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Broad Hint

Grand Jury Recommends That Solicitor Prepare Himself

One of the greatest aids in police work and criminal prosecutions is the master file of finger prints and case histories that the FBI keeps in Washington. The FBI in Raleigh renders something of a similar service, which of course is confined to North Carolina.

pressure groups. It is a body without conscience, responsive primarily to its own self-aggrandizement.

The half-dozen state members of the committee are not out of place that they have no heart for it.

Creed Of Death

Bruno Mussolini Lived Dangerously and Died at 22

Pudgy Bruno Mussolini, whose broken-down old Daddy taught him to 'live dangerously,' was testing a fast new plane today near Pisa in Northern Italy.

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Discovery

Carson McCullers Presents: The Southern Peasant

"The South," says Miss Carson McCullers with cosmic finality, "is the only part of the nation having a definite peasant class."

Miss McCullers is the young lady who wrote the best-selling novel, "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter." This lady she lived in Fayetteville but we understand that like so many other North Carolinians lured by fame and fortune, her eyes dwelt too longingly upon the steel of Manhattan and she moved to New York.

To pursue Miss McCullers' discoveries of Southern peasantry (which appear in full in the July issue of the magazine, Decision):

"The cruelty of which the Southerners have a reputation is the bottom only of a sort of nihilism, an acceptance of spiritual inconsistencies without making any attempt at reconciliation or attempting to propose an answer. Undoubtedly there is an infinite quality about this cruelty of vision and rejection of responsibility."

So it gets worse and worse. Out of this welter of flimsy words, which she suggests to us that Miss McCullers is suffering from an overdose of William Faulkner, or theoretical sociology, or both, we gather that she thinks Southerners are cruel, but not really cruel.

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All this in Europe will call for many more graveyards. Who knows—in time

Nazi Fliers Lack Guts

By Dorothy Thompson

(This is the second of a series of articles by Miss Thompson on the RAF.)

LONDON. — (By Wireless) — The exceptional fliers with whom I have talked claim complete superiority over our fighters. They do not claim it merely man for man and plane for plane, but as a fighting force, they acknowledge a radical numerical superiority.

"When I asked, 'Before the Russian campaign, were the first two weeks of the Russian campaign there was no hitting but rubbish in the air. We have put a lot of first-rate Nazi pilots back from the Eastern front,' they answered, 'Not altogether. The original enemy tactic is the good. Ten many planes are as bad as too few. When the air is black with them it is like flying into a ditch of death. You can't see them, but you also have a chance of bringing down five or even ten of them in one attack in each other's area. They even had to paint the noses of their planes yellow to distinguish their own.'"

They say contemptuously, "The Nazis are a brave lot when they come to the front, but they won't come in even with actual advantages even when fighting our planes and we're there they could bail out in relative safety unless they are numerically superior in personnel, or whether they are, of course, but that holds as a generality."

FIIGHTERS CAN'T FUEL THEMSELVES TO GERMANY The RAF men have great strategic disadvantages. They are being bombed from Germany. Except from great heights made increasingly difficult by the use of American bombers capable of carrying heavy bomb loads it is out of the question for them to fuel themselves to Germany and back. But within an area which they would highly resent his patriotism being questioned; what would be the reaction to the edict of Secretary of War Cordell Hull that service stations close between the hours of 7 P. M. and 7 A. M.?

Whether Mr. Average Citizen has and oil requirements are absolutely necessary for the conduct of his business, or whether they are imagined necessary for personal use, don't you think his natural reaction would be that of buying five gallons of gas daily, as he may be his printer, he would merely buy ten gallons, or keep a full tank?

We are told the present gas and oil emergency is not brought about by any shortage of the products themselves, but is due to the lack of tankers (boats) which in the past hauled these products from the Gulf Coast ports to the East Coast ports; but are now being used by the Government to convey gas and oil to England and the other Allies. This sacrifice is very commendable, and I am sure meets with the hearty approval of Mr. Average Citizen.

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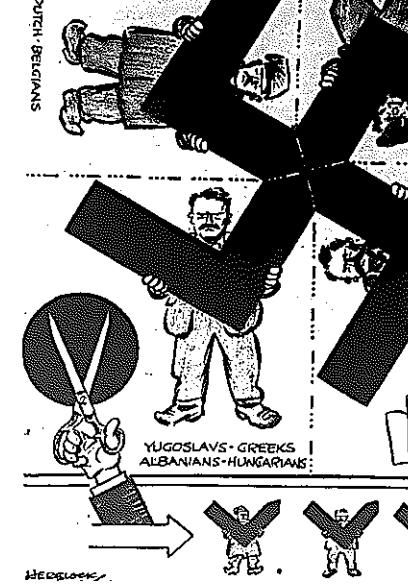
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Cut on the ... Line

By Arthur

YUGOSLAVS-GREEKS ALBANIAN-HUNGARIANS



Letters to the Editor: Why Is There A Gas Shortage?

Editors, The News: As an "average citizen" residing on the Atlantic Seaboard, and one who would highly resent his patriotism being questioned; what would be the reaction to the edict of Secretary of War Cordell Hull that service stations close between the hours of 7 P. M. and 7 A. M.?

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Wichy's Resistance

By Raymond Clayton

As the world's eyes are turned to the Vichy government, it is worth noting that from our point of view has occurred.

