

30th And 42nd

Early in the spring of 1917 a motley collection of Southern boys chopped undergrowth, leveled small hills and filled gullies in the tedious, blister-raining task of building what later was to be Camp Sevier. Most of these boys were National Guardsmen from the Carolinas and Tennessee, sturdy farmer boys from the rural sections, soft and white-skinned clerks, soda-makers and shoe salesmen from the cities.

This was the birthplace of the Third (Old Hickory) Division that later was written in the history books as the outfit that cracked the vaunted Hindenburg line and sent German morale scattering like chaff before a hurricane. This was Camp Sevier, near Greenville, S. C., that mothered one of the most valiant divisions in American military annals, helped breed another division that was to write an equally glorious saga of valor seldom equaled and never surpassed.

For it was about the time that Camp Sevier was beginning to take shape that the Washington powers that be decided to put in effect an idea they had probably been toying with for months. They would form an all-American division, one representing every section of a mighty nation. This was to be the "United States Army" perhaps most representative of America.

A limited number of volunteers was called for at Camp Sevier and perhaps half a score of other cantonments throughout the country. The more adventurous straggled two paces forward, were transferred to Camp Mills, Long Island. The Infantry regiments were made up of boys from New York, Ohio, Iowa and Alabama. The Engineers came from Camp Sevier and California. A machinegun battalion from another state, Quartermaster, Artillery, Medical Corps from still other states.

This was formed the famed 42nd (Rainbow) Division that teamed with the First, Second, Fourth and 26th Divisions to break the back of the Hun resistance in the wheat fields near Chateau-Thierry, in the wooded hills of the Argonne Forest, in the mid of 1918.

The Old Hickory and the Rainbow were never close together on the winding Western Front. Yes, each had a slightly job to do and each covered it with a skill that has its own history. A page the veterans of such units may well point to with restful pride.

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Ban Fireworks

We are witnessing today, my hearties, the curious spectacle of our Mecklenburg County legislators handling the firecracker issue. It is as if it were made of the same explosive material as the diabolical arguments it would ban. The County Commissioners some weeks ago asked the legislators for a law to forbid the manufacture, sale and shooting of the things in Mecklenburg County, just as they are banned in the City of Charlotte.

What happened? Exactly nothing. From somewhere there has come a mite of pressure on the legislators. One of them, Mr. Goodman, told the Commissioners very frankly that the measure faced probable defeat unless there is a big expression of popular approval in favor of it.

Now that, we confess, is a situation which baffles us. Here you have the Commissioners, the ruling body of the County, asking for a piece of legislation. And you have resolutions by teacher associations and other interested groups in behalf of such legislation. Moreover, the law itself is, without question, a good idea. Yet our legislators are shying away from it.

All the money made in Mecklenburg County from the sale of fireworks does not repay the terrible cost of one shattered eye or one scarred face or mangled limb in behalf of such legislation. The children pay, and they're too young to know any better.

Viewed even in the most charitable light, fireworks are devilish inventions which are a constant nuisance and a great danger. A child might as well be allowed to play with dynamite caps or loaded revolvers.

The legislators have asked for an expression of public opinion. They're getting one here. And if it takes an overwhelming tide of letters and telegrams from those of us whose children may someday be cruelly maimed, why then let's let 'em have it.

No. 2 Spot

North Carolina has stood so far down the list in so many categories that it is no longer news. Wages, teachers salaries, unemployment benefits, crop prices and other yardsticks consistently find North Carolina in the lowest bracket among the 48 states. So, when we find the old North State up among the leaders, it's worth mentioning, even if the leadership is a dubious distinction.

When the Federal Government reported on 1944 manufacturing in the 48 States we North Carolinians, proved as you please with 1,972 mills closed during the year, an increase of 283 over the preceding year. This state's manufacturing output rose 11.3 per cent, and the Federal Government reported an increase of 283 mills closed during the year, an increase of 283 over the preceding year.

