

VICHY CAUSING WORRY AGAIN

Will Laval Be Able to Swing France Fully Into Axis Camp?

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WASHINGTON, July 8.—The inauguration today of Free French week, coinciding as it does with Hitler's do-or-die panzer push toward the Middle East, finds officials here increasingly perturbed over the position of Vichy France.
As in the time of Caesar, France is once again divided into three parts. There is the France of Pierre Laval, the France of Marshal Philippe Petain, and the France of the free, or fighting, French.
Laval is frankly for Hitler. Repeatedly and openly he has expressed a desire for a Nazi victory. He brazenly links France's destiny with Germany's. At any time, therefore, he may plunge France into the war on the side of the Reich. He may stab the British and the Free French in the back in Syria or wherever else he thinks it may help his extraordinary cause.

10,000 Sought for Legion
For the moment Laval's only stumbling-block seems to be French opinion. The French still hate the Germans, who have trampled over them three times in less than 70 years. With the slightest encouragement they would rise up, even with no other weapons than their pitchforks, and fight alongside any force that came to liberate them. These people, for the most part, still look up to the aged Marshal Petain, but they won't march for Laval.
Laval's latest effort to aid Hitler is to recruit a contingent of 10,000 French volunteers to be called the Legion of the Tricolor. Doubtless there will be more than 10,000 if Laval can raise them and Hitler will let him. They will fight anywhere, inside or outside of France, wherever "French honor" is at stake.

The Fleet Too?
On the lips of Laval at this time, "French honor" has an ominous sound. According to him "French honor" is at stake in Syria. It is at stake in Madagascar. It would be at stake at Dakar or in Martinique if, to prevent the enemy from using them against us, the Free French and their allies of the united nations moved to take them over.
If Rommel is delayed in Egypt, the axis may try to by-pass the British via the eastern Mediterranean and Syria. Laval's legion, therefore, may help Hitler blast a new road to the oil fields of the Middle East. If so, the French fleet may also be thrown in. For if the new French legion can be used to help retake Syria, the fleet can be used to convoy the legion.

Nine Ships in Egypt
The nine French warships at Alexandria—the battleship Lorraine, four cruisers, three destroyers and a submarine—are causing concern. Laval now insists that they be left where they are or returned to France. He categorically rejects the suggestion of London and Washington that they be transferred to Madagascar or to some American port. Yet to leave them in Alexandria means that in case Rommel occupies the delta of the Nile, the Germans will get them if and when they are wanted.
Hitler is said to be openly contemptuous of Laval and his promises of "full collaboration." And Laval is showing signs of desperation as his pleas to French workers to man Nazi war industries continue to fall on deaf ears. Yesterday he met with German and Italian officials of French labor. Afterward he appeared grim and expressed determination to "achieve Franco-German reconciliation."

BLAST OF DYNAMITE PERILS 3 IN COTTAGE

ELKHORN, Wis., July 8 (U. P.).—County officials pressed an investigation today of a dynamite explosion, apparently set off intentionally beneath the bedrooms of the Lake Geneva cottage of Mrs. Midge Clayton near Fontanna.
Mrs. Clayton, 45, of Rockford, and her guests, Mrs. Emily McMillan and Roy Treney, also of Rockford, were asleep when the explosion rocked their bedrooms. Mrs. Clayton suffered minor injuries and her guests were shaken badly.
The only clues reported by Walworth county authorities was a book of safety matches with three missing and two feet of dynamite fuse found near the cottage.

FARM BUREAU PLANS RURAL YOUTH CLASS

The fifth annual training school for representatives of Rural Youth clubs will be held at Purdue university Aug. 17 to 21. The school is sponsored by the Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., and the university.
Cyrus L. Dyer, director of the department of education for the Farm Bureau, urged each club to select the best available young people to attend the leadership training school. It was estimated that 210 youths would attend.



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AIRWAY 'HAMS' MUST REGISTER

FCC Orders All Licensed Amateurs to Report Equipment.

An order requiring the registration of every radio transmitter owned by a holder of an amateur station license has been issued by the Federal communications commission.
Final date for registration is Aug. 25 and applications forms for each transmitter must be obtained by sending a card to the commission at 246 U. S. courthouse, Chicago.

Penalty for Failure
The commission must be informed if the licensee does not possess any transmitter. There is a penalty for failure to register equipment.
Even though the person licensed to operate a station is away from home, working or in the service, it is necessary that his equipment be registered, or that the commission be advised that he has no such equipment, and the commission must be notified of his whereabouts.

Must Be Reported
This registration must be done by the licensee's family, or such persons in possession of his equipment.
The Indianapolis Radio club is co-operating with the FCC in their order and a committee has been appointed to answer questions and assist families of the men in registering equipment.
Information may be received from D. M. Davis, 934 N. Tuxedo st., CH. 0450-R, or E. O. Lurcott, 3215 E. New York st., MA. 0397.

4-H HEADS SELECT 2 FOR CAMP SESSION

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 8.—Margaret A. Hedderich, of Camden and Philip C. Winslow of Carthage, Ind., have been selected by state 4-H club leaders to represent the state at Camp Miniwonne, near Shelby, Mich., this summer.
Miss Hedderich and Mr. Winslow were selected for their outstanding work in 4-H, according to Harry F. Ainsworth, state 4-H leader. All their expenses will be paid to the camp for two weeks. The camp is conducted for rural leaders from Midwest states as a contribution toward development of farm and home leadership.
Miss Hedderich, who expects to enroll in home economics at Purdue university this fall, will attend from Aug. 3 to 16. Mr. Winslow will attend from Aug. 17 to 30, when the camp is held for boys.

