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FEEDING ITALY

Chief issue in the long series of backstage arguments over feeding Italy has been President Roosevelt's desire (1) to get the Italian people to play a greater part in the war; and (2) avoid a repetition of Greece. Already there have been rumblings of food rioting, and should Allied tanks and guns be turned against the people of Rome as in Athens, the repercussions would be tragic.

Theoretically, the British have agreed with Roosevelt. When it comes to putting the policy into effect, however, it is different. Following some disagreements last August and September, F.D.R. thought he had the whole matter ironed out at the Quebec conference with Prime Minister Churchill, only to find that in late October nothing had been done.

Finally, on October 31, he took the unprecedented step of giving a direct order as commander-in-chief to the secretary of war. He wrote:

"I have had before me the shipping difficulties in getting supplies to the civilian population of Italy and I note that we have been building up some reserves for use when northern Italy collapses."

"In the meantime, it seems to me that the situation is so acute, from the point of view particularly of food in southern Italy, that some risks must be taken regarding supplies at the time of the collapse in northern Italy. That collapse may well not come until Germany itself collapses, in which case the shipping situation will be much less acute."

"Under the circumstances, I have determined to assume the responsibility for asking General Wilson to increase the ration to 300 grams throughout all of Italy that our forces occupy."

Despite this categorical position by the President of the United States, Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, referred to above, did nothing. Last week, Secretary Stettinius emphasized shipping as the reason why increased feeding had not been given Italy. But he did not give the whole story. Actually, as pointed out by the President, there has been accumulating a stock pile of food for unliberated northern Italy.

POORLY PAID CONGRESSMEN

The struggle experienced by many congressmen to make both ends meet in Washington, and also the steady retirement of A-1 officials from public life because they cannot take the financial sacrifice, has an interesting parallel in the early days of the nation.

Some of the founding fathers, being honest men and without private fortunes, found it impossible to live on their government salaries and were threatened with imprisonment.

For instance, the great revolutionary war hero, Gen. William Moultrie was imprisoned for debt. Also, the first associate justice of the U. S. Supreme court, James Wilson, had to flee Pennsylvania to escape his creditors and was about to be served with extradition papers in Edenton, N. C., when he died.

Also, John Rutledge of South Carolina, one of the chief drafters of the constitution, was threatened with imprisonment for debt and only remained out of jail through the surety of his creditors.

Today, U. S. congressmen, cabinet members, and federal judges remain relatively among the poorest paid public servants in the world. A U. S. ambassador to London is paid \$17,500, while the British ambassador to the United States is paid \$30,000.

A U. S. Supreme court justice gets \$20,000, while a New York state Supreme court justice gets \$25,000.

PERSUADING NAZI PRISONERS

Recently the army's shrewd psychological warfare branch installed sound equipment at the edge of a Nazi-held port behind the Allied lines in France and offered the Germans a novel "Trial Surrender." The message broadcast to the Germans went something like this: "Try it out for three days. If you don't enjoy being a prisoner with us, you can return to your units."

As a result of the offer, eight Nazis surrendered. At the end of the three days, four agreed to stay; the other four asked to go back. The army let them go. To their surprise, however, the four came back a few hours later bringing more than 50 of their tired Nazi comrades to join them in the comparatively luxurious prison camp surroundings.

CAPITAL CHAFF

Students of lend-lease will find at an American neuropsychiatric rest home at Shugborough park, in England, a rather undistinguished flagpole about 15 feet high bearing the stars and stripes. At its base is a sign: "This flagpole loaned the American forces at Shugborough park by the Earl of Litchfield."

The Hollywood post office has made a special rubber stamp to re-address mail to Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas, who once lived in Hollywood.



Snowflakes:

King George of Greece is irked with his public relations experts. They kept him staying in his London hotel room during the Athens mess—instead of okaying His Highness' usual routine of making the London late places surrounded by a bevy of beauts. . . . Cuba's Batista will settle in Brazil.

The Federal Trade commission is checking up on endorers of products in ads. Wants to find out if the celebs who endorse them actually use them. . . . The reason for the New York butcher strike is this: The Gov't clamped down hard on black marketing. The butchers learned the fine was too high to make any profit, even at b.m. fees. They decided it was cheaper to get out of business than make whole salers rich and themselves poor.

Add rackets: Phones in Florida are bringing as high as \$500 each from people who lost theirs to the armed forces a year ago. . . . The mobs are set to run the bookmaking in Mexico and Havana. They had been figuring on the tracks suffering disaster for more than a year. . . . Sidney Kingsley dashed off a five page scenario in 30 minutes, for which Zanuck paid him \$50,000. More than a 1,000 smackers per minute.