Other states: Alabama, 102, increase of 39; Arkansas, 22, increase of 16; California, 10, increase of 11; Colorado, 21, increase of 25; Connecticut, 29; Delaware, 10, increase of 17; Florida, 24, increase of 24; Georgia, 18, increase of 14; Idaho, 18, increase of 11; Illinois, 18, increase of 11; Indiana, 18, increase of 11; Iowa, 18, increase of 11; Kansas, 18, increase of 11; Kentucky, 18, increase of 11; Louisiana, 18, increase of 11; Maine, 18, increase of 11; Maryland, 18, increase of 11; Massachusetts, 18, increase of 11; Michigan, 18, increase of 11; Minnesota, 18, increase of 11; Missouri, 18, increase of 11; Montana, 18, increase of 11; Nebraska, 18, increase of 11; Nevada, 18, increase of 11; New Hampshire, 18, increase of 11; New Jersey, 18, increase of 11; New Mexico, 18, increase of 11; New York, 18, increase of 11; North Carolina, 18, increase of 11; North Dakota, 18, increase of 11; Ohio, 18, increase of 11; Oklahoma, 18, increase of 11; Oregon, 18, increase of 11; Pennsylvania, 18, increase of 11; Rhode Island, 18, increase of 11; South Carolina, 18, increase of 11; South Dakota, 18, increase of 11; Tennessee, 18, increase of 11; Texas, 18, increase of 11; Utah, 18, increase of 11; Vermont, 18, increase of 11; Virginia, 18, increase of 11; Washington, 18, increase of 11; West Virginia, 18, increase of 11; Wisconsin, 18, increase of 11; Wyoming, 18, increase of 11.

Fact is where the stout brother bumbles on the icy walk, and no by-stander cracks, "What trip necessary?"

Firemen At Work

It was wholly unpropitious in character. We visited the cemetery at LeCombe and St. Nicholas last night. As we reflected on the life we spent in the cabin of the Queen Mary, we thought of the fact that the coming history will be at a terrific cost. We were inspired by a very interesting and touching story. The white stone which we visited the grave of Lieutenant Colonel Sevier was buried near the entrance of the cemetery. The white stone which we visited the grave of Lieutenant Colonel Sevier was buried near the entrance of the cemetery. The white stone which we visited the grave of Lieutenant Colonel Sevier was buried near the entrance of the cemetery.

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The "or else" was a warning that they could not sit at the United Nations Conference, now scheduled for San Francisco, if they did not declare war. What made the Latin doubting sea was their belief that Roosevelt was acting as the instigator of Stalin who had laid down the law that no non-belligerent could sit in United Nations Council. Most of the Latin-American Governments don't recognize Stalin and don't like the idea of sitting in the Council.

Also they remembered the oral word of the State Department that all they had to do was to break relations with the Axis, not declare war. For instance, Chile, when it broke with the Axis, informed the State Department that it was also ready to declare war. But Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles, after conferring with the White House, told them this would be unnecessary. All we wanted was a break in diplomatic relations. The Chileans were told. So now when we need American solidarity more than ever, the good neighbors aren't too happy.

Francisco Haunts Mexico Last month, members of the old Spanish Cortez tried to hold a meeting in Mexico City. The Cortez is the Spanish Parliament, and ever since Franco set up his dictatorship, its members have been exiled, many in Latin America.

So it was proposed that the remnants of Democratic Spain get together and hold a meeting in Mexico City. But they did not reckon with our State Department.

When James C. Dunn (husband of the Armour million) was called before the Senate during the confirmation fight over his promotion to be Assistant Secretary of State, he told Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania that he had never been favorable to France. Since then he has inspired a series of newspaper columns purporting to tell how he had nothing to do with the boycott of Loyalist Spain.

However, when two members of the Spanish Cortez sought passport visas to cross the Panama Canal to attend the meeting in Mexico City, the State Department said no. The Spanish Congressmen were south of the Panama Canal and the Mexico City meeting was north. The Canal lay across their path, and the State Department refused to let them cross.

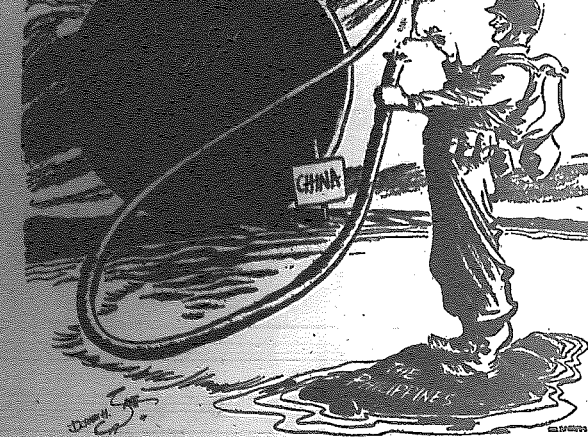
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Now Comes The Fireworks



Jack-in-The-Box De Gaulle

By Marquis Childs

CHARLES DE GAULLE, the man who never yields, has secured his position in France with extraordinary ease and skill.

