

The Laval Conspiracy

By Dorothy Thompson
(This is the first of a series of three articles by Dorothy Thompson analyzing the Laval situation...)

It is extremely important that we see with complete clarity the game that is being played by our great enemy in the appointment of Laval...
The move immediately concerns the United States...

THE ENEMY'S MOVE IS EXTREMELY SUBTLE
And at first glance, this move is not transparent. It is extremely subtle. It is possible to understand it, and the creation of an understanding of it is the purpose of this column...

The reason why Laval enters the picture at this moment is, first of all, strategic. Hitler thinks an invasion of western Europe is probable...
The prof of this is the appointment of General von Rundstedt in charge of the defense of the French fortifications...

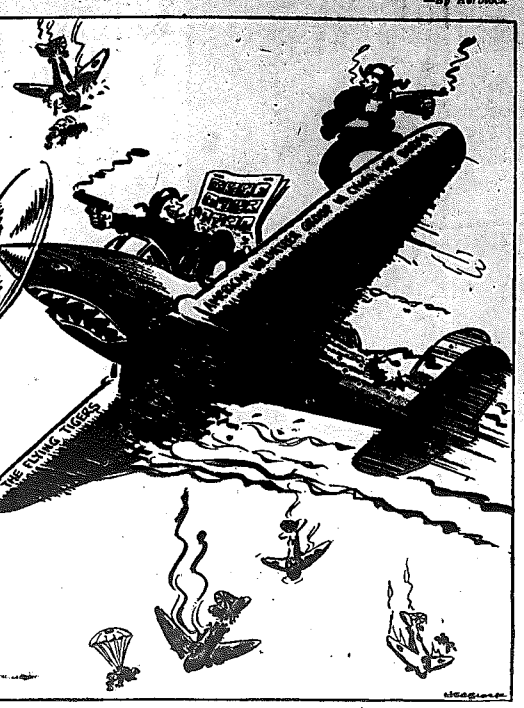
MILITARY RULE HAS BEEN A FAILURE
Up to now France has been divided into two zones: the larger occupied, and actually without a government...
The German military authorities now know that they have no power to call the French to resist their "invaders"...

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

Visitin' Around

Whoes-Put-Fut-Fut-Fut-Whoes-Put-Fut (25 Years Ago, Stately County News & Press)
Residents living on the Badin Road, state that on Sunday afternoon the traffic was tremendously heavy over the road between here and Badin...

"Boy! Did You See 'Captain Easy' Today?"



Letters to the Editors: Swain County's War Effort

Editors, The News:
In the April 18 issue of your paper we find that you included Swain County as one of four delinquent counties in the "war effort"...

Appreciating Responsibilities
Editors, The News:
In times like these, I feel that every individual in every walk of life should be inspired to a full sense of appreciation, as well as a full sense of responsibility of the American way of life...

Side Glances



"Will you cash my check, please? I'm overdrawn at the bank so I can't cash it here."

McNutt's Hazards

By Paul Mallon
WASHINGTON
THE man-power mobilizer, Paul McNutt, has done a splendid job of fighting his way up toward the presidential election...

His big drawback a candidate has been labor opposition. McNutt has had the Indians gubernatorial record. But a few days back a new photo of him was distributed, taken at Pittsburgh, standing before a group of men...

HE MUST WEATHER HAZARDS OF POLITICS
Mr. McNutt's new job, however, involves as many of the hazards of political popularity as the civilian defense work which set Mayor La Guardia back. The drafting of men for industry may give him a chance to meet millions of new people, but not necessarily favorably...

GENERAL LABOR SHORTAGE EXPECTED THIS YEAR
The crisis for McNutt will come before the end of the year, when a general labor shortage is expected. The park headquarters are in some lines of skilled work and in some localities already...

Needed most are tool designers, tool makers, machinists, electrical fitting programs are going on, but there are still a lack of tool making, electrical fitting programs are going on, but there are still a lack of tool making...

JAPS GOT MIXED UP ON BOMBING REPORTS
It looks like the Japs got all tangled up in their own plans. On Tuesday they denied we had bombed them, but attributed to Reuters, British news service, stating they had been bombed. They said Reuters had faked the statement to bolster British morale...

