

P.I. - *Amoco*. Tues., July 9, 1940.

The French Chamber of Deputies and the French Senate acted swiftly and decisively today. They had ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ to. Vice-Premier Laval asked them to vote in favor of the new totalitarian form of government which is to turn France into a dictatorship under ~~xxxx~~ Marshal Petain and his group. Laval used the following line of argument: "I bring you not the conviction but the certainty," said he, "that if you want an honorable peace you must give Marshal Petain what he asks." Which is as good as saying, if you want to keep Hitler off your neck, vote "yes". So the Chamber of Deputies voted "yes", three hundred and eighty-three to three, and the French Senate voted "yes", two hundred and twenty-five to one.

There are reports via Germany that French Deputies are demanding punitive action against Former Premier Daladier and former Allied Commander-in Chief General Gamelin. Both are being blamed for the collapse of the French Army in the face of the German attack. A good deal of mystery surrounds them. There has been a report that General Gamelin committed suicide. Another - that he's under arrest. Daladier is ~~xxxxxxxx~~ shrouded in mystery. One story had him virtually a prisoner on a ship at the French

African port of Casa Blanca. Another report was that he sailed aboard a steamship, which is missing - hasn't been heard from.

What Nazi Germany may do with Scandinavia was illuminated today by Alfred Rosenberg, known as the number one ideological theorist of the Nazis. Rosenberg declared that the Scandinavian nations would be included in what he called "A Germanic union of the North Sea and the Baltic Sea." He mentioned not only the countries the Germans have seized, but also Sweden, which is supposed to be neutral. This ideological statement fits in with what we've been hearing about Nazi notions of reorganizing Europe - schemes of grouping nations according to their race and culture. For example, there has been talk of a line-up of Latin countries, Italy, France and Spain. And now, the Rosenberg theory of the Scandinavian countries being linked with Germany in a North Sea and Baltic Sea Germanic Union.

Some Baltic countries, however, are going to have a union not at all Germanic - Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania. There's a report from Riga that next week those Baltic states

PRECEDE FRENCH FLEET

There's a report that the British have seized the great French liner Ile de France. ~~xxxx~~ That famous craft was one of the Allied ships that left New York Harbor secretly and dramatically some months ago. It was unknown where the Ile de France went after leaving New York. Today's report says the British seized the ship at Singapore.

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## FRENCH FLEET

*And,* The British have struck again at the French Fleet -  
and in the most formidable way. With air bombs and water

bombs they attacked and disabled the Great French Battleship

*we now learn*  
Richelieu, which <sup>^</sup>was lying in the West African Harbor of

Dakar. The Richelieu was one of the most powerful fighting  
units on the sea - modern, a brand new ship. *P* *until now*  
It ~~hasn't~~ <sup>^</sup>been

too clear, ~~in fact~~ whether or not the Richelieu was entirely

complete and ready for battle. Today, however, a statement

in the London House of Commons described the French sea giant

in these words:- "Immediately available for operations."

The House of Commons was told that the Richelieu  
was attacked by torpedo speed boats and bombing planes.

The torpedo boats dashed in and blasted the battleship with

charges of high explosive dropped alongside, This put the

Richelieu steering mechanism out of commission. Afterward,

the war planes bombed the ship - which London describes as

*now*  
~~was~~ <sup>^</sup>thoroughly out of action, down at the stern and listing.

At Alexandria - the question of the French naval

squadron ~~x~~ there was answered today, a squadron headed by a battleship. The French, surrounded by powerful British naval forces, agreed to the terms offered them. The ships are to be demilitarized for the ~~xxxxxxx~~ duration of the war. They're to be put in such shape that they can't go to sea.

At Martinique - the French report a blockade by the British. The principal French vessel at the West Indian Island is a big aircraft carrier, and British warships are said to be patrolling it to keep it from getting out and returning to France.

Today in Washington Secretary of State Hull said that our government has its eye on the situation in Martinique, watching developments. He added that definite information was lacking. British ships are on patrol off Martinique but the Secretary said it's a question whether they're maintaining a ~~fix~~ blockade of the French Island or whether they are merely standing around as observers. Obviously the United States is much interested in the Martinique affair, with official Washington taking the attitude that if the British should try

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to seize that West Indian Island - it would constitute  
a violation of the Monroe Doctrine.

