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NOT ONLY A FIGHTER, BUT ALSO A DIPLOMAT

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower has a lot of tough jobs in Africa, and one of them, which doesn't get into the headlines, is to be the diplomatic negotiator among high French officials.

Among other things, he has been very adroit in handling General Giraud, who escaped from France dressed as an old woman and who now is in command of French forces in North Africa.

Actually, General Giraud expected to be commander of all forces in North Africa, both French and American. He is one of the highest generals in the French army, and before France fell, would have replaced General Gamelin as chief of staff had he not been taken prisoner. Therefore, since he outranks Eisenhower and has had much more varied experience, it is not unnatural that Giraud should aspire to be commander-in-chief of the entire North African operation, including the U. S. army.

Eisenhower, however, has a charming personality, a broad grin, a smattering of French, and had little trouble in handling General Giraud.

Another complication was the fact that Giraud hates Admiral Darlan. Yet Darlan, as a member of the cabinet, outranks him. In addition, there is General Nogues, another top-ranking officer. So it has been worked out that Nogues commands the French civil population, Giraud the French army, and Darlan the French fleet.

SIDETRACKED PLANES

When Wendell Willkie conferred with Stalin in Moscow, the Russian leader was critical of the British for sidetracking American lend-lease goods in Scotland and substituting for them inferior British war supplies.

The inside story of this can now be told.

Last summer, a shipment of Airacobras was en route to Russia from the United States and the convoy stopped to refuel in the British Isles. At that time, General Eisenhower, preparing for the second front in Africa, asked that these fast fighting planes be given to him instead of being sent on to Russia.

General Eisenhower was so insistent that he finally went to Prime Minister Churchill personally, who finally agreed that the Airacobras be sidetracked for use on the forthcoming African front.

OVERRULING ROOSEVELT

More and more it looks as if Ferdinand Eberstadt, the Wall Street broker, is becoming the most powerful man in the War Production board and one of the most powerful in the government. It hasn't leaked out yet, but recently he managed to overrule the vice president of the United States, the undersecretary of state, and Lend-Lease Administrator Ed Stettinius.

Some time ago, Eberstadt appointed as chief of WPB export priorities, Major Tom Armstrong, of Standard Oil of New Jersey, who had operated in various Latin American countries. Armstrong had been vigorous in bucking the development of Latin American government-owned oil companies, and the Latin Americans don't like him. Therefore, they squawked when they heard he would now sit in their all-important priorities position where he could decide whether they could, or could not, receive oil equipment to develop their government-owned industries in competition with Standard and private companies.

Undersecretary of State Welles agreed with the Latin Americans, and protested to the President. So did Vice President Wallace of the BEW, and also Stettinius, who buys lend-lease oil equipment for Latin American governments.

As a result of these protests, Roosevelt ordered Donald Nelson to dismiss Major Armstrong. However, Eberstadt in effect has overruled the President. He insisted that Armstrong remain. And he is still on the job.

CAPITAL CHAFF

Mrs. Roosevelt, looking from an airplane on the new marble structure known as the Jefferson Memorial, remarked, "I doubt if Jefferson would have liked to see money spent that way."

There are already 225,000 applications on file for commissions from civilian life.

Except for a few rare specialists, the only route to a commission nowadays is to get into the army as a private, then attend an officer candidates school.

Not to be stilled by lack of gasoline, one sightseeing company in Washington has hired and repainted an old two-horse ten-passenger wagon, which drives around the capital as "Victory Sightseeing."

Warning that the war department will dispense no more "cellophane commissions," Secretary Stimson says it does no good for applicants to write appealing letters to him, which open with the catch phrase, "I know what a busy man you are, but..." Some people write to Stimson at his home, expecting personal attention.

As U. S. Rangers Arrived at Oran



This photograph, radioed from London to New York, and sound-photoed to Chicago, shows United States Rangers and equipment arriving at a beach near Oran, Algeria, in boats as they prepared to occupy the French possessions on the north Mediterranean shore. In between the two key ports, Algiers and Oran, American landings encountered only slight resistance and made deep penetrations. This is one of the first pictures of land operations to arrive in America.

Conference in Wilds of New Caledonia



Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold (center), commander of U. S. army air forces, is shown in conference with Maj. Gen. Alexander Patch Jr. (left), commander of United Nations forces at New Caledonia, and Rear Adm. John S. McCain, U. S. navy, (right). New Caledonia is a vital link in protecting our shipping to Australia.—Soundphoto.

Jimmy Wilde Jr. Boxes in Desert



The spirit of that famous old-time boxer, Jimmy Wilde, was hovering over the western desert of Egypt recently, when Jimmy Wilde Jr., son of the former world champion, boxed with another airman for the entertainment of their buddies. Jimmy Jr., who knows how to put up his dukes, by the way, is shown at the left.

