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## Blue Mold

Requefort Sounds So Much Better . . .

Dr. Paul G. Miller of Clemson College and his associates in the current cheese-making experiment are to be at once commended and reproved.

In a cavity somewhat gloriously named Stump House Mountain Tunnel, the Doctor's group is attempting to ripen a cheese comparable to the now almost unobtainable French Requefort. In the name of all admirers of Requefort we congratulate Dr. Miller and wish him well in his effort.

On the other hand, we note that the undertaking is officially designated as the "Clemson College Blue Mold Cheese Experiment." From the standpoint of a patient and well-intentioned guest who has always enjoyed the host's Requefort with a smile, we protest bitterly against such a forthright declaration. Even if the danged stuff is impregnated with blue mold, Doc, you don't have to call attention to it.

## Mumble, Mumble

Gen'l Johnson Keeps Candle Burning for America First

At considerable pain and annoyance to ourselves, thinking only, as always, of the little readers, we have given you Gen'l Johnson's column of the week Wednesday, the one where he took by the use of his name by the America First Committee, and have abstracted it so as to see what Ironpates was really getting at. Here's the way it comes out.

His name is on the letterheads of the America First Committee. He consented to a photo of the committee was chairman of the outfit and it stood for pre-war and no involvement in foreign wars.

Later on, extremists took charge of the committee, some of them Fascists, some of them Communists, and Gen'l Johnson resigned. Lindbergh, one of the America First big guns, made a speech in Des Moines that was unmistakably anti-Semitic.

People began to call on the General to "declare himself." He consented that the committee was un-American, unwise and intolerant. He never has had anything to do with framing the policies of America First, anyhow, and now the organization doesn't even consult him any more.

He joined it only because of Mr. Roosevelt's attitude. He would not join the committee, and he admits that it has gone haywire, although he hopes it won't stay that way. But he'll just be damned if a barrage of dead cats can make him waver, and he'd also just be damned if his membership in the America First Committee can influence his opinion.

As clear as mud, eh? Don't blame us. We didn't write the General's piece. We only tried our best to translate it.

## Sacrifice

Social Security Drafted As Offering to Inflation

The real purpose of the proposed extension of Social Security taxes and benefits to 40 million additional workers is beginning to show itself. President Roosevelt hinted at it when he recommended the revision the other day. In Chicago yesterday, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau came right out with it:

"I have already suggested an extension of the Social Security program as a possible method of absorbing several billion dollars of next year's income and thus building a further reserve for the future."

The Secretary, looking at the proposal with the cold eyes of a banker, sees it not primarily as a worthy social objective, but as a deterrent to inflation. Well, might Henry and other Administration chiefs be casting about for some politically popular inflation antidote. The new tax bill recently passed by Congress is still but, by no means stiff enough to stop rising prices. Through sheer reluctance to do anything that might offend labor union leaders, the Administration has neglected to ask for any such on wages in the new price bill.

As a result of this evasion, the Roosevelt Government is obliged to fight inflation with whatever weapons (poll-tax, popular vote of course) it can command.

Such a situation is regrettable, and we sincerely hope that the gentlemen associated with him have only themselves to blame. If, however, these gentlemen

## attempts to extend the Social Security program primarily for its deflationary effects, they are going to make a bad blunder worse.

The act should be extended, gradually and progressively, on its own merits, not overnight just because the Administration needs a popular antidote for inflation. Social Security is basically sound and deserves something better than being blotted to death.

## Pretty Weak

No Bookings, So Far, On the "Vaterland"

It's on the heavy-handed side of propaganda, this Nazi announcement that they are building a great new luxury liner "to compete for the Atlantic Blue Ribbon once peace comes."

Whether the keel of the "Vaterland" has been laid in an actual shipyard or merely in the minds of Herr Goebbels' imaginative henchmen, the intention of the announcement is obvious: (1) To persuade the German people that a victorious peace is within sight; (2) To dismay the British and to induce the belief in America that once this regrettable war is over, Germany will assume the role of a friendly, benevolent nation, interested in nothing more antagonistic than breaking the record for an Atlantic crossing.

Nobody believes that the Germans have the capability of shipyards and materials. Every available facility is bound to be employed for the building of submarines, warships, and troop transports. After all, Germany, according to the latest reports, hasn't won the war yet.

Even if she should win it, the Atlantic run would be unprofitable for her. Of course many persons would like to leave Germany and come to America. But the Nazis, unless they change radically, won't let them. And who, in America, wants to go to Germany?

## "Confusion"

There's a Word To Reckon With

Critics of President Roosevelt's foreign policy are continually abusing that word "confusion" to imply that they may not be good anyway. It is pretty sure business on both sides.

What does Mr. Douglas mean by it? He means that if Hitler conquers and subdues America, insurance policies issued by Mr. Douglas's Bureau will be in a state of confusion. But, in spite of all the recent hysterical nonsense, there is about as much danger of that of a billiard ball growing wilder. But, if he means what is more likely, some kind of a statement, "Burge" would be as bad as Senator Nye in dragging in this insurance scare in the midst of a political fight.

