

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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**THINK U. S. IS DIVIDED
JAPANESE THREAT
FRANCE JOINS NAZIS
U. S. INTERESTS
HULL SPEAKS OUT
SPAIN IS A PROBLEM
AFFECTS SOUTH AMERICA**

There seems to be no reason to disbelieve reports from abroad that news of strikes in this country, together with reports of speeches made by former President Hoover, Colonel Lindbergh and prominent isolationists, have produced an impression that the United States is seriously divided and that the Government is unable to function effectively in the presence of the world disorder. Dispatches from Europe make it clear that the Vichy Government of France was undoubtedly influenced by its impression that the United States was virtually impotent, and Tokyo newspapers stress labor troubles in this country.

It is unfortunate that activities permitted in this country, because we continue to be a democratic people, are misinterpreted abroad. This is one of the penalties of democracy. It will be more than unfortunate, however, if the Japanese, for example, initiate aggressive action in the Far East under the delusion that the United States is incapable of securing national unity to promote effective action.

Most observers report that Japan is extremely anxious to avoid hostilities with the United States. This does not mean that the Tokyo statesmen will not take risks in order to feel out the United States and thus secure all possible concessions without hostilities. Some newspapers in Tokyo declare the entry of the United States into the European War will implement decisions already reached by the Japanese Government and one insists that if this country adopts a convoy system, it "will have to take into account the vigilance of the Japanese Navy."

The rapprochement which is evident between France and Nazi Germany raises an interesting question in the United States where this country must decide what steps it should take to prevent Hitler, through domination and control of the Vichy Government, from acquiring bases for possible use against the Western Hemisphere.

French possessions close to the Americas include the islands of St. Pierre and Michelon, near Newfoundland, and Martinique in the Caribbean. In addition, French Guiana in South America is a problem. Dakar, on the West Coast of Africa, because of its close proximity to South American countries, would be dangerous if occupied by the Nazis as a war base. The Portuguese Azores, strategic islands close to Europe, could become a perilous threat to the safety of shipping in the North Atlantic.

The French insist, and it is reported that Marshal Petain has given assurances to Ambassador Leahy, that African territory will not be used as Axis bases for any sort of action against Britain, or the United States. These assurances, however, fail to carry conviction, in view of the fact that the Germans have been permitted the use of Syria.

The Vichy Government, helpless under German pressure, might yield these important areas in the future and thus permit Germany with her great aerial strength to break through the blockade and take the offensive, or at least, threaten the vital interests of the United States.

The seriousness of the diplomatic situation which exists between this country and France is seen in the conferences between Secretary Hull and Gaston Henri-Haye, the French Ambassador, who objects to an "explosion of emotions" in this country over the "collaboration" of France with Germany.

The French Ambassador objected to the unfriendly act of this country in taking French merchant ships into protective custody and advised reporters of France's determination to protect her possessions "wherever they may be" from any change of sovereignty. He indicated strong opposition to any attempt to place French colonies in the Western Hemisphere under the "provisional administration" of the twenty-one American republics.

It may be taken for granted, we think, that the United States will not follow French assurances without question and that this Government will closely scrutinize every move that France makes in cooperation with Germany. Secretary Hull expresses the conviction that pro-Hitler

elements are in control of the Vichy Government and says that France has gone beyond the armistice terms in extending aid to Germany. The first step in the transformation of France from a democratic nation to an ally of Germany has been taken in Syria and similar steps in other areas are expected, regardless of all explanations that have come from France.

The Marquis de Azuiar, who says that he represents the Spanish Catholic and Royalist Parties in the United States, asserts that Germany now has representation in every Spanish consulate and legation in the Americas for the purpose of combating Pan-Americanism. The Marquis recently told news men in Washington that under a Pact signed by Hitler and Franco on October 8, 1938, four ships sailed from Spain with munitions for Latin-American destinations, possibly Mexico and Chile. Also sent to Latin-America, he says, were 8,000 Falangistas, presumably to help lead any uprising for which the four shiploads of arms were intended.

The Marquis insists that the great majority of Spaniards are for the democracies and says that when Spain joins the Axis and breaks diplomatic relations with the United States, "I want to make sure the Democratic Spaniards are not placed in the same position as the Totalitarians." According to his statement, Hitler has been given the right to direct Spain's national and international policies since 1938 and Germany has moved twelve divisions into Spain, ready to act in Morocco at the auspicious time.

While we have no way of knowing whether the statements made by the Marquis are correct or not, it is quite possible that Hitler is using Spain as a front to promote Nazi activities in this hemisphere. The Falangistas have been active in Spain where the party occupies a position of considerable power.

The ancient relationship between Spain and her colonies in this hemisphere has been recalled and there have been suggestions that, at the proper time, Spain should assume the leadership of her people in South America. While we pass the information along for what it is worth, the presumption is that the State Department and American officials are cognizant of the situation and, being forewarned, will be able to handle any developments.

Unemployment Office Urges Employers To Anticipate Needs

North Carolina employers, in view of the tightening labor market, are urged to anticipate their labor needs as far in advance as possible by Charles G. Powell, Chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

As part of the labor market information requested and used by the National Defense Council and other planning agencies, representatives of local employment offices are asking employers to list their labor needs for as much as six months in advance. This information is used in the locating of industries, in planning training programs, and in transferring available surplus labor.

"North Carolina is just beginning to feel the effects of a tightening labor market in industry," Mr. Powell said. "Other states have felt it so keenly that several large out-of-State employers, with defense contracts, are asking the Employment Service in North Carolina to recruit workers for them. This may be necessary for defense purposes, but our Service wants to use North Carolina workers in North Carolina jobs wherever possible. During the past six months defense construction has utilized fully the skilled construction labor of the State, and shipyards, bases, and now camps will continue to call for both skilled and unskilled construction workers."