Though war plant absenteeism was a contributing factor, the Washington grapevine is saying that the main reason for closing the tracks was this: congress was preparing to stick a 10 per cent tax on the mutuels, and the track owners (instead of cooperating gladly in view of the fortunes they've garnered lately) made ready to fight it. . . . It was their attitude, more than anything else, which irritated the powers that be.

The first Broadway hit show to beat the jinx of the amusement page alphabetical listing is "A Bell for Adano." Many shows that put an "A" in front of the title to inherit the top of the list flopped. "Angel Street" was the exception for a long time. . . . The commies in Indianapolis, Erie and Buffalo last week started their campaign to discredit G-man Hoover with a national smear attack. . . . They say N. Y. Times' critic, Brooks Atkinson (now in the hospital after a long session covering China's part in the war), doesn't want to resume drama-inspecting. He prefers doing something important, such as his recent assignment. His excellent reports are credited with actually influencing U. S. policy in the Orient.

Faces About Town: Libby Holman, the blues thrush-tobacco heir-ess, who is quietly backing Broadway shows. . . . Band chief John Kirby, \$5,000 wealthier after winning a libel action from a Pittsburgh writer, who cast aspersions on his draft status. . . . Canary Bernice Parks, currently at the St. Regis, who will decorate Life's pages as best-dressed gal. She has 16 fur coats. Her match book covers feature photos of her feller. . . . Horace MacMahon, one of the stage's capable, serving the nation by delivering war bond speeches—while waiting for producers to come to their senses. . . . Milton Berle, who at this tardy time is feuding with Joe E. Lewis over the song, "Sam, You Made the Pants Too Long!" Apparently after reading the "Fight or Work" edict.

Story of the Week (By Dr. Elisha A. King): Do you remember the Indian juggler described by William Hazlitt in one of his famous essays? The juggler was perfect in throwing and catching brass balls—keeping four in the air at once. That was his whole stock in trade, but it was the best he had. Seeing a number of people go to the Shrine of the Virgin Mother bowing, praying, etc., he became interested and wanted to worship. Finally, he went in, squatted in front of the image and performed. It was the best he had to offer and doubtless acceptable. . . . I mention this because of a report from Guadalcanal describing a Christmas evening service. Father Gehring celebrated midnight Mass, but no one could play Christmas music. A soldier had gotten a small organ from somewhere, but no one could play it. However, one man was found who knew only one tune, "Yiddisher Mama," so he played that.

With the heavens for a roof, Mass was said in Latin, a Jewish boy played the one piece he knew and several hundred Protestants, Catholics and Jews knelt and listened.

The Radioracles: Talk about deflation. When CBS last week dropped Raymond Scott's 20-piece orchestra (which cost the network more than \$250,000 in two years) the spot was inherited by Milt Herth's Copacabana, which has only three musicians. . . . Ted Adams, acting-producer of "We, the People," had no trouble booking H. Hodgkins, the youthful spy-catcher for the program. . . . Because Adams summered near where the spies landed—for 25 years.

Eighth Air Force Wins Laurels Over Europe



Center photograph shows result of 8th air force raid over Strasbourg, Germany. Upper left, English geese wander in for information at a class for crew of the 8th. Lower right, Capt. Kenneth E. Martin, Keweenaw, Ill., left, and Lieut. Donald E. Young, Pittsburgh, with Blondie, one of the mascots of the unit. Circle, Lieut. Col. Francis Gabreski, Oil City, Penn., top ace, with record still standing, despite the fact that he has been a prisoner in German hands for some time.

Nazi Troops Still Powerful and Well Armed



Left, a Nazi soldier, heavily armed, typical of men facing our armies on German front. Upper right, German troops file past a burning American tank. Lower right, armed with antitank weapons, on the style of our bazooka, units of the Volksturm parade in Berlin. These photos were captured by American soldiers.

Eisenhower Decorates State Aide



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower pins the DSM on Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes for exceptionally meritorious services to the government. Holmes, recently appointed an assistant secretary of state, was instrumental in setting up military governments in Sicily and Italy. In background is Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder.

Three New Ladies of Congress



The new congress has been "improved" by the addition of three new women members. L. to R.: Helen Gahagan Douglas of California, Speaker Rayburn, who welcomed the women, Cease Going Woodhouse of Connecticut, and Emily Taft Douglas of Illinois. Helen Douglas and Emily Taft Douglas both have husbands in the service.