Apparently Vichy has refused to give Germany the military rights of way to the North African and French North Africa only by fighting her way in. Germany is in no position now to fight her way in.

BERLIN HINTS AROUND FOR AN INVITATION For weeks Berlin has wanted an "invitation" from Vichy which would enable her to make a spectacular move at no cost into North Africa.

For some time it has been known here that Germany was putting the squeeze on Vichy to get a green light for North Africa. The United States has been sovereign in trying to thwart such a surrender by Vichy. Germany insisted that under the armistice terms she was entitled to use any part of the French empire.

General Weizsacker, in charge of French forces in North Africa, has opposed this bitterly. Apparently his influence at Vichy has stiffened Marshal Petain to resist the German demands.

VICHY RESISTANCE WOULD VINDICATE OUR "APPEASEMENT" If this resistance by Vichy is as seems to be reported, then it will be a vindication of the state department's temperate policy toward Vichy and French North Africa, which has been criticized by critics as appeasement. We have allowed food to go to Vichy, and all other supplies to North Africa. There was some British opposition to this, although the top officials in the British Government have acquiesced to it, regarding the United States has done. We have insisted upon supervising distribution of all supplies going in so that they would not fall into Axis hands.

The effect in North Africa has been to increase friendly sentiment and to decrease pro-Axis sentiment. Germany made promises but no supplies arrived, whereas American supplies have been arriving. The results are particularly noticeable among the native population and in the increased German propaganda efforts to offset the effects of this aid.

OUR STAKE IS TO KEEP HITLER OUT OF THE ATLANTIC The stake which we have in all of this is to keep Hitler out of the South Atlantic. President Roosevelt in his May 27 radio address made it clear that Axis move to command the Cape Verde and other islands off Africa would be deemed a threat to the security of the Western Hemisphere. He said those jumping-off places for attack must not fall into Axis hands. We have special task forces in training for action if any move by Hitler makes a counter move necessary. That is why it is so important to us that Hitler, the German, and the North African coast which supports it are held out of Germany's hands. Only a few days ago under Secretary of State Welles issued a public warning to Vichy against further release of parts of the French empire to the Axis. The statement particularly denounced the surrender of Indo-China in the face of repeated assurances from Vichy that collaboration with Germany would not include the opening up of the empire to the Axis.

VICHY MY BACKSLIDE FROM HER POSITIONS Vichy appears suffering may not last. It may be only the momentary result of heavy pressure from the United States, and the resistance of General Weizsacker. But while it lasts, it is one more sign of rising resistance everywhere to Hitler. The statement may have a favorable effect in Latin America where the disposition is strong to lean toward whichever side is the prospective victor in the war.

Remember Goldfish Scallopers—Well... Here's an item I lifted from a current newspaper recently. Following a custom of 200 years, the mayor of Grammon, Belgium, unwisely, a goblet of wine in which floated live goldfish, to mark the beginning of Lent. Stoupey he downed the wine and the fish, at one draught. The each alderman did likewise as a reverent crowd looked on.

And yet, when the goldfish boys took to gulping live gold fish a year or so ago, we thought they were mad. Never occurred to us that gold fish-swallowing might be a good deal, time-honored, Belgian custom.

WORLD'S LARGEST MARKET... We are now getting a decidedly better gasoline than in 1927 and 1931; all of which may be true, but I am getting a decidedly better automobile than in 1927 and 1931—for a couple of hundred dollars

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God—Luke 9:41

Side Glances



After she's knocked out everyone in the place with her paralyzing beauty, maybe she'll deign to visit

Pork Barrel

Congress Again Reveals Its Qualities of Sterility

That \$30-million-dollar road construction bill is a pork barrel project if ever there was one. President Roosevelt's veto of it was an attempt to cut down on essential, non-defense spending, to break up this unholy rife on the Federal Treasury.

Yesterday, the Senate voted 37 to 19 against the Presidential veto. It was a selfish, profligate, irresponsible vote, totally unworthy of any honorable government.

Among those dipping into the pork barrel to repay the President's judgment was Senator Robert Rice Reynolds, whose official publicity coming rather late in life, found him a buffoon and left him a menace.

Senator Bailey voted to sustain the President's veto. Thus North Carolina, Senatorial votes split, had no voice in the matter.

It remained for Republican Senator Vandenberg to defend President Roosevelt. The galleries laughed as the Michigan Senator declared that he didn't intend to prejudice the President's case in a debate with the Republican members of the chamber. Mr. Roosevelt had suggested that a much smaller amount be spent for roads and with the advice of the Army—make it purely a military program.

But Congress, it appears, is not really interested in roads for national defense. It is interested in spending money, in spending it out as a sop to the constituencies of the several members. So the veto was overridden and those who endorsed it provided the means by which the money should be divided on the basis of population "and other factors." We don't know what the "other factors" are—but we can guess.

Underneath all this worthy devotion to the principle of appropriation, Vandenberg said, "There is one simple fact: The President says he can do for \$25,000,000 without appropriation what it would do for \$125,000,000 with appropriation."

But the President demanded that the money be apportioned to the states, said (for Patronage) McKellar of Tennessee and Grayson Hayden of Arizona. It must now be apparent that the characteristics of the Congress—House and Senate—are far from admirable or respectable. At the roots of the system, the leaves of the plant are shriveled by selfishness and greed. It is a pliable instrument of government, swayed by its own interests.

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