

CAPITOL LOBBYING AT ALL-TIME HIGH

French Dampen Nazi Hopes For Rebirth as Red Check

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The ghost of Adolph Hitler, reported to have been executing a little clog dance of joy on Europe's political rubble heap, like the one he performed after signing the armistice of defeated France, is probably not quite so cheerful today.



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His prediction of chaos or communism in Europe, a wishful "apres mois le deluge," hit a setback for the second time when the sturdy, middle-of-the-road Frenchman got behind the middle-of-the-road Republican Catholic party, and defeated the Communists, just as an earlier vote killed the constitution which the Reds wanted.

Because Hitler knew his greatest hope for a Nazi rebirth was a Communist Germany, his spirit probably rejoiced when the iron curtain went down on Germany's eastern frontiers, and one of Russia's border countries after another were bulldozed into one-party, leftist-front rule.

With France turned Communist, Germany would be an island in a red sea, and would soon have to take on protective coloring, it was assumed. The next step, according to Hitler's hope, was the reaction to Nazism.

Now, for the first time since V-E Day, France seems to have shaken off her carmine shackles. Before the recent election, some quarters were predicting that if the French middle class and peasants could not get rid of the left-wing domination with ballots, they would try it with bullets. The left-wingers themselves were warning of a reactionary revolution, and as late as the spring of this year dire warnings were being sounded.

Donald B. Robinson, former civil affairs officer in France, wrote in the April Mercury magazine that: "In no nation of northwestern Europe are there such distrust and loathing between classes and groups as in France today. The bitter dissonance which has driven General de Gaulle into retirement, and con-

stantly threatens the precarious equilibrium maintained by the left coalition, is rooted in implacable hate between the moderates, centrists and rightists on the one hand and the Communists on the other. . . ."

This situation complicated the Allies' problems in regard to Germany. However, with France now staggering to her feet, there is a chance for more harmony among the western Allies, and it is possible that Germany, with proper controls and minus a huge slice of the rich mineral land of the Saar in French hands, may have her three zones sufficiently united to begin to support herself; to start to pay some of her bills with the consumer goods that her neighbor nations want from her, and can't get anywhere else.

The results of the French elections are particularly gratifying from the standpoint of the western Allies because they appear to have established a degree of harmony among the more conservative French elements without revealing a reactionary trend.

MRP Seeks Unity Against Class War

The triumphant Popular Republican movement (MRP) had a platform which, according to French authorities, went beyond the political field to take a moral stand. The platform stressed the need for reinforcing unity among the newcomers (the right wing elements of the Socialist party made up of members of the old resistance), and all those opposing the efforts (by the Communists) to incite class hatred.

At the same time, the MRP disavowed all connection with the Radical Socialists, who, despite their name, are considered too conservative by many members of the resistance who formerly had joined in a common front with the Communists.

The election results may mean a change in Russian policy, for in spite of themselves, the western Allies have been forced to take unified action if an action at all was to be taken. It is possible that Russia was merely stalling, hoping to establish her influence in Europe, including France. Now that this strategy has failed in regard to France, she may be more cooperative. Either that . . . or resign herself to taking an Allied western bloc and liking it.

Lobbyists Fill 14 Columns

The lobby barometer of the present congress has run up a pressure record this session which is probably an all-time high. Never in the history of the capital have there been more pressure groups operating, as the listings under "associations" in the classified section of the Washington telephone directory testify.

The "associations" fill 14 columns and very few are not interested in some kind of legislation, pending or prospective, and interested enough to have an office in the capital or at least a telephone number. There are a lot more with offices under the hats of their representatives, which prefer to remain anonymous to the public.

Alphabetically speaking, the American Automobile association leads the list, and the Zionists and George Zook conclude it. One newcomer has nudged itself right up to second place—the Amvets, one of the 26 veterans organizations listed, including the American Legion and the Buck Privates association as examples of the old and the new.

Alcoholics Anonymous appear, not so anonymous this time. There is the Association of University Professors, and right next door, the University Women, which makes it congenial. There are bakers, bankers, members of the bar, and (no relation) bottlers of carbonated beverages.

The "antis" are present—four of them: Anti-Cigarette alliance; Anti-Defamation league; Anti-Poll Tax committee; and, of course, the Anti-Saloon league, to balance the Liquor dealers and the Distillers Institute further on down the page.

Certain happier combinations suggest themselves. Take the National Caterers and Sandwich Makers association and the Mayonnaise and Salad Dressing manufacturers who together symbolize a fine old American institution.