WAR

The war in the air continues in Europe, Great Britain and Germany striking each other with fleets of bombers. The British report heavy destruction wrought by the R.A.F. bombs blasting ports from which the Nazis are preparing their invasion of England. And London states that the German air raids against England today were heavier than ever, working up to what the British believe to be - "The Blitzkrieg tempo." Presaging the attempt to invade Britain.

## DING CARTOON

I hope you all saw that marvelous cartoon by Ding in today's New York Herald Tribune. It shows two fat ladies, and their husbands, sitting at a table, playing bridge. The husbands drinking high-balls, and one fat wife reaching into a big box of chocolates.

Outside the window, in the distance, you see a woman, is her name. She is and is named "Our Civilization", screaming for help, being beaten by a savage. ~~xxx~~ The complacent bridge player<sup>s</sup>, are paying no attention. Except that does ~~any~~ one of the men remarks to the other:-

"You're dummy, Bill. You go and let us know if there is anything we can do." <sup>TP</sup> Surely one of the most powerful

cartoons that Ding has ever drawn: (~~women being beaten,~~

complacent bridge players, looking on; "You're dummy,

Bill, go and let us know if there is anything we can do.")

## REFUGEE CHILDREN

The White House today denied that there was any cause for criticism in the case of English refugee children sent to this country. Presidential Secretary Steve Early declared that the United States Government is making every effort to cooperate with Great Britain in bringing the children over.

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If not enough child refugees are coming across the ocean, it is not because of American quotas under the immigration law. Secretary Early points out that the British quota permits sixty-three thousand British subjects to enter the United States each year. Ten per cent xxx of this number are allowed to enter in any one month - sixty-five hundred. Secretary Early declared that the children actually sent amount to only a small fraction of the number permitted.

He denied that there had been any delays in the granting of visas to child refugees. He said that they could not be placed in American institutions, but must be taken into private homes over here. ~~Tex~~ The moment the State Department is informed that a certain number of homes have been pledged, the Department instantly cables London, ordering visas to be issued for that many children.

Then why are the child refugees coming over in such small numbers? White House Secretary Early stated that this is because Great Britain has not sent any more. It's a matter of ships. "Our ships cannot go to British ports under the Neutrality Law," said the Secretary, and he added that the British Government has not allotted vessels to transport the children in larger numbers.

"It seems," said he, "that the British Government is sending what shipping that comes in this direction to Canada - with enemy aliens." Which leads one to wonder - is the removal of enemy aliens so vitally important to Britain? It's a little ironical, the enemy aliens sent to the safety of this hemisphere - instead of the children.

So the White House takes this position today - there's a welcome for many more British child refugees over here - if Britain will send them.

### THIRD TERM

For months the otherwise bland and genial Jim has appeared as a tragic national figure. Political magician in the rise of Franklin D. Roosevelt, campaign manager for F.D.R. in two presidential elections, known to fame as the New Deal Magician in the sorcery of getting votes. Yes, Jim was all that, but he didn't know whether or not the chief was going to run for a third term. Not in the secret -- the number one political mystery of the age. Ah, but this weekend as we know -- all was changed. At Hyde Park the President gave Jim the answer, -- told all. And -- Jim was sworn to silence, pledged to say not a word. So he became the grant national custodian of the third term secret.

Today in Chicago, Postmaster General Farley submitted himself to a press interview and some of the leading minds in journalism made a concerted attempt to dynamite the sphinx.

They tried the indirect approach. They said: - "Mr. Farley, will your name be presented to the Democratic Convention next week?" Jim meditated profoundly, and then remarked that he supposed that inquiry would be put to him a hundred times this week so he might as well answer. Here is the blinding illumination, the reply he made; - "My position is unchanged," said Jim.

The Farley position, which is left unchanged -- comes to this.

For months he has been an open candidate for the nomination at Chicago.

