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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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French Desk Cards. Sources noted as given.

MARION, Paul

Appointed Secetaire d'Etat a l'Information in Laval Government, April 18, 1942. Condemned by French Underground for collaboration with Germans.

Life 24 Aug 42, p.86

Vichy Information Minister/ Conferred with Yves CHATEL (Algeria) while Chatel was seeing Laval.
Analysis Section, November 6, 1942

Appointed Secretary General, Information and Prppaganda, in Darlam Government, formed Aug 12, 1941, wned Apr 18, 1942

World Almanac 1942

Secretary of Information in Laval Cabinet/ during Nov 15-16 the Vichy cabinet discussed whetherto declare war against Anglo-Americans/ Minister of Information (which is Laval himself) was mentioned as being one of the half-dozen cabinet members who voted in favor of a declaration of war. (Secretary of Information Paul MARION must have been the person meant,) Informant is a responsible official in France, friendly to Aklies, who has just returned from a trip to Paris and Brittany.

OSS # 8717, Madrid Nov 25, 1942

Doriotist ex-communist; ex-editor of Humanite; pre-war errand boy for Bangué WGrms abroad, especially in Germany; now Chief of Information in Vichy government

Nation, 'Laval's Cabinet of Traitors', by Henry Torrest and Hal Lehrman. May 2, 1942.

Official spy of the Germans; continues to be in the Vichy government.
Free France, Vol 2, No 3, Aug 1, 1942.

A-244

In a recent issue of the Porgo Novo Informations et Communiqués or Cotonou Radio Presse, Subject expressed the following sentiments; 'The truth is that, anxious to redeem her numerous defeats in the two hemispheres and to give her Bolshevik partners the illusion of a second front, England basely strikes her closest Ally (France!), disarmed and deprived of means of defense.'

Nigeria Political Intelligence Summary # 20
Lagos, Jul 31, 1942

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French Desk Cards on Paul MARION, (Cont'd)

RX-5 XMLO-18 Madrid 2/2/44

Secretariat d'Etat, Member of Mouvement synarchique d'Empire synarchique
d'Empire a l'Information et a la Propagande - VERY DANGEROUS! ←

Secretary of state to the head of the Government, Vichy. Former French
Secretary of State for Information. FCC 1.7.44 (SI File)

CD-8822

MARION, Platon and Bonnard are causing Laval much trouble by demanding a
declaration of war by France against England; in this they are being pushed by
certain German elements; Petain said some time ago that he would never consent
to this, and even Laval is lukewarm about the idea; since the Mont Lucon
machine gunning and the Le Creuset bombing, the trio has been so blatant
that on October 29, Laval had de Chambrun tell MARION that if they did not
conform to Cabinet policies as agreed upon by the majority, all three would
be kicked out; MARION is said to have given no promise to reform.
34 from C-8910 Nov 2, 1942. ✓

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Subject especially interested in supporting the Youth Movements, as he saw
in them a way of inserting his propaganda into the minds of the young people;
he and Pucheu (q.v.) decided to develop the movements gradually without
their drawing too much attention from the Church and Universities, and to
transform them eventually into the 'Legion des Jeunes.'
Eva Pfister Papers, (Summer, 1942?)

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Was eminence grise du PFF.

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MARION, Paul

Minister of Information of Vichy Govt. Several years before war was close friend of Maurice THOREZ and Gabriel PERI. Andre MARTY and friends now say that during war Mathilde PERI lived in Subj's home.

LETTRE A UN COUSIN
26 Nov 52

MARION, PAUL

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38/2/2

FRANCE

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Source: Reliable
informer

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French Ministry for Information and Propaganda. Mr. Champion (q.v.) was sent to Lisbon on a mission as an official delegate of subject.

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Appointed State Secretary on the Staff of the Chief of Government January 7.

Press Survey
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MARION, Paul

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Member of Mouvement Synarchique d'Empire(See IA Dossier). Secretaire d'Etat a l'Information et a la Propagande—VERY DANGEROUS!

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MARION, PAUL

Vichy Information Minister / conferred with Yves CHATEL (ALGERIA) while Chatel was at Vichy seeing LAVAL.

