

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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APPEASEMENT MOVE

It is no secret that for many months one of the foremost appeasers in Anglo-American circles was the ebullient and able Joseph Patrick Kennedy, U. S. ambassador to the court of St. James's. Joe has felt that if war continued, the present capitalistic system would crack; that it would be better to accept a semi-defeat now than lose all later.

Until recently, however, Ambassador Kennedy has been pretty much alone. Now, however, reports have reached the war and navy departments of an appeasement move inside high British financial circles and inside the admiralty.

How far this appeasement attitude prevails is almost impossible to ascertain. However, the indisputable fact is that such reports have been made officially, and here is the substance of what they contain:

1. British naval officers, close up to the war, heartsick over losing vessels every day, struggling desperately to stave off invasion, are wondering whether they are not, after all, really fighting for the United States; whether after the Battle of Britain is over, England, even if uninvaded, will not be helpless, leaving the United States with her navy intact ready to reap all the economic and strategic advantages of the war's aftermath.

2. Furthermore, even if England is able to prevent invasion this fall, British naval and military strategists doubt very much whether the United States will be willing to send bombers and attack planes to her help next spring when the fight will begin all over again.

British Factories Damaged.

3. There has been much more damage to British factories than the news indicates. And as this destruction daily mounts into millions, British financial leaders figure it will take years for Britain to rebuild her economic empire. Meanwhile all markets will be lost to the United States. This is the sentiment which prevailed among Dutch bankers and which led to the surrender of Holland.

4. Furthermore, there have been talks in Wall Street by Nazi business emissaries which lead British business men to believe that the United States may make a deal with Hitler. So some British tycoons wonder whether they should not do likewise, perhaps even get there first.

5. Finally there has been some underground criticism of Prime Minister Churchill for bartering away British bases in the Western hemisphere. But even more important, the admiralty was very impatient over the slowness in transferring 50 destroyers which the British sea-dogs believe are of no value to the United States and which spell life or death for England. The fact that these destroyers were delayed, when the British navy believes (and Willkie has virtually said) that it is fighting also for the safety of the United States, has caused deep resentment in the admiralty.

Churchill Will Fight On.

To get the other side of the picture, however, it should be noted that none of this sentiment exists in the mind of Churchill or any of his cabinet. The Churchill government has made it clear in conversations with the Roosevelt administration that it is working toward long-term co-operation with the United States.

Furthermore it is probable that about 90 per cent of the British public—perhaps even 99 per cent—is determined to see the war through to the finish. They do not trust Hitler and figure that any half-way peace would only put them in the present desperate plight of France.

WILLKIE AND PRESS

Gifted with a keen news sense and not afraid to talk, Wendell Willkie is popular with the reporters covering him. Now and then, however, he speaks his mind regarding something written about him.

Greeting one newsman, Willkie barked, "You've been writing some fiction about me."

"Well," replied the reporter with a grin, "you're quite a fictional character."

Willkie laughed and said no more.

STENOGRS

In July of last year, the government hired 430 "female" stenographers and typists. In July of this year, the number was tripled—1,500.

The various defense agencies are calling for stenographers so fast that old-line agencies are losing some of their best and speediest workers. Executives returning from August holidays find their stenogs in defense work at higher wages.

The turnover is tremendous. The Civil Service commission "certified" no less than 3,000 stenographers and typists in a recent month. And more thousands are moving up on the Civil Service lists.

When the lists were closed for one exam, at mid-August, the total of applicants had reached the amazing figure of 135,000.

NOTE—Salaries paid by the government are: for senior stenographer, \$1,620; for junior stenographer \$1,440; for senior typist, \$1,440; for junior typist, \$1,260.



GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

PLENTY OF ISSUES

WASHINGTON.—It is the cleverest kind of fourth New Deal electioneering to say there is no issue in this campaign—that Mr. Willkie has endorsed all of Mr. Roosevelt's principal policies, and that the only remaining question is, who can deal the New Deal better.

There is first and foremost the issue of whether in direct defiance of one of the oldest and most respected of American traditions one man can use the taxing and spending and borrowing powers of this republic first to expand those powers out of all recognizable semblance to themselves and then to perpetuate himself as President.