When we expect him to fall, France finds he is still up, on one possibly de Gaulle himself could have foreseen that he would become the acknowledged leader of the French people. The political equation that has surrounded his power is one of the most fascinating of our times. It illustrates all the complexities of world politics in an era of confusion.

It turns essentially on Soviet Russia. Without the recent Russian-French accord and the recent fact have flowed from it, de Gaulle's position today might be much less secure. With the underground resistance movement in France, the Communists applied the important leadership. They were very often the initiative and courage which made possible the large-scale sabotage that in turn helped materially to prepare the way for the invasion.

When the news was liberated, these Communists within the French Forces of the Interior were insistent on recognition of their rights in power and determined that they would not be the way in which they were to be recognized. Even more important, they were determined to have an independent voice within the country. This was a sign of their enthusiasm.

Department refused to let them cross. The man in the State Department was James C. Dunn, who is in the State Department. Stettinius was asked to give up or buy with the Big Three Conference. The main decision was up to the Big Three Conference.

So the Spanish Cortez could not get a quorum and was not held. But in some respects the Inter-American Conference now opening in Mexico City will take its place. It is almost certain to raise the question of Republican Spain in despite of the State Department, demand the condemnation of Franco.

Meanwhile, Congressman John Coffee of Tacoma, Wash., has uncovered a significant document purporting to show that everyone has long suspected, that the Germans have been using France to spread Anti-American propaganda. Coffee has three photostats of a letter from the Secretary of the Spanish Embassy in Buenos Aires which boldly refers to "money received from Germany." Written Feb. 18, 1943, a translation of the letter reads:

"In accordance with orders received, I have conducted an interview with Comodoro Jose Ignacio Frazzetta, with regard to the distribution which ought to be given the money received as an aid from the German Embassy in a new campaign of propaganda.

"Comrade Ramos is in accord with the basic principle which ought to be followed, and has formally promised to deliver to me within a few days the format of said campaign.

For God, for Spain and for the National-Syndicalist Revolution."

Ramos was press attaché of the Spanish Embassy. Among his jobs was to represent Spain at frequent meetings with German, Japanese and Italian diplomats.

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"I'm a little disappointed with my brother—he brought home a wife and I was hoping for a kangaroo!"

We're Still Isolationists

By Samuel Grafton

THERE is an obvious kind of isolationism, which performs by saying nasty things about our Allies. But this kind of isolationism is no longer very important. It is, in fact, a thing of the past. It is, in fact, a thing of the past. It is, in fact, a thing of the past.

The higher isolationism proposes that just when the world shall have been nicely organized, Dumbarton Oaks, etc., the American economy shall go off on a wild, high sea. It wants a planless America in a planned world. It says, with heat, that it wants America to go its own way, regardless. What is that, but isolationism? Can't we recognize it when the subject matter is economics, rather than war?

The higher isolationism is deeply suspicious of the Export-Import Bank and of the other lending agencies of Government. It wants these placed under the control of someone who is not fond of Mr. Roosevelt. The higher isolationism wants a Roosevelt policy on the world economy that is not a kind of isolationism on the part of the United States.

Some of the opponents of Bretton Woods might be horrified to find their behavior can be considered in any degree isolationist. But as between the refusal to risk a battle for the sake of world order, and the refusal to risk a dollar, where shall we draw the line? The higher isolationists actually stood on former ground, because human life was involved in their isolationism.

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Night Of Trial

By Hal Boyl

IN GERMANY — Night fell over the battlefield, hiding 30 wounded men from their comrades. It was just one of those tough breaks the infantry is used to. Attacking a small town of 1500 men, Company F had been cut off by German artillery fire in the dough-bowl of a hill. The men were in a bad way, through snow drifts.

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They knew the chances were against the wounded. It was pitch black and the falling snow was hitting the bleeding men. They couldn't walk around a battlefield with flashing lights at night.

There was sporadic artillery fire over the whole area as the men of Company F huddled down in the snow to catch a few hours sleep before jumping off at dawn in a fresh attack.

Their commander, Capt. George H. Duckworth of Shelbyville, Ind., was a young officer of the Second Infantry Division, couldn't sleep or plan his next day's attack until these 30 wounded men of his lying lost and leaderless and hopeless in the deepening snow.

He knew what must be going on in their pain-twisted minds, waiting for death to take them in the night, waiting in a strange land with no one to help them, no one to care for them, no one to bury them.

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