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Oil on Japanese-Soviet Fires

The kidnapping of General Chiang Kai-shek, virtual dictator of China, by insurgent General Chang Hsueh-liang, like the untimely murder of a Spanish monarchist leader last July, creates international complications filled with truly explosive possibilities. The "unity" which Dictator Chiang has achieved through remilitarization and a firmer attitude toward Japan is not sufficiently strong right now to stand the shocks.

The ransom terms of General Chiang Hsueh-liang are extremely mischievous. Given a purely domestic interpretation, they are a bold bid for personal power, calculated to appeal to China's disgruntled military leaders and the political opponents of the Nanking Government. But all domestic affairs have become of such interest to China's neighbors that any political shifts likely to restore power to the military are grounds for "foreign intervention."

The conditions of General Chiang Kai-shek's release amount to an open challenge. A blatant demand for "an immediate declaration of war on Japan," and the condition that the Government pledge itself to recover all Chinese territory, including Manchuria, give Tokio more than a casual interest in events. But the third condition, demanding reinstatement of Chinese Communists in the Nationalist Party, is oil on the fire.

Japan would have found it easy enough to trace the subtle Soviet hand behind the move. Under the ransom terms she is able to trace the whole "plot" straight to the Kremlin. As her only excuse for invading China has been "defense" against the rising menace of communism, she is now provided with a ready-made threat. Consequently she can read and has read it as the "obvious" retort to the Japo-German anti-Communist treaty, which makes it necessary to drag Germany into the tangle.

The immediate danger is civil war. That would be the signal for further Japanese interventions and perhaps the opportunity for adding to her collection of Chinese provinces. Whether Russia is involved in the present situation or not, such a move would be the means of involving her. Out of these possibilities anything might happen, and a Non-Intervention Committee would find it a much bigger job keeping the lid on than it has been in Spain.

"Germany Must Expand or Burst"

Germany was roused by a speech made at Frankfurt-on-Main by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht who said that if Germany is not allowed to expand, to get colonies, there will be an explosion that will shake the peace of the world.

Dr. Schacht gave interesting statistics to bear out his story. He implied that Germans were not getting enough to eat and that they must have colonies.

No mention do we see of the real reason Germans are not getting enough fats, for instance. The real reason is that Hitler is exporting foods in order to import war materials. Hitler is exporting all sorts of German products and instead of using foreign credit to buy food for German men, women and children, he is using it to buy food for guns.

Let Hitler and Dr. Schacht face those facts and try that remedy and then, if German men, women and children do not have enough fats to eat, the world will be more in a mood to discuss the return of colonies.

Hitler wants colonies most of all to feed his people while he feeds his guns. If the German people ever decide they prefer food for themselves rather than food for too many guns, they can dethrone Hitler and establish a democracy.

Nobody cares to see a single German hungry, not even to see Hitler hungry. It is a safe bet he is hungry for nothing but more power with which to feed his frenzy.

Films Seen as Menace

An English actor who has accepted the position of Regional Adjudicator for the coming Dominion Drama Festival voices the fear that the character of English youth may be changed by the United States films shown in British movie theatres.

In just what way this change is likely to be brought about, reports of the comment by Mr. George de Warfaz, the actor in question, do not state; but the baneful potentiality of certain features prominent in American screen plays is obvious enough.

Gangster and crime films, though already they appear to have influenced British criminals to some extent, are unlikely to have any wide effect in the Old Country. Its law shows no leniency to the armed robber and, since the carrying of firearms is almost unknown in Britain, the average citizens there usually ignores the danger and proceeds to beat up the criminal when a gun is pointed at him. Several cases in which would-be hold-up men have met with such humiliating treatment have been noted in the English papers recently.

A more subtle, and eventually more widespread, form of danger is that the British infant may be led to imitate, and the British parent indolently to accept, the Hollywood film's idea of "cuteness" in children.

The performance of a youthful British star, now world-famous, in the screen version of "David Copperfield," was a good example of what Britain hitherto has held desirable in child behavior; but too often the infant prodigy of the American screen is notable—so far as his public performances are concerned—for impudence, vulgarity and ill breeding. It would be lamentable if Britain too came to look upon such characteristics as "cute."

So far as the spread of American slang in Britain is concerned, fairness compels the admission that probably this would be to the enrichment of the language, for United States slang is decidedly more pungent, forcible and expressive than the British variety.