Out of the sole excuse given for that, grows the greatest issue. The excuse is that Mr. Roosevelt must become perpetual President because his great abilities and performances make him the one and only indispensable American in the critical hour. The questions at issue are "What abilities? What performances?" Mr. Roosevelt's principal duties and policies lie in the fields of agriculture, labor, industry, American finances, foreign relations and, more recently, national defense. His performance in each field is a heap of complete and utter wreckage.

Billions have been spent on the farm problem. The basic situation as to surplus, price and income and, except as to refinancing farm debt, is much worse than it was even under Hoover. Federal refinancing of farm debt was not a New Deal discovery.

Unemployment of labor has not materially declined and while it will do so because of conscription and rearmament, Mr. Roosevelt will certainly want to claim no credit for a threatening war situation.

Industrial recovery has come to only a few large industrial corporations. The condition of the bulk of little business men is worse than ever.

Federal finances are the worst mess of all. Debt has reached mountainous heights, taxes—mostly on the poor—are unbearably heavy and will increase. We are embarked on a spending program that cannot possibly be financed except by doubling our debt.

Our foreign relations have been so blundered that, except for Great Britain, we have not a friend on earth and those with Britain are being pushed as rapidly as the New Deal dares into an alliance and participation in an overseas war.

The utter neglect of adequate defense until it was too late to make anything but a hodge-podge slapdash panicky rush at the effort which is at this moment hopelessly bogged down.

These are a few of the issues. They are as great as any ever presented to the American people.

Out of them grows one greater than any of these separately. It is:

"How can we continue an administration with a record of such invariable tragic and dangerous failure?"

The "indispensable man" is also making the greatest issue of all just as fast as, in the face of public opinion, he dares to go. He went most of the distance when he "sold" part of our navy. He is making the awful issue of peace and war. It is the tragic issue of complete adjournment of our democracy for a war dictatorship in which men who have ridden hell-bent for centralized personalized presidential power for almost eight years will realize their wildest dreams.

No issues? It is true that this impudent sloganeering has gone so far as to cause Henry Wallace to intimate that if you state these real issues you are "giving aid and comfort to Hitler." If Hitler is an enemy, these are the constitutional words describing treason. We have surely departed far from our democracy already if people will stand for this kind of campaign.

LABOR AND WAR WORK

It seems to be a part of Democratic campaign strategy to assure labor that, no matter what may come in this war situation, workers will lose none of the "social advantages" of the past few years. It is also a part of extreme New Deal strategy to tell labor that the Republican party intends to use any war crisis that may come to deprive labor of all its hard-gotten gains.

As a matter of cold fact, the discussion is probably academic. The greatest gain that labor could have would be full and continuous employment at good wages and much increased income.

If we get into full war effort most of the unions will enjoy a boom.

There is a great danger there. Labor itself should hope that it will not be the kind of boom that happened in early 1918. Then employers working on helter-skelter cost-plus-a-profit contracts didn't care what their output was costing this country. They took no risk. Production was all that counted with them. So they went out and bid up the wages of labor.

The cost of living rose faster than the wages of labor. The process from first to last increased the general average of prices in the United States to 213 per cent.

Views...Reviews... Peace Organization Causes Near Riot



This Soundphoto shows police and plainclothesmen attempting to disperse members of emergency peace mobilization organization from the Capitol building, where they nearly started a riot. Anti-conscription sentiment has resulted in the house voting a 60-day volunteer plan which would permit a 60-day trial of voluntary enlistments before the draft went into effect. The vote in favor of the amendment was 185 to 155.

New Dictator



Soundphoto of Gen. Ion Antonescu, new premier of Rumania, who has assumed supreme power. Inset: Michael, 18, son of the abdicated King Carol, who has been proclaimed king of Rumania.

Reporter and Escaped German Prisoner



Newspaper reporter Norman Phillips of Toronto, Canada, is shown (right) with Rons Kempe (center), German prisoner recaptured by Phillips after he had escaped from an internment camp in Canada. The reporter picked up Kempe while covering an assignment dealing with the escape of two other prisoners. At left is Police Chief William Carson of Huntsville, to whom Phillips handed over his prisoner.