Analysis Section, November 6, 1942
Press Survey

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MARION, PAUL

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Etat Français, Informations Générales, April 20, 1942. (CID 19775)

Condemned by French underground for collaborating with Germans.

LSP, Aug. 24, 1942, p. 66

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FRANCE

MARION, PAUL

Calls himself 'National Socialist Français'--in other words collaborationist; directs information, propaganda, press, censor, theater, movies, and radio; former Communist who encircles himself with other former Communists and Socialists who have become violently anti-Bolshevist, anti-British, and anti-Semitic; collaborator of DARLÉN'S; former partisan of DORIOT with whom he has broken; political friend of PUCHEU.

Dulles - Bruce March 11, 1942

Note concernant certaines personnalités de Vichy d'après renseignements fournis par M. Boris SOUVARINE (q.v.)

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MARION

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Mrs Pfister Papers

[summer 1942]

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MARION, PAHL

Derriotist ex-Communist, ex-editor of Humanité; pre-war errand boy for Banque Worms (see under 7-15) abroad, especially in Germany; now Chief of Information in Vichy Government.

Henry Torres and Hal Lehrman, Laval's 'Cabinet of Traitors,' Nation, May 2, 1942

Official spy of the Germans; continues to be present in Vichy government.

Free

France, Vol. 8, No. 3 (returned to Hyde), August 1, 1942

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MARION

According to Mathieu LAUGIER, is a great friend of Parti Populaire Francais; in the present government.

Sûreté, Vichy, Oct. 8, 1942 P. 39

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OSS #6717, Madrid, November 25, 1942

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MARION, PAUL (2)

Marion is said to have been the agent who distributed the bribes of the Banque Worms among the Paris press. Minister of Information under Darlan and Laval he was implicated in plots against Laval led by PPF politicians and backed by the Banque Worms. His new position would seem to be a step toward including the PPF in the increasing concentration of nazified elements in the Vichy cabinet. (R & A #1121.52 - 3/25/44)

Born June 27, 1899, in Asnières, the son of a lawyer. Members of his family were fervent Catholics. Began the study of law in Paris about 1923. He joined the Communist Party and became member of the 5th section of the Paris Communist group. Went to Moscow as an official of the Third International and studied at the Lenin School. Sent back to Paris by the Party he stood for a "dissident Communist group at Belleville, but failed ignominiously at elections.

He broke with the Communist Party, was for a short time connected with the Socialists then with Deat and Marquet (leaders of Neo-Socialist group founded in 1933). He then left this group and joined Doriot and became member of the PPF's inner council. He was contributor to "L'Emancipation Nationale" and chief editor of "Le Liberté". In 1938 he published a party manifesto and at the same time an anti-Communist volume "Les Deux Russies". Mobilized at outbreak of war, he was taken prisoner in June 1940, released January 1941. The following month he was appointed Asst. Sec. Gen. for Information. His collaborator was Benoist-Mechin. Became Sec. Gen. for propaganda and Information in August 1941. Opened the anti-Bolshevik Exhibition held in Paris, March 1942. Became Secretary of State for Information in Laval Government in April 1942. Succeeded by Henriot Jan. 5 1944. (Op. Int. April 5/44, #89)

Secretary General for Propaganda & Inf.
Resigned
Minister without portfolio
Secretary of State for Information

April, 1942
February 17, 1943
January 1944
July 10, 1944 (following Henriot's murder)
(Op. Int. #172 - July 11, 1944)

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Student of Dr. Goebbels. Paul Marion, Vichy minister of propaganda ...



... used his press conferences to make U. S. negotiations over Martinique ...



... appear to be a diplomatic victory for Laval of Nazis. Luc. Photos by Wide World and Harris and Ewing

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From P.M.'s Daily Picture Magazine, 8 Sep 42.

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NY-FNB-Int-12	RI/Ar	20 Feb 42	L I
Subject: Document FR-183 RE: MARION Paul France and Collaboration by Boris SOUVARINE			Date 7 Dec 52

PERTINENT INFORMATION: QUOTED:

Un quatrieme collaborateur immediat de l'Admiral a Vichy, Paul MARION, se donne comme "national-socialist" francais, nettement collaborationniste. Il dirige l'Information, la propaganda, la presse, la censure, le theatre, le cinema, la radio. C'est un ancien communiste, qui s'entoure d'autres anciens communistes et socialistes devenus violement anti-bolshevistes, anti-britanniques, et anti-semites.

