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"'Neutral' Embassies Here Aid Axis"
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SUMMARY:

Due to a statement by Admiral Leahy, former ambassador to unoccupied France, that he understood the position of Petain and his government, and due to the policies of the State Department toward the appeasers, the Fighting French have been greatly hurt and discouraged. And Vichy's Propaganda Minister, Paul MARION, made use of this discouragement to show how cleverly Laval handles relationships with the U.S.

The article goes on to cite two examples of MARION's cleverness. The first concerned the negotiations on the island of Martinique, which Vichy propagandists suggested was handled through Laval after the Commandant of the island, Admiral Robert, refused to do anything without the consent of the puppet government.

The second example given was the fact that MARION had fake private letters sent to addresses in the United States which were intercepted by the censors. One of these letters contained a "sob story" about a meeting between Marshal Petain and a leading Nazi, how he bravely resisted, and finally yielded under the cruel pressure of the Germans. This story made a great impression on the U.S. government and was circulated "for the information of government services".

"In this and other sly cases, Paul MARION, who has never made any bones about his out and out devotion to the great Adolf, has managed to get some propaganda free out of Uncle Sam."

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