

Washington, D. C.
ENVOY LEAHY NO 'APPEASER'

French appeasers who favor cooperation with Germany, particularly Vice Premier Laval, are going to have a rude awakening on the arrival of Admiral William Leahy, new U. S. ambassador to Vichy.

Officially inspired French newspapers received Admiral Leahy's appointment as an indication that the United States had decided to play ball with Germany and was veering away from Britain.

But they were so wrong. Inside fact is that Admiral Leahy is one of Roosevelt's most vigorous advisers in favor of helping Britain, and has even urged that a large part of the American navy be sent to Singapore in order to keep an eye on Japan, and serve as a silent warning against Japanese penetration down to the Dutch East Indies.

BRITISH SUDDENLY FRANK

What is happening in England today is a barrage of truth. Suddenly, British censors have passed a succession of news stories which admit what U. S. military observers long ago knew, that the damage in England was terrific, that airplane production had slowed down, and that British shipping was in a more desperate predicament than during some of the dark days of the first World war.

These facts also have been admitted by responsible cabinet officers on the floor of parliament. The sudden frankness means only one thing—the British are telling us that unless they get even greater help from the United States, they may face defeat.

Actually the situation has not changed materially, except for the willingness of the British to talk about it. The odds definitely have been against the British from the very minute France surrendered. But thanks to the Greeks and the failures of the Italian fleet, British odds have improved considerably, though they are not yet 50-50.

NEW MEXICAN PRESIDENT

In the dispatches about the inauguration (performed December 1) of Mexico's new president, Manuel Avila Camacho, nothing is said of his mother, who stands upright in her grave in the state of Puebla.

Senora Camacho de Avila, mother of four sons, was one of the most colorful and dynamic women in the history of Mexico. She died only a year ago, and her last words were to direct that she should be buried upright in the ground. "The Avila Camachos," she said, "have always stood on their feet."

Accordingly, the coffin was put into the ground in an upright position, in the town of Tezuitlan, state of Puebla.

The people of that state needed no such graphic action to remember her. For her sons will not allow her to be forgotten. One now becomes president of the country. Another, Maximino Avila Camacho, is governor of the state of Puebla, actually is a stronger figure than the president.

He is the Mussolini of Mexico—powerful, lusty. The owner of 100 full blooded horses and an amateur bull fighter, he stages private bull fights for the amusement of distinguished visitors.

Chances are that it is this mother's son, rather than Manuel who will run the government of Mexico.

AID FOR GREECE

The mail sack arriving at the Greek legation these mornings at last is showing evidence of popular support for the Greek cause. Letters are pouring in, many with enclosures of cash.

A Mississippi school teacher sends five dollars; an unknown man from Arkansas sends six dollars; Oscar L. Johnson and Harry L. Carpel, both of Washington, send \$100 each. The total has reached \$40,000, all forwarded to New York, where a special committee is handling contributions.

One letter comes from a retired army engineer in Atlanta, who says, "I could still pass for 40," and asks to enlist in the Greek army. In New Brunswick, N. J., a group of young aviators who flew for Finland now want to fly war planes for Greece.

Authors of these letters get answers signed by the longest name in Washington's diplomatic corps—Diamantopoulos. He is the minister of Greece, and he gratefully accepts both the money and the men.

CAPITAL CHAFF

Justice Frank Murphy's recipe for keeping fit at 50 is to walk to and from the Supreme court, and ride horseback every afternoon. Justice Murphy walks the long way round to his office, going first to the Washington monument.

