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WHEN WILL THEY LEARN?

In liberating France from the socialism of Hitler, it now appears that the Allies have cleared the way for more of the same medicine, only administered by different political doctors. In other words, government dictation over the industries and people of France may be continued. This is the opinion of a responsible spokesman of the American oil industry now visiting the European warfronts.

After pointing out that the threat of socialism may delay rehabilitation of French industry because foreign investors, principally American and British, will hesitate to risk savings in a country where the whims and exigencies of politics may wipe them out, the same spokesman warns: "The average oil man and the average American has considered that he and his domestic business were so remote from foreign affairs that he need not pay attention to them.

"But here in France a decision is going to be made that can soon, perhaps, be cited against the American oil man's own business. If the various dominant French groups pursue their present trend and place stricter and more complete control over the oil industry in France with the knowledge and even the acquiescence of the U. S. government, then how soon will the American oil man be told by

various people in his own government, of the alleged 'beauties' of French ownership or operation of the oil industry?"

How much longer, with the tragedy and devastation of autocratic government spread mutely at their feet, will the people of the world continue to look to such government for leadership?

"FRONT RUNNERS"

"Anyone can start something. To sprint the first lap of a championship mile—to write the first chapter of a book—to buy the first war bond or dig the first victory garden—to give your best during the first part of a war; those things are easy. The flags are waving and the crowd is cheering at the start. There is a thrill about beginning. And then what?

"Then the grind begins, the wear and tear, the weariness. The runner's chest tightens and his legs drag. The bond buyer feels the pinch and the gardener's hands blister. The worker in the plant finds the days hot and his job suddenly monotonous.

"That is the grind, the time for what the army calls 'sweating it out,' the time when the quitters quit and even the champions slow down, when it is hard to hang on and keep plugging. It is the time when races—and wars—are won.

"We—all of us—have been going through the grind. We have all felt the pressure. We have been disheartened by failures . . . tired by constant effort. Now, like the runner, we are getting our 'second wind.' The worst of the grind is past. Victory is ahead. We see it. We know it can be ours. We know that if we use our second wind with determination, nothing our enemies do can defeat us. We cannot lose now, unless we beat ourselves by easing off when the goal is in sight.

"Let us pledge ourselves now to use our second wind to the utmost, to buy every bond we can, to help on every front of the war effort, to tackle every production job as though it were the first one. Above all, let us pledge ourselves to stay on the job—every man and woman, every day and every hour—until we finish what we have so well started, until complete victory is won."

—Columbus (Ohio) Citizen.

The Sunburst Badger Says—

GLOSSARY OF RED TAPE IN OFFICIAL USE

"Under Consideration" means: Never heard of it.

"Under Active Consideration" means: Will you have a shot at finding the file.

"Has Received Careful Consideration" means: A period of inactivity covering a time lag.

"Have You Any Comment" means: Give me some idea what it's all about.

"That Project Is in the Air" means: Am completely ignorant of the subject.

"You Will Remember" means: You have forgotten, or never knew, because I don't.

"Transmitted to You" means: You hold the bag awhile; I'm tired of it.

"Concur Generally" means: Haven't read the document and don't want to be bound by anything I say.

"In Conference" means: Gone out—don't know where he is.

"Kindly Expedite Reply" means: For heaven's sake, try to find the papers.

"Passed to Higher Authority" means: Pigeon-holed in more sumptuous office.

"In Abeyance" means: A state of grace for a disgraceful state.

"Please Take Appropriate Action" means: Do you know what to do with it? We don't.

"Filed" means: Permanently dislocated.

"Advise What We May Expect" means: Where the hell is our stuff?

He: "I'm going to take my girl down to Florida with me."

Him: "Going to Tampa with her?"

He: "Mi-am-I."

A HEROINE

Excerpts from the diary of a female voyager:

Monday: "Was flattered to be placed at the captain's table."

Tuesday: "Spent the morning on the bridge. The captain seems to like me."

Wednesday: "The captain's proposals are unbecoming to an officer and a gentleman."

Thursday: "The captain threatens to sink the ship if I do not agree to his proposal."

Friday: "I have saved 600 lives."

RELUCTANT ASSENT

A young banker picked up the telephone in his office: "No," he said, "No, no, no. YES. No, no." With a final explosive "NO," he hung up.

The head of the firm, who had been listening, asked him sternly, "What was the idea of saying 'yes' to that fellow?"

"I had to, boss. He asked me if I could hear him."

PLEASANT TASK

Order received by transport sergeant:

Four trucks to be ready at 1930 hours for conveying girls to dance. The bodies must be cleaned and seats wiped off. All curtains in place.

HOLD THAT BUS

"All right back there?" shouted the bus driver.

"No. Wait till I get my clothes on!" replied a feminine voice.

So the driver led the stampede to the rear and watched a girl get on with a basket of laundry.

After a girl buys a bust developer, she spends most of her time trying to make mountains out of molehills.

He: "Your husband looks like a brilliant man. I suppose he knows everything."

She: "Don't fool yourself; he doesn't even suspect a thing."

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being an entire square mile, a mile and a half east of Kevin.

To R. G. Greene, resident geologist of the Union Oil Company of California, went the 160 acres in the Sweetgrass Hills a few miles south of J. H. Hamilton's production in the Flat Coulee field.

Greene's acreage is the E $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 30-37N-5E.

Southeast of the leases taken by the Texas company in the Kevin area, Texaco has two isolated producers completed last year, one on the F. A. Newman lease, the other on the A. E. Porter lease. There are also some gassers in the area, which has had but very little drilling.

Northwest Midway Test Passes 1100

Hageman-Pond-Speer No. 1, wildcat northwest of the discovery well on the Midway structure, is making hole at past 1100 feet, testing one of the few spots in the area in which no hole has been put down. It is in NE SE SW 17-28N-1W. The discovery well, Hageman-Pond-Rispin No. 1, is in SE SE NW 20-28-1W.

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BUYERS' MARKET . . .

The time to have made money from the high stock prices that preceded the 1929 crash was of course not in 1929, when most stocks were priced far above their actual values. The time to have done the buying was in 1925 or before, when prices were still low. It is easy now to see that. But seeing it now doesn't do anyone any good.

The only way to profit from a study of what happened in 1929 is to find a roughly parallel condition. It might be that now is the time to buy stocks. We don't know.

We do know, however, that now is a good time to consider making Montana oil investments, preferably in oil royalties. We say oil royalties because these may be bought reasonably now, held tax-free through the years, with perpetual title. And because actual development is still to come in Montana. Only 35 wells in 100,000 square miles of petroliferous area have so far drilled through the Madison lime in this state. When production follows deeper drilling, prices will soar. The time to investigate is NOW. Your name and address on the margin will bring information concerning landowners royalties.

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