

U.S. ENVOY URGES PETAIN TO BE WARY.

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Admiral Leahy arrived at Vichy (accompanied by his wife) to take up the post of ambassador to the government of unoccupied France. At his new home the envoy gave an interview to United States pressmen, who hoped to discover what attitude Washington would adopt towards Vichy.

Flowers awaited Mrs. Leahy, a gracious compliment from the aged Marshal Petain, whom the Admiral was on his way to see at the Pavillion Sevigne, where he presented his credentials and a letter from Mr. Roosevelt.

(SV guard) The French navy is still under Vichy control, and if that government does not stand very high in the world's esteem, it had done good service in keeping Hitler to the terms of the armistice. Perhaps in such firmness as it does display it is helped by the United States ambassador, who assured the Marshal that America will continue to help Britain till Germany is beaten - a point no doubt pondered by M. Flandin, who used to be strongly pro-Hitler.

United States support may help the Marshal to stay firm.
