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BRITISH AND U. S. POLICY

U. S. diplomats are not shouting it from the housetops, but there have been two important occasions when the British put a very restraining hand on American foreign policy, and checked major moves in the South Atlantic and the Pacific.

One move was last May when it became conclusively apparent that the Vichy government was the tool of Hitler and when many U. S. strategists favored the taking of Martinique and the Azores, and perhaps even a landing force at Dakar in French West Africa.

But the Churchill government protested that this would take U. S. ships away from transporting supplies to the Battle of Britain; would focus American attention upon another part of the world. So Roosevelt kept out of the South Atlantic.

The second move was about two weeks ago when Mr. Churchill telephoned the President to advise against any showdown with the Japanese in the Pacific. His advice came shortly after the new pro-Nazi cabinet took office in Tokyo. Churchill urged that the battle in Europe was the main show and the United States should not get absorbed with side-shows.

Regarding this Churchill advice, there continues to be a wide rift inside the Roosevelt administration. And incidentally, there is not complete unity on this point inside the British government. Australian sentiment leans toward a cleaning up of the Pacific situation, after which all parts of the British Empire, plus perhaps the United States, could concentrate on Europe.

Rift in Administration.

Inside the Roosevelt administration, the men who urge a go-slow policy toward Japan are Admiral Stark, chief of naval operations, and the state department. On the other side are many of the other admirals, including Admiral Ernest King, commander of the Atlantic fleet, who says he can get along in the Atlantic merely with his present assignment of destroyers and light cruisers, which are all that are needed for convoying.

The first big point of the "strong policy" admirals is that every day of delay weakens the Russians, and the Russians are the big potential allies of the United States against Japan. With Russian bombing planes operating from Vladivostok against the paper and bamboo houses of Tokyo and Yokohama, the Japanese would be up against it.

The second big point urged by these admirals is one which not many people realize: When the United States went into the last war, Japan was on our side. There was no need to worry about the Pacific. But this time, the minute the U.S.A. becomes embroiled in Europe, it has to guard its back door against a traditional and very potent rival.

Therefore, argues the Pacific school within the navy, let's face our enemies one by one rather than have two jumping on us later and from opposite directions.

There is nothing the navy dreads more than the idea of attack in two oceans at once—attacks aimed at Alaska on one side and Brazil on the other. That is why some of the admirals so resent the phone calls from Winston Churchill.

U. S. DESTROYERS

The submarine situation which forced the Reuben James and now threatens all U. S. destroyers in the North Atlantic, is far different from that of the last war.

Today, German submarines operate in gangs or wolfpacks of three to five, lurking in the path of a convoy, and without putting their periscopes out of the water. They do not even run their engines. Thus the approaching destroyer cannot pick up the subs with its sound detector, but the subs, on the other hand, can hear the engines of the approaching convoy.

Then when the convoy is within range, the subs release their torpedoes, sometimes blind. In other words, they do not lift their periscopes but frequently fire merely in the direction of the approaching engines. Because convoys travel so close together these days, hits are almost certain.

Submarines fire blind chiefly in the daylight. At night, on the other hand, when the submarine cannot be seen, it comes to the surface.

This is one reason for the increased number of merchant vessel casualties since September, for as the nights became longer, U-boats have longer hours to operate on the surface.

CAPITAL CHAFF

Says an official in the Finnish legation, "Eighty-five per cent of my people desire the defeat of Germany—but 100 per cent desire the defeat of Russia!"

Peru's air attaché in Washington, Col. Armando Revoredo, cried "To hell with the Good Neighbor policy" when Uncle Sam requisitioned Peru's 18 bombing planes. But actually he is a good friend of the U.S.A., was responsible for changing Peru's aviation instruction from Italian to American.



Explaining the Price Rises

"Retailers must explain to customers the reason for advancing prices. The public doesn't understand the situation." —Louis E. Kirstein, chairman of the American Retail Federation.

Customer—How much are fresh eggs today?

Retailer—Sixty-five cents a dozen.

Customer—I said a dozen, not two dozen.

Retailer—I heard you. Sixty-five cents a dozen. Five cents extra if I make an explanation.

Customer—How about storage eggs?



Retailer—Forty-two cents, and I'll make my explanation a cent cheaper.

Customer—Give me twenty cents' worth of eggs and one cent's worth of explanation. Why should eggs be up?

Retailer—It's the defense program.