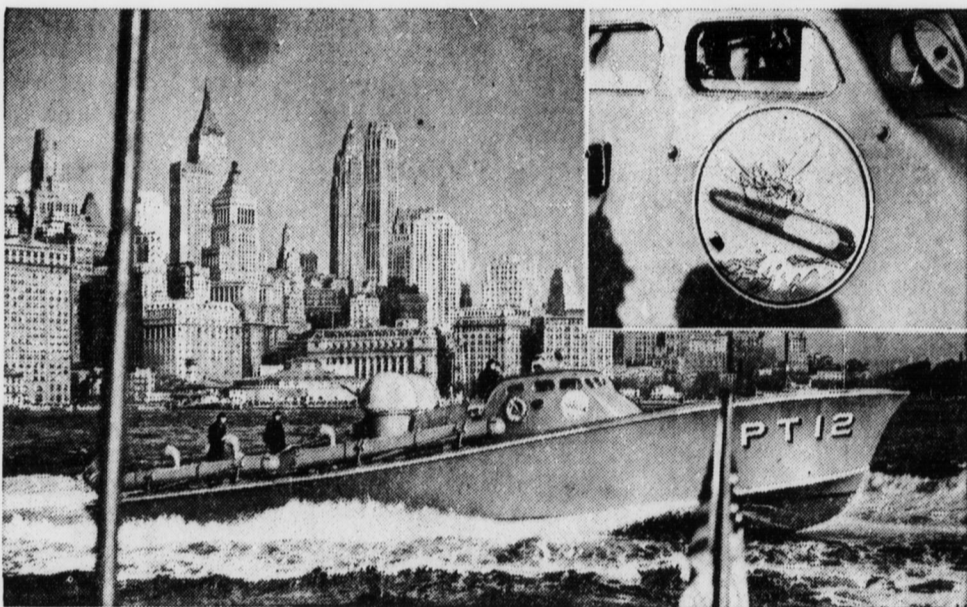
The 25,000 government workers who daily lunch in government restaurants in Washington consume annually 187,000 pounds of butter, 187,000 dozen eggs, 135,640 pounds of coffee, 2,446,336 bottles of milk, and 43,266 gallons of ice cream.

Senate Convenes in Old Court Chamber



Scene as senate convenes in the original U. S. senate chamber used by them from December, 1819, to January, 1859, then used by the Supreme court from 1860 to 1935. The move was made because of repairs to roofs of the regular house and senate chambers. Photo shows Sen. William King, president pro tem of senate (right) on rostrum.

Navy 'Mosquito'—Boat With a Sting!



The PT-12, one of the "mosquito boats" of the U. S. navy, buzzing along at about 50 knots with the grand skyline of Manhattan for a backdrop. The little boats carry a deadly sting in the form of turreted machine guns and four torpedo tubes. (Inset) Section of pilot-house on one of the mosquito boats, and the insignia of the mosquito fleet—a mosquito riding on a torpedo. The insignia was designed by Walt Disney.

Ski Troops Drill on Mt. Rainier



Members of the Forty-first division of the United States army are here shown on a cross-country trek on Mt. Rainier, the highest peak in the state of Washington, and the second highest peak in the United States proper. This is the first group of ski troops which has been organized for snow work in the army.

\$120,000 Worth of Dogs



These six dogs of movie fame are valued at a total of \$120,000. They are, with pictures in which they appeared, l. to r., front row: Whiskers (Scotty) "The Light That Failed" and Toto (Cairn terrier), "The Wizard of Oz." Second row: Prince Carl (Great Dane), "Wuthering Heights"; Musty (English mastiff), "Swiss Family Robinson"; Buck (St. Bernard) "The Call of the Wild," and Promise (Pointer), "The Biscuit Eater."

America in Flowers



Miss Jetsey Posthuma in role of "Liberty" for the Rose Parade at Pasadena, Calif. "America in Flowers" was named as the 1941 Tournament of Roses theme.

Ambassador to U. S.



Vice Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, who has been appointed to the important post of Japanese ambassador to the U. S., succeeding Kikusuke Horinouchi.



Washington, D. C.
TAXES AND ARMS

This town is humming with two great discussions. They are not related in the talk but they are in fact. One is the question of our financing British armament. The other is of the very great increases in taxes to finance fully at least the regular expenses of our government—perhaps nine billions a year.

The cost of our defense program, if our World war experience means anything, has not even yet been dimly imagined. General Marshall once estimated that to parallel the German land armament alone would cost \$100,000,000,000. Fortunately, we do not have to do that if we stick to our idea of hemisphere defense. But, in addition to a very great land armament, we have undertaken the most ambitious sea program ever attempted.

