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Spain Nears the Climax

Britain has "urgently appealed" to both Spanish forces to release their hostages and permit their removal aboard her warships to places of safety. Not alone in her concern for these prisoners, who are almost certain to be sacrificed to hate when the battle of Madrid begins, she is the only country that has allowed the "humanitarian motive" to apply to both sides.

South American countries have joined in an appeal to Madrid for the "lives" of 2,000 suspected rebel sympathizers and old Royalists, whom they are willing to convey to safety outside of Spain. France has discussed with the Soviet plans for the removal of loyalist women and children by airplane, but as yet has shown no great worry over the families of the insurgents.

Together these "humane" overtures recall the stories of the prisoners shot by the hundreds on both sides at various stages of the war and suggest that the most terrible and brutal phase of the revolution has yet to begin. The arrival of munitions at Madrid seems to preclude the hope for surrender of the Capital or the walk-over, bloodless victory the rebels counted on ten days ago.

There is no longer much doubt among the major Powers that Russia intends to scrap the non-intervention pact and go to the aid of the Government. Moscow despatches credit Kremlin officials with having "devised a programme . . . to save the beleaguered Popular Front factions in Spain," and there is a very definite connection between the arrival of arms in Madrid and departure of a Norwegian freighter from a Russian Baltic port last week with a cargo of munitions. The Kremlin has not admitted sending the cargo; neither has it denied that such a vessel left a Soviet port, nor that its cargo was as described.

So it is that Spain is to be sacrificed as an international testing ground for the antagonistic creeds of Moscow, Berlin and Rome. The Spaniards can be depended upon to slaughter as long as their respective "friends" supply them with the essential materials. So it is that the non-intervention pact has crumbled, and so it may be that the chief concern from now on is not Spain's future politics, but Europe's safety. And that will not depend on national conciliation conferences so much as on the determination of communism and fascism to defeat each other in the preliminary engagement.

Campaigns of Uncertainty

With election day only two weeks off, and the campaign oratory already turning stale, the United States voters are scarcely better informed on the major issues than they were the day the party platforms were written and those issues drawn. There have been a great many, but seldom, if ever, has a campaign been so shy on details. With one or two exceptions—President Roosevelt's trade policy, his hydro power programme, and the Republican social security measure—it has been a campaign of overworked generalities.

For weeks Governor Landon and the Republican artillery have been firing at the administrative record of the New Deal, guaranteeing to end its "waste, incompetency and extravagance." As continuation of relief and agricultural subsidies is promised in the same or even greater doses, elimination of waste and extravagances remains the only means to the promised balanced Budget. Yet Governor Landon has said nothing to define waste and extravagance or to distinguish between necessary relief and Roosevelt relief. It is true he has promised to make it a state problem and that he favors direct relief as against work relief, but he has given no indication of how far he will go in contributing, whether every State will be treated equally, or what "Federal supervision" will mean.

The Republicans have made no approach to a national trade policy beyond guaranteeing the farmers protection against the "ruinous competition" of the Roosevelt reciprocal agreements. Their leader is equally vague in his campaign against "financial monopoly" and how he will return "opportunity to the small man."

President Roosevelt has done considerable promising on the same theme. There is a hint in the Democratic platform of a constitutional amendment to provide some form of regulation to "safeguard economic security." The President's son, James, interpreted this hint as an amendment which will legalize the "principles of NRA." The President has avoided reference to anything in his Administration so unpopular as NRA.

Many voters, led by such conservative journals as the New York Times, have swung back to President Roosevelt, in the belief that he will be "more conservative" in the next term than he has been in the last. He has never said so. His son's assertion, which went uncorrected over the week-end, does not indicate that he will, and neither, upon close analysis, do his own campaign speeches.

But these are only a few of the still-hidden details and uncertainties that remain to confuse the voters. Like Governor Landon, President Roosevelt is pledged to bring the Budget into early balance. Like Governor Landon, he has not explained how, or even how soon is "early." He is pledged to a less costly relief programme, but still favors work relief, and there are no details on either point. So that whichever way the votes are cast they are being cast pretty much out of good faith into the dark unless the issues are made much clearer.

"Naive an Irresponsible"

"I think that student newspapers are naive and irresponsible."

Who said that?

President Hitchens of the University of Chicago said that. And we rather agree with him. But to the defence of college newspapers we come. First, college newsmen by no means have a monopoly on naive and irresponsibility. Second, the college newspaper develops tomorrow's professional writer. From college publications have come many brilliant men and women of letters.