Customer—Are we sending eggs to Russia?

Retailer—No, but Europe is getting a lot of our hens. And you know about the straw shortage, don't you?

Customer—No.

Retailer—All the straw is being used for Gallup straw votes. And with so little straw in their nests the hens won't lay. Is it clear?

Customer—No. I'll take a loaf of bread. Is that up?

Retailer—Yes, and I'll explain that. The country is short of dough.

Customer—If it ain't it soon will be. How about baloney? There is no shortage of that, is there?

Retailer—No, but it's gone up in sympathy. Baloney is one of our most sympathetic products. And don't forget we are sending a tremendous amount of baloney to Europe.

Customer—This is the first time I've heard anybody admit it.

SCENE II—A HABERDASHERY

Customer—How much are \$2 shirts today?

Retailer—Three dollars and fifty cents. And I'll throw in a full explanation.

Customer—Shirts aren't necessary to the defense, are they?

Retailer—Of course they are. Would you defend the American way without a shirt?

Customer—I may have to!

Retailer—Could you use some socks? They've only gone up fifteen cents a pair.

Customer—Is there a sock shortage?

Retailer—No, but it's harder for me to explain why they should cost more, so I charge extra.

SCENE III—A RESTAURANT

Customer—What would you suggest?

Waiter—Our 85-cent order of goulash is very good at \$1.25 a plate.

Customer—Good heavens! Why should goulash be up?

Waiter—It's the OCCG. Office for the Control and Co-ordination of Goulash.

Customer—Must there be a federal board to control goulash?

Waiter—Sir, today there must be a federal board to control everything.

Customer—Bring me a ham sandwich. With mustard and a complete explanation why it should cost more.

Waiter—I'll be glad to explain everything. Do you understand inflation at all?

Customer—Not at all.

Waiter—Good! I'll explain it then.

THE BACHELOR LOOKS AT A FRIEND'S CHILD

Blessings on the little boy, Bellowing with fiendish joy!

My heart leaps to see you, lad, Riding bareback on your dad.

When your daddy opens his trap, How you prattle, little chap!

A cheerful hail, you lusty scion! I'm glad you're hizz'n and not "mion."

—M. E. SMITH

Uncle Sam has cracked down on an aluminum company which he says diverted metal needed for defense, to companies using it for ornamental work on slot machines, pin ball games and juke boxes. There are times when some of our biggest industries don't seem to be any more appreciative of the crisis than the average man.

Joe Stalin is now seeing his former ally, pal and buddy at such close range that he may be said to be meeting him two-face to two-face.

Elmer Twitchell says the government's fiscal policy is the same as no-limit poker, with the deuces a little wilder.

"Ford Yacht Leased to Navy."—Headline.

Queen Lizzie?

Seen From the U. S. Atlantic Patrol



Scores of ships in formation, headed across the Atlantic! What a convoy! In upper right is part of the wing of the U. S. Atlantic air patrol plane, from which the photo was made. (Inset) A seaplane tender of the U. S. Atlantic air patrol is shown with a number of patrol planes on her stern deck, and still another being hoisted aboard for an overhaul. Photo approved by U. S. navy.

Prisoners of War Accept Their Sorry Lot



Some of the several thousands of soldiers of the Chiang Kai-shek army captured by Japanese forces, are shown in picture at left carrying food for their breakfast. The baskets are quite large and only one is filled to the top. Right: Italian prisoners of war in England help build their own winter quarters. Other prisoners in England are used on farms.

New President in Independent Syria



Cheikh Taggadin, the new president of Syria, inspects a guard of honor of Free French troops outside the town hall at Damascus, Syria. Syria was granted her independence when Free French General Catroux formally handed the country over in a broadcast speech from Damascus.

Old Man River Again



A rescue party in a rowboat travels down a city street which is under five feet of water. The flood was caused by the Arkansas river, which broke out of its banks at Tulsa, leaving scores of families homeless and causing great damage.

'Blitz Troops' in the Making



The second corps provisional anti-tank battalion, commanded by Maj. H. R. Johnson, Wadesboro, N. C., was organized as a weapon of opportunity to combat hostile mechanized threats at any part of the front where the enemy might break through. Photo shows battery D returning fire on advancing "enemy" tanks, supported by machine guns.

Prison Camp



The first prison camp since World War I is now being completed near Patchogue, N. Y. It will accommodate some 700 aliens. The watch-tower is shown above.



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