

'OFF' HAS NO OFFICE, FACTS OR FIGURES

By PETER EDSON
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—The newest agency in the defense setup, the office of facts and figures, will be a month old come November 23, and so far it consists principally of a head running around with its chicken cut off. The head is competent enough—being 49-year-old Archibald MacLeish, who rose from private to captain of field artillery in France during the last war, is a Yale graduate, a Harvard lawyer, a Pulitzer prize winner in poetry in 1932, a contributor to many magazines and since 1939 the librarian of congress.

But it takes time for even a gentleman soldier and scholar of the MacLeish caliber to organize an office of facts and figures. To date, OFF has no offices, has no facts, has no figures. It has an emergency allotment from the presidential executive funds, and it is trying to prepare a budget for submission by December 1.

OFF is to have an advisory committee, but so far the only designee is Lowell Mellett, head of the office of government reports. OFF is supposed to have a staff—MacLeish wants to keep it small—but so far the only member is Capt. Robert M. Kintner, a former newspaper columnist.

In this somewhat negative lineup of facts and complete absence of figures, there has been considerable Washington speculation as to why OFF was organized. Like all the inaccurate statements circulated about the office of government reports, there have been wild guesses that the office of facts and figures was to be a super-propaganda agency or a board of censorship. These MacLeish denies. The absence of any clear-cut explanation of just what OFF will do is explained simply by the fact that the director himself doesn't yet know.

WHAT THE BOSS SAID
The presidential order creating OFF assigned to it in general terms the job of formulating programs designed to spread an understanding of the defense effort and to advise government agencies concerning the dissemination of such information.

As MacLeish sees it, the people of a democracy are entitled to know what the government is doing, and he believes the people can be trusted with this information, subject only to the limitations of giving out military information of value to an enemy. MacLeish feels these reports should be made without distortion, and that the dangers of any situation can be pointed out as well as the good things. He is, fortunately, opposed to the "psychological bedazzlement," as he calls it, which the information services of some other governments have used by withholding or corrupting the free flow of information. And he is opposed to any morale campaigns which attempt to make the people feel that everything is just dandy by polluting their souls with propaganda.

COULD CO-ORDINATE

One job for OFF will be editing existing information services, hunching them, seeing that they all work together. MacLeish has no intention of passing on government information, handouts or announcements and okaying them before they are issued. Plans may be made for future programs for the various defense agencies to follow, and advice given as to how the programs can be handled. Office of facts and figures, however, has no authority to tell any agency it must do something. It is a consulting body only and it reports only to the president, who alone retains authority to tell the administrative departments of the government what to do.

And of course it's too much to expect that OFF will ever decide that some government program is lousy, outworn, or wasteful and that the people should be told about this extravagance so it could be discontinued.

Approximately 600,000,000 pounds of dog and cat food, valued at \$36,000,000, were produced last year by the prepared feed and meat packing industries, according to the census.

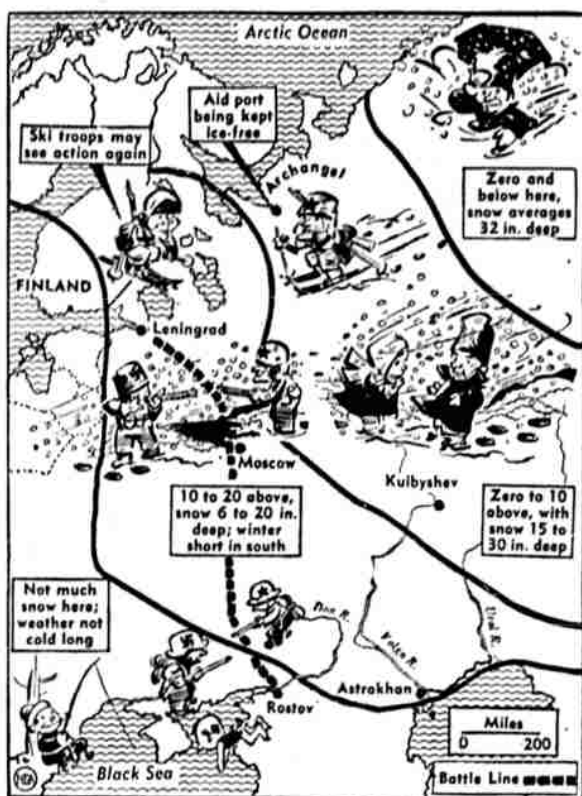
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Russia's winter weather forecast, as usual, reads snow and plenty of it. Map shows four main temperature bands of European Russia, three of which Hitler's armies will find unpleasantly cold for fighting if they decide to battle on through the winter.

