

BRICKER SPURS OWN CAMPAIGN

Has Made No Plans for Indiana; Spurns Pleas To 'Hit Hard.'

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vised him, to hit hard at Governor Dewey by declaring that the New York governor has only two planks: Kill-the-little-pigs (he advocated that in a farm speech at Columbus last summer) and an alliance with Great Britain.

But the Ohio governor told newsmen, who knew what some of his associates were urging him to say, that he was in the race to build up the party and not tear anyone down.

Hits New Deal—Not FDR

And he even followed that theme in his speech in respect to President Roosevelt, assailing the New Deal thoroughly but not attacking the President personally.

He drew the loudest applause from the crowd, which included members of the Republican state committee and state officials, for his statement that he would support the Republican nominee regardless of whom he is.

This pleased that particular crowd of Republicans very much because they are well aware that Mr. Willkie has not made the same statement, a fact which causes them some worry because of Mr. Willkie's strength among the independents in Indiana.

The Ohio governor said he was "honestly more interested" in defeating the New Deal and its philosophies than in being personally elected president.

He said he knew of nothing that would strengthen the war effort more than a Republican victory this fall.

He said this was true because a Republican victory would encourage business and would encourage the boys at the battlefield by letting them know that the U. S. is still a self-governing nation and that any commitments made will be subject to the decision of the entire people.

He said that while everything looks good for the Republicans now he was not confident that the trend will continue this fall unless every Republican exerts the utmost effort.

Hits U. S. Payrollers

"The Republicans must remember," he said, "that we will have facing us the most enormous propaganda machine ever assembled—approximately 3500 ex-newspapermen now employed in governmental bureaus turning out New Deal propaganda.

"And, too, there is an army of 3,500,000 employees on the federal payroll. They want to keep their jobs and expand their power. They should be good for 5,000,000 New Deal votes."

The Ohio governor was invited here by the Indianapolis Press club. He was guest earlier at a dinner given by the Republican state committee and at a reception given by Ernest M. Morris of South Bend, G. O. P. national committeeman.

Stowaway

'Hold Line' Program Success, Must Continue, Insists FDR

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Statement of Fact

The President interposed at this point that the working press of the United States had been protected from a reduction in wages. That, he said, was the best he could say and it wasn't very much.

Asked whether the report was a reply to demands for removing the "little steel" formula limitation on wage increases, Mr. Roosevelt shot back that it was not an answer to anything; that it was a statement of fact.

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"All the underlying conditions which could cause a sharp rise in prices are still present," the report said. "The best estimates now available indicate, for example, that the gap between the income of the American people after taxes and the volume of goods available for them to buy will be even greater this year than it was in 1943. Pocketbooks and checking accounts are bulging with money which would make it difficult to hold prices down if we went on a nation-wide buying spree."

The report acknowledged that there had been some increased prices, such as in clothing, but these rises were "fully offset" by decreases in prices of other items, particularly in food.

"The nation's basic wage structure has remained substantially unchanged during the period of wage stabilization," the report continued,



Portuguese-born Albert Poretto, 16, thought he was going to San Diego, Cal., when he stowed away on a U. S. naval vessel at Boston, Mass., his home town. He discovered his mistake at sea en route to the Mediterranean. Sympathetic Yanks took him under their wing when he was put ashore at Naples and he doesn't seem downhearted as he prepares to dip into navy chow.

pointing out that total earnings had actually increased due to factors not regulated by wage control such as overtime pay and that the WLB had granted some adjustments to correct inequities and substandards.

The general effect of our policy has been to increase the earnings of low wage groups, or some of those which lag behind the general upswing of wages."

Execution or Prison Seen For Aging Marshal Petain

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France's collapse. Thus his end would symbolize the end of the evils which led to the tragic humiliation.

Marshal Petain however is described as confident that nothing will happen to him after the defeat of the axis. According to reliable underground reports he regards Laval as a villain of the blackest type while he has acted throughout from patriotic motives.

Laval, the marshal holds, has eagerly done Hitler's dirty work while he, Petain, has merely tried to soften the blow on the French.

He is quoted as having explained to a group who called to express their fears for what might happen to him after liberation.

"Laval, oh yes, they will certainly hang him. But as for you and me, we have nothing to fear."

When Pucheu was executed by a firing squad at Algiers, as Vichy collaborator, there was considerable anxiety in United Nations circles lest France plunge into a new era of the political guillotine.

Or that there would be bloody reprisals culminating in civil strife which would delay France's recovery indefinitely.

Although some French say Pucheu's death was a political necessity, in the main the De Gaulleists contend the death sentence was the only possible verdict according to the penal code.

Bows to Invader

However one may look at it, Pucheu was placed before a wall and shot and, judging by reports from France which have been shown me here, Marshal Petain would appear to be a doomed

man. Here are some of the charges against him:

Petain so completely considers his regime as a pure emanation or delegation of the central power in Berlin that most of the time he leaves it to Berlin to punish resistance to his regime.