Josef Stalin Addresses Moscow Soviet



While events of breath-taking importance were taking place in North Africa, Josef V. Stalin, head of the Soviet Union, addressed the Moscow Soviet and other public organizations in observance of the 25th anniversary of the revolution and founding of Soviet Union. For the first time Stalin wears a decoration, that of "hero of socialist labor."—Soundphoto.

A Batch of Rubber



Using an ordinary bakery mixer, Tom (left) and Jimmy Richards of Los Angeles, who call themselves "monkey wrench researchers," are shown turning out a batch of the synthetic rubber they have developed. They say it can be produced from waste vegetable matter, waste milk, etc., and can be made for 35 cents a pound, compared with 40 to 70 cents for other synthetics. They say Rubber Car Jeffers is "interested."

For 'Free Italy'



Count Carlo Sforza, former foreign minister to Italy, now an exile in the U. S., leads in move for a free Italian national council. The purpose is to form a fighting legion of Free Italians to join hands with the Allied forces in North Africa.

New Guinea Romance



Lieut. Lloyd Thompson of Troy, Texas, who has been in New Guinea for some time, gave nurse Maude Patterson of Weatherley, Pa., a friendly welcome on her arrival. They have known each other for some time, and shyly admit they might be engaged.

Toy Dog Show



Two of the entries in the Chihuahua class of the toy dog show, held in New York for army emergency relief. The pup at left, "Thein's Pinto," wears the army uniform, and the other, "Thein's Little Man II," wears the uniform of the navy.



Dead Letters from Germany

By Maurice Hindus

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These letters, an armful of them, fell in my lap with a rustle like windblown leaves. "Fresh from the front," said my host, a widely known Russian writer. I am in Moscow, hunting for news.

These letters had been gathered from German dead on Don battlefields. The paper was ragged, but the decorative envelopes were of various colors, white, blue, and pink. All were written in Gothic script, many in pencil.

On top of the heap lay a postal card, shiny with two large drops of blood. It was from mother to son. The writing was scarcely legible, but from the few words I could make out, the soldier and his mother loved each other deeply. The blood indicated that the soldier had carried it close to his body.

There was something spectral about this postal card, about all the letters. They seemed like voices from the dead. But they weren't. They were voices from the living—inside Germany.

Russians Collect Letters From Dead

The Russians have collected hundreds of thousands of such letters, and also diaries, from the German dead. These have been read, digested, put away. In the absence of direct relations between the United Nations and Germany, they are the only authentic source of information about Germany and the German people that we now have.

85 Per Cent of Letters Ignore Politics

The outstanding feature of this correspondence is that 85 per cent of all the letters completely ignore politics, rarely mentioning the fuhrer or other Nazi chiefs, or referring to Nazi doctrines or practice.

Perhaps this is why military censorship is so lenient. Seldom are there any deletions, even when the writers speak frankly of hardship and sorrow, or of such delicate subjects as the deterioration of the morals of German women.

An Italian named Giovanni Volpi, working in Kufstein, Germany, writes to an Italian soldier at the Russian front: "I'll tell you frankly, German women have lost all control of themselves. They have gone out of their minds."

German Women 'Loose'

So while Germans by the thousands die daily for the supremacy of their race and the purity of their blood, their women at home, despite Nazi ideology and Gestapo vigilance, indulge in no small amount of race defilement. That's one reason, no doubt, why German mothers and fathers show increasing anxiety and bewilderment at the "foreignization" of Germany through the presence of millions of alien laborers and war prisoners.

"You ask me," writes a father to his son, "how Berlin looks these days. Dear Fritz, Berlin has become an international city—you can hear every language in this street." Vienna is no better. Bettie Schummer writes her husband: "Life is hard in Vienna. The city is crowded with foreigners. . . . In the trolleys you hear only Italians; Spaniards, Hungarians, Czechs, Slovaks, Greeks, Bulgarians. Viennese are hardly seen."

Religious Folk Air Complaints.

Most of the letters are filled with complaints. Religious people feel hurt because the church bells have been melted into cannons. Now and then there's a letter about the treatment of elderly people which tells most by what it leaves unsaid. There are endless complaints of hardships.

The information in letters found on the German dead, intimate and personal as it is, leads to some striking deductions. The people inside Germany hate the war and want it to end. They are tired of hardships, sick of sacrifice. They lament the moral disintegration of their young women; they shudder at air raids; they weep over their dead.

But nowhere do they betray the least suggestion of German guilt or regret for horrors which the German armies perpetrate.

Hard as is their life, they know neither starvation nor desperation. Nor do they expect Germany to lose the war. To expect them at this time to revolt against Hitler is as futile and puerile as to expect the fuhrer to live up to his promises or the treaties he signs.

The Allies airman has made himself very unpopular in Germany. He is to Germans the "supreme villain" of today. They hate him.



Released by Western Newspaper Union.