The reporters then tried another line of attack. They reminded Postmaster Farley that a couple of candidates have opened presidential campaign headquarters at Chicago in preparation for the convention - Vice President Garner and Senator Wheeler. What did Jim think of that? The question had an obvious bearing on the possibility of his opening a campaign office in preparation for the convention. Jim, the mysterious, replied with the following oracular revelation:- "I think it's quite fitting and proper," said he, "that those headquarters have been opened. Everyone has a right to aspire to the presidency."

The next attack concerned the Massachusetts Delegation -- pledged to Farley in the Bay State primary, his chief source of political strength. Yesterday the Chairman of the Massachusetts delegation called at the White House, urged President Roosevelt to run for a third term, and later declared that F.D.R. could do whatever he wanted with the Massachusetts Delegation. Jim was asked about that. He merely replied:- "The Massachusetts

primary pledged the state's delegation to me."

All of which leaves James J. Farley still the sphinx - so far as a third term is concerned.

FLASH

The Washington Senate has just confirmed Henry L. Stimson as Secretary of War.

JAPAN

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On this side of the Pacific, the tendency is to play down the row between the Japanese and the Americans at Shanghai. The Mikado's military men are insisting that they get an apology for the way they claim Japanese detectives arrested in the American area were treated. The American Commander out there denies the story that the Japanese ~~xxxx~~ detectives were abused - says it's <sup>all</sup> a lie. ~~An ugly local dispute that might cause serious trouble.~~

However, in Washington today Secretary of State Hull said he was confident that the American and Japanese officials at Shanghai could settle the thing among themselves. And the Japanese Ambassador to Washington chimed in by saying that the episode was a local ~~xxxx~~ affair, and should be settled locally.

Today Great Britain solved one of its war problems - the Windsors, Duke and Duchess. The former Edward the Eighth becomes the Governor General of the Bahamas, the former Wallace Warfield of Baltimore to preside as First Lady of those West Indian Islands *that are so popular with Americans.*

This does solve somewhat of a dilemma for London, where even the most desperate peril of war does not abate the English concern for the affairs of royalty. *And where* <sup>^</sup> they still haven't got over the shock of that memorable abdication -

for the Woman I Love. When the war broke out the Duke and Duchess returned to England to do their bit. The Duke was made a Major General and sent back to France. Today's story reveals that the ~~Dux~~ Duke was not satisfied with his job, he had the post of Liaison Officer between the British and French armies, but complained that actually he had nothing to do. So he was given a leave of absence. The problem was eventually solved by the defeat of France - after which there was no more need of a liaison officer between the British and French armies, the French army being out.

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The Duke and Duchess took the trail to Spain, like many other refugees. And their departure was accompanied by all sorts of rumors in the German and Italian press -- the wildest of which was that the Nazis might restore Edward the Eighth to the throne of Great Britain. The report insinuated that the Duke was on the outs with the British government, ~~xxxx~~ disloyal to his brother ~~xxxx~~ King George, and for that reason would not be allowed to return to England.

Today's story from London would make it appear that the British government did not want the ex-King to return -- with his Duchess. ~~But not because of any political reasons.~~

~~It is~~ The same old story -- the objection in high court circles to the former Wallace Warfield of Baltimore.

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Today's appointment is the ~~xxx~~ solution of the problem -- and they say it was arranged by Prime Minister Churchill himself. It is recalled that Winston Churchill was a supporter of Edward the Eighth at the time of the abdication. At that time Churchill had no official position,

was just a ~~prominent~~ prominent Britisher,

*a close friend of*  
~~who advised the~~

*the*  
*who was*  
*monarch*

leaving the throne to marry as he pleased.

Today's announcement reads this way:- "His Majesty

the King has been pleased to appoint His Royal Highness the

£ Duke of Windsor, Knight of the Garter, to be Governor and

Commander-in-Chief of the Bahama Islands."

It is still exile for the celebrated couple, but

rather stately exile -- presiding over the Bahamas. Her

Grace, the Duchess, will be very near to her own native

shore, not so far away from her own native Baltimore.

*And S-l-u-t-m.*

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