Kills Brother



Petite, dark-haired Mary Wolf, 17, recent high school honor graduate, pleads innocent to first degree murder in the fatal shooting of her brother, Frederick, nine, at Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Soundphoto.

Pre-views... Mexico Celebrates Independence Day



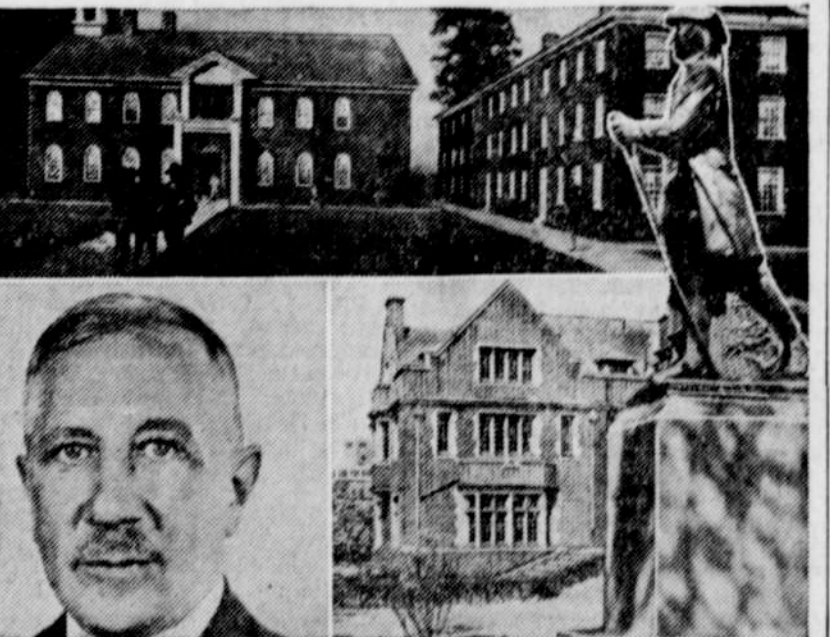
Festivities in every Mexican city and village will mark the 130th anniversary of Mexico's declaration of independence from Spain on September 15. Special tribute will be paid to Hidalgo, martyred village priest who led the first uprising. Military parades and the ringing of the liberty bell will be among other events on the program. Above is shown the National palace in Mexico City, with President Cardenas in inset.

'Will Be 35'



A recent photo of Greta Garbo, famous Swedish film actress, who will pass her thirty-fifth birthday on September 18. Her native Sweden remains the sole independent state in the Scandinavian peninsula. Garbo still retains her traditional distaste for publicity.

Pennsylvania U Marks 200th Anniversary



On September 16th the University of Pennsylvania will mark its 200th anniversary with a 6-day celebration. 500 institutions will participate. Above, the campus in early days. Below, Dr. Thomas Gates, president, and statue of Benjamin Franklin, founder.

Dedicate Plaque



A bronze plaque to "Printing House Square" in New York city, will be dedicated September 16, marking the 500th anniversary of printing from movable type.

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Strange Facts

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All ships at sea and all shore wireless stations in contact with them are required by international law to stop transmission for three minutes, at the fifteenth and forty-fifth minute past the hour, Greenwich time, to listen for distress signals.

When a bottle of wine is very old and its cork, therefore, is likely to crumble and drop into the liquid, connoisseurs and wine stewards have been known to remove the neck of the bottle, below the cork, by cutting through it with a pair of red-hot tongs.

Racing shells in intercollegiate regattas cost as much as \$1,200 and are rarely used by a varsity crew for more than one season. After this short service, they are passed on to other crews in the college.

Human skin is sometimes so sensitive that it becomes painfully inflamed upon exposure to daylight. People so afflicted must live in darkened rooms and remain indoors until nightfall.—Collier's.

When your child BITES HIS NAILS

It may be a Danger Sign!

It isn't always "nerves" that makes a child bite his nails. Often it's because of a reason few mothers suspect—WORMS!

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