Most Coins Fail to Return to Mint; Chief Wonders Why

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 24 (AP)—The mint has a mystery. Superintendent Edwin H. Dressell wants to know what happens to all the half-dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies produced by the world's largest coin factory.

The bulk of them never turn up for reminting. "For example," he said today, "in the year ending July 1941, we sent out \$33,000,000 worth of subsilver (half, quarters and dimes) and \$17,000,000 worth of the minor coins (nickels and pennies)."

"Do you know what we had returned?—\$3,000,000 worth of the subsilver and \$225,000 worth of the minor."

It may be, said Dressell, that people who "are now earning

good salaries are carrying more coins around with them."

Another answer, he went on, could be the more widespread use of vending and slot machines, for operators of the devices have to keep sizeable amounts for change-making.

Then too, "thousands of the smaller coins are lost every year and never found."

During Dressell's six-year tenure, the mint has produced 4,305,000,000 coins, or 32.5 per cent of the plant's total output since it was established 149 years ago.

He said that an increasingly prosperous period is the major reason for the growing demand for coins, and that mint alterations now are going on which will almost double its present capacity of nearly five million coins a day.

cutting for the production room. Red Cross headquarters, on Mondays.

Regular meeting of the stand-

in other words

by JOHN CLINTON

Our house is empty of barks, and on the window sills are no more paw prints. For Rags has departed this world for what I trust is a happier one—full of chewable bones and non-scratching cats and celestial gardens in which, undisturbed, a dog may dig all day.

Mrs. Clinton and I keep listening—for the tick-tick of nails on the linoleum, and we find it hard to consider the bones on our plates.

So possibly this is the last opportunity I'll have to tell you about a friendly little trick many Union Oil Minute Men have—it's nothing more than a clean pan the boys keep tucked away so thirsty dogs can have a drink.

True, it's not a regular service of all stations. But it's indicative of an attitude. Thoughtfulness, even of the family pup!

And this is just one of thousands of things these Minute Men do every day—things they don't have to do, but do anyway. A drop of oil for a sticking door-catch; a couple of turns on a loose bolt and a rattle is gone; a road map for strangers, a "help" across a busy intersection for small fry bound for school—all these and more.

That's Union Minute Men Service. If you're a normal human being who responds to friendliness you'll like it. Try the Union Minute Men. They make a motorist's life brighter—and give small dogs a drink of water.

and first aid class was called for Monday, 7:30 p. m. Red Cross headquarters, armory building. Miss Connell Napier is the instructor.

An early morning visitor to Red Cross headquarters Monday was Mrs. John Ross Bonanza, returning one man's knitted sweater and one child's knitted suit. Knitting alone Mrs. Ross has turned in to the local chapter 27 men's sweaters, three pair socks and three child's suits since January of this year. That is a total of 985 hours' volunteer work for the American Red Cross. Thank you, Mrs. Ross.

Mrs. J. H. Carnahan, Mrs. William Yates and Mrs. Margery Grover, instructors, Red Cross home nursing service, announce a graduation party for members of their classes to be held Friday, December 5, at 7 p. m., Red Cross headquarters.

armory building. A potluck dinner will be arranged by members of Mrs. Grover's and Mrs. Yates' classes. A musical program has been planned by Mrs. Harry Namitz, pianist, and Mrs. Ted Schoop. A skit entitled "Worth While," played by members of Mrs. Carnahan's class, will add to the evening affair. Presentation of certificates to members of the three Red Cross home nursing classes who have completed their course will be made at this time.

"Roll call success is a matter of vital concern to all of us as citizens of a free democracy. Voluntary Red Cross membership will prove we have heart as well as sinews to keep strong and free." — President Roosevelt.

Board members are reminded to be present at Red Cross headquarters, armory building

Tuesday, November 25, 4 p. m.

Mrs. George Knoll's dolls used by Rickys and the U. S. National Bank in their Red Cross window displays, came to headquarters dressed in negligees of latest style.

BUNDY DUO NETS WIN
BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 24 (AP)—Dorothy May Bundy of Santa Monica and Katherine Winthrop of Boston hold the Argentine women's doubles tennis crown. They defeated Mrs. Elwood Cooke of Portland, Ore., and Maria Teran of Argentina yesterday 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

INFLATION
BROADUS, Mont. (AP)—W. T. Waite offered to sell the alfalfa seed straw from his ranch for \$100. The prospective buyer turned him down, but agreed to do the threshing. Waite's happy about the whole business. Another buyer offered him \$1000 for the seed.

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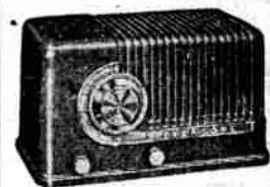
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