

MARSHAL PETAIN AND FRENCH LABOURACTION MAY BE BOOMERING WRITES NEW YORK TIMES

Once upon a time Henri Philippe Petain, Marshal of France was known as the man who would not let the Germans pass Verdun. Subsequent testimony has dimmed his glory writes the New York Times today. One does not see how it can outlive the decree, to which with the infamous Laval and other members of the Vichy cabinet, he set his signature yesterday

"Hitler's huge losses in the Russian campaign, the unparalleled demands on his war industries, have compelled him to make up labor reserves. These reserves whose every drop of sweat will make for the perpetual enslavement of France are if Vichy can enforce its master's order to be partly French. This is the final indignity, the ultimate betrayal, the last mile in the French retreat from Verdun. It may have the unintended effect of enlightening undecided Frenchmen as to who their enemies are and who their friends, and steeling them to wait in impassioned patience for a day of vengeance that is surely coming."

Clare Luce's Nomination

Commenting on the nomination yesterday of Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, author, playwright and war correspondent the wife of the publisher of Time, Life and Fortune magazines as the republic candidate for Congress from the fourth Connecticut district, the New York Herald Tribune says today "her election in November is desirable for several reasons. She is fearless, clear-minded and hardhitting. In the second place she is beholden to no individual or group for her nomination. thus she is completely independent. In the third place she has been deeply stirred by the war ever since it started and has visited the fronts in Europe, Africa and Asia. Thus she will be one of the very few members of Congress who not only understand the issues but who have had a personal close-up of how the war is being fought."