

# The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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### Washington, D. C. AN INSIDE STORY

Here is the inside story on what happened in all the fuss and furor over the Free French seizure of the two tiny North Atlantic islands of St. Pierre-Miquelon.

The story illustrates a very important point: That U. S.-British foreign policy has got to pull closer together in the future, and that state department officials might have thought twice about slapping British policy in the face—especially at a time when Winston Churchill was sitting in the White House working on plans for closer Anglo-American co-ordination.

The crux of the situation was that the radio stations on these two French islands long have been suspected of giving information to Vichy—and then to Berlin—on British convoys crossing the North Atlantic also on Britain-bound bombers hopping off from Newfoundland.

French fishing vessels from St. Pierre-Miquelon cruise all over the Newfoundland banks and are in an excellent position to observe Allied activity in this vital part of the Atlantic. More recently, Nazi submarines have been prowling closer to U. S. shores and it was suspected they might be getting information—or even supplies—from the fishing vessels.

So the British gave the nod to General DeGaulle to move into the islands. In fact they even let his associate, Vice Admiral Muselier, take three French corvettes to do the job. There was no great secret about it, for Admiral Muselier stopped in Canada to talk to Canadian Naval Minister Angus Macdonald, and also picked up some American newspaper men to witness the taking over of the two islands.

### 'SO-CALLED' FREE FRENCH

However, on the morning Admiral Muselier placed the Free French flag on St. Pierre-Miquelon, Secretary Hull, getting the news at his breakfast table, hurried to the state department and OK'd a scathing statement, castigating the "so-called" Free French.

This upset the British considerably, because they had been encouraging the Free French people to think of the Free French not as a "so-called" government, but as a government more truly free and representative of the French people than Vichy.

Also it upset the Yugoslavs, the Dutch, the Greeks and a lot of other "so-called" governments which have been maintaining headquarters in London and have been calling themselves the real governments of their countries—even though in exile.

However, Secretary Hull seemed to be even more upset than the British. He had made a deal with Vichy's Admiral Robert in Martinique a few days before, by which Admiral Robert was to keep an eye on St. Pierre-Miquelon. And he felt this agreement should be kept. So, his Tennessee dander up, Mr. Hull cabled U. S. Ambassador Winant in London to take up the matter with the British government.

Ambassador Winant, in turn, went to Malcolm MacDonald, minister of colonies, who was upset that the United States and Britain should be working at cross-purposes, and telephoned his friend Lord Beaverbrook back in Washington to have Churchill straighten the matter out with Roosevelt.

By that time, Sam Reber, in the state department, had telephoned R. E. Barclay of the British embassy wanting to know what the British were up to, and every Anglo-American co-ordinator seemed to be in every other Anglo-American co-ordinator's hair.

What the President said to his secretary of state is their secret, but in the end Mr. Hull adopted a milder tone toward the Free French and is working out a compromise agreement with the Canadians.

The crux of the controversy, of course, is that Mr. Hull still believes in appeasing Vichy, and the British gave that up long ago.

The British say that General DeGaulle did most of the fighting for the Allied cause in Syria, while Vichy, in resisting, killed many British troops. So they are going to stick with DeGaulle.

But whichever side is right—the British or Secretary Hull—it might pay to work out some teamwork in advance.

### MERRY-GO-ROUND

Lend-lease officials were puzzled by a British request for "horn and hoof meal" manufactured from dead cattle—until they learned it was excellent for extinguishing incendiary bombs.

Most staggering lend-lease request was for one railroad—complete with locomotives and freight cars. The order has been filled, and shipped off to Iran.

Before buying cloth for army raincoats, the quartermaster depot in Philadelphia tests it with a machine that creates an artificial rain storm.

For military reasons details can't be revealed, but the U. S. is producing an anti-aircraft gun that is more powerful and deadly than any now in use in the army. The new weapon is designed to combat stratosphere bombers.

# The Once-Over by H.I. Phillips

### HITLER AND THE DOCTOR

"I'm feeling very funny,"  
Said Adolf in disgust;  
"You'd better fetch a doctor—  
And get one I can trust!"

A doctor came a-running,  
And cried, "You sick! Ah, me!  
This news is most amazing—  
I thought YOU couldn't be!"

"No small talk," barked Der Fuehrer,  
"Just get to work, and quick!  
I'm just as dazed as you are  
To find I CAN be sick!"

"What seems to be the matter?"  
The doctor did implore;  
"You're asking me!" snapped  
Adolf—  
"That's what you're summoned  
for!"

"Stick out your tongue," the doctor  
Requested (and we quote);  
Der Fuehrer sadly did so . . .  
And, boy, was that a COAT!

