

PETAINE STUDYING LAVAL'S DEMANDS

Report Nazis' Friend Wants To Be Premier; Japanese Nearer Singapore.

France and her Far Eastern colony of Indo-China stood as new signs of crisis appeared in the perpetual troubled Balkans.

A No. 1 crisis in relations between Marshal Henri Philippe Petain and Adolf Hitler was in progress, although it took the ostensible form of a struggle between Pierre Laval, ousted Vice Premier, and the Vichy Government.

The real struggle centered on whether Hitler should dictate French policy in toto or whether the aging French Marshal is to continue at least a nominal role in those spheres not directly covered by the Franco-German armistice.

Laval wants to be Premier. Germany has pointedly indicated to Vichy that Laval must return to power if Franco-German relations are not to deteriorate further.

A snag in this program appeared today when it became apparent that Laval demanded a much more sweeping grant of power than Petain is prepared to yield. Laval, it was said, demands that he be named Premier with the right to choose his own cabinet and a free hand in picking the new National Assembly—a body already appointed by Petain.

Laval was said to have insisted that he must have full control of French foreign and internal affairs and propaganda. Petain met with his cabinet to consider these demands.

Paris Press Attacks Again. The Paris press, following a line approved by Germany, launched a fierce attack on Vichy today, demanding that the entire cabinet save Petain quit.

The ultimatum to acceptance of Laval's terms was thought to be immediate establishment of a rival Laval Government, with Nazi blessing, in Paris.

Petaine's trump card in the situation is the French fleet and the strategic French colonies in North Africa. It appeared that the Germans have at least hinted they would like the fleet and bases on the Mediterranean and that Petain has been employing the threat of dealing with the fleet to North Africa as bargaining point in his dealings with Germany.

Japanese Move on Indo-China. In the Far East French Indo-China was the focal point of rapidly emerging Japanese plans for expansion into the South Pacific. Taking advantage of France's weakened position, the Japanese seemed to be moving to develop Indo-China as a base for further operations.

Saigon said that Japanese troops would land there shortly—only 648 miles from the great British base of Singapore—to "guarantee" the armistice between Thailand and Indo-China.

The Japanese were tightening their grip on southern Indo-China with both land and naval forces and in the north were said to have increased their troop concentrations and to have planned to launch attacks on the Burma Road.

venue pending a direct threat to her own interests.

It seemed probable that the Bulgarian crisis was related to the resignation yesterday of Ivan Bogdanoff, Bulgarian agriculture Minister. Bogdanoff was the No. 2 man in the Bulgarian Government and a great friend of Germany.

British Gain in Africa. In North Africa the British attack on Italian forces made headway on all fronts. British troops have pushed 150 miles into Eritrea and were estimated to occupy one-fifth of that Italian colony.

British column was on the outskirts of Keren, enroute to the capital of Asmara and another was pushing an Italian force from Barentu into a wilderness cul-de-sac. Keren is only 35 miles from Asmara.

Cairo reported that the routes over which the Italians were fleeing were littered with vehicles and war material. More prisoners were reported captured and it was claimed that a British patrol seized an Italian post 45 miles inside the frontier of Italian Somaliland.

In Ethiopia the British had pushed 30 to 50 miles beyond the Gondar River, driving the Italians back into an area of intense rebel activity. On the Libyan front the British were driving on Bares, 60 miles beyond Cyrene and 75 miles from Benghazi.

Richard D. McMillan, United Press staff correspondent with the British in Libya, reported that Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's troops are storming Italian strong points with precision while the Royal Air Force operates in front of the advancing columns, blasting a pathway for their attacks.

Rome Admits Withdrawals. Rome admitted withdrawals in Ethiopia, east of Lake Stephanie, but said that counter-attacks were launched in Eritrea on the British. A German air raid on Malta was reported. It was revealed that Italy is shipping large quantities of vegetable products to Germany.

Warnings against food hoarding increased. The Greek radio claimed great successes in the Tepehli-Valona region in which it was asserted 2000 Italian prisoners were taken.

Frontier reports to Yugoslavia said that Greek troops have occupied Doraz, 18 miles south of Valona, on the main Tepehli-Valona Road. Six British and Greek planes bombed Valona today, it was reported, and were attacked by Italian fighters.

The Greeks claimed that the total Italian troops captured since the break of the war has reached 20,000. Informers in Berlin said that German planes and naval forces sank 6000 tons of enemy shipping and damaged other vessels totaling several thousand tons yesterday.

