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England's Task

Possibility of Invasion

The task for England now seems to be one of enduring the bombing of London until weather conditions enable her to balance out the German air superiority.

Invasion is still an outside possibility, but all the evidence now suggests that Hitler has pinned his hopes on being able to beat the English to their knees.

Meanwhile, it looks as though Spain were about to do the British a favor by joining the Axis.

But for England it is better to have the United States as an enemy pretending to be neutral.

Glenn Frank

Only in This Country

The career of the late Glenn Frank was a curious one. In no other country save the United States could he have pursued it.

The man was undoubtedly an opportunist. But what was accidental that he became a "boy president" of an American university.

His father ultimately was tolerant in his nature, and it is a fault which is characteristic of many Americans.

Wide of Mark

A Glimpse Into the Mind of an Isolationist Statesman

The Hon. Lister Hill, Senator in Congress from Alabama, was approvingly reading to his colleagues from a recent column by Raymond Clapper published in The News-Tribune.

Then upon the great isolationist spokesman from Missouri, the Hon. Bennett Champ Clark, to agree that he didn't know "with what organization Mr. Clapper served in the war."

And after that arose that other mighty pillar of isolationist statesmanship, the Hon. Bounding Bush Wheeler, of Montana, to sneer that the Hon.

Clark ought to include those other "great military experts," Jay Franklin, Alson and Kintner, etc.

But on the whole, it seems to us that the newspaper man's charge is correct.

Mr. Clapper has often pointed out that he is no military expert. And he was not setting up to be one in this case.

Mr. Clapper may not be a military expert. Neither is he a muddle-head who thinks it takes military experts to observe matters of the simplest human reaction.

Who A Liar?

Willkie's Charge That FDR Favored Munich Is Baseless

The thing over which Wendell Willkie is being stung more than anything else is his persistence in sticking his neck out by attacking the President's foreign policy.

And in none of his utterances has he looked more insane than in the statement that the President "slandered Hitler and Mussolini and urged them to sell Czechoslovakia down the river."

Any newspaper reader would have known that the President did not telephone Hitler and Mussolini, and that neither of them needed any urging to sell Czechoslovakia down the river.

More than that, the implication that the President favored the Munich deal is the commonest sort of political claptrap.

What actually happened was that, at a time when it was already clear that Chamberlain & Co. meant to betray Czechoslovakia, the President addressed a message to Hitler and Mussolini calling them to show some decent modicum of honor.

Bold Name

But the Man Who Gave It Is a Bold, Hardy Fellow

Mr. Paul Natch, of Richmond in Virginia, has named his new place "Journey's End." Which is ambitious and might even be rash in some cases.

The 122-acre place, you see, is located at the junction of the Erie and the best rivers in Alaska, where the waters coming down from the glaciers are cold. It lies at the end of the road to Juneau, and it is solidly forested with cutthroat spruce, and alder, save for the bare areas of naturally open meadows.

Before Mr. Natch comes into possession of that farm, he and his children are going to have to clear most of it with an axe. Then he will have to snake such trucks as can be made into good lumber down to the river, make a raft and float it out to Juneau.

The snakes and varmints will have to be stamped out. The stumps will have to be grubbed up. And then will come the terrible ordeal of plowing new ground, with roots brushing his shanks all the way.

It is a harsh prospect for that far off land to which he has gone. Many men have tried it, most have failed. But about Mr. Natch there need be no question.

For Mr. Natch is the man who, rather than go on relief, took an old Ford engine, turned a trailer into a boat, took it across the continent on practically nothing a day and set out on the coast, in the teeth of the warnings of all navigators, and brought his boat at last safely into Juneau.

Those people who are so enthusiastic in their utterances about these "heroes" by ordinary laws of the land. They all too clearly have their own agenda for other people. But Mr. Natch plainly has 'em. And so may without rashness call his new place "Journey's End."

The Real Debate

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON—Although President Roosevelt declined to formalize Wendell L. Willkie in formal debate, the debate is taking place nevertheless.



In this debate, each candidate is trying to fix a charge in the mind of the voters. Sometimes the instrument is blunt, sometimes it is made with soft words. But always the effort, whether it be straight-out or subtle, is to plant the basic charge in the public mind.

Willkie is trying to put across the idea that Roosevelt is attempting to get us into war. Roosevelt is trying to convince the country that Willkie is an appeaser at heart.

WILLKIE'S DEFENSE WILLKIE AS APPEASER

In his acceptance speech at the Chicago convention by radio, Roosevelt made it his business to hammer the pro-appeasement tag on Willkie. He then added the suggestion—by exhorting his listeners that it would not happen—that if the Government passed into untried hands the power of unrestricted lend-lease.

Willkie, in his opening speech, answered the accusation charge by adopting the Roosevelt view that Roosevelt is behind the steps of war. His statement was so specific and categorical that he could be pinned down as an appeaser, then Roosevelt could be.

So much for Willkie's defense against the charge of appeasement. Then came his attack. Willkie followed up with the assertion that Roosevelt is behind the steps of war. He said the President had not deliberately brought us to war. He said the President had not deliberately brought us to war.

ROOSEVELT GOES IN FOR ISOLATIONISM

Now we find the President meeting that charge in his first speech to the nation. He said that the President had not deliberately brought us to war. He said the President had not deliberately brought us to war.

Thus in the most emphatic words he could muster, Roosevelt said that he was not behind the steps of war. He said that he was not behind the steps of war.

WALLACE CHARGES WILLKIE IS APPEASER

The President's Candidate, Wallace, again followed up to spell out the charge by offering what he said was a "bold and hardy" fellow. He said that he was not behind the steps of war.

Mr. Billings: Starvation

Starvation is what aches you in the late on an hour or two after a meal and an hour or two before the chief cause for starvation is food, and the obvious place to look for food is in the refrigerator.

Sound Advice Hendersonville Times-News

Acquired Wisdom Mrs. Thea B. Davis, Zebulon Record

High Praise Greenboro News

Greenboro News There's another thing in Mr. Willkie's favor just now: It's been accorded by Honorable Phil.

The Man in the Street

By Herbert



France in Ruin

By William L. White

NEW YORK—"But why should you think France has changed?" insisted the Frenchman who had just come through from France.

"What they always did. Of course many did not like what they thought of the French."

"They must accept the Vichy Government. They know the Vichy Government does not like itself very well."

"Where are the people's sympathies in the war?" "With the British, of course. They know there is no chance for a free France if the Nazis win."

"They must accept the Vichy Government. They know the Vichy Government does not like itself very well."

AND THEY DON'T BLAME DEMOCRACY "Why do they come to Vichy?" "Where else can they go?"

"Are the French people sick of democracy?" "Why should they be? It was the army which collapsed on the Somme."

"But I cannot say the French democracy was as healthy as yours. When the Front was in its last years, some people with money became terribly frightened."

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Today's Bible Thought Louis Graves, Chapel Hill Weekly

I believe that when the world becomes really civilized—perhaps the word should be 'if, not when—to ask a man to carry a bowl at the dining room table will be considered just as unfeasible as to ask him to clean the fish, peel the potatoes, or wash the sand out of the celery."

Side Glances



"Er-er-er, Miss Blake, this is a difficult course, as it is!"