There is specialization in lobbying, too. Don't think the National Association of Ornamental Nonferrous Metals manufacturers lets the National Association of Ornamental Metal manufacturers tend to their special needs.

And when it comes to boxes, you cannot put them all in one pile either. The weatherproof, corrugated variety, the weatherproof fiber containers and the plain fiber boxes, each have their own row, not to mention (though you had better, if you are a congressman, unless

you want to fill one of their products) the ordinary National Wooden Box association.

The president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International union says uninterrupted production is necessary today if enormous inflationary pressures are to be repelled. He must have noticed the general swelling of many cranial plates.

Buses that glow in the dark will minimize the stalled-vehicle hazard to night driving, says Business Week magazine. On the principle that if you gotta stop, you gotta glow, I suppose.

Politics wrap Mr. Truman as tightly as the Lilliputians tethered the sleeping Gulliver.

The average life of American business concerns, says the 20th Century fund, is five years. Probably that's what they were referring to when they used to talk about infant industries.

AVOID ACCIDENTS

Farm Safety Week July 21 to 27

By EDWARD EMERINE
WNU Features

Annual "Farm Safety Week" will be observed this year during the week of July 21 to July 27, the National Safety Council has announced. And to me it seems like one of the best ideas yet advanced and one that should be stressed in every rural community.

It was my mother who used to say: "Be careful, son." Sometimes I thought she stressed her warning too often. But maybe she didn't, for I lived 20 safe and sound years on a Colorado ranch without an accident. Other lads were not so fortunate.

There was a neighbor who lost his hand in a threshing machine. A cousin of mine had his foot mangled by a mower. There were broken arms and legs from falling off windmills and barns. A warm, personal friend was crushed by a tractor. I realize now that farming and ranching are two pretty dangerous occupations. There may not be so many accidents because of runaway horses as there used to be, but almost every machine on a



TEEN-AGE VOTERS . . . In Athens, Ga., where age for voting is set at 18, high school and college students actively participate in political campaigns. The above shows the teen-agers campaigning for James V. Carmichael, candidate for governor of Georgia.

NEWS REVIEW

Park Visitors Greater Than Officials Expected

U. S. PARKS: Visitors Increase

Americans are going to take vacations this year in such numbers that the national park service may have to revise its 1946 travel estimate upward, Director Newton B. Drury of Chicago observes. In March this year, 1,269,064 persons visited national parks and monuments, as compared with 664,442 in March, 1941. In April, park visitors were more than double a year ago.

Statistics for the first seven months indicate that the early estimate of 25,000,000 visitors this year may be entirely too low, although it is 4,000,000 above the record-breaking season of 1941. The park season is figured from October to October.

FLOUR MILLS: Grinding Slowly

Flour mills in the U. S. except those in the Southwest, will not be able to grind their normal or full amount during the month of June, due to the scarcity of wheat supplies, the Millers' National federation has declared.

Many mills in the Kansas City area are closed down, and soft wheat grinds on the Pacific coast and in the Middle West are as much as 50 per

cent below normal. Texas and Oklahoma mills, located in the heart of the new crop, are operating about 75 per cent total capacity.

AUTOS: For Disabled

The Chevrolet division, General Motors, has reported that special driving equipment for physically disabled persons soon will be available in all models. This will include installation of vacuum-controlled, hand-operated brakes, clutches, throttles, starters and dimming switches which will make operation possible without the use of feet.

None of the usual foot-driving equipment will be removed, however, allowing operation in the normal manner. Other manufacturers have similar projects on the way.

APPLES: Higher Prices

In Washington, the OPA has allowed new maximum prices for apples from the beginning of the 1946 season through October 31 to allow for increased production and packing costs. The order was made effective June 12.

SPRING WIRE: Holds Up Autos

Why can't you get that new car? The National Automobile Dealers' association lists a number of reasons, including coil springs. Worst of material shortages is hard-drawn high-carbon spring wire used in the construction of upholstered seat cushions and backs. It was this shortage which caused several plants to curtail production for several days.

Many of the limited number of passenger cars now being delivered are coming off assembly lines without bumpers. Auto manufacturers estimate they will not reach normal production volume until the end of 1946.

OATS CROP: Loan Program

The department of agriculture has announced that the 1946 crop oats loan program will have an average national loan rate of 53 cents a bushel, reflecting 75 per cent parity as of February 15, similar to the 1945 program.

Only oats grading No. 3 or better will be eligible. Grain grading weevily, smutty, ergotgy, garlicky, or containing more than 14.5 moisture is excluded.

nity knows, farm accidents—though apparently rare—happen entirely too often. Most new machinery has safety devices which should be used. Proper clothing is more and more important in mechanized farming.