However, the probability of Britain's suffering ill effects from the showing of Hollywood's film products grows less each year, for the quality of the British film is increasing steadily and its producers evidently do not think it necessary, as Mr. de Warfaz asserts American directors do, "to play down to the supposed infantile mentality of the people who pay at the box office."

And considering the enthusiasm with which huge audiences have greeted such films as "Les Miserables," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "David Copperfield," and a dozen others that could be named, it is surprising that the film industry generally does not realize that the public mentality needs no playing down to.

SNAPSHOTS

The delegation which went to Ottawa from the City Council naturally feel good about the bridge, although one of them still doubts. Never mind, the bridge WILL be built.

Now the war in Spain will have a chance to catch up with us again.

"All truly wise thoughts have been thought already thousands of times." So have the other kind.

Lemons large as footballs are being grown under glass in Utah. Nice articles to "hand" any one.

Chiang Kai-shek says he's alive and well. It's to be hoped his captors won't take steps to prove he isn't.

Stocks aren't near the top yet. Wait till the suckers get in. They have an uncanny knack of buying at the top.

If you must follow a modern Messiah, wait till you find one who has not any axe to grind.

Urges Unity

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of this organization toward Canadian problems. The bureau is a non-political body, he declared, made up of representative Canadian, and approaches problems with an open mind. The bureau has undertaken a campaign to enlist in its membership 200,000 taxpayers, who will take a personal interest in public affairs, and especially in the question of taxation.

By way of emphasizing the taxpayers' burden, Captain Innes asked: "I wonder how many of you realize that our Government in Canada, including the Dominion Government, nine Provincial Governments, and more than 4,400 Municipal Governments, are costing the taxpayers \$900,000,000 per year; this appalling sum to govern something no more than 10,000,000 people?" The cost of Government could be reduced, said the speaker, by elimination of duplicate services and a clear understanding as to the powers and activities of Provincial Governments now duplicating much of the Federal Government's activities.

Duplication of taxes, Captain Innes claimed tended to kill initiative and check the inflow of foreign capital. "So necessary in a country such as ours." With one income tax only throughout Canada, and one cost of collection by Federal authority, all citizens might realize definitely their obligations. "They would be able to think ahead, plan ahead, and go ahead." Home capital, he claimed then would be released for business extension, and foreign capital would be attracted by the guarantee of a single and definite income tax.

Regarding public ownership, Captain Innes urged the taxation of utilities so long as privately owned similar services were taxed. He believed regarding the railway situation, that unification under private management is the solution. "It is our studied opinion that under unification the privately owned railway would bring order out of chaos, and would give us an adequate transportation system for Canada, eliminating all duplication and having but one overhead."

Telegraph

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greetings, messages and cables, these steadily increasing in popularity according to officials of these companies.

The telegraph is also used by enterprising merchants who wish to call the attention of customers to the display of Christmas gifts, Santa Claus it has been found, is also making increased use of the telegraph to advise his many little friends by Santagram that he will be around on Christmas Eve and feels sure he has something in his bag that will be just what is wanted. He arranges with parents for these telegrams to be sent from the North Pole and they are delivered direct to the little boy or girl by a uniformed messenger. Another use of the telegraph which is increasing in popularity is the sending of Christmas and New Years greetings within the confines of cities in the place of the usual printed message, the cost being approximately the same as a good Christmas or New Years card.

Special low rates for pre-arranged texts are also in effect this year to all points in Canada and the United States for both social and commercial use. Staffs of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Telegraphs have completed arrangements to take care of this business and handle it with dispatch. Special rates for cable greetings with pre-arranged text or personal message for Christmas and New Years are now in effect and practically every country in Europe and many of other continents are included in the radius of the service. Telegraph officials state it is surprising to learn in how many languages these greeting messages are being filed.

Spanish Situation

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"I would not like the House to adjourn for Christmas in a mood of in spissated (an almost obsolete word meaning "thickened") gloom over the international situation. Our position in Europe certainly is better than year ago."

Prior to his remarks, the House heard Morgan Jones, on behalf of Labor Opposition, warn that the European situation today parallels that of 1914, with the Continent in danger of being ranged on one side or the other "in the ever-widening conflict of Communism and Fascism."

The Foreign Secretary's declaration to the House of Commons that the British Government has sold gas masks to the Spanish Socialist administration was followed quickly today by authoritative assertions that such war equipment is equally available to the insurgents.

Mr. Eden told the Commons: "We have sold a small consignment of gas masks to the Spanish Government at their request. We sell them to anybody when we have any to spare."

