

TENSION EASES IN ISLAND COUP

Free French to Withdraw
And Join 26-Power Pact,
Diplomats Say.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—Free French leaders will withdraw their forces from the tiny French islands of St. Pierre-Miquelon soon and announce their adherence to the 26 power pact, informed diplomats said today.

All governments concerned in the coup whereby Free French leader Charles De Gaulle's troops moved into the French possessions off the Newfoundland coast were said to be in substantial agreement that the soldiers should be withdrawn. The chief problem now is getting them off the islands with the least embarrassment.

The United States was said to favor a withdrawal prior to the convening of the Rio de Janeiro conference of American foreign ministers on Jan. 15.

Believed Impossible

This is believed impossible and officials are hoping that the controversial question will not be raised there.

All parties concerned, according to diplomats here, are convinced that the move was a military faux pas. But neither the United States nor Britain wish to embarrass De Gaulle and his supporters who have aided the allied cause.

A further problem is the fact that withdrawal of Free French forces would return the islands to Vichy control. Free French officials claim that over 90 per cent of the residents of St. Pierre-Miquelon favor Free France over Vichy.

The islands are of little commercial or military importance. But the Free French coup violated at least an important commitment by the United States. That the status quo in all French possessions in this hemisphere would be preserved.

Pledge Made to FDR

There have been unofficial reports in informed quarters here that Vichy has promised the United States not to change its neutral position and not to surrender its fleet or bases to the Axis.

Those pledges were said to have been given directly to President Roosevelt and are believed to be the basis for the violent attacks recently made on Petain by the Axis and its controlled press.

Gets Defense Job



James M. Landis

WICKARD PRICE VETO UNLIKELY

F. D. R. Move May Block
Power to Curb Farm
Goods Ceiling

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—Administration leaders believed today that President Roosevelt's intervention in the price control fight assured defeat of the proposal to give Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard veto power over farm price ceilings.

Senator John H. Bankhead (D. Ala.), leader of the farm bloc fight to restrict Price Administrator Leon Henderson's power to place price ceilings on farm products, planned to go ahead with the amendment.

Before the President's opposition was made known, the farm bloc claimed 50 votes for the Bankhead amendment—enough to pass it.

Senator Barkley, who thought a Saturday session would be necessary to pass the bill, said he believed the Administration had enough votes to beat the amendment.

WHAT, NO CAMOUFLAGE?

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 9 (U. P.).—An Army barber scraped off 11 years growth of beard yesterday and found Man Mountain Dean underneath.

Dean was assigned to the tank corps.

LANDIS IN OCD AFTER SHAKEUP

Harvard Law Dean Named
'Executive'; La Guardia
Stays as Director.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—"Partial reorganization" of the Office of Civilian Defense with James M. Landis, dean of the Harvard Law School, as "executive" and Fiorello La Guardia continuing as director was announced today by the White House.

White House Secretary Stephen T. Early said President Roosevelt, Mayor La Guardia and Mr. Landis had worked out an agreement "mutually satisfactory to the three of them."

Mr. Landis, who will serve at a salary of \$10,000 a year, will be responsible for the "creation of organizations to effectuate policies outlined by the director in consultation with the executive." He also will have charge of personnel.

Follows Wide Criticism

Mr. Early said broad matters of policy will be worked out by La Guardia "in consultation with the executive."

Mr. La Guardia, whose dual job-holding as OCD director and as Mayor of New York City has provoked wide criticism, will continue to represent OCD in cabinet meetings and on various Federal boards.

Mayor La Guardia issued a statement in which he said:

"Dean Landis will take the details of the office administration off my shoulders. I will then be able to devote more time to perfecting the organization throughout the country."

"I Must Be Realistic"

"Frankly this plan meets the Washington situation because of the growth and the added activities of the Office of Civilian Defense, and will afford me more time in the field."

"Frankly it does not meet the New York City situation because it will take more of my time. I must be realistic about this."

"The matter of equipment is of the utmost importance. I must warn the country that we must have the fire equipment ordered and in production at once. There must be no delay."

"I also want to see the bill drafted by the attorney general and approved by the President for the compensation of fire wardens injured in an attack, pass and in operation. I have been working on that for over six months."

Operation Up to Landis

The OCD was established by executive order and Congress now is considering legislation to give it statutory authority. The Senate passed a bill retaining it as an independent agency but the House yesterday passed a bill to place it under the War Department.