Urges farm safety, not only during Farm Safety Week, July 21 to July 27, but every day of the year.

Fishermen's Luck

JASPER, MO.—Fishermen's luck as shown by the cartoonists actually happened here. Two local residents, Roy R. Boucher and Clarence E. Brown, went on a fishing trip to Grand Lake, Okla., where they spent a full day fishing and returned with one tiny fish each.

Mrs. Eli W. Scott, a neighbor woman, met them, displaying two large catfish which she had caught in a small creek on Boucher's property, not more than 100 feet from his house.



IT WILL be interesting to note what will happen when baseball returns to a more normal way of life. We took up this somewhat twisted matter with Bill Dickey, the Yankees' new manager.



Bill Dickey

"This has been one of the strangest seasons, I've ever run across," the loose-jointed "Arkansas Traveler" said. "Suppose, for example, we had known back in Florida during our training-season that the Yankees were going to get good pitching. That was supposed to be our weakest spot because so many of our men were troubled with bad arms. We would have been picked as one of the surest things of the year, rated well in front."

"But suppose we had known that after six weeks of play our team batting would be around .240 with such fine hitters as Joe DiMaggio and most of the others hitting below .260. Then, we would have been picked far down the list. Hard hitting has been the Yankees' main factor in winning ball games, but as a team we haven't been hitting a half lick."

"You don't think this hitting weakness will last?" we asked. "I certainly don't," Bill said. "No pitchers are going to keep such hard hitters as DiMaggio, Keller—who has been our best—Stinson, Eiten, Lindell, Heinrich, Gordon and the others bottled up much longer. Those fellows can hit. They are naturals. I happen to know that Joe DiMaggio was banking on this season being his best year. I've never seen any one work harder, or try harder or train harder. His fielding and his home-run hitting have been exceptional. I don't believe this slump in hitting can last."

"We may have more trouble with our pitching, with so many really good pitchers bothered with bad arms or backs, but we are due to get much better hitting—and we'll have to get it if we are to win again. We can't win the pennant the way we're going now."

Dickey and the Red Sox

We asked Manager Dickey what he thought of the Red Sox and the chance the Yankees and other American League clubs had of closing the gap.

"I'll tell you exactly what I think of the Red Sox," Bill said. "I never like to underestimate an opponent. In my opinion, they have a first-class manager in Joe Cronin, who failed in the past because the winning material wasn't there. Cronin isn't going to lose any pennant for his club. Joe will do his share."

"The Red Sox have the strongest team they ever have shown. They have a fine infield and a strong outfield. They have had the hitting and the pitching—and I honestly think that so far they have out-hustled the rest of us."

"In Pesky and Doerr, the Red Sox have a great mid-infield combination, both on offense and defense. Pesky today is a greatly improved ballplayer. He means a lot to that club. Cronin certainly has a much stronger pitching staff than anyone looked for last March—Hughson, Harris, Ferriss and Dobson are about as good as any manager could ask for."

"This doesn't mean," Dickey said with a grin, "that I am picking the Red Sox to win the pennant. I think we can catch them, but I know we can't wait too long. They are too good to be given any big lead, and I believe the Yankees are just beginning to realize this. They have been strong on both offense and defense and they've fine spirit."

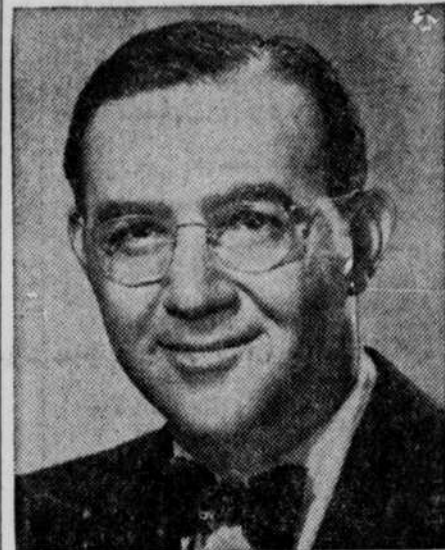
"What about the rest of the league so far?" we asked. "You can't overlook Washington," he said. "This is a good, steady, consistent club all along the line. You also will see Detroit get much better pitching than the Tigers have known thus far. Their pitching has been like the Yankees' hitting—too far below normal to remain that way. When their pitching gets as hot as it can get, and they begin to hit nearer their stride, you'll see a big change."