It is so flexible. So all-inclusive, so indefinite. All in confusion, groans Senator Nye, intimating that the word "confusion" would be as bad as Senator Nye in dragging in this insurance scare in the midst of a political fight.

Cutting through this mess of word-sage with the precision of a surgeon's knife comes President Roosevelt's bold declaration in the current issue of Collier's:

"Do business with Hitler? Live at peace with Hitler? The only peace possible with Hitler is the peace that comes from complete surrender. How can one speak of a negotiated peace in this war when a peace treaty would be as binding upon the Nazis as the bond of gangsters and outlaws."

"Our policy is not based primarily on a desire to protect the United States and the Western Hemisphere from the effects of a Nazi victory upon ourselves and upon our children."

If there is "confusion" in that statement of policy, it is because those who would confuse and weaken the nation have misread it there.

## The Ultimate

New Television Receivers Can Also Deliver Coupons

Next week a big radio company will introduce a line of television receivers, each with a facsimile attachment enabling sponsors to deliver pictures, coupons and other literature into the home while their broadcasts are going on.

"And now," the announcer will say, "all radio announcers are required to begin whatever they say with 'and now.'" The makers of Scratchy Snatchers invite you to stand by while your own coupon falls from the slot in your radio set. Take this coupon and 30 cents to your grocer and he will give you absolutely free a box of Scratchy Snatchers and a valuable full-size porcelain eye-washer. Ah-h-h! There it is! Pick it up! Now run on down to the grocery store—this offer is only good for a limited period of three years!

It is only a matter of time, we suppose, until the Pot of Gold will pay off rights in the living room, like a slot machine.

## "Keep Still Or Else"

By Hugh S. Johnson

T SAY TO Douglas "If you don't keep still you are going to be brought to Washington some day and be compelled to reveal what you have behind those (insurance) policies."

"If you don't keep still," thus Senator Nye recently threatened Lewis W. Douglas, head of the great Mutual Life Insurance Co. Why? "The new rat fear" said the Senator, "has been started by Lewis Douglas. . . . He has declared that if Hitler should win the war, an insurance policy would not be worth the paper it is written upon."

It is possible not to agree with the opinions of either of these gentlemen. In the present hysteria both of them are hopping pretty high. Certainly the argument about insurance on both sides is likely to cause unwarranted fear and even panic among many people whose only security is insurance for which they have saved and sacrificed for many years. But that aside for a moment, it is this "If you don't keep still" business that is the danger. An influential Senator that should give the public the greatest concern is the Senator who should give the public the greatest concern.

## WE CAN AFFORD TO PERMIT CENSORSHIP

There are more kinds of censorship and gas-rules than one to choke-off freedom of expression and debate in these terrible times. We can afford to permit any kind of gag or censorship at all.

The Senator is a member of a Senate subcommittee which is "investigation" of "the fishing expeditions are unpleasant to any one who is not a member of the committee and with whom you don't keep still" may not be the best kind of investigation. It is certainly a distinctly un-American type of coercion.

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## SECURITY BUSINESS ON BOTH SIDES

And, if he means that, how is he in any sweeter odor in this matter of destroying confidence in insurance than Mr. Douglas's Bureau? As for the insurance companies, they are not the only ones who are not good anyway. It is pretty sure business on both sides.

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## MORE OF THE "KEEP STILL OR ELSE" STUFF

However that may be, this country can stand for any "you keep still or else" stuff from legislative committees, private committees or executive action. As in this case, frequently the arguments which are sought to be choked are so full of holes that forthright denial will do more to restore confidence and do it more quickly than any kind of evasion of the guaranty in the bill of rights of freedom of speech and expression.

Taken in connection with other obvious trends toward dictatorship, when we give that up, we might as well invite in both Hitler and Stalin. We shall be faithful critics of their system.

## That Let-Down Feeling

Onlook County News & Views  
One of the Wallace victims at Camp Davis last Thursday afternoon had his enthusiasm cut short quickly.

At the close of the review of troops, Colonel George Humbert advised the group that that was about all it could be shown unless some of the folks wanted to get in the tanks and go down and see the barrage of balloons.

"Come on, boys," said the Wallace man, enthusiastically, "load up, we're going to the balloon."

"Balloon," someone corrected him. "Oh!" he said, sort of fading out, like a radio program.

## THE QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST

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## Next Job for the Firing Squad

EARLY RUSSIAN WINTER



## Letters to the Editor:

## Hot On A Cold Trail

Editors, This News:

With no desire to debate the opinions expressed in your editorial, "Parce," dated Sept. 5, I am directing attention to a fact of inaccuracy which I am sure was unwittingly included.

"Review of the recent will show how very diligently the subject of the tank cars has been pursued by the Co-ordinator's Office ever since the office was created."

