

CLASP HANDS FOR FRENCH UNITY



A HANDSHAKE UNITES France once more as Gen. Henri Giraud (left), French commander in North Africa, at last meets Gen. Charles de Gaulle, head of the Fighting French. De Gaulle flew to Algiers for the historic meeting. Army radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

WHY WERE THEY SAINTS

BY RUTH TAYLOR.

Over my desk I have a motto which to me is a daily reminder of what is needed in these trying times. Let me share it with you.

"Why were the saints, saints Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful; patient when it was difficult to be patient, and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all. It was quite simple, and always will be."

The days of the saints are not past. The need for saintly people was never greater. The tragedy of defeat brings its own courage for moments of crisis, but the road upward to victory is honeycombed with pitfalls for the unwary. We need now and will need even more when we face the great problems ahead of us before peace is established. Leaders and followers who are alike moved by unselfish devotion to the highest ideals.

We will have need of cheerful people, those who can be cheerful when it is difficult to be so, who are more interested in bringing happiness and prosperity to others than in getting what they themselves want.

We will have need of patient people, those who can wait under difficulties, who do not need to rush through to the end, who must have everything happen at once as they want it and who must live now as they think they should.

We will have need of persevering people, those who will push on when they are so tired they want to stand still, who will carry through the task before them even when heart and body fail, who will not give up under fire of criticism or complaint.

We will have need of thoughtful people as well as those who know when to talk and when to be still. We will have need of agreeable people, those who are trained in the habit of being kind and courteous even when tempted to be disagreeable. We will have need of self-controlled people, those who will not fall into the traps of hatred toward any group, whether it be of class, or creed or color.

Call them saints if you will, it is those kind of people we will need, that we do need today, and it is the kind of sainthood that is within reach of all of us. It is a daily task, a daily problem. Try it for one day, and the next, and the next. You may fail every now and then. I do. We all do—but, if we keep on trying, the effort will become a habit and we will find our problems solving themselves.

Why were the saints, saints? Because they kept on living what they believed. It was quite simple and it always will be.

DEHYDRATE ONLY QUALITY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Only strictly fresh, thoroughly ripe top grade fruits and vegetables should be used for successful dehydration. E. W. Schroeder, agricultural engineering specialist at the Pennsylvania State College, reports.

Most vegetables should be cooked for five or six minutes or blanched before dehydrating, he advises. Also it is well to store the dried products in insect-proof, airtight containers, to prevent absorption of atmospheric moisture and spoilage.

KEEP ALL CALLS BRIEF! especially on party lines THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

Housewives who will get more canned goods this summer can thank the senate's Truman committee. No one announced it officially, but it was due to their probing that the army recently released 30 million cases of canned fruits and vegetables for civilian use.

The Truman committee had revealed the fact that huge quantities of canned goods were being hoarded or unwisely used by the army, when fresh vegetables were easily available. Especially revealing was the cross-examination of Gen. E. B. Gregory, the army's quartermaster general, by Senator Brewster of Maine.

"Why does the army feed canned grapefruit to its troops in Miami," asked Brewster, "when grapefruit is growing fresh all over Florida?" "Because the men are too lazy to prepare fresh grapefruit," was General Gregory's frank reply.

He also admitted that green vegetables and fruits were readily available to army camps during a large part of the year, but that army commissaries purchased canned goods because it was easier to prepare than fresh vegetables.

The Truman committee also found that as a result of this hoarding the packers and canners were in a quandary and expected to curtail production. They knew the army had overpurchased, could never use its vast stores of canned goods. So the canners figured the army would dump this back on the market, thereby causing an oversupply just at the wrong time. That was why 30 million cases were turned back to civilian use by the army now, to ease the market while there is a civilian shortage.

WHITE COLLAR MINERS

While the War Labor board had John L. Lewis over a barrel for asking a \$2-a-day wage increase for organized coal miners, another branch of the government, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, okayed various salary increases for non-union supervisory employees in coal mines.

The matter was kept hushed up by secret-loving Internal Revenue bureaucrats, but here are the facts: A special Internal Revenue branch, known as the Salary Stabilization unit, functions in the salary field like the War Labor board in the wage field, to keep personal earnings below inflationary levels. The new unit must approve applications for all salary boosts affecting business executives and white collar workers.

While everything the War Labor board does is open to public scrutiny, Internal Revenue's Salary Stabilization unit operates strictly behind the scenes and doesn't answer to anybody.

Recently, it leaked out, however, that bituminous coal mine operators, in a move to block union organization of mine "sub-bosses," had requested government permission to increase salaries of all supervisory employees, including mine superintendents, managers, foremen, sub-bosses, etc. That white-collar increase amounted to an average of \$2 a day—just the increase the miners asked for.

GRAIN FROM CANADA

Food Boss Chester Davis has spent days looking for a good transportation man to solve that problem of bringing in wheat from Canada. Commodity Credit corporation has bought 7 1/2 million bushels of Canadian wheat, but not a bushel has moved. Meantime, dairy and poultry farmers in the Northeast are running low on feed grains.

Great Lakes steamers got moving a month late, on account of the late thaw. They are loaded down with ore for the steel mills, have no space for grain. Rail movement is the only alternative.

Grain stocks in the U. S. have been the heaviest in history, but so is consumption of grain. Record-breaking animal production is eating into the stocks so fast that foreign imports must be moved. This is one time when farmers would welcome some of that much abused Argentine corn and wheat.

