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Out Of The Muddle

We hear so much about the muddle in Washington, miscalculations, errors and bickering that we, more or less, naturally overlook the sum total of the deeds accomplished. We do not look at the over-all picture but pick out isolated cases and happenings to condemn. Possibly there is a different way to run the war and government for each of the 133 million individuals, and we fuss and fume when things don't go according to our patterns. We overlook the fact that the individual is all important, but that importance is determined by the individual's action as a member of the team and not as an individual star. The everyone of us can't tell the government how to run the war, but everyone of us can do his part. Instead of doing their individual parts as members of a great team, so many of us are wagging our tongues eternally about the muddle, and somehow or other we are in the muddle ourselves.

Reliable reports state that war production this year is greater by more than 80 per cent than it was in 1942. On that count, there is a lot of good coming out of the muddle. Possibly we are far from the state of perfection, but despite the biased and "kept" commentators and press, something is being accomplished.

And then, too, the job in Washington is the biggest ever undertaken, and when we compare the mistakes made in handling that big task with the ones we made in our own individual undertakings, the results are not so bad, after all.

So, as long as we can muddle along as well as we have in the past, surely we'll reach the coveted goal in due time. But, if we would help relieve the muddle in Washington, let us, as individuals, get out of the muddle at home by playing a fair and square game as members of the team.

Certainly, we do not agree with all that has been done in Washington, but if it had been done differently and we had agreed, someone else would not have agreed.

General Giraud's Visit

General Henri Giraud is visiting in this country, and while the meaning of his mission is not definitely known, it is to be hoped that something concrete and something close to unity will grow out of it.

Many people are still puzzled over the way we carry on on the diplomatic front and in our actual fighting. The diplomats apparently play ball with Franco in Spain, the old Vichyites while the fighting men fight the friends of the two groups. The leaders of the men who have fought Hitler are held somewhat in disdain by our diplomats, and as a result there is broken unity.

General Giraud. Each may have his faults and his good points, but we do know that there was a group of fighters who fought Franco, Mussolini and Hitler in Spain and that there was a group of men who fought Hitler in France who are still fighting there. These men some of our diplomats are apparently trying to discard and take over the followers of Franco and Vichy.

Rumors are being circulated against the De Gaulists. They might be true, but until they become more than rumors, we cannot help but side with De Gaulle and cheer such statements as the following one as it comes from a member of the Fighting French:

"To talk about reorganization of the French army as hurting its morale is nonsense. We have never wanted to throw out of the army men who fought in Tunisia, whether they were ex-Vichyites or not. The only men we have wanted to get rid of are men who fired on the Americans and British during the Allied landing last November, men who did all they could to hinder the Allies and to help the Vichy collaborationists. We don't trust the loyalty of such men, and it's hard for us to understand why the Americans should trust them. It looks very much, with all these rumors against De Gaulle, that the U. S. A. is trying very hard to save France from the French. But one thing is sure. No matter how De Gaulle's prestige may suffer in the U. S. A. because of all these slanders, his prestige won't suffer in North Africa or France. If anything it will grow."

Tell The Truth

Although admitting that he had "muffed" when he failed to submit the deal to the Justice Department for advice, Navy Secretary Knox has been sent before two Congressional committees to defend the Elk Hills oil contract between the Navy and Standard Oil of California. Assistant Attorney General Norman Littell described the contract as being "not in the public interest." But the assistant attorney general's sensational revelation was barely mentioned in the "kept" press of the country, but they talked long about the defense offered in support of the contract.

There's talk about expensive parties in the Mayflower Hotel with lavish entertainment and "with all you could eat and drink." Let Mr. Knox tell the truth and let the chips fall where they may. Is this country so desperately in need of oil today that it must bow down to a corporation's demands? Could it be that while laws, rules and regulations are created to "freeze" labor and prices, the sky is the limit when it comes to favoring the big corporations? Could it be that at the bottom of the deal there is something rotten? In war as well as in peace, the truth should be told and the people are entitled to know the truth.

"AIR ACTIVITY ON ALL FRONTS"



If the newspapers air printed for everybody to read, and their radio broadcasts for evy-body to hear, and they all tells you all bout evy-thing, and evy-body, and what-all has happen, and about to happen, or ort to happen; and evy-body reads and hears; then aint all that likly to propagate sum ideas of their own into the minds of most folks bout what-all they hav read and heered?