Transfer of the islands to the United States, Rep. Maas said, "would remove from this hemisphere the ever-present danger that these islands might be used against this hemisphere as bases from which to carry on an invasion, or at least blockading operations."

He pointed out that the British islands twice had been used effectively against the United States, by the British in the War of 1812, and by the Confederates who used them as bases for supplies from England.

All's Merry at Last Man's Last No. 10 Club Dinner; but Last Champagne Was Sour

By JOE COLLIER

John Thatcher, salty lone survivor of the No. 10 Club of Frankfort, Ind., poured the last bottle of champagne last night at a party at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

"It's sour," he complained. "That wine's gone sour. I won't drink it." Considering that this was also the last surviving bottle of an original 48 present at the formation of the club in 1886, and considering that this very bottle had spent the intervening years in a bank vault waiting for this special occasion, this decision of Mr. Thatcher seemed abrupt.

"Come on, Johnny," his friends from Frankfort said. "Come on! It tastes like a mixture of maple syrup and cider. It's good."

He Orders a Stein. "Johnny" merely looked for a waiter. "Beer," he ordered. And beer it was the rest of the evening for him.

But he got a laugh when he told his old Frankfort friends gathered there about the first party—the charter party—he and his now departed cronies held.

"We drank the other 47 bottles," he said.

"Feh," said a friend. "And did you tell them that you followed the dinner with a poker game that lasted for seven days and nights?"

"Johnny" held up his hand, with a mock frown.

"Don't put that in the papers," he said. "It'll make us look like we were a bunch of gamblers."



John Thatcher. . . The last of 10 with last of 48.

turned back. The guests sat at another table.

"Too many flowers," he mused. "Everything's all right except there's too many flowers. Reminds me of a funeral."

"Johnny" is 79. With him at the party were two of his sons, George and Abe J., both of Indianapolis, and both were mighty proud of their father.

Frankfort Pals Attend. From Frankfort were Max Fowler, Paul Meisfeld, Cecil Shawver, John (Doc) Evans, Louis Miller, Ray Gaskill, Will G. Ross, Blackwell Blankenship and William Robinson.

Then someone told of the time that "Johnny" and the late G. Y. Fowler were apprentice printers on the old Frankfort Banner. The publisher, the late E. H. Staley, had been elected to the Legislature and was in Indianapolis.

"Johnny" and Mr. Fowler decided that it was time for Frankfort to have a daily paper and, using Mr. Staley's paper, ink, press, and type, started the Morning Call.

It ran for three issues, until Mr. Staley came home for a recess, discovered his new "competitor" and fired the two. That was Dec. 27, 1884. Max Fowler is the son of "Johnny's" partner in that venture.

CALL JENNINGS IN WPA TRIAL

Defense Summons State Director as Fraud Case Nears End.

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having diverted WPA funds and labor in connection with road-building projects on Ritter Ave. and Minnesota St. in the Silver Hills area south of Irvington.

Judge Robert C. Baltzell has under consideration defense motions for directed verdicts of not guilty.

Yesterday Mr. Jefferson testified that he had no financial interest in the Silver Hills development and that the idea of the Ritter Ave. and Minnesota St. projects was conceived as a means of providing work for WPA workers.

Mr. Eickhoff testified that the Ritter Ave. project actually was damaging to the natural contour of his holdings in the area, but that he consented to the project because he thought to do otherwise would be to stand in the way of real estate progress.

His Silver Hills Holdings, he said, had been out of the path of the City's growth for 25 years and for 10 years the Eickhoff Realty Co. "had been ready to dissolve."

"I once offered it to the Board of Park Commissioners for cost and later I offered it for \$1 to the State as a site for the State School for the Blind," he said. "Both offers were turned down."

On cross-examination he was asked why, if he did not want the projects in the first place, he had sought out former County Commissioner John Newhouse when the work slowed down and asked the reason.

He said that when something was started he liked to see it finished.

He also testified that he and Mr. Jefferson never had reached a definite understanding about the Eickhoff Realty Co. and Mr. Jefferson's possible interest in it, saying that their negotiations always had been on a "when and if basis."



Mr. Mason

War Moves Today

By J. W. T. MASON United Press War Editor

Once more the uncertainties and fluctuations that beset Adolf Hitler's war policy have become emphasized as reports of renewed German pressure on Bulgaria are circulating today in European capitals.

The resignation from the Bulgarian Cabinet of the pro-German minister of Agriculture, Ivan Bogdanoff, is interpreted to mean another impending crisis in the Balkans, but more fundamentally it points to confusions and hesitations in Berlin.

Nowhere are events moving smoothly for the Fuehrer, who seems to be testing one road after another to find a way where present obstacles can be removed without causing greater ones to appear elsewhere.

The Fuehrer is facing the danger of commitments full of uncertainties in his circle of intimate advisers.

Aid to Italy Is Meager. His submarine attacks against British shipping have deteriorated. His daylight air raids over Great Britain have slowed down to visits by occasional planes. His night bombings of British cities have been very considerably relaxed.

His promised aid to Italy, so enthusiastically welcomed by the Italians several weeks ago, has had only meager results. The Mediterranean still is controlled by the British fleet and Germany has done nothing about it.

In North Africa, there has been scarcely any mention of German aviators coming to the relief of Premier Mussolini's retreating forces. The British press onward, and day after day passes without Swastika squadrons appearing in the skies. In Italian East Africa, German help for that isolated area is impossible.

In the Greek war, Germany still holds aloof, uncertain of consequences. Some German planes are vaguely reported now and then to be active in Albania, but to no purpose. The Italians are making no gains and what changes occur in the fighting favor the Greeks.

Petaine Resists Pressure. In France, the Fuehrer has not succeeded in bending Marshal Petain to his will. The aged Marshal and Admiral Darlan both have informed Hitler that he cannot have the French fleet and cannot trespass on French African territory.

More and more Pierre Laval is being marked with the Nazi brush identifying his policies for all Frenchmen to see if he eventually is restored to some official post.

Aid Bill Lets F. D. R. Give Away Army, C. of C. Says

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material aid to the nations with which we sympathize.

"We cannot disregard the war because . . . upon its outcome depends the character of the world in which we are to live," he said. "If Great Britain is overcome we shall be condemned for generations to devote most of our activities to the maintenance of a huge standing Army and a super-Navy."

Hull Enters Halifax Debate. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, replying to an inquiry from R. Douglas Stuart Jr. of the American First Committee relating to the propriety of recent visits of British Ambassador Halifax to Congressional leaders, said the new Ambassador was merely conforming to the established precedents of paying courtesy calls.

The visits of Lord Halifax had drawn comment in House debate. "According to information available to the Department of State," said Mr. Hull, "the British Ambassador, who has but recently arrived in this country, made a series of proforma courtesy calls a few days ago in and about the Capitol, in the course of which he visited the chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. The Department does not consider that such calls constituted a departure from established precedents."

Gen. Robert E. Wood of Chicago, Democratic leader of the American First Committee, was the principal opposition witness before the Senate Committee yesterday. He charged that the bill, if enacted, might possibly involve this country in war "within the next 90 days."

MIAMI CLUBS RAIDED. MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 5 (U. P.).—Gambling rooms of the swank Royal Palm Club and the Esquire Club in downtown Miami were raided by sheriff's deputies early today. The Royal Palm's gambling room was jammed with players in evening dress when the raiders arrived.

INDIGESTION

Gas trapped in the stomach or in the bowels may act like a half-trigger on the heart. A slight attack of indigestion may mean a heart attack. It is a warning sign. It is a danger signal. It is a call to action. It is a call to take the first step towards a healthier life. It is a call to take the first step towards a longer life.

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Y COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Y. M. C. A. nominating committee will report its recommendations tonight to the Committee of Management for guiding the newly-organized branch in the southwestern section of the city. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the Kingston & Co. cafeteria.

Johnson Protests Language

Senator Hiram W. Johnson (R. Cal.), dean of the Senate isolationist bloc, protested against Mr. Barkley's language but was cut short by the angry Kentuckian.

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Twills and Crepes Greet You in DRESS COATS For Spring

Dress coats that contrast sharply with former seasons. Your dress coat for spring will turn toward the softer silhouette. Lines of grace to become you and accent feminine features. Delicate white pique will spring lightly from the collar or peek coyly from beneath a cuff . . . a note of flattery to be sure!

Downstairs at Ayres.

Batiste Gowns and Pajamas \$1.00

Gay trimmed batiste gowns and Butcher Boy Pajamas in dots, plaids and stripes with floral prints, ruffle and lace trimmed. Pajamas are in 2-piece style with short sleeves and button fronts. Sizes 34 to 40.

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