Admits Sister-in-Law Is Mother of His Daughter

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., July 8 (U. P.).—Carmen Hoge, Warren, Mich., admitted today to the witness stand yesterday that his sister-in-law, Mrs. Alice Horvath, 20, of Cleveland, O., was the mother of his daughter, 3-year-old Patricia Hoge.
Hoge, seeking to retain custody of Patricia, said Mrs. Horvath, with whom he had been intimate since December, 1938, bore the child in a Detroit hospital Sept. 24, 1939, after registering there as his wife.
Sobs on Stand
Mrs. Horvath, formerly Alice Juanita Louch of Columbus, O., has asked Circuit Judge James E. Spier to place the child in her home. She charged that her sister, Mrs. Catherine Hoge, is "unfit" to care for Patricia.
Hoge broke down and sobbed after testifying that he took care of the baby shortly after its birth.

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CONGRESSMEN SHOW STRAIN

Worry Over Election Makes Solons Listen to Pressure Groups.

By THOMAS L. STOKES
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WASHINGTON, July 8.—Voting has been light in primary elections thus far, which would suggest a lack of interest in things political. Yet members of congress are possessed with a fear of the voter such as has not been observed in years. This is discernible in the agitation of the average member, and the confused fumbling on vital issues.
They realize that the folks back home are dissatisfied with the way the war is going, and are mad at congress. The worry creeps out publicly in such utterances as that of Senate Majority Leader Barkley, who, in urging a congressional recess, emphasized that this would give the members a chance to go home and find out what the people are thinking.

Fear Large Voting Blocks
The fear of the voter comes out clearly in the current congressional anxiety to please and appease pressure groups, notably farmers and labor—a situation which is threatening to disrupt the anti-inflation program.
The average member of congress seems to think that votes in large blocks can be delivered virtually intact by the suave representative of the farmer or of labor. Such representatives are in their heyday now about the capitol, for they are capitalizing on this voter hysteria that has congress in its grip.
This explains the current deadlock over President Roosevelt's demand that congress permit the sale of federally owned surplus wheat and corn, below parity prices, as feed for live stock being raised to feed our allies and ourselves. The protests of some members that the professional farm leaders do not always represent the farmer do not seem to matter, for the average congressman is loath to risk a test of this.

Henderson Finds Trouble
It explains the hesitancy to stabilize wages, another part of the seven-point anti-inflation program, and this hesitancy spreads to the administration itself. For the administration also is anxious about the forthcoming election, as is demonstrated by the hold-back on lowering the draft age and on nation-wide rationing of gasoline.
Fear of election consequences also runs through another fight, that of OPA Administrator Leon Henderson's demand for 66,000 employees—dropped from 90,000—to be scattered through the states to enforce the price control act. Congressmen are bucking at creation of such a new army of federal employees, unless they can have more to say about who is appointed.

Afraid of Blacklists
Members of congress, particularly senators, remember how the WPA was used in the "purge" year of 1938 against those who were not amenable to the new deal.
Consequently, they are terrified by organized movements among New Dealers to defeat certain members, blacklisted because they formerly were isolationists or opposed New Deal measures. Such movements, while organized ostensibly outside, have the earnest support of groups who hold office in the administration, notably in some of the new war agencies, and are in a position to play politics despite the Hatch act.
A possibility seen by some politically sagacious observers is that appeasement of farmer and labor pressure groups or little groups of serious thinkers may not be the remedy this November; but that lots of ordinary folks tied up professionally with either may vote their spleen for a variety of reasons not suspected by the office-seekers—reasons which may include kow-towing to pressure groups.

O. E. S. TO HOLD LUNCH
Naomi chapter auxiliary, O. E. S., will hold a covered dish luncheon Friday at Brookside park. Mrs. Jessie Craig will be hostess and Mrs. Matilda T. Schudi, chapter president, will have charge of the business session which will follow at 2:30 p. m.

Y. M. C. A. POPULAR WITH SERVICE MEN

During June more than 1700 soldiers, sailors and marines swam, took workouts, played volleyball, basketball, handball and used the other recreational, social and athletic facilities of the Central Y. M. C. A. Popular is the servicemen's lounge set aside where the men are entertained by "cadette" hostesses.

38 WILL GRADUATE AS RAID WARDENS

Thirty-eight persons will be graduated as air raid wardens in district No. 6 at 8 o'clock tonight at school 9.
Principal address will be delivered by Maj. Herbert Fletcher, chief air raid warden. Mayor Sullivan also will speak and the Rev. R. M. Doolittle of the Broadway Baptist church will give the invocation.
Openings remain for volunteers and persons desiring to offer their services in district No. 6 may do so by calling Norbert Pich, 318 N. Arsenal ave., or Durbin Reeves, 903 College ave. District No. 6 is bounded on the north by E. 10th st., on the east by State ave., on the south by New York st., and on the west by College ave. and Noble st.

4TH ANNUAL NOVENA TO BE HELD TONIGHT

The fourth annual outdoor Novena to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, which opens tonight at the Carmelite monastery is being offered particularly for service men this year.
Because of this, all parents, relatives and friends of men in the service have been urged to attend and take part in the programs of prayer. The Rev. John B. DeLaunay of the Holy Cross fathers will be the Novena director. Benediction will be given by the Rev. James Moore, pastor of the church of Our Lady of Lourdes.
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