Behind this excitement about grain supplies is one big question mark which few people outside the government realize, namely, the feeding of occupied territories.

If and when invasion comes, the civilians on the invasion front, whether in France, the Low Countries, or the Balkans, will have to be fed from the American bread basket. Quickest way to get food to starving people is in the form of grain.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

FDR has no love for the duke and duchess of Windsor, saw nothing of them when they conferred with Churchill. . . The only time Churchill ever was booted on the floor of commons was when he made his famous speech in the winter of 1936 defending Edward's right to marry Wally and remain king of England. . . Only a handful of labor is coming up from the Bahamas to work in the U. S. A., so this was just an excuse to see Churchill. He wants to get back to London.

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LIQUOR RATIONING IS UNDER STUDY FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA AREA

The study and setting up of machinery for state wide retail liquor rationing are under way by the Liquor Control Board.

When it is to come, what form it will take, and what the individual allotments will be are all matters that the Board members will not reveal. But based on amounts sold in other monopoly states it is doubtful if Pennsylvania consumers may expect more than a "fifth" monthly.

According to Board Chairman Frederick T. Gelder rationing will have two effects:

1.—It will break up the present evil of "roving bands of hirelings of unscrupulous licensees raiding state stores every time a shipment is received," and

2.—It will assure as fair a distribution as possible of all available stocks.

Mr. Gelder emphasized that liquor rationing will not solve all of the present difficulties "if and when put into effect," but that it is a logical way to combat present evils.

"It won't mean that everyone will get all he wants," he added, "but that each will get his fair share."

PAPER OUTPUT WILL DECLINE

The War Production Board asserts that deliveries of pulp wood to U. S. paper mills during the first four months of 1943 were 22 per cent below receipts for the same period in 1942 and may fall to 25 per cent below by the end of the year.

As a result, WPB said, paper production probably will decline in about the same proportion. The decline in pulp deliveries was greatest in the Great Lake regions where it amounted to 45 per cent. The Appalachian region declined 21 per cent, the South 14 per cent, and the Northwest 8 per cent.

Canadian production of pulp wood also has suffered a severe reduction, WPB reported. The cut of pulpwood for consumption by Canadian mills for the year ending April, 1943, was substantially below that of the previous year. Canada, however, will deliver during the balance of the year, the 1,550,000 cords previously promised U. S. Mills.

The decrease in the pulpwood production, both in the United States and Canada, was attributed by WPB to "a shortage of labor in the woods." This labor shortage, WPB said, is affecting the production of all forest products.

FARMERS CAN SAVE GAS IN TRACTOR OPERATION

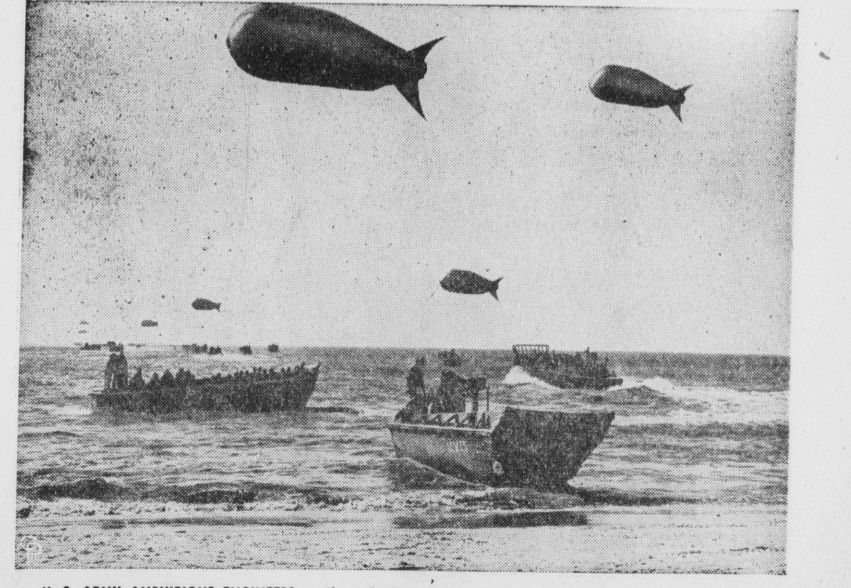
Half of the 55,000 tractor operators of Pennsylvania could save 1,500,000 gallons of fuel annually by careful readjustment of their carburetors, estimates A. W. Clyde, professor of agricultural engineering at the Pennsylvania State College. The other half may have engines with self adjusting carburetors, non adjustable carburetors, or may already be adjusting the carburetor to the load.

To get more power from less fuel, adjust the carburetor so that the mixture of air and fuel is nearly as lean as will fire evenly and will pick up a load fairly well, Professor Clyde advises.

Simple rules for carburetor adjustment and for using the tractor efficiently may be obtained by writing for illustrated bulletin 441 to the Pennsylvania State College Agricultural Experiment Station at State College, Pa.

Seaman Missing

Seaman Russell Short of Lilly, is reported missing in action by a Navy casualty list which announced two men were dead, one wounded, and 12 missing in action.



U. S. ARMY AMPHIBIOUS ENGINEERS go through their paces as they practice invasion of enemy-held territory. The low-altitude barrage balloons are towed along to ward off low-flying bombing and strafing planes. Amphibious engineers are the first to land. Army Signal Corps photo. (International)