Parmi les ministres, il faut relever les noms de Pierre Pucheu, ministre de l'Interieur, ami politique de Paul MARION (tous deux sont d'anciens partisans de Doriot, qui ont rompu avec leur chef) et de Jean Berthelot, ministre des Communications, comme favorables a la collaboration franco-allemande, et foncierement anti-britanniques,.

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Subject: The Character of Laval's Cabinets			Date 3 Dec 52

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

PAUL MARION: secretary of state for information -- an amateur economist who has been associated with a number of the new political parties in France, notably Doriot's Facist Partie Populaire Francais.

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NY-SI-Op-55	RI/Ar	14 Aug 42	[]
Subject: France Unoccupied Folder " 107 Doc 2554 Memo from Allen Dulles to Thomas G, Cook re Worms et Cie.			Date 3 Dec 52

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Summary.

After the partial retirement of Hypolite Worms from the management of Worms et Cie, this firm, which had been decidedly pro-British, became the principal collaborationist firm in France. This was due to the advent of four or five men high up in the political and business world in France, all of whom were sympathetic to German interests. This was around 1935. The new coterie was made up of Jacques BERNAUD, former Inspecteur des Finances and an important economic advisor to the Blum government; and Gabriel LeRoy-Ladurie; Jacques Gaerard, an ex-treasury man; Paul MARION, a Jacques Doriot ex-communist. Eventually these men took over the operation of the business of Worms et Cie. The old managers became increasingly less active until finally, the finishing touch^{came} when Hypolite Worms was arrested and imprisoned by the Laval Government on charges of espionage.

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Station number of document : New York-SI-Op-55 Box 11 of 11
Date of document : 3 Sep 42
Title of document : PM's Daily Picture Magazine
"'Neutral' Embassies Here Aid Axis"
by Georges Merry
Document to be filed in : RI/Archives
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Excerpt of pertinent information :

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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Verbatim				
Page 431.				
<p>The coming into office of the Popular Front Cabinet, on June 2, 1936, determined as it was to oppose Laval in everything, fed the fury of the pro-fascist press. During the first fortnight of January 1937 I stated in the Echo de Paris that the Germans were making ready to enter Morocco. My articles were based upon dispatches from General Mogues, High commissioner at Rabat, from M. Vaux St. Cyr, Consul General at Cologne, and upon the serious warning conveyed to the German Ambassador by the secretary-general of our Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The weekly Gringoire commissioned Georges Suarez to insult me in its columns; I had invented that piece of news out of whole cloth in order to precipitate war between France and Germany, I sued that sheet for libel in the Seine criminal court, M. Delbos, Minister of Foreign Affairs, wrote a letter stating that all I had said reflected the truth, as it stood on record in the archives. Come what might, Horace de Carbuccia insisted on parading a string of witnesses whose shamelessness has become today a blatant scandal: Fernand de Brinon, Bertrand de Jouvenel, Edouard Pfeifer, Gaston Bergery, <u>Paul Marion</u>, Eugene Frot, most of them now bedecked with honors either in Paris or in Vichy. I am really proud of having been</p>				
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chosen by those men as their common target. The court awarded me damages of thirty thousand francs (an amount rarely exceeded in cases of that sort) and, besides, imposed a fine. The defendants did not dare lodge an appeal. Pfeifer and Marion (himself a former official of the Comintern) argued that I had been hostile to Russia until 1934, during the years when she had been peace-loving, but that I had turned friendly to her as soon as her war-like mood had become obvious. According to these gentry, then, the proper thing to do had been to praise the Soviets when they were bound to Germany by the Treaty of Rapallo and to revile them after they began turning toward the Western Powers!