Now what I am a-gittin at is, that most of their news cums from their smart folks, and is gobbled up mostly by them that aint sposed to be so smart. But when a feller keeps on readin and heerin bout evy-thing, aint it natural fer 'im to bergin to formerlate sum ideas of his own? And want to say sumthin bout what he thinks, cordin to what he's read? Now we reads bout Mr Hoover, how he's larnt how to open and shet their stable door after he let their horse wander away for their want of proper tention. And we reads bout how Mr Wilky has turnt thumbs-down on their lectric-combine(?), and has fer-got that he ever tried to keep Mussel-Shoals from turnin-out white-lightnin that now does big things tords hinderin old Hitler from cummin over and takin over. And we reads bout their hankerns of this and that "hopeful" that would like to

Tomato Crop This Year Much Larger

Indications are that North Carolina truckers and Victory Gardeners will harvest over 180,000 bushels of tomatoes within the next two months as compared with 129,000 bushels last season, the State Crop Reporting Service said recently. The 10-year average is 107,000 bushels.

The acreage this year is up 500 acres over 1942's 1,500 acres and indications point to a yield of 90 bushels to the acre as against 89 to the acre last year.

see Mr Roosevelt tire-out at tryin to save their world for Democracy and their Laz-ruses from their crum-table. But as sartin as you air born, their multitude air determined to hold to Capn F D R as long as their old-ship-o-state is flounderin in their per-lud-ed sea of Mr Hitler Tojo Mussylime. Tharaint no dout that Mr Roosevelt is titled to a rest from playin good-samaritin beyond his time, and thar aint no dout that he is titled to "turn-over" to sum-body that'll carry-on cordin to their New Testament ways hes bin tryin to put over. Didnt Teddy nominate Taft, and then side-trap 'im when he sot fer their privileged class? And that lected Wilson that wsa our God-send durin World-War I.

And as old Jim Sprukes of their eradin-multitude says—Cordin to his formulated ideas, ef their present war storm holds on, then Capn Roosevelt and Mate Wallace will hold on. But ef Mr Hitler Tojo Mussylime gits sunk, and their war-effort turns to a new crew to set in their mess-hall fer Uncle Sam, hes a-needin Mate Wallace nad Byrnes as Capn and Mate.

Tomato Juice Good Source of Vitamins

Tomato juice is a healthful drink and, if properly prepared, is an excellent source of vitamins "A" and "C", says Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Home Economist in Food Conservation at N. C. State College.

She suggests the use of fully ripe, firm tomatoes of a bright red color, which have been washed well and cut into small pieces, after the removal of the core. To preserve the natural flavor and color in the canned tomato juice, Mrs. Morris says

be used and that utensils of copper and brass, and iron should be avoided. The conservationist advises that one to two gallons of tomatoes should be handled at the time and that there should be no delay in any step of the canning program. The tomatoes should be precooked at about 170 to 180 degrees Fahrenheit or, if no thermometer is available, let the tomatoes simmer until softened. They should not be boiled.

According to Mrs. Morris, the softened, hot tomatoes should be put through a fine sieve at once. A bowl or cone type sieve is recommended because it allows the least amount of air to be incorporated in the pulp. If the tomato juice is to be given to an infant or an invalid, salt should be omitted. Otherwise, one half to one teaspoon of salt may be added to each quart.

After the tomatoes are put through the sieve, the juice should be reheated at once, according to Mrs. Morris. If glass containers are used, heat the juice to boiling, pour into the sterilized containers and add salt. Process for five minutes.

If tin cans are used, Mrs. Morris advises that the juice should be heated to 180 to 190 degrees, poured into the cans, sealed, and allowed to process for 5 minutes. No head space should be left in either the glass or tin container.

Radar Discovered Thirteen Years Ago

The military sensation of the day is radar, that "secret weapon" which won the Battle of Britain and is now giving us air superiority on various fighting fronts. Yet, the principle of this widely hailed device, which locates planes when they are miles away, actually was discovered on a lonely Virginia farm thirteen years ago, before Hitler came to power in Germany. There, a former Navy Researcher, L. A. Hyland, now an executive engineer of Bendix Aviation Corporation, a major producer of radar and other radio equipment located the dirigible Akron when it

radio waves against the blimp and catching them on the rebound with equipment located in a closed truck parked in the midst of a beet field.

Production of Figs Increases In State

North Carolina sows farrowed 970,000 pigs from December to June of this year as compared with 628,000 of the 10-year average for this period, J. J. Morgan, State Department of Agriculture statistician, reported recently. This is a 19 percent increase over 1942. The number of sows farrowing last year was 28 per cent larger than in 1941 and the number this year is 21 percent over the June-to-December figure for 1942.

Morgan said that indications point to a 27 percent increase in the number of pigs this fall over that of last fall, and 75 percent more than the 10-year average.

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