Trouble is, as we see it, college writers do not yet understand that the combination of fresh ideas, printers' ink and white paper makes dynamite, just as do a microphone and a windbag.

If college publications could have an adult adviser who still recalled his youth, who had not developed into a stuffed shirt or fuddy-duddy, practically all the bad features of college journalism would disappear.

SNAPSHOTS

Cars coming from Campbell Street onto Queen Street should be made to stop at the Queen Street intersection. A fatal accident was narrowly prevented this morning when a man driving through Phoenix Square failed to stop at the Queen Street intersection and collided with a lady who was shopping at the market. The Police Commission should hold a meeting and instruct the Chief of Police to instruct the police to keep a check on such drivers. We think this is the way the red tape is unwound at the police office.

The local business girl who had her picture taken in the bath robe, pajamas and rubber boots, should not have pulled up the bath robe. The picture is on exhibition in the window of a local photographer.

The Secretary of the Board of Trade thinks that an airport for Fredericton is of more importance than the bridge and should receive first consideration. Well! Everybody to his fancy.

The reporter got struck on the good-looking girl at the apple house. Now he believes in an apple a day, and says that he is going to buy them at the apple house each day.

That hole on Brunswick Street above Carleton splashes the mud over all those who walk along the sidewalk. Just like the days away back in the seventies.

The business man who unlocks the door and goes across the street until the married woman gets settled does not know that everyone is getting on to it.

Russian Envoy

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ipants, and that in consequence the length of the civil war in Spain, as well as the number of victims, would be reduced.

"It has been shown, however, that this agreement is being systematically violated by several participants. The insurgents are being supplied with arms with impunity.

"One of the participants in the agreement, Portugal, has been converted into a main base of supply for the rebels, while the legal Government of Spain has been boycotted and deprived of the chance to purchase arms outside of Spain for the defence of the population.

"Thus, in consequence of violation the rebels enjoy a privileged position. As the result of this abnormal situation, the civil war in Spain has been prolonged and the number of its victims has increased.

"An attempt by the U.S.S.R. to end the violations was not supported in the non-intervention committee.

"The last suggestion of U.S.S.R. made was for control of Portuguese ports, the chief base of supplies for the rebels, but that was not even included in the agenda of today's session.

MILITARY INSPECTION

The periodic inspection of clothing and equipment of military units throughout the province is now underway. Col. M. M. D. Garon, district weapon training officer, of Saint John was here yesterday and conferred with Sgt. Major Oliver at the Normal School.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

A Home and School Association meeting is scheduled for the George Street Baptist vestry on Monday, Oct. 26, at 7.30 o'clock. Moving pictures will be shown and there will be a report of the National Convention. Do you want a Home and School club in the school your children attend? No improvement is possible unless you intelligently support your teacher and school officials.

World's Greatest

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the shape of a giant figure eight," the Banff ski official stated, "so that the whole race can be followed from the club house as the runners pass and re-pass over the circles. Half of the down hill course, which is a mile and three quarters, is in timber, and skiers who come to Banff next March are due for some surprises."

With more than four months still to go, the Dominion meeting the hard powder snow of the Canadian Rockies is already meeting with enthusiastic support. Brewster said, and about 100 runners and jumpers are expected to attend from Vancouver and district, with about the same number of Seattle men.

Brewster, who attended the winter Olympics in Germany a year ago, said the Norquay Hill, when completed will rank with any ski course in the world.

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Parliament

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not going to announce details of plans they have worked out, military experts have recently taken the view Canada could provide reasonably adequate defense against any enemy except the United States at a cost she could afford. It will be for the Cabinet to decide to what extent the plans will be carried out.

Strong Air Force

In view of the great distances an enemy would have to travel to attack either the Pacific or Atlantic coasts, an air force would be suggested that would be numerically strong enough to overpower any plane flotilla that could be brought across either ocean by carriers or direct flight.

The plan would also provide enlargement of destroyer flotillas on both coasts, to co-operate with the air force and submarine as a defense against naval attack. There is a suggestion that cruisers be added to the fleets.

Costal defense proposals also envisage somewhat increased armaments along both Atlantic and Pacific shores. Under such an arrangement, and with conditions of warfare as they have developed, it is believed such a defense force could repel an invasion of any enemy that had to travel by ocean to attack this country.

