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## JAPANESE BOYCOTT

IN CONNECTION with the much discussed Japanese boycott which is being enforced in many cities in the United States and Canada, the following questions and answers were put to the citizen's mass meeting held yesterday afternoon for the purpose. The questions and answers were put by Professor R. H. Wright of the University. The matter contained in these questions and replies contains much food for thought. They are as follows:—

Q. What good will a boycott do?

A. It will show the world that when a nation is named as an aggressor the free people of democratic countries are prepared to treat it as an aggressor. Further, the Japanese exporter will feel the effect and it is the revenue from his exports which enables Japan to import the raw materials of slaughter. Since 70% of Japanese exports go to Canada, the United States and Great Britain, the responsibility lies on us to take the lead. Finally, every time aggression goes unpunished the way is opened to more and worse aggression.

Q. Will we not be injuring our own merchants?

A. The boycott may not become fully effective at once, so these merchants ought to be able to dispose of stocks on hand but would not be encouraged to buy any more Japanese goods. There need be no discrimination against a merchant selling Japanese goods if he is willing to pledge himself to bring in no more. The bulk of Japanese goods are probably handled by chain stores whose resources are large enough to see them through. The establishment of a secure peace would bring benefits to everyone, including the merchants, far outweighing any temporary loss arising out of a boycott. Every action we take brings loss to someone and we must balance our immediate loss against the ultimate good.

Q. Will a boycott not embarrass the Federal Government?

A. Governments are elected to carry out the wishes of the people. The duty of the people is to make their wishes known. It is not a question of whether the Government wants a boycott; the question is—do WE want a boycott? In any case, action by us as individuals cannot compromise the Government's foreign policy.

Q. Are not the Chinese notoriously incapable of keeping order in their own country, and are not the Japanese justified in bringing order out of chaos?

A. The rapidity with which China has been unified and reconstructed under General Chiang-kai-shek has astonished all those in position to get their facts at first hand. Who stands more in need of a civilizing influence—the Japanese whose efficiency takes such a ruthless form or the Chinese who invented gunpowder and used it only for making firecrackers? In any case, Japan has been branded as an aggressor by The League of Nations and the Brussels Conference.

Q. Will the effect of the boycott not be felt most acutely by the poor people in Japan who are in no way to blame for the policy of the war-lords?

A. Two-thirds of the Japanese people live off the land and will not be affected adversely by a curtailment in the manufacturing industries. We should remember, too, that the worst a boycott can do to the Japanese poor is to make them poorer, whereas the effect of Japanese aggression on the Chinese poor is to exterminate them.

Finally, those who are haunted by the thought of distress in Japan can set aside what they would have spent on Japanese goods and put it at the disposal of the International Red Cross for relief work in Japan after the conclusion of hostilities.

Q. If, despite the boycott, the Japanese conquered China, will we not look foolish?

A. Should we be afraid of looking foolish when a great moral question is at stake? Let us all remember Robert Bruce.

Q. Is it not too late for a boycott to do any good?

A. It is never too late to do what is right. If war comes, can we face those who must face death and admit that we did nothing to prevent that war?

Q. Is not a boycott a hostile act and therefore incompatible with a sincere love of peace?

A. This is the pacifist argument. It ignores all considerations of justice. And after all, is the refusal to buy an article a hostile act? If a person buys a radio instead of a piano is that act hostile to the piano makers?

Q. China is a long way off. What concern is it of ours what happens there?

A. China is not much farther away than the little village in Bosnia where one day in June, 1914 an Austrian Archduke was assassinated.

Q. Who is behind the boycott movement? Is it not being supported by Communist elements?

A. Insofar as Fredericton is concerned the boycott movement is represented by this meeting. The Fredericton Peace Council has, and if it so desires it, need have no affiliations with any outside organization. If every worthwhile movement were discredited by its radical fringe, there would not be much progress to record.

Q. Is not the boycott movement a pacifist one?

A. The difference between working for peace and being a pacifist is the same as rowing a boat to a desired goal and abandoning the oars in the hope that the stray breezes will blow you there.

Q. Would a boycott if carried to its logical conclusion lead us into war?

A. It is physically impossible for Japan to attack Canada directly. Japan is at present fighting China. If a boycott drives Japan into a war with the Empire it will mean that the boycott makes it impossible to carry on the war in China. But if this is so how are they to fight the Empire and China as well?

Q. The only way to peace is through armament. Unless we are stronger than anyone else we will have no peace, and boycotts will do no good.

A. If we believe this then there can never be peace. No nation can be stronger than all the others united. Let the peace-loving nations unite and they can by economic measures backed if need be by force, impose their will to peace on the bandit nations.

Q. Would defeat of the militarists bring about a Communist revolution in Japan?

A. No. There is no evidence that the Communist party in Japan is at all important in comparison with parties already existing, which are out of sympathy with the army. Such remote possibilities ought not to side-track the main issue.