Of his free will he has handed over Frenchmen to be tortured in Germany before finally disappearing. Vichy controls neither territory nor police nor any public force in France. All have been turned over to the invader.

And the marshal—despite his spectacular attitudes of dignity and of being the venerable selfless patriot—is responsible for Vichy. He, it is charged, is upholding Laval even while hating him, in preparation for the entry of France into the war beside Germany in this decisive hour.

And so the Algiers verdict is that Petain as "the recruiter of

cannon fodder for a country with which France is still in a state of war renders himself guilty of treason."

OLDEST YALE GRADUATE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 7 (U. P.)—Yale's oldest living graduate is Gen. Charles McCl- Reeve, 97, of Minnetonka Beach, Minn., and Winter Park, Fla., it was announced today. He was a member of the class of 1870.

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WASHINGTON, April 7 (U. P.)—

The navy today announced curtailment of its pilot training program and its intention of withdrawing this summer from the war training service of the civil aeronautics administration.

The navy said its action was taken because fewer combat pilots were being killed than had been anticipated. Henceforth, it said, emphasis will be on quality of pilots rather than quantity.

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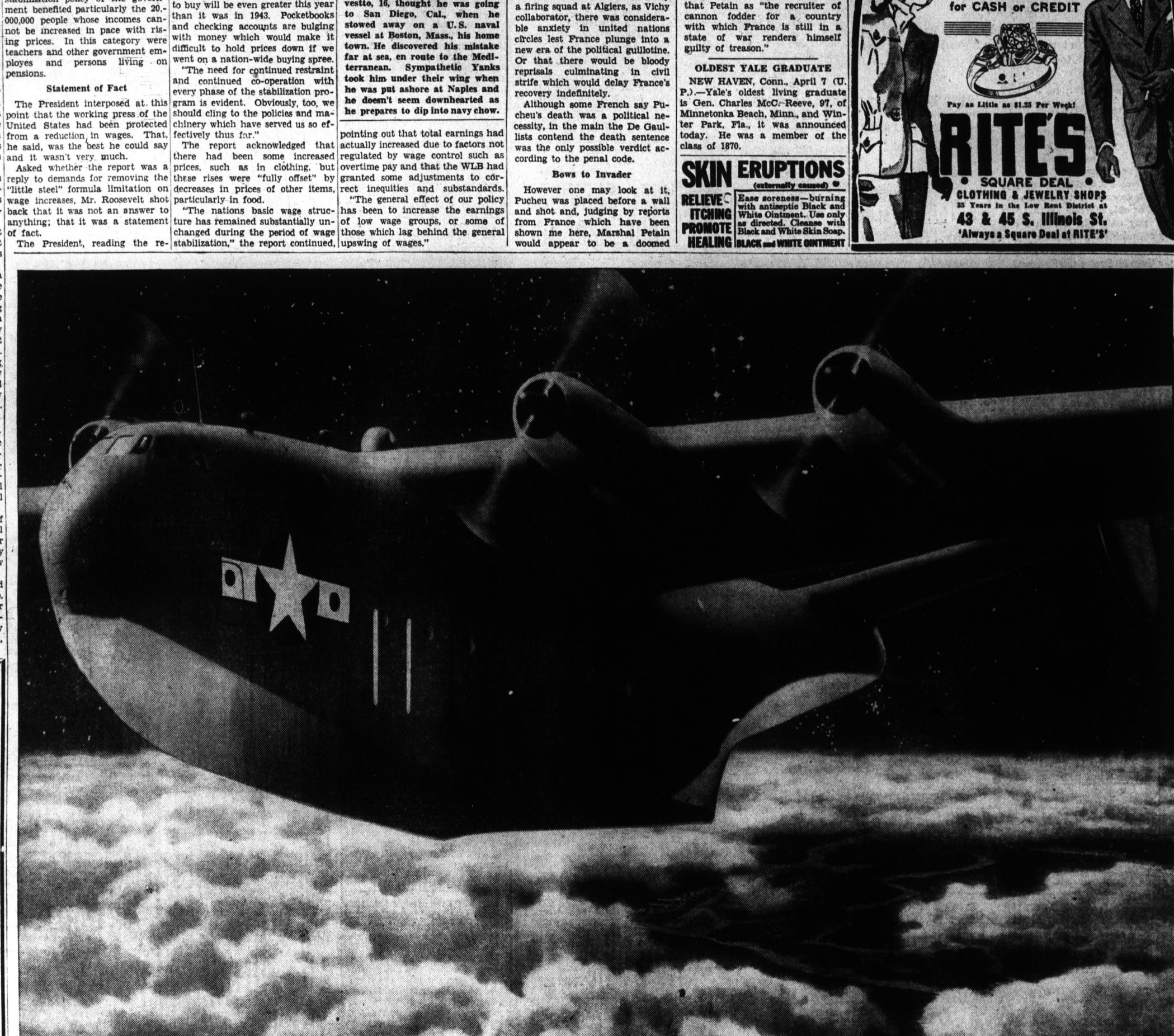
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