

REICH TIES UP ALL FRENCH ECONOMY

Petain's Future at Stake in 'Collaboration' Crisis; Germans Scour Land for Food Supplies and Raw Material, Link Shortages With Demands.

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Marshal Henri Philippe Petain's future as chief of the French state is at stake in a deepening economic crisis resulting from French "collaboration" with Germany.

This picture was provided by authentic advices reaching the United Press today from sources on the European continent.

According to this information, French industry, commerce and agriculture has been geared so completely to the Reich war machine that little more "collaboration" can be expected—except some arrangement to allow France, as well as Germany, to benefit from the new set-up. So far, France has received virtually no benefits.

With minor exceptions, the information reported, those French industries which are working are working for German account. Meantime, German agents continue to scour both occupied and unoccupied France for food supplies and raw materials, shipping such vast quantities that France faces a winter of unparalleled suffering.

Economic repercussions of these developments, the advices said, may prove extreme in the near future, particularly if the Germans continue to manipulate the flow of raw materials to French industry, artificially propelling industrial crises to back up their demands to the Vichy Government.

Petain, himself, it was said, regards the situation as explosive. A combination of food riots and unemployment this winter, it was said, might well bring down the whole Vichy regime, including Petain.

The situation has been so delicate, it was added that Petain has hesitated to try the temper of French labor by introducing his Medieval Guel system under a new labor statute—part of the "revolution" by which Petain hopes to return to France something of conditions which existed under the last Bourbon monarchs.

Germans and Hungarians Capture Donets Towns

BERLIN, Oct. 28 (U. P.)—A High Command communiqué asserted to say that the Germans were pursuing retreating Russian forces in the Donets Basin after taking the town of Kramatorsk, 50 miles north of Stalin, and that the Hungarians had taken "additional important industrial towns."

An official news agency dispatch from the Leningrad front asserted German heavy artillery had silenced the guns of the Kronstadt Island naval base off Leningrad, which had been shelling German forces on the shore, and had bombed Leningrad heavily.

In its communiqué the High Command said Kramatorsk was occupied yesterday.

Operations on the remainder of the front were progressing, it said. The communiqué said German planes bombed the harbor of Kerch,

Reds Admit Stalino's Loss, Strike Back Near Moscow

KUIBYSHEV, Oct. 28 (U. P.)—Soviet counter-attacks on both the Moscow and Rostov-Donets basin fronts were reported in Russian dispatches today but the situation on the southern front was said still to be "most alarming."

The fighting for Rostov and the Donets industries was described as raging with unabated ferocity. One railroad terminal, designated as "D" was captured and recaptured several times, but now was in Russian hands, it was said.

On the Moscow front, the Russian counter-attack directed by Lieut. Gen. Konstantin K. Rokossovsky in the Mozhaisk sector, about 60 miles from the capital, was reported the most successful of several Red Army blows against the German lines.

The Germans were reported driven back at a point in the Mozhaisk vicinity and all of their attempts to regain ground were repulsed by Russian infantry and air attacks.

The situation continued grave in

the south Ukraine, where the German chief objective is Rostov, but press dispatches said that the enemy had made no important gains in attacks on the Donets Basin and the Crimea. London reports said the Germans had about 2,000,000 troops and 15,000 tanks in the Donets offensive.

The Russian dispatches acknowledged that in various sectors the Red Army had gained ground, but said that the Germans had paid a heavy price—repeated 50,000 casualties and 250 tanks at Stalin alone—for their advances and there were no important breakthroughs.

The press emphasized reports that the Germans were nearing a state of exhaustion and said that on the other hand the Russians were pouring new troops, equipment and large labor battalions into the front lines.

The loss of Stalin was admittedly a severe blow. It is Russia's greatest coal center, heart of a 31,000-square-mile coal basin

G. O. P. Club Heads Map Strategy . . . Co-Ordination Is Aim



Plans for co-ordinating various groups in the 1942 political campaign were outlined at a meeting of 38 presidents of Marion County Republican clubs last night at the Hotel Washington. Among the speakers (left to right) were James L. Bradford, Marion County G. O. P. chairman; Appellate Court Judge Dan C. Flanagan; Mrs. Ernest M. Henrige, co-ordinator for women, and Harry R. Yockey, co-ordinator for men.

GROUPS LINKED TO COMMITTEE

Setup Is Patterned After That Organized in Allen County.

A closely-knit organization of the 40 Marion County Republican clubs to work in co-operation with the County Committee was underway today.