Q. Fredericton is a small place. Will a boycott here be of any importance?

A. Fredericton was still smaller in 1914, but did that prevent her from doing her bit? Let us march to peace in 1937 with the same high spirit with which we marched to war in 1914.

The boycott movement is growing in strength throughout Canada, the United States and Great Britain and the Empire. In New York twenty-five branches of Woolworths have had to stop displaying Japanese goods. The price of silk in New York has fallen 15% since July.

Citizens are expected to attend a mass meeting in January and express their opinion in regard to these questions.

## SNAP SHOTS

Some people think that everyone who differs with their belief are either Communists or Fascists.

It is to be hoped that the last is heard of the Minto strike which has brought misery and depression upon a thriving industrial centre.

A suggestion is made that a private collection be taken up to provide for cleaning up the river banks in this city and in Devon. The snow covers the cans and old boots just now. Why not wait until spring and keep your money.

For years we had no contest for Mayor. Now according to the reports, two or three names are mentioned in addition to the present Mayor. Either the job is getting more popular or else the people had a lot more faith in our former Mayor who gave us good service than they have in the present one. And yet Willard appears to be o.k. on the job and has scores of friends. You would be surprised at the dark horse who will run if the present Mayor backs out but who will support the present Mayor if he wishes another term.

Some day some radio announcer is going to talk in a normal voice and at a normal rate of speed and every other announcer is going to wonder why he did not think of it first.

The air-conditioned bed is announced as a proud new discovery, but those who slept in a garret chamber a generation or so ago remember beds that were thoroughly air-conditioned in winter.

If Canadian products have not been properly advertised in England there must be tens of thousands of Canadians who feel competent to remedy the matter.

## UNITED STATES

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One United States sailor was known to have died of wounds.

The United States gunboat Oahu and the British gunboat Bee steamed under forced draft for the scene of the tragedy.

A brief message reporting the tragedy said that the Panay fired several rounds from her anti-aircraft battery at the attacking plane, but that apparently it failed to find its target. Four members of the American

## F'ton Peace Council

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us, who survived the last World War there rests the duty of preventing another.

At a meeting last Sunday at which this question was discussed, a provisional committee was appointed and instructed to arrange this gathering which will, I hope, pave the way for united, continued and effective action by the people of this community in the cause of Peace.

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is Peace? Is it the uneasy straining and stirring, the heaping of incident on incident and crisis upon crisis to which we are so rapidly becoming accustomed? Is a period of feverish re-armament, fear and smouldering distrust a period of Peace? I say no! It is only an armistice! Peace is above all else peace of mind—and what thoughtful person can feel much of that today?

President Roosevelt has said lately that ninety per cent of the people here on earth want Peace. If that is true, and I believe it is, then the lesson is plain for all to read. The will to Peace is not enough. It must be a united and vocal will if it is to be an effective will.

Therefore let us unite and speak. Let us do ALL that lies in our power for Peace—or how else can we face those who must die when war comes?

Let me say now a word about pacifism. Both the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, and the Governor General, Lord Tweedsmuir, have lately spoken out strongly against the all too common custom of name calling. May I venture to quote a passage from a recent speech by the Governor General of Canada.

"I remember that my old friend, James Bryce, was never tired of insisting that there must be some element of truth, some kernel of honest idealism, in any creed which moves the heart of a large body of men, and that it was our duty to discover that kernel of truth, that element of value. This wise attitude seems to me especially important today. We see much in certain countries which we dislike. But surely the right way is not blind condemnation, as if they had sold their souls to the devil. The Prime Minister said very truly

embassy staff had made it a practice during the last few days to take refuge aboard the Panay for rest and sleep during their hours off duty.

How many of them were aboard at this time and how many of the 15 American civilians who still were in Nanking was not seated in the mess sage.

## THE MINTO STRIKE

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the present time, and it will be done, is for the operators to take back as many of the strikers as they are able to absorb and to have the Fair Wage Board, which is the proper machinery, report on the whole situation in regard to working and other conditions and to have both parties agree to the findings of this Board. So far as the operators go, the threats of the U. M. W. and the C. I. O. do not enter into the matter at all. In fact those men who are being taken back to work today will sign an employment slip whereby they agree to go to work and to have any grievances in regard to working conditions adjusted by the Fair Wage Board. If they go to work with the intention of striking again at the demand of the foreign union officials who did not even provide sufficient relief for them when they did strike, they might as well stay out and have the strike continue.