Mayor La Guardia has been assailed for trying to hold two major jobs at once. Many critics charge that failure of OCD to fulfill its objectives stems from the fact that Mr. La Guardia devotes so much time to the mayoralty.

The new arrangement apparently was designed to meet this criticism, since actual operation of OCD will be in Landis' hands.

At Boston, Mr. Landis said he had been granted a leave of absence by Harvard Law School.

SKIP-ELECTION SUIT BEFORE HIGH COURT

The Montgomery County skip-election suit in which Circuit Judge Edgar A. Rice ruled the law constitutional, except for Indianapolis, was made ready for Supreme Court deliberation today.

Paul Dice, Montgomery County taxpayer in whose name the suit was filed by Edwin H. Knight, Indianapolis Corporation Counsel, filed a reply brief and to speed up a decision on the case the Montgomery County Election Board, against whom the suit was filed, waived the right to reply. This places the suit before the high court.

By ruling the law constitutional, except for Indianapolis, Judge Rice held that Indianapolis' city election should be held in 1943 just as in other cities.

Another suit in which Marion Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox ruled the entire '41 law unconstitutional, thus holding that all cities should hold elections in 1942, is already before the court.

STENOGRAPHERS FOR WAR JOBS SOUGHT

An appeal for women stenographers between 18 and 53 for work in Washington has been received by the U. S. Civil Service Commission examining board here.

No examination will be required of competent stenographers. Salaries of \$1440 a year for the duration of the war will be paid.

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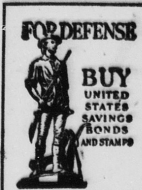
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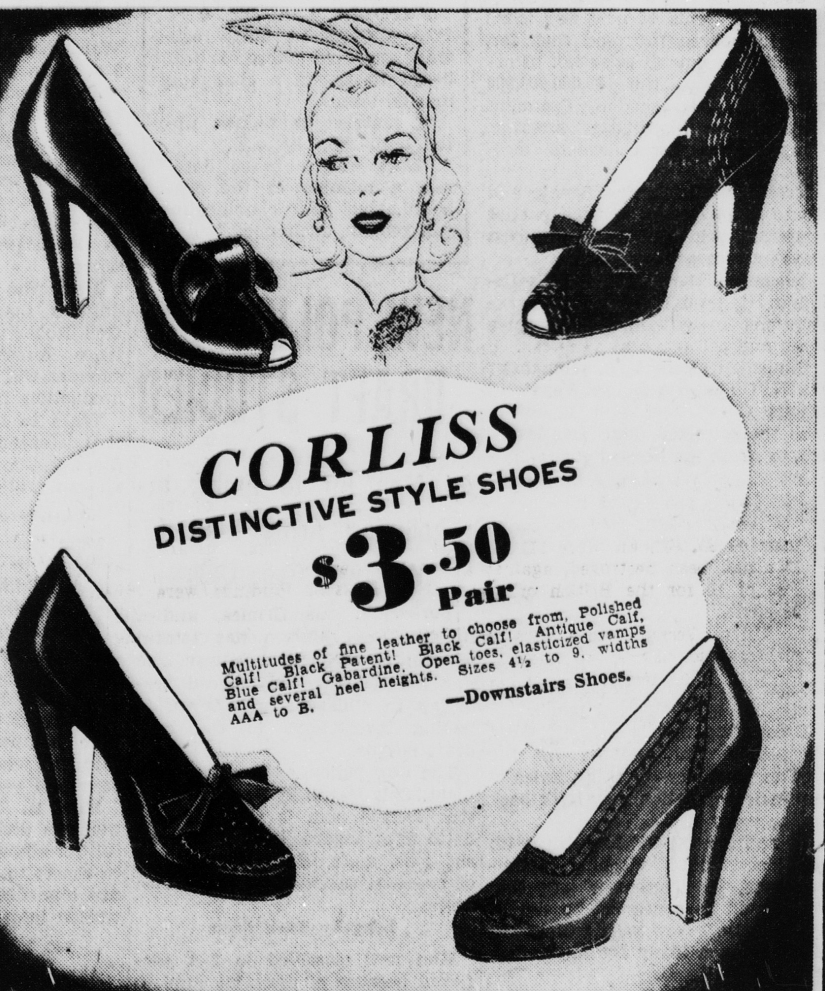
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