It plainly showed a fever,  
And stomach all upset;  
"It was that Russian dressing,  
And other things he 'et.'"

It showed grave indigestion,  
And bile disturbance, too;  
It showed amazing symptoms  
Of ailments far from few.

It showed clear indications  
Of major gluttony—  
Of ulcerous ambitions  
And chronic treachery.

It showed some bladder trouble—  
(No blight could that tongue  
hide);  
"You're spleen's bad," said the doctor,  
"Your trouble's deep inside!"

"Your arches they are falling,  
Your kidneys aren't good . . .  
I don't think you've been doing  
Exactly as you should!"

Der Fuehrer's eyes were bulging—  
His nerves seem torn apart,  
And now the doctor whispered,  
"I'll listen to your heart."

He listened and he listened,  
He listened everywhere,  
He listened most intently—  
But heard no ticking there!

The doctor said: "Your heart, sir . . .  
I hear no best, alas!"—  
And Adolf answered, sneering,  
"I have no heart, you ass!"

The doctor was befuddled,  
He took another look  
At Adolf's tongue deep coated  
And wrote this for the book:

"His uniform this patient  
Once said he'd never doff,  
But one thing I can tell him—  
THAT COAT HE MUST TAKE  
OFF!"

The Russians captured a carload  
of iron crosses marked "For presentation after the capture of Moscow" the other day. Maybe the Nazis would now like to mark the whole Russian campaign "Opened by mistake."

### OF ALL THINGS!

"The speaker told the audience that America should develop a cheerful-sounding air raid warning. Victory chimes were suggested.—News item.

This seems eligible for the Baloney of the Year Award. Americans are complacent and cocky enough without trying to provide an air raid signal with an entertainment motif.

It is the most cockeyed suggestion so far made. Any minute now we await word from the man who has invented an air raid signal that will combine the music of Irving Berlin with the soothing qualities of another aspirin tablet.

Not to mention the fellow who will come forward with an idea for tying up the signals with a system of radio crooning.

Employees of Yale university have joined the C.I.O. by a vote of 462 to 143, which must be quite a shock to conservatives under the elms. We can now understand why the Blues put so much more feeling, when they sing the Boola Boola song, into the line "Break through the Crimson line, its strength to defy."

This labor movement at our universities suggests interesting possibilities. Perhaps ultimately the whole jurisdictional issue will be settled by having the C.I.O. play the A. F. of L. in the Yale Bowl.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

They'll bake you a cake with frosting,  
With your name done in candle lights,  
And I'll wish you happy returns of the day,  
But I'll worry about your nights.

A Newport mansion costing more than a million dollars was sold at auction for around \$23,000 the other day. To dream you dwell in marble halls these days is enough to make your hair stand on end.

## Paid Full Price for Sneak Attack



Pacific fleet gunners aboard ships in Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7 shot down more than 20 Japanese aircraft during the Jap sneak attack which launched America into the war. Here seamen are shown examining the wreckage of Japanese torpedo plane that was shot down in Pearl Harbor.

## Off for Pan-American Conference



Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles (right), who heads the American delegation to the solid American defense front conference of 21 American republics at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, shakes hands with Senor Don Juan Jose Soler (left), minister of Paraguay, and Dr. Carlos Martins, Brazilian ambassador, as he boards train in Washington.

## Fort Corregidor, Raided by Japs



Huge 12-inch mortar guns manned by United States coast artillery gunners at Fort Corregidor, in Manila bay, Philippine Islands, which was bombed by Japs. In one attack, in which 21 enemy planes participated, four bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft fire from the heavily guarded fortress.

## Reds Keep Lookout for Nazi Foe



These determined men of the Russian navy are on the lookout for Nazis. While valiant Red land forces are putting the pressure on the retreating Germans, the navy is ready to counteract any Nazi surprise that may come via the sea lanes.

## Calls at Capital



Charles A. Lindbergh, shown as he left his train at the Union station in Washington, after having written Secretary of War Henry Stimson requesting that he be assigned a task in the air corps. Lindbergh would not disclose his mission.

## Reports for Duty



It's chief boatswain's mate now for Bobby Feller, former Cleveland Indian speedball specialist, who is shown at the Norfolk, Va., naval training station as he reports for duty.

## Allied Chief



Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, who assumes supreme command of the Allies in the Southwest Pacific area, one of the greatest battle fronts of history. American, British, Australian, Dutch, Chinese, Indian and Malayan units make up his command.

## Gives Japs 'Slip'



Admiral Chan-Chak, who led 100 British and Chinese in dash from Hong Kong, in five naval speed boats, engaging Japs in series of battles for four days, finally reaching safety.

## How to Figure Out Your Income Tax Deductions

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