IF THE STRIKING MINERS HAVE REAL HONEST GRIEVANCES AND THESE ARE SHOWN TO EXIST AFTER INVESTIGATION BY THE FAIR WAGE BOARD, WHICH BOARD HAS ALREADY MADE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION AND ARE ALMOST READY TO REPORT, THEN THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL BE DISPOSED TO BACK UP THE MINE WORKERS AND TO SEE THAT THEY GET THEIR RIGHTS. The troubles in connection with this strike seems to have been that the miners were ill-advised by outside officials nearly all of whom are working on a big salary—some of them receiving from two hundred to five hundred dollars a month—to promote the U. M. W. The strike was not called for any other purpose than to force the operators to recognize the union promoted by these highly paid foreign officials.



"I don't see you at many fashion shows..."  
"I'd go to more—if they'd pass around Sweet Caps!"

**SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES**

"The purest form in which tobacco can be smoked."—Lancet

the other day that he disliked the facile use of words like 'Fascism' and 'Communism' as terms of abuse, since the taunt of Fascism was used too often against a perfectly reasonable attempt to maintain law and order, and the taunt of Communism to decry some rational scheme of social reform."

Now I wish that the word 'Pacifist' had been included in the list of misused words, because the taunt of pacifism has too often been used against any attempt to solve the problem of war.

As I understand it, the word 'Pacifist' means one who believes that to fight is a sin, and therefore refuses to fight on any occasion or under any provocation.

I think you will agree with me that anyone who can adopt that attitude sincerely must be conceded both courage and faith—courage to face public opinion and faith in the righteousness of his stand. But I think you will agree with me also when I say that pacifism of that sort is out of touch with the realities both of history and of the present situation. This is not a pacifist meeting.

Between pacifism and the will to stop war by intelligent action there lies a gulf as deep as that which divides resignation to sickness as the will of God from intelligent application of preventative medicine in foretelling it.

This is a meeting of those who realize the folly and waste of war and are prepared to WORK to prevent or stop it. If I may give my own opinion it is this, that under modern conditions war is so thoroughly beastly that Peace is the only thing worth fighting for!

But there are ways and ways of fighting, and the very complexity of modern war places in the hands of peace-loving nations a powerful weapon. An aggressor armed with stones and arrows could only be stopped by cutting off his supply of oil and iron and chemicals and food.

In that fact lies the hope of all peace-loving peoples—that ninety per cent of humanity for whom war brings only suffering and death.

This meeting has been called partly so that the manner of using that new weapon can be discussed.

There may be, indeed I hope there are, present people who differ utterly on other questions. Complete unanimity on all questions is found, if anywhere, only in the Dictator States. But if we disagree on everything else let us here, today, agree on this, that the threat of war is real and that the duty of helping to forestall it is ours. Let us discuss openly and frankly our several attitudes so that we may know wherein we agree. Let us find our common ground of agreement and let us act on it, reserving for some other time and place the discussion of our other grounds for disagreement.

Though our causes of difference may seem grave to us now—let us try to see how large they will look to the men who must die in a war which because of our differences we will have done so little to prevent. In order to give this drive towards Peace that endurance, that staying power without which no great work

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AND ABLE"**

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NEWS SCENIC

Here THURS., FRI., and SAT.

GENE AUTRY

The Singing Cowboy, In

**"OLD CORRAL"**

With Smiley Burnette

— ADDED ATTRACTION —

Lee Tracy, Diana

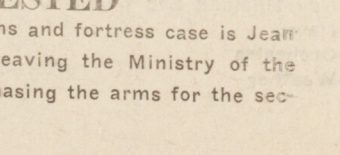
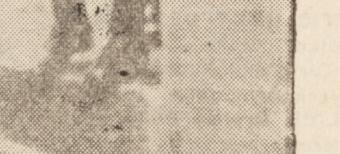
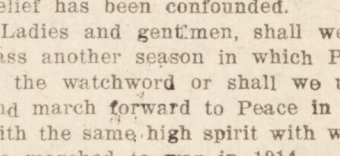
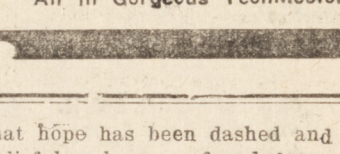
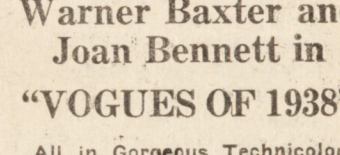
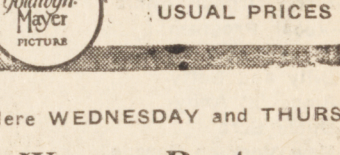
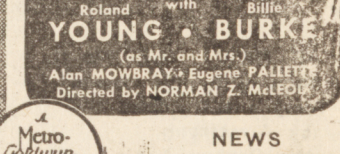
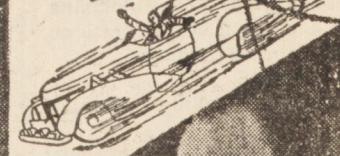
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**"BEHIND THE HEADLINES"**

## GAIETY

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OF ROARING  
LAUGHS!**



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Joan Bennett in