Official sources explained that 5,000 masks had been sold to Madrid in the last 24 hours, but that the Burgos Fascist regime had not requested any.

These sources also pointed out that gas masks are not included in the international non-intervention agreement to isolate the Spanish civil war.

(Havas New Agency said Eleanor Rathbone, Independent M.P., queried Mr. Eden on reports in British newspapers that the Reich now has 60,000 men "ready to start for Spain."

"Ready to start?" exclaimed Mr. Eden. He shook his head negatively without making a verbal reply, Havas said.)

The Foreign Secretary's gas masks declaration, in response to a question from the Labor benches, came as a complete surprise to the members. A Labor member had asked whether the non-intervention agreement precluded sale by the British Government of gas masks to the Socialist Administration in Madrid.

Mr. Eden replied with the announcement of the mask sale and added: "Fortunately, I believe, there has not been any gas used in this ghastly conflict, but there is nothing to prevent any private organization from sending gas masks to Madrid."

No Speed

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is learned that Premier Hepburn and members of his Cabinet have had it under advisement for some time. The suggested abolition would be provided for, it is understood, in amendments to the Highways Traffic Act.

The "no speed limit" idea has been repeatedly advanced over the last ten years, but no Administration at Queen's Park would place it in operation because of the belief that the great body of motoring opinion was not solidly behind it. Now, it would appear that the Hepburn Government is about to act on it.

Montreal

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thus may be expected to co-operate with anticipated efforts by the Provincial Government to take a great hand in Montreal affairs. Many of the newly-elected city councilmen are not in sympathy with these proposals, however, a fact which portends stormy times for the fiery insurance agent who was chosen Mayor. Raynault was elected with 52,586 votes to 49,128 for former Mayor Camillienne Houde and 17,844 for Candide Rochefort.

WILL RECEIVE TENDERS

Tenders will be received at the offices of the city clerks here until Saturday, Dec. 19 for supplying meat and fish to the Municipal Home Department, city of Fredericton, for the period from January 1, 1937, until June 30, 1937.

BORN

McNALLY—At Maplewood, N. J., on Friday, December 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Osborne McNally (nee Miss Edith Jones), a son.

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Gallantry in Palestine Disturbance Will Be Rewarded

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 19 — During the Christmas season decorations will be bestowed upon officers of the Artillery, Marine and Air Forces for gallantry displayed during the recent disturbance at Palestine. The Royal Commission which has been investigating conditions in Palestine expects to conclude its major research at the end of the year. Claims and evidences of all concerned have been heard except those of the Arab High Commissioner and which it is expected will also be heard in the next few days.

Civil Liberties

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trends, was urged yesterday by Lord Marley, Deputy Speaker of the British House of Lords, in an informal talk, at a reception tendered him by the Canadian League Against War and Fascism.

Sees Problem in Montreal

Small groups, said Lord Marley, could not offer the "common front" that was necessary to combat the inroads of industrialists and financiers who would exploit labor by the removal of the rights of free speech, free assembly and free press, and force a gradual lowering of the standards of living. Toronto, he said, did not face as serious a problem as Montreal, where a well-organized Fascist group was using "vilification and force to break up meetings and already is accepted in this country as patriotism." It was necessary, he said, that Montreal and Toronto and international-minded groups in all other cities be joined by a national group to exchange ideas and knowledge.

Industrial capitalism, said Lord Marley, eventually becomes fascism as seen in Germany. It evolves from a lowered standard of living, with the industrial and financial leaders restricting trade, with eventual suffering to the people, by a policy of economic nationalism or self-sufficiency. To maintain this status, he said, it was essential to "pump up" a false patriotism in the people, this being done by accusing all persons who oppose nationalism of being traitors, and by accusing other nations of being dishonest, unfair or planning encroachments on national rights.

In Britain, Lord Marley said, definite tendencies toward fascism were already plain. The police were being militarized, and a recent act had been passed to prevent "seduction of the army" and permitted pre-emptory search of houses and arrests on suspicion that an overt act might be committed. Recently, he said, an orderly meeting, attended by reputable professional men, had been broken up by mounted police, who used "brutal Fascist tactics."

Efforts to offset the trend to fascism, continued Lord Marley, must be political. One of the concomitants of fascism was aggressive warfare, he said, and invariably the greatest suffering under dictatorship were the pacifists. To prevent war, therefore fascism must first be prevented, he said, and to prevent fascism it causes must be eradicated by political action, the development of international trade, and the establishment of friendly relations with as many countries as possible.

BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT

Mayor Bros., jewellers, are exhibiting a beautiful assortment of jewelry, silverware, crystal, in fact everything that a Christmas shopper will wish to buy. An artistic window arrangement creates a handsome effect.

Thomas Stanley of Shenbrooke, N. S., is in the city.

DIED

ROSS—At Fredericton, Dec. 19, 1936. George William Ross, aged 91 years. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon with service at the home of Mrs. Charles E. McLean, Aberdeen street, at 2:30 o'clock. The funeral will be under the direction of the Fredericton Society of St. Andrew's. Rev. Dr. G. E. Ross will officiate and interment will be in the Rural cemetery.

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CHARLES STARRETT

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Trades and Labor

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Catholic workers and the all Canadian Congress of Labor pointed out the best method in their opinion which would be conducive in preventing further activities of the Red movement in the Dominion. In their opinion prosperity would foil the work of the Communist and now was a time for the promotion of harmony and peace rather than aggression against other nations.

The delegation had advocated legislation for the improving of the lot of a labouring man, the factory worker and the bank clerks. The Catholic workers demanded that Communists be banned from the Dominion and that Russia should be tried before the League of Nations for spreading in other countries revolutionary propaganda.

Mr. Lapointe, speaking to the Catholic Confederation, dealt more specifically with the demand for action against the Soviet.

"Let me tell you that we hate Communism," the minister stated. "There is not one member of the Canadian government who is not strongly opposed to this system, not only from a doctrinal viewpoint but also for common-sense reasons. I do not want any doubt to remain as regards our stand and I repeat that we, the ministers, and everyone of us are strongly opposed to Communism. We must follow the methods which, in our opinion, we believe best-suited to prevent propaganda of this movement in Canada."

"A few weeks ago, I read Sir Charles Gordon's (president of the Bank of Montreal) report, stating the advancement which has taken place in the economic situation of the country. He particularly stressed important factors: Increase in our trade, decrease in unemployment, progress in industries, improvement in our agriculture, etc."

"To all those who inquire as to what we are doing against Communism, I can only reply, 'Read Sir Charles Gordon's speech.'"

Labor Minister Rogers spoke briefly to each delegation, thanking them for the advice offered and bespeaking a continuation of the help and co-operation he had received from them in the past year.

Abolition of the camps for single men, carried out this year, won praise from the congress. However, the congress warned that care must be taken to prevent other evils arising, such as establishment of soup kitchens and the use of former camp men on railway construction that should be carried out at regular wages and working conditions.

Reforestation and the clearing of future power development sites were urged as occupations for these men. Rather than setting up soup kitchens it was urged, a cash allowance system be adopted.

The congress urged efforts be directed toward establishment of a six-hour day and 30-hour week without lowering the worker's purchasing power.

The government was urged to work toward establishment of contributory employment insurance, health insurance, increased old age pensions payable at 60 years of age rather than 70, pensions for the blind and exemption of property of less than \$5,000 value in the reckoning of old age pensions.

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For the ensuing year will be held on

MONDAY the 11th day of January 1937 at the Polling Places as follows: DIVISION NO. 1.—For all voters residing or owning property above the northwest centre line of Carleton Street, prolonged, at or near the City Hall, in the said City. DIVISION NO. 2.—For all voters residing or owning property in the remainder of the said City, at or near the County Court House, in the said City.

NOMINATIONS

Every candidate for the office of Mayor or Alderman shall be qualified to vote at the election for which he is nominated and shall be nominated by at least TWO ratepayers residing in the City of Fredericton, and qualified to vote at the ensuing election for which such candidate is nominated.

Every nomination paper, with the certificate of the City Treasurer, shall be filed with the City Clerk or at his office, and not later than FOUR O'CLOCK on the afternoon of MONDAY, the FOURTH DAY of JANUARY, 1937, and the City Clerk, before receiving such nomination paper, shall ascertain from the same that the requirements of the Election Act have been complied with.

No candidate is qualified to be nominated for Alderman unless at the time of nomination he is a resident of the Ward for which he is nominated.

The acceptance of each candidate and the signature of at least TWO resident qualified voters, who must sign the nomination paper, shall be proved by affidavit attached to the nomination.

In case of a contest, each elector shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for Mayor, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Wellington Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for St. Anne's Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Carleton Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Queen's Ward, and for ONE candidate for Alderman for King's Ward.

Dated this 19th day of December, A.D. 1936.

FRED I. HAVILAND, City Clerk.