In support of my statement, I am enclosing a copy of a press release dated June 25, 1941, which will show that within a month after it began to function, the Co-ordinator's Office was on the trail of available idle tank cars.

Why Mr. Pelley's statement, made to the Senate Committee two and a half months later, concerning tank cars, should have taken the public so completely by surprise is something that may never be known.

—MICHAEL W. STRAUS,  
Director of Information,  
U. S. Dept. of the Interior,  
Washington.

(Note: Come now, Mr. Straus. We never said the Co-ordinator's Office was on the trail of tank cars. We just wondered why you never asked Mr. Pelley, who knew where they were all the time.—Editors, This News.)

## Attack on Roosevelt Foreign Policy

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A great and historic decision is in the making as Congressmen vote on the right to repeal the Neutrality Act and remove the limits on America's Defense Waters.

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People want the truth in phrases that they can understand. They do not want a democracy, men must speak the language that people understand. A year ago the President thought they knew what constituted the British Empire and the Western Hemisphere, but they do not know now; for this Administration has, for the exact purpose of violating acts of Congress.

## Meet Senator Soaper!



He'll be here next week

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## Optimistic Report

By Raymond Chandler

CHURCHILL'S report on the progress of the war is a most encouraging one. It is a most encouraging one. It is a most encouraging one.

Russians' resistance has exceeded all expectations of both British and American military experts. They were prepared to lose Leningrad some time ago, but it is still fighting back.

North Atlantic convoys have been down in the last three months and a half shipping during that period are very thin below what they were in the bad quarter preceding. In other words, the North Atlantic line is holding.

Churchill says British food stocks are higher than at the beginning of the war. I saw no evidence of desperation in England, even though the food situation could be much better than it is. Occupied countries show increasing bitterness toward Hitler, indicating that his domination becomes increasingly less acceptable than ever. Italy is taking desperate rationing measures, probably because of heavy demands from Hitler. The small end of the Axis is creaking badly, with the possibility that a wheel may go off one of these days.

GERMANY IS CONSUMING MATERIALS RAPIDLY. Over all is the heavy consumption of materials by Hitler, the increasing difficulty he may have with oil and with numerous critical metals and other essential supplies as stock piles diminish. In a long war of attrition he will grow constantly weaker. For two months it has seemed more and more certain that the tide has turned.

But victory will not just fall to its own accord on that tide. Well-informed persons here foresee a long war, going on at least until well through 1943 and perhaps a year or two beyond that. Anything better would be unexpected good luck.

The outcome may turn upon a number of things, but one of the most important factors must be American supplies. The British Empire and also Russia have large raw-material resources, as we do, but the big manufacturing plant that must be counted upon to throw in the determining weight is America's industry. Russia is losing industrial capacity. Britain is about at the peak of possible volume.

AMERICAN AID HASN'T COUNTED MUCH YET. In spite of the statements and large statistics, the war thus far is being fought largely without the aid of American industry. You can make the figures look large but I know they are small as regards planes, tanks and food. All of the Japanese and German number of planes which have been sent to England recently. This figure is a military secret, fortunately for all concerned. Shipments of medium tanks are also fortunately a military secret. The actual numbers of ships, although some misleading figures have been issued. It would be interesting to publish the monthly figures.

## BOMBING MAY BE DECISIVE IN ITALY

If this seems discouraging, remember that once our stream of supplies really begins to swell, the difference will be felt. The British are sending to England new heavy bombers that we hope to be sending a year from now, what the R.A.P. could do to Germany and Italy! They would be able to knock Italy out of the war. And if 1942 doesn't come before then, American bombers will knock them out and then it will be Hitler standing alone. Italy, probably is the one place where bombing can be decisive because the morale is so low.

Churchill says that to keep Russia in the field as a first-class fighting power the most extreme efforts will have to be made by the British, and that the United States will have to make enormous new industrial contributions of extra industry. Beyond that is a difficult transportation problem. Thus the task ahead is larger industrially than we have anticipated. But we can take encouragement from the fact that time is going against Hitler and there is likely to be enough of it left so that American production can come up to its possibilities.

## Visitin' Around

Wearing Foulies, We Reckon (Big Branch Item, Marshall News-Record)

Mr. Perry Cook Burnett peddled up Big Branch recently.

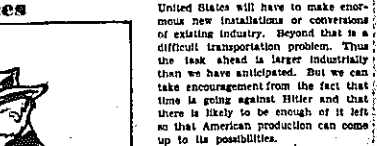
Watch Out There, Bob, The Perils of Corp (Big Branch Item, Marshall News-Record)

Robert Simmons was unwell Sunday night because of the bountiful crop of apples and chinquapins in this section.

Colleen-Fisher (Marshallville Home)

Jack Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wright, celebrated his thirtieth birthday last week by picking 200 pounds of cotton in eight hours and forty-five minutes. If he keeps up such celebrations he'll certainly go places.

## Side Glances



"I heard Pop say if you won the prize at the fair we'd keep you for a pet—but if you didn't we'd have you for a Sunday dinner!"