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<p style="text-align: center;">PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Verbatim</p> <p>Page 517:</p> <p>On the roster of truly infamous Vichy personnel these names appear also: <u>Marion</u>, Secretary of Information; Pucheu, Secretary of State for Industrial Production and Minister of the Interior after July 1941; Scapini, delegate to the Wiesbaden Armistice Commission in charge of prisoners of war, but spending most of his time in Berlin; Belin, Minister of Labor. The latter was one of those Marxists who have no use whatever of either civil, political, or national liberty in their program, one of those union manipulators inclined to think that dictatorship more than any other system of government can satisfy working-class demands. None of these men possessed any qualities to recommend them to the marshal's favor. Marion was just a piece of communist wreckage.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION </p>			
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<p>Verbatim</p> <p>Paul MARION: b. 27 June 1889 in Asnieres. Member of the PPF. Assistant Secretary General for Information, under DARLAN, Vice-president of the Council, from 23 February 1941 to August 1941. Secretary General for Information and Propaganda under PETAIN and DARLAN from 11 August 1941 to 18 April 1942. Secretary of State for Information under LAVAL from 18 April 1942 to 6 January 1944 when he was replaced by HENRIOT. Secretary of State to the Chief of Government, LAVAL, since 6 January 1944. Member of the French Committee of the Waffen SS as of 30 April 1944. Has taken over radio and propaganda functions of HENRIOT.</p>			
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Report []

[] Subject: Biographical Note on Paul Marion
Source: Legisy

Belonged to the Communist Party as a student; spent 18 months in Moscow at the party leaders' School (1926-1927). In France, he was instructor at the leaders' school of Bobigny. Quit the Communist Party in 1930 to follow Jacques Doriot. Was in charge of propaganda of the P.P.F. Made prisoner, by the Germans, in 1940. Was freed rapidly at Doriot's request. Doriot was anti-Communist and collaborationist.

In 1941, Marion was named Secretary of State for Propaganda and Information by Admiral Darlan. Was replaced by Henriot in 1942. Arrested in 1945, he was condemned to 10 years hard labor, and freed in 1951.

Paul Marion, who had already quit Communism in 1930, took on violence in fighting it during the war. At that time, it was easy to misunderstand and mix anti-Communism and collaborationism. While in prison, Marion had a remarkable spiritual awakening and can be absolutely trusted in the anti-Communist fight.

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SUBJECT Purge in the French Communist Party			DATE 5 Mar. 1953

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1. Reported below for your information and files is information received from [] and other sources and garnered from the press concerning the MARTY/TILLON affair, as well as rumors of further demotions and comments on further purges to come as a result of the Slansky trials in Prague:

Page 3.

d. Mathilde PERI

Paris presse (Same Article)

"According to rumors circulating in CP circles, Mme. Mathilde PERI; widow of a Communist Party Deputy and a Deputy herself will also be accused of abjecting to party decisions and will be called upon to make an autocriticism."

"One recalls that she was for a time connected with Paul MARION who even gave her shelter in Vichy when he was a minister under Petain."

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NOUVELLES POLITIQUES

LE PLOMBÉ

4 Mars 1954

Sur le rapport de M. Pernot, le Conseil de la République a autorisé le Président de la République à ratifier le convention du 28 juillet 1951 relative au statut des réfugiés, précédemment adoptée par l'Assemblée.

M. Nothier, député de la Loire, vient à son tour de prendre position contre le projet de mariage de M. Monpezat en affirmant, dans une question écrite adressée au Président du Conseil, que celle réunion ne comportait définitivement l'équivalence du régime que celui-ci envisageait d'engendrer de graves perturbations.

Le prochain colloque des « JOUENIERS ASSOCIÉS » aura lieu le 4 mars à Rabenelles à la Maison de l'Amérique latine, sur « la situation actuelle de la défense d'outre-mer ».

La famille de M. Paul Marion, dont nous avons annoncé hier ~~le décès~~ a été blâmée comme unifié dans lequel notamment elle conteste que l'ancien secrétaire d'Etat à l'Information de Vichy ait été « imposé » par les Allemands, et précise que sa condamnation prononcée par la Haute Cour de Vichy, dix ans de prison et non six, en tant que forcé à perpétuité comme l'indiquait une décision de J.A.F.P.

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