An increasing number of production defense contracts are being approved for North Carolina, and others are expected in the near future. The Employment Service is primarily concerned with providing North Carolina labor for North Carolina employers. However, in order that their interests may be best served, employers of the State should make their labor needs known to the local offices of the Service in advance of their actual need for workers.

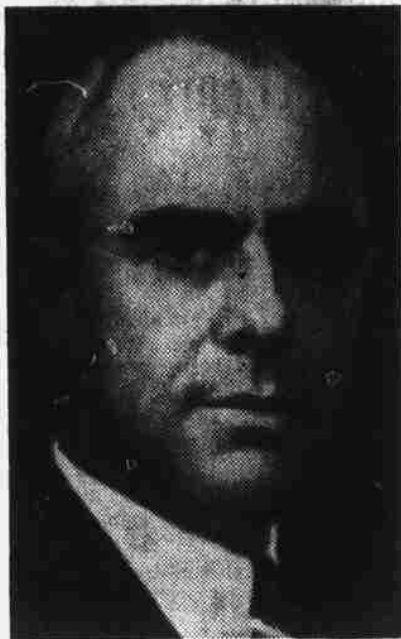
Barnum Liked Publicity
P. T. Barnum was an old man when he became associated with W. C. Coup in a combined museum-menagerie-circus. He knew the value of advertising and was a genius in getting publicity. Though he preferred favorable publicity, any other kind was acceptable. He was accused of being a humbug and referred to himself as the greatest humbug of his time.

Loyalty and Cleverness
If put to the pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.—Anonymous.

Vote for yourself or your friend for the Lawn Set at Morgan's Furniture Store.

FARMERS HAVE BIG JOB IN NATIONAL DEFENSE

Washington, D. C.—"Farmers can take 'efficient production' as a watchword," says Chester C. Davis, Commissioner in Charge of the Agricultural Division, National Defense Advisory Commission, in a recent article in *The Fertilizer Review* telling what immediate action farmers can take in our national emergency.



CHESTER C. DAVIS

"Efficient production means applying farming practices that will get the highest yields from the fewest acres. It means lowering production costs and at the same time improving quality and increasing volume," states Mr. Davis.

"It means exercising far-seeing care in conserving the fertility of the soil by practices which not only prevent waste of fertility but help to restore it."

Rules of the Road

DUTY TO STOP

Section 128, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina: "(a) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to any person shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident . . ."

"(b) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in damage to property shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident . . ."

"(c) The driver of any vehicle involved in any accident resulting in injury or death to any person or damage to property shall also give his name; address, operator's or chauffeur's license number and the registration number of his vehicle to the person struck or the driver or occupants of any vehicle collided with and shall render to any person injured in such accident reasonable assistance including the carrying of such person to a physician or surgeon for medical or surgical treatment if it is apparent that such treatment is necessary or is requested by the injured person . . ."

Hit-and-run driving is illegal, inexcusable and indefensible. Every driver involved in a motor vehicle traffic accident is required by law to stop, identify himself and render what aid he can to any injured person.

Government Badly In Need Of Nurses

As a part of the National Defense Program, the Government months ago began preparation to meet an anticipated need for an unusually large number of nurses, both in its military and civil service. The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open continuous examinations to secure nurses, but despite these examinations, there is a continuing acute shortage of nurses for the civil service positions.

The shortage is particularly noticeable with respect to some parts of the country. From some of the states, very few nurses apply for the civil service examinations.

The need for nurses is immediate. Apply now for further information at the office of the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at any first- or second-class post office, or write to the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Likely and Liable
Likely means probable, liable means tending to, responsible or obliged. It is not likely that I would throw a stone through the window, for if I did I would be liable to be arrested and fined. Though most motorcycles are not likely to skid, Tom's is liable to do so at any moment.

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Clean-up Committee Meets In Greensboro

The Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee will meet at Greensboro Thursday, June 5, in celebration of the second anniversary of the "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina.

The executive committee will meet at 10:30 o'clock and the general committee will hold a luncheon and business session beginning at 12:30 o'clock. Distributors and brewer representatives from all sections of the State are expected to attend the luncheon and business meeting.

The program includes a report by State Director Edgar H. Bain, of Goldsboro, and addresses by Bernard Lichtenberg and T. Howard Kelly of the United Brewers Industrial Foundation, New York, sponsoring organization of the self-regulation program in North Carolina and thirteen other states. Mr. Lichtenberg is Manager of the Foundation, and Mr. Kelly is head of the self-regulation and educational program in the fourteen states. A sound movie showing the foundation's self-regulation and educational program in action will be exhibited.

Chairman J. P. Price of Greensboro, will preside at both sessions, and among the items of business will be the selection of distributor members of the executive committee.

The self-regulation campaign was begun two years ago, and its success in ridding communities of undesirable beer outlets has won wide acclaim from newspapers and public officials.

Defense Bonds On Sale At Hertford Banking Company

In discussing the Hertford Banking Company acting as agents for the Government in the sale of Defense Bonds, R. M. Riddick, cashier of the bank, stated that the officials of the Hertford Banking Company will be glad to answer all inquiries about the bonds made to them.

The local bank is handling the E, F and G Series of bonds and to date has sold a large amount of the Defense Bonds. The E Series of bonds come in denominations of \$18.75 and are known as Savings Bonds. No one individual or firm can purchase more than \$5,000 worth of these bonds in a given period. The other two series come in higher denominations and can be purchased up to \$50,000 worth. The E Series mature in 10 years, while the F and G Series mature in 12 years.

Persons desiring further information on these bonds may have it by calling at the Hertford Banking Company.

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