Brothers in House



Rep. Max Schmabe of Missouri, lower, welcomes a new member of the house, George E. Schmabe, his brother, recently elected as congressman from Oklahoma. He is shown giving his "rookie" brother points of procedure of the house.

Church of England



Although he never had a parish, the Right Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Bishop of London, has been named Archbishop of Canterbury, highest office in the Church of England.



LOVE LETTERS OF A BUREAUCRAT

My (unless otherwise designated) Darling:

Your last letter expressing some apprehensions as to the depth of my affection for you has been received and placed on file. Under separate cover I am sending you a more detailed statement of my love for you. This will give you the overall picture of a more secure setup as man and wife, should the proposition under discussion be carried to a successful conclusion.

Your complaint that you fear ceilings have been imposed on my affections for you have been given careful consideration and will be processed further, and while a more complete report will be made to you later, it is my conclusion that your deductions are basically in error.

I have gone over my feelings again with special care to every phase of the project, and all my data shows I have reached a new high in devotion for the last fiscal year. My regard for you has reached 98 per cent as against a high of 95 1/2 for the previous year. We can, I am sure, through the establishment of even greater unity, hold the line.

If we maintain a proper spirit of cooperation we can stabilize our affections at the hoped-for levels of 100 per cent and then blueprint a course which shall surround them with the proper safeguards against seasonal declines, my (as within the meaning of Section 7) dear.

You are quite wrong, my honey child (and nothing in any subsequent paragraph shall be taken as conflicting with my use of this term of endearment), when you imply that my letter indicated my deep love for you had been frozen. Nor have I sought to establish any controls, as you also seem to suspect. My policy today is as announced to you in my communications of January 3, March 10, June 23 and October 8, and you may consider this document as a blanket authorization to so construe it.

While my affection for you has exceeded in scope anything originally charted, I have, of course, been very busy with war problems necessarily affecting our lives, and some reconversion plans will of course, be necessary to permit me to return fully to the realm of romance. I assume this is true of you, too, my sweetie-pie. (Note—A fuller distribution of terms of affection such as this is now made easier, due to a slight lessening of controls.)

Hold to your basic emotions toward me and in all moments of doubt please realize that you are entitled to my (1) steadfast devotion, or (2) complete affection (which-ever is the larger), and without deduction.

Believe me to be (dear sir or madam) your devoted slave (within the meaning of the code of August, 1942).

UNO WHO.

THE DIAPER CRISIS

("Through Edward Sturgis Jr. of the National Institute of Diaper Service of 420 Madison avenue, OPA has been petitioned to lift ceilings on diapers. Diaper mills are refusing to manufacture them because of the low profit."—News Item.)

We know what the urge is, Mr. Sturgis. This war is one of the worst. But let first things come FIRST! On the list of preferentials Let us keep the real essentials Hey! Hey!

OFA!

Here's a crisis very

Extraordinary.

Of all goals,

Chester Bowies,

This is tops;

It's over crops,

It's over stocks,

And over rentals,

And price of lentils;

Over hamburger prices,

And raspberry ices,

Over tires and peaches,

And girdles and breeches!

No diaper mill shirking!

Get 'em working!

Come on, OPA!

Let there be no delay!

Think, brothers,

Of your mothers!

Yes, Chester, your problems mount,

But consider things that COUNT!

No Cavities

Dentists are having a convention in New York. They had considerable trouble getting hotel rooms, for once their plea to "open wider" going largely unheeded.

And we understand the favorite reply of hotel clerks to the dentists when about to tell them there were no rooms to be had was "Listen, doctor, this isn't going to hurt you."

It would seem from reports from abroad that when Greek meets Greek they open fire.

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Control Nausea

Many a pregnant woman thinks she should stop eating if she is nauseated. This is often the worst thing she could do. It is likely to increase her discomfort and to deprive both herself and child of much-needed nutrients. If she will take hot milk or milk and coffee and crackers before getting up, she will eat more often than three times a day, and if she will drink hot milk or egg-nog and eat crackers before she retires, probably she will be able to control the nausea.

When Your Back Hurts - And Your Strength and Energy Is Below Par

It may be caused by disorder of kidney function that permits poisonous waste to accumulate. For truly many people feel tired, weak and miserable when the kidneys fail to remove excess acids and other waste matter from the blood.

You may suffer nagging backache, rheumatic pains, headaches, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling. Sometimes frequent and scanty urination with smarting and burning is another sign that something is wrong with the kidneys or bladder.

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