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BAN ON POLITICAL UNIFORMS IS WIDELY HAILED IN ENGLAND

Shirt Movements Viewed As Menace to Democracy --- Government Action Blow to Mosley

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The decision of the government to ban the wearing of political uniforms has given universal satisfaction to all classes except Sir Oswald Mosley's Black Shirts, whose activities have brought the decision about.

There has been a great disinclination on the part of the Government to take any action which interfered with the rights of public assembly, organized processions or free discussions in approved centres, such as Trafalgar Square or Hyde Park, and even now those rights, though subject to stricter control, will be safeguarded. But recent events in the East End of London and elsewhere, coupled with the startling history of the shirt movement on the Continent, have shown that the political uniform is a menace that must be suppressed before it becomes a positive challenge to democratic government and free institutions.

It is not too much to say that political liberty has disappeared over the greater part of the Continent through the tolerance of political uniforms and the abuse of the democratic privileges of free speech. All the dictators have climbed to power by the right of public meeting, and, having achieved power, they have forbidden the wearing of any uniform but their own and the public expression of any views other than their own. Tyranny, in short, has been founded on the abuse of liberty. And in banning the political shirt the British Government has struck at the most formidable symbol of that abuse.

The whole point of a political uniform is that it suggests a power organized and presumably intended to be used in other ways than those of our democratic system in domestic affairs, however, forbids the use of force except in defense of law and order, and to use or suggest the use of force to make changes in the law is contrary to the spirit of democracy and a threat to its existence. If Sir Oswald Mosley's private army of black shirts is tolerated, a private army of red-shirts must be tolerated too, and in the end, with the marchings and counter-marchings of the rival armies, the appeal to reason would be displaced by the appeal of force.

That is the threat which the government has disposed of, it cannot be said that it has acted hastily in the matter. Nearly every country in Europe, from Ireland to Russia, has wrestled with this problem of the political shirt. Germany, in the pre-Nazi era, tried again and again to stop the wearing of distinctive uniforms, and it was its failure to ban the brown shirt and all that it signified that led to the fall of the republic and the triumph of Hitler.

Austria, too, has been stricken with the shirt plague and has not yet wholly eradicated it. De Valera in Ireland found himself threatened by the blue shirts and only felt himself secure when he made the wearing of the blue as illegal in Ireland as the wearing of the green had once been. France had to put the shirt business on the index last spring and has been politically more comfortable ever since.

In several of the smaller countries the fear of uniforms as the symbol of force usurping the place of reason has led them to forbid the wearing of distinctive dress by any one outside the government forces and the civil service. Railway men are an exception for obvious reasons. In Switzerland, even the clergy have for many years not been allowed to wear the badges of their calling in public.

When the triumph of Hitler showed what the shirt business really led to, Denmark took alarm and passed a strict and comprehensive law which forbade Lord Baden-Powell to land at Copenhagen wearing his Boy Scout uniform. And when the Fleet Street Choir, during their tour in that country, wanted to go from their hotel to the English Church in their long red gowns, there being no room for them all to robe in the vestry, special permission had to be obtained from the Chief of Police before they could appear in the streets in "uniform"—and even then only in taxicabs.

In the light of all these circumstances, showing how much the wearing of political uniforms is bound up with the domestic unrest pervading the continent, it is significant of the relative security of democratic institutions here that the posturings of Sir Oswald Mosley's Black Shirts have been tolerated so long. Now that the Black Shirts have been put on the forbidden list, his movement will cease, not merely to be a menace but even to be amusing.

CHINESE GIRLS NEED SLOWING UP, WOMEN'S DEAN FROM CANTON SAYS

Head of Feminine Students in Co-Educational College Describes Activities of Her Charges

(By Anabel Parker McCann)

Perhaps no more significant testimony to the strides that Chinese women are making towards a wider participation in civic, social and educational affairs has been heard here than in reports brought by a visitor from Canton who has recently come to New York. The visitor is Mrs. Wai King T. Chik, dean of women in Lingnan University who is here for a year's study of Union Theological Seminary and Teachers College.

"Only three years ago," said Chik, "our new dormitory for girls was completed. Lingnan is the pioneer co-educational institution in China. We then had so few girl students that when we moved into the new building, it seemed a great, empty space. Now, with 130 girl students, every room is occupied and we have to house ten of them in another building. That gives an idea of how rapidly we are growing."

Ambitious Girls

"I do not think that people in America realize the speed at which China is going forward today and how eager our youth are to do their part in national re-building. One of my problems has been to make some of our eager, ambitious girls slow up. I have to caution them that they must not neglect their health."

"We have five girls who have graduated in agriculture. Two of these are employed now in the university, one is teaching landscaping outside and a fourth has a position in a hospital. Our course in domestic science has the largest number of students. Then comes science, sociology and education. This gives Americans an idea of what Chinese girls are interested in. Lingnan has ten American girl students living in our dormitory. These are exchange students who come from Stanford and

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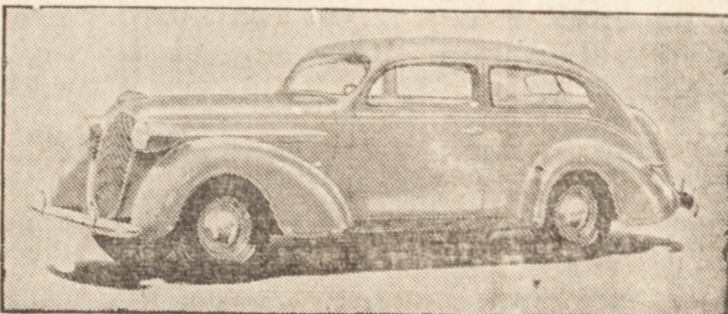
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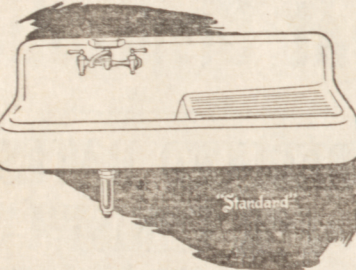
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(Special to The Daily Mail)

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whereby railway tickets may be pur-
chased and sent as Christmas and
New Year gifts to relatives and
friends, according to C. W. Johnson,
general passenger traffic manager of
the Company. While arrangements
for such prepaid tickets are in effect
throughout the year, they are particu-
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festive season, stated Mr. Johnston.

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