued men, who landed at a British port, are, left to right: Norman Echord of Kansas City, Tom Griffin of Mississippi, Jack Gilliland of Kansas, James Jordan of San Francisco and Rivers Grove of Georgia.

For Civilian Defense



Alice Marble of California, assistant director of civilian defense in charge of physical training for women, looks over some civilian defense insignia. Miss Marble was formerly national singles tennis champion.

Vest Pocket Rations



Lieut. Col. Paul Logan shown with the army's new "vest pocket" ration for parachute troops, now being tested by the quartermaster corps. Three complete meals will be contained in these tiny boxes, each weighing but a few ounces.

Exercise Can Bring Back 'Lost' Youth and Beauty



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Distrusting
It is more disgraceful to distrust than to be deceived by our friends.—La Rochefoucauld.

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KILLS LICE
Cap-Brush Applicator makes "BLACK LEAF 40" GO MUCH FASTER
JUST A DASH IN FEATHERS... OR SPREAD ON ROOSTS

Small and Great
Small men hate, while great men pity.

Watch Your Kidneys!

Help Them Cleanse the Blood of Harmful Body Waste

Your kidneys are constantly filtering waste matter from the blood stream. But kidneys sometimes lag in their work—do not act as Nature intended—fail to remove impurities that, if retained, may poison the system and upset the whole body machinery.

Symptoms may be nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—a feeling of nervous anxiety and loss of pep and strength. Other signs of kidney or bladder disorder are sometimes burning, scanty or too frequent urination.

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● It is a good habit to form, the habit of consulting the advertisements every time we make a purchase, though we have already decided just what we want and where we are going to buy it. It gives us the most priceless feeling in the world: the feeling of being adequately prepared.

● When we go into a store, prepared beforehand with knowledge of what is offered and at what price, we go as an expert buyer, filled with self-confidence. It is a pleasant feeling to have, the feeling of adequacy. Most of the unhappiness in the world can be traced to a lack of this feeling. Thus advertising shows another of its manifold facets—shows itself as an aid toward making all our business relationships more secure and pleasant.