Wooden Ships...
Their Most Critical Shortage
To us fresh water sailors, at least, Representative Smith of the State of Washington makes out a pretty good case for wooden cargo ships. With our merchant vessels being sent to the bottom at the rate of three a day and replacements in steel ships coming up at something less than two a day...

Next: a Food Co-ordinator
Business Week
Co-ordination of wartime food controls or their unification in a Food Administration would seem to be heading for a showdown. How it will be done, in whose lap it will land, is not clear yet, but there are four possibilities...

IBLE THOUGHT
...the key to right relations with God and fellow man: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and with all thy resources as thyself. There is none other commandment greater...

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Rowdiescious
The Soldiers Meant It, but The Gals Must've Forgotten

It was getting toward supper time Monday when the man came briskly out of the Johnston Building without noticing the two soldiers loitering at the street entrance. Nobody starts at soldiers any more. One of the men in uniform stepped forward...

Idle Hands
Ship Guards Discover How To Keep Nazi Captives Quiet

Every now and then, another boatload of Nazi prisoners-of-war arrives in Camp 4. At first, it seems, the British guards had a good deal of trouble with the alternately arrogant and sullen behavior of their charges. The bloody Germans were constantly scheming up ways to escape. The guards had their hands full breaking up plots before they could hatch...

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To us fresh water sailors, at least, Representative Smith of the State of Washington makes out a pretty good case for wooden cargo ships. With our merchant vessels being sent to the bottom at the rate of three a day and replacements in steel ships coming up at something less than two a day, something must be done—soon and quickly...

By-Product
Wagner Act Interpreted as a Wage-Fixing Measure

For some weeks now a newspaper clipping has been lying upon our desk. "Board Cuts North-South Pay Differential," the headline says. Its reference is to an order by the National War Labor Board to arbitrate a labor dispute between the Aluminum Company of America and a CIO labor union, directing the company to "take the lead" in wiping out the differential and increase the pay of workers in two of its Southern plants by seven cents an hour...

disputed wages but its further authority to express as an order its notion of what wages should be in whole industries and in whole sections of the country. That Congress ever meant to delegate such extensive authority to a mere board is highly doubtful. But the authority is being used, all the same—and nobody, least of all Congress, is questioning it.

Upset Liberals
To Them, All Radicals Earn A Martyr's Robes and Halo

Earl Browder, secretary of the Communist Party of the U.S.A., was convicted in a Federal Court of obtaining U. S. passports by fraud. He was sentenced to four years in prison. He appealed. The Supreme Court unanimously upheld his conviction, and in due course Browder went to Atlanta. The thought of Browder behind the bars has had a certain exhibitionistic clique in America, among them Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, and a little coterie of other professional liberals there. As is inevitable when any underserving trouble-maker gets into trouble on his own account, the liberals have begun to worry and to express their worry in terms exalted out of all proportion to the personal worth of the caged radical.

That is the veriest tommyrot. Browder was not railroaded. He was sent to prison because he violated a Federal statute which applied to all, whether Communist or not. Maybe the judge didn't like him and didn't like his principles; that still doesn't establish the undue severity of his punishment. There is no rule requiring a judge to fix the sentence of felons in inverse ratio to his personal approval of them, and if the liberals believe that there ought to be such a rule, why don't they advocate the immediate release of Bund leader Fritz Kuhn, who likewise languishes in the housework?

Exact and dispassionate justice is a well established principle in America, and needs to be preserved at all costs. But here it does not follow that radicals deserve lesser punishment than more conventional citizens. Our own feeling is that Browder was convicted and sentenced with entire legality, that he is where he is because of what he did. There is no excuse for him, and that with all the country has on its hands at the moment it can be excused for congratulating itself on the lucky break that took this revolutionary out of circulation at a time when he might have done great harm.

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(1) Creation of an over-all food rationing and price control, prices subject to check by the Department of Agriculture; Anderson hasn't shown his hand yet.
(2) Creation of an over-all agency with Secretary Wickard's department, which now controls raw food supplies and oversees lend-lease purchases. This would lead to a T farm bloc which has no love for either WPB or OPA. Wickard is needed just for a stretch.

Every so often we take the solemn pledge to lay off puns. Then a court in Oregon sends a rubber thief up for a stretch. The way a Kansas editor tells it, he said to a girl friend, "You've got wrinkles in your stockings," and she said, "What wrinkles?"

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