It is profless to try to foresee all these costs. No one has ever had enough facts or taken enough trouble to make an accurate statistical comparison of what it costs us, as compared with England or Germany, to provide and maintain military and naval defense, including care of participants in former wars. It probably runs double as to the British and surely triple as to the Nazis.

We properly spare no costs on our defenders, but even we can't escape the fact that the fiscal factor itself is important in national defense. It is doubtful whether we can prepare to defend the Western hemisphere at a cost of less than \$50,000,000,000. Nobody can tell what will be added to that if the present trend of administration sentiment continues and we also undertake to finance a part of the British effort.

Those who advocate this policy estimate that the British reserve of funds to buy in this market has ebbed to about \$1,000,000,000. If that is true, at their present rate of spending, it will scarcely last four months and, since that rate is accelerating and nobody can foresee the trend of war, it might rise to figures at least half as fantastic as our own prospective bill for national defense. Let's be conservative and say \$20,000,000,000.

There are two schools of thought in Washington as to how best to meet these astronomical figures without impairing or destroying our economic structure by the time-proved (if no time-honored) explosion called inflation.

One says to do it is to "pay-as-we-go." That means taxes higher than we have ever dreamed of in our philosophy, even by a disguised levy on present capital. The theory there is that, by making it practically impossible to gain profits, nobody will speculate and, therefore, prices will remain stable.

The other idea is that there are plenty of other ways to control runaway prices—such as priorities to govern supply rather than frantic counter-bidding confiscatory taxes on profits due to speculative buying of commodities or common stocks and, if necessary, a legislative "ceiling" over prices with sufficient flexibility to prevent absurd results.

DRAFT AFTERMATH

Dr. Dykstra, administrator of selective service, is alert to one of the greatest mistakes of the World war draft. That had to do with the demobilization of drafted men, rather than with their selection. The present organization of local and appeal boards for selection follows faithfully that earlier model which worked beautifully in selection.

In 1918, the selective service system planned to use exactly the same machinery for returning the boys to civil life. They were to be sent back to the boards that had taken them. There, as in their taking, they were to be clothed, housed, fed and receive their army pay until, with the assistance of local boards, they were re-employed.

The powers that were said: "No!" They wanted to "liquidate" the war—instantly. The whole backbone of war regulation was withdrawn suddenly. That left a structure of artificially high prices and industry paralyzed by quick cancellation of billions in war contracts. Our whole business system went into a coma. Into these economic doldrums, the selected men were kicked—given "travel money" home and there abandoned.

It created bitter resentment. The boys found that, while they had been away, somebody else had gotten their jobs, made much more jack than they had and, in some cases, married their best girls—and they couldn't get work. Their government had taken them with glittering promises. They came home to find these were forgotten.

The major complaint about this draft is that it is moving too slowly. The same sort of criticism in 1917 forced the war department into an almost fatal blunder, to order men to camps before they were ready to receive them. Let's not again be bums-rushed into that tragic error.

It's a lot better to take whatever criticism there may be for not having proper housing, clothing and food and to tell our people the exact truth, than to try to cover it up at the expense of the health and welfare of these kids. It can't be covered long.

Ask Me Another
A General Quiz

The Questions

1. Whose poem contains the well-known line: "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"
2. What is estimated to have been the seating capacity of the Roman Circus Maximus?
3. Where is the original home of the potato?
4. What is a canticle?
5. What officer ranks next above a captain in the United States navy?
6. How did the word "salary" originate?
7. A law which makes acts punishable before its passage is called what?

The Answers

1. Shelley ("Ode to the West Wind").
2. The seating capacity of the Roman Circus Maximus was approximately 250,000.
3. Peru and Chile. It grows wild on the plateaux high up in the Andes.
4. A little song or hymn.
5. Rear admiral.
6. From a Latin word meaning salt money (salarium, given to Roman soldiers for salt which was part of their pay).
7. Ex post facto.

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