FIGURES released by the United States department of commerce prove conclusively that America is the most recreational-minded country in the world. The figures deal with the state of sports in the United States through three different economic periods—boom, depression, and the prewar year.

Hard to believe is the fact that sports attendance soared so high in 1941. The commerce department estimates that \$73,000,000 was spent in watching sports in 1929—the boom year. The total dropped to \$32,000,000 in 1932 at the depth of the depression and zoomed to \$175,000,000 last year.

Baseball turnstiles clicked to the tune of \$17,000,000 in 1929, \$10,000,000 in 1933 and \$20,000,000 in 1941. College football showed a similar gain: \$22,000,000 in '29, \$20,000,000 in '33 and \$48,000,000 in '41.

Bowling has increased 250 per cent in the past 10 years. The 1941 total was more than \$94,000,000. Professional football continued to grow despite the depression. In '29 only \$700,000 was spent on the game. This grew to \$1,000,000 in '33 and to \$3,000,000 last year.

'No Decision'

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, former light heavyweight champion who recently lost his final bout to the Grim Reaper, was one of the most colorful of the old-time ringmen. His death revived stories of his famous bout with Stanley Ketchel, the Michigan Assassin.

The Ketchel-O'Brien tilt was a 10-round no-decision affair, fought in New York. Even though the fight ended with O'Brien on the floor, unconscious, he always listed it in his record as a no-decision contest, with the notation that he had been saved by the bell. His followers argued that he actually won the fight, even though unconscious at the end. They claimed (with quite a bit of logic) that O'Brien had the better of the greatest part of the fight and should have been recognized as the winner, regardless of the last few seconds. A rematch settled the argument for a while. Ketchel knocked O'Brien out in three rounds, proving his superiority and saddening the followers of O'Brien.

Corporation

Beau Jack, one-time Negro locker boy of the Augusta, Ga., National golf club and recent winner over Lightweight Allie Stolz, has long been a corporation. Twenty business men had 20 shares in him, but he paid them all off. He is said to work on an allowance of \$5 a week, the remainder being banked for him.

When Beau defeated Stolz, the 20 sponsors of his professional ring career honored him at a party in New York. He deserved the honor—Sammy Angott was supposed to be the only man who stood between Stolz and the title.

About the Phils

When the directors of the National league ordered the sale of the Philadelphia Phillies, they did so for one reason—the league is tired of advancing money to the club and refuses to go on doing so.

Ford Frick, president of the National league, pointed out that early stories gave the wrong impression. "The directors are not after Gerry Nugent's head," he explained. "He has not received a pre-emptory order to get out. . . . The league is not in a position to give Nugent more financial assistance, and some way must be devised to go on without it. What will happen I honestly do not know."

Franchise Change?

Incidentally, the American league is safe from a recurrence of its annual problem—requests from the Browns for a handout. When the league turned down President Don Barnes last year the club proceeded to make some necessary changes, with the result that it made money.

However, Barnes still believes the day will come when the Browns will represent Los Angeles rather than St. Louis. "After the war the Pacific coast is certain to have big league baseball," Barnes said. When he suggested the franchise shift last year he got a cold shoulder from fellow American league magnates.

Sport Shorts

On the average a referee has to call 125 plays a game.

Colgate's starting right tackle is Bill MacMichael, an engineering student who gets away from classes for practice only one day a week. He has been able to play from 40 to 50 minutes in each of the Red Raiders' games.

One baseball writer on the American league's most valuable player committee ranked Joe Gordon fifth, Ted Williams sixth.

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT RAZOR BLADES

Gems of Thought

LET us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.—A. Lincoln.

Applause is the spur of noble minds, the end and aim of weak ones.—C. C. Colton.

This man is free of servile bands, Of hope to rise, or fear to fall; Lord of himself, though not of lands, And, having nothing, yet hath all.—HENRY WOTTON.

Be strong, and quit yourselves like men.—Old Testament.

A fine genius in his own country, is like gold in the mine.—Benjamin Franklin.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Mother of Misery Employment, which Galen calls "nature's physician," is so essential to human happiness that indifference is justly considered the mother of misery.—Robert Burton.

Advertisement for PAZO for PILES, featuring Uncle Bill's testimonial and product benefits.

Needed Solitude Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character.—James Russell Lowell.

Advertisement for HOT FLASHES, targeting women who suffer from hot flashes and offering relief.

Find the Scrap to Eliminate the Jap

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

Until restrictions were placed on gasoline consumption, tires were wearing out eight times faster than they were being replaced. We've all heard of wooden tires, but tires made of concrete have been, at least in one instance, substituted for the conventional rubber. A Parker Dam engineer had cast reinforced concrete tires on the rims of a portable welding machine. They worked.

Advertisement for B.F. Goodrich tires, featuring the slogan 'In war or peace' and 'FIRST IN RUBBER'.