Dickey, who has the full support of Larry MacPhail, and who has enjoyed so many years of training under Joe McCarthy—the manager Bill ranks far above all others in baseball—is giving everything he has to the job of making good. With a cool head and a stout heart with which to work, he doesn't expect to pick up all the needed managerial details in a few days or in a few weeks.

Bill has the complete affection and respect of his players, and it is my opinion that he will make few mistakes in directing up to the hill the material he has at hand. Like other great catcher-managers—Bill Carrigan and Mickey Cochrane, for example—he has been in the best spot to know what is going on, especially in the direction of a pitching staff that still is uncertain.



By VIRGINIA VALE
IT'S good news for jazz lovers that Benny Goodman will be back on the air regularly. Beginning July 1, he'll have the 9:30-10:00 P. M. spot Monday nights on NBC. The famous sextette will top the



BENNY GOODMAN

16 instrumentalists backing up Benny and his clarinet, and two singers will be featured, a boy and a girl. The boy is 6 feet 4 Art Lund, whose effect on the bobby soxers stopped the show recently when the Goodman band performed at New York's Paramount Theater.

After Hugo Hoss spent a couple of months growing a walrus mustache for his role in Loew-Lewin's "Bel Ami," with George Sanders, he was ordered to shave it off because it didn't look authentic! Now he pastes one on every morning, to look natural.

A lot of people have been trying to get Danny Kaye for the one outside picture he's permitted to do away from the Samuel Goldwyn fold during the next six months, and right now they'd probably like to muzzle Frederic March. Kaye, in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," was working on a stage adjoining the one where March was starring in "The Best Years of Our Lives"—and Frederic, who did "The Royal Family" on the screen, suggested that Danny go back to New York and do a musical comedy version of it on the stage. Danny liked the idea.

The return of the beloved O'Neills to the air has been so successful that American Broadcasting decided to put them on four nights a week instead of two, the original schedule. And Columbia Pictures likes the series so much that Virginia Van Upp has been working on a series of family pictures based on the characters. Michael Fitzmaurice, the experienced actor who plays Father Danny O'Neill, the young priest, would have the same role. Incidentally, Michael wanted to be a priest, but the lure of the stage was too strong.

Some of you movie fans who have written to Robert Young may see your own missives in his latest picture, "Lady Luck," in which he co-stars with Barbara Hale and Frank Morgan. One scene in the comedy shows a hotel lobby, complete with clerk's desk and pigeon-holes for mail. And all the letters used in that scene were sent to Young, from all over the world, by his fans.

Twentieth Century - Fox has named Celeste Holm, a darling of the New York stage, for a top singing role in "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now," based on the life of Joe Howard. She'll be seen soon in "Three Little Girls in Blue."

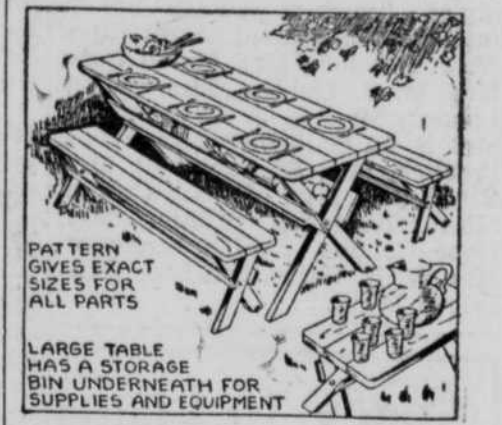
Joan Crawford, whose new picture, "The Secret," has just gone into production at Warners', is having fun. She's on top in her career again, she's being pursued by the Hollywood wolves, she's doing just what she pleases. When a New York hat designer showed his collection in the movie colony, she bought hats like mad—"Most of them horribly unbecoming!" commented a friend.

William Wyler, directing Goldwyn's "The Best Years of Our Lives," has banned make-up for male actors, including Dana Andrews and Frederic March, and asked the girls, including Teresa Wright, to use cosmetics sparingly. She'll use only what she wears for the street. The grease paint ban is part of Wyler's campaign to achieve documentary realism in the film.

ODDS AND ENDS—Beverly Roberts of "Life Can Be Beautiful" began her career on stage, screen and radio at the age of 5, when, wearing green lace, she sang "How Ireland Got Its Name" at a woman's civic club function. . . . The state of Iowa thinks so well of Meredith Willson's song "Iowa," official centennial ballad, that it's being used for theme music in a movie of the state. . . . Back in the '30s Conrad Nagle turned down three aspirants for roles in one of his pictures, on the ground that they weren't good for talkies—they were Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart and Rosalind Russell. Could he have been wrong?

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