Militia Changes

Within a few weeks a date will be set when the old order of militia forces will pass out and the new mechanized system takes its place. The change will be made probably before the end of the year. Work has been going on for many months.

Approximately \$5,000,000 more will be spent on the three services this year than last. The 1935-36 estimates were \$28,400,000, of which \$8,317,000 was for relief camps, leaving a balance of \$20,083,000 for the services and capital expenditures.

The 1936-37 estimates totalled \$27,727,000, of which \$2,770,000 was for relief camps and the balance of \$24,957,000 for services and capital expenditures. Landing fields built by relief-camp workers will fit in with any defense scheme which plans the mobilization of the entire flying force on either coast.

Aberhart's Plan

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come, or "basic dividend," from the state. The figure has not been determined, but it is officially said that the initial dividend may be between five and ten dollars. This will be increased as conditions warrant. At least \$75 is projected ultimately, and some social credit supporters predict it will go as high as \$250.

The basic dividend will be in the form of credit—not cash. This will be recorded in the name of the individual in a credit house, which will be a sort of state bank.

Each participant will have a pass-book, showing what his credit—that is, his deposit—amounts to. If he wishes to make a purchase he will draw a draft against his credit and give it to his creditor. The creditor in turn will deposit this draft in his own account, and draw against it for his personal needs.

But this is not by a long shot all the credit which will be "deposited" in the credit house. Here it is necessary to interpolate that drafts on credit will not be the only medium of exchange; ordinary currency will be employed as well, though participants cannot refuse to accept credit drafts when tendered.

People earning wages or salaries farmers, producers, manufacturers and retailers agree to turn as much of their incomes as possible into social credit. That is not the technical language of the covenants, but it is what it amounts to.

In the case of wheat farmers, for example, a minimum of 50 per cent will be piled up. With full co-operation from all quarters it would mean ultimately that virtually all business within the province would be transacted on the credit basis.

But supposing a tradesman wishes to purchase goods outside the province and hasn't sufficient Canadian currency on hand? Or how about people who wish to make trips outside the province?

In either case an application is made to the credit house to finance the operation. If the government thinks it is legitimate, the money will be forthcoming, but not otherwise.

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Canada Can

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the distinction of being the lowest cost producer, not only in Canada, but in the world, said Mr. Crerar.

The Red Lake Gold Shore Mine poured its first brick the day he was there. The Mackenzie Red Lake also was operating, making three operating mines within a radius of three miles.

Building a Mill

The Gold Eagle Mine owners were building a mill and expected to come into operation within two months. Mr. Crerar said they bring in all their freight from Hudson, 90 miles by water. The community has a very fine school and a population of more than 2,000.

There are several mines in the district which show promise. Jack Hammell is interested in some of them. Not one person in the Red Lake district had ever asked for relief. The wages paid totalled \$200,000 a month and supplies costing \$1,750,000 a year were purchased.

Mr. Crerar then visited the Bridge River area, which is about 150 miles northeast of Vancouver. There are a number of properties situated on this river, the most important being the Bralorne and the Pioneer, which adjoin each other. They are gold-mining properties and employ about 350 men each. They impressed the Minister of Mines as thriving communities, with neat homes of attractive appearance.

CLOSED MOOSE SEASON 1937

According to reports reaching here today, 1937 will be a closed season on moose. Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines has affirmed his intention of seeking a closed season on the big game animal. Reports indicate an increased scarcity of moose in the province. In the Tracy area no moose have been shot this year, guides claim. To date bears have been most numerous, reports say. Col. H. H. Ritchie, chief game warden, says that few people have been hunting deer yet this year, and partridge have been "spotty." There are not so many moose in the Albert county area, either, it is said.

PROPERTY SALE TODAY

The property of Jacob Merrithew, of the parish of Bright, was sold at public auction in front of the York county court house today at noon, the price being \$95. P. J. Hughes, K.C., of this city bid in the property. It was a mortgaged property.

RELIEF MATTERS DISCUSSED

The relief and municipal home committee of the city council held a meeting this morning in the mayor's office of the city hall, with Ald. F. S. Mundie, chairman, presiding. Tenders for the supplying of wood were considered and five of the ten who tendered were accepted, the wood to be delivered to the city yards. It was reported that no new families have been taken on city relief. The number on relief now stands at 18 or 19 families. After the meeting there was informal discussion on the C.N.R. bridge, the airport and the York Co. abattoir.

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