Preliminary plans were made last night at a meeting of the leaders of 38 clubs at the Hotel Washington, and will be completed by a five-member committee to be selected this week by Harry Yockey, recently named co-ordinator of club activities by County Chairman James Bradford.

Speakers to Be Named

An educational campaign, conducted by 35 speakers to be named later this week, will be the new organization's first enterprise. Emsley Johnson Jr. will head the forum group which will explain the fundamentals of politics and party organization to precinct workers at the club meetings.

The new clubs here will be patterned after the Allen County organization, explained to the club heads last night by Appellate Judge Dan C. Flanagan.

Judge Flanagan outlined the block and forum system perfected in the P. Wayne area while he was Allen County chairman and which now is rated the strong G. O. P. organization in the State. He explained that the basic principle of the organization was "selling the party to interested buyers."

Sales Group Is Pattern

It was patterned after the sales organization of a large corporation in P. Wayne, he said, developing good salesmen and getting them in touch with prospective buyers.

He added that he found the voters were interested in local issues and were "tired of being talked at by oratorical big shots."

Other speakers on the program were State Chairman Ralph Gates, Mrs. Eleanor Barker Snodgrass, State vice chairman; Mrs. Arthur R. Robinson, Women's Republican Club chairman, and Mrs. T. B. Wright, county vice chairman.

DEBATE EXTENDING AAA WHEAT REVOLT

Plans for expanding the Indiana Marketing Quota Protest Association into a national organization will be discussed at a meeting of association members at the Claypool Hotel Saturday noon.

Representatives of farmers' organizations in Ohio, Illinois and Kansas who are fighting the AAA marketing quota on wheat have been invited to attend, according to Alva O. Bitter of Rushville, association secretary-treasurer.

The meeting will be open for all farmers and wheat producers who are affected or may be affected by the AAA regulations, Mr. Bitter added.

One of the topics to be discussed will be the procedure to be followed by the farmers who have not yet paid the 49-cent per bushel premium tax imposed on them for producing above their quotas.

WINDSORS TO DINE WITH FDR TODAY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (U. P.)—The Duke and the Duchess of Windsor returned to the capital today to keep a long-postponed luncheon date with President Roosevelt at the White House.

Mrs. Roosevelt will not be present at the luncheon because she must leave the city late in the morning to keep a six-months-old speaking engagement in Chicago. She arrived at the luncheon to receive the famous visitors at her office of Civilian Defense Director just before she leaves to take a plane.

The luncheon originally was scheduled for Sept. 25. The fatal illness of G. Hall Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt's brother, caused it to be postponed. The Duke and Duchess did call on the President in his office then, however.

CIO AUTO STRIKE LOOMS IN EAST

Linked to Long Dispute at Air Associates; Shipyard Trouble Spreads.

By UNITED PRESS

One of the most strained overall labor-management situations since the beginning of the rearmament program was complicated further today by the threat of a general eastern walkout of United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) stemming from the prolonged dispute at Air Associates, Inc., Bedford.

The modified defense labor picture across the nation included:

1. Spread of the bitter, week-old A. F. of L. jurisdictional fight to involve 10,000 Pacific Coast welders and more than a billion dollars worth of defense shipbuilding orders.

2. Shutdown of the Robins Drydock and Repair Co. yards at Brooklyn, N. Y., repairing 15 crippled merchantmen, mostly British, by a C. I. O. shipbuilders' strike that forced 550 men into idleness.

3. Increasing demands in Congress for drastic legislative action to control defense labor strikes.

4. A recommendation by the Federal Works Administration that all bids on a defense housing project at Wayne, Mich., be rejected because of a threat of widespread A. F. of L. strikes if the contract were awarded to a low-bidding contractor employing C. I. O. labor.

The threat of a general walkout of C. I. O. automobile workers in the east came from Charles Kerrigan, eastern regional director of U. A. W.-C. I. O. in protest against the manner in which Air Associates reinstated strikers under a Government-obtained settlement of 24-day walkout.

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NEW ELECTION TEST SUIT DUE

Action Now Pending Stirs Factional Dispute in Democratic Ranks.

New action is being considered in the legal maneuvers to determine if Indianapolis will hold a municipal election next year.

The test suit filed in Circuit Court last Wednesday stirred up such a rumpus among Democratic factions that attorneys who brought the suit are reported to have decided to withdraw it and file a different kind of action in another court.

The present suit, prepared by both Democratic and Republican attorneys, asked a mandate to order the Election Board to proceed with the election in 1942.

Factional Dispute Seen

However, Edward Knight, City Corporation Counsel, a Democrat, filed a motion to remove Circuit Court Judge Earl R. Cox from the bench in what was interpreted mainly as a factional dispute.

Mr. Knight also selected the suit as being the wrong kind of action to obtain a decision on the validity of the 1941 law which postponed until 1943 municipal elections in all Indiana cities but Indianapolis.

Called 'Out of Order'

It repealed the 1933 law, thus leaving no act under which Indianapolis could hold an election next year or any other time.

The present mandate action was declared "out of order" by Mr. Knight who said it is impossible to mandate any one in a political suit unless some parties had suffered damage.

Attorneys who prepared the suit are reported to be considering another asking a declaratory judgment on the 1941 law eventually to determine its constitutionality.

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TERRE HAUTE COUPLE HELD AFTER SLAYING

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 28 (U. P.)—Police held Wayne Brannin, 49, and his wife, Eva, 33, on charges of murder last night in which John W. Guess, 24, was shot to death in a suburban tavern.

George Greenleaf, the tavern operator, said he saw Mrs. Brannin fire the shot after Guess had threatened her mother. Guess was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Brannin.

Bodies of 15 Blast Victims Taken From Kentucky Mine

NORTONVILLE, Ky., Oct. 28 (U. P.)—Rescue squads pumped deadly gases from the Daniel Boone mine today and recovered the bodies of 15 explosion victims.

The squads, working in shifts of 15 men, had lowered themselves through the mine's shafts on a line and lowered them to the bottom of the mine.

Elbert Rayney, 30, one of the rescued miners, said the force of the blast had knocked men from their feet.

The deadly gases also hampered efforts to rescue the 32 survivors. A canary lowered into the mine died in four minutes. Mr. Rayney said the men had crawled on their hands and knees and covered their faces with water-soaked handkerchiefs and shirts. Some of the men lost consciousness and were carried to the shaft, where they were hoisted in a barrel.

The Sterling Coal Co., operator of the mine, announced those killed were:

E. Keys, 35; Robert Jocsey, 35; Will Compton, 54; Gus Pryor, 48; Bert Cunningham, 38; Edgar Adams, 32; Neely Todd, 45; Junior Jamblin, 30; Obie Wells, 30; Other Sisk, 32; Robert Dunning, 26; Ike Whitfield, 36; Goldie Gamblin, 30; Ben Martin, 45; and Dan Pearson, 60.

Mr. Compton was foreman of the crew. All of the men except Mr. Dunning were married.

Another mine accident took the lives of two men at the North Diamond Mine of the West Kentucky Coal Co. near Edinburgh, 12 miles from here. Clyde Austin, 27, and John R. Nease, 26, were killed in a

date fall.

Electric lights were struck around the shaft to aid a group of men on the roof of the shafts over the shaft. They were lowering fellow-workmen into the mine. Some of

FDR STEPS INTO WAR, TAFT SAYS

Leads Nation to Bloodshed While Talking Peace, Ohioan Charges.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (U. P.)—

—Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.) today declared that President Roosevelt publicly admitted last night that he has already done what he can to plunge the nation into a shooting war.

In a Senate speech opening the second day's debate on the Administration bill to end all neutrality Act shipping restrictions, Senator Taft made specific reference to Mr. Roosevelt's speech.

"President Roosevelt," he said, "has now admitted publicly that he has tricked the American people.

Attacks Peace Pledges

"While talking of peace—even while Senate leaders talk of amending the Neutrality Act as a measure of defense—President Roosevelt announced he has already done what he can to plunge the nation into a shooting war."

"He has given unqualified cooperation to those who have sought to convince the American people for months that he was leading them down the road to bloodshed while constantly repeating pledges of peace."

"Now Mr. Roosevelt informs us, the shooting has started," he says. "Very simply and very bluntly, we are pledged to pull our own car in the destruction of Hitler."

Pledge Up to Congress

"By what authority does the President make that statement? Who gave the pledge? Unless the President is willing to admit that he has assumed final, unconstitutional and dictatorial powers, then this again raises the question of what the British can do to help us. If anything, they are doing to help us, the present bond and sending equipment to the Russians."

"Mr. Roosevelt says again: 'Our Navy has been instructed to shoot on sight.' There is no stated limitation upon those orders. By what authority does Mr. Roosevelt send American youths to war, prowling the oceans in quest of offensive warfare? Only Congress can constitutionally order our ships and our boys into an offensive war. Does Mr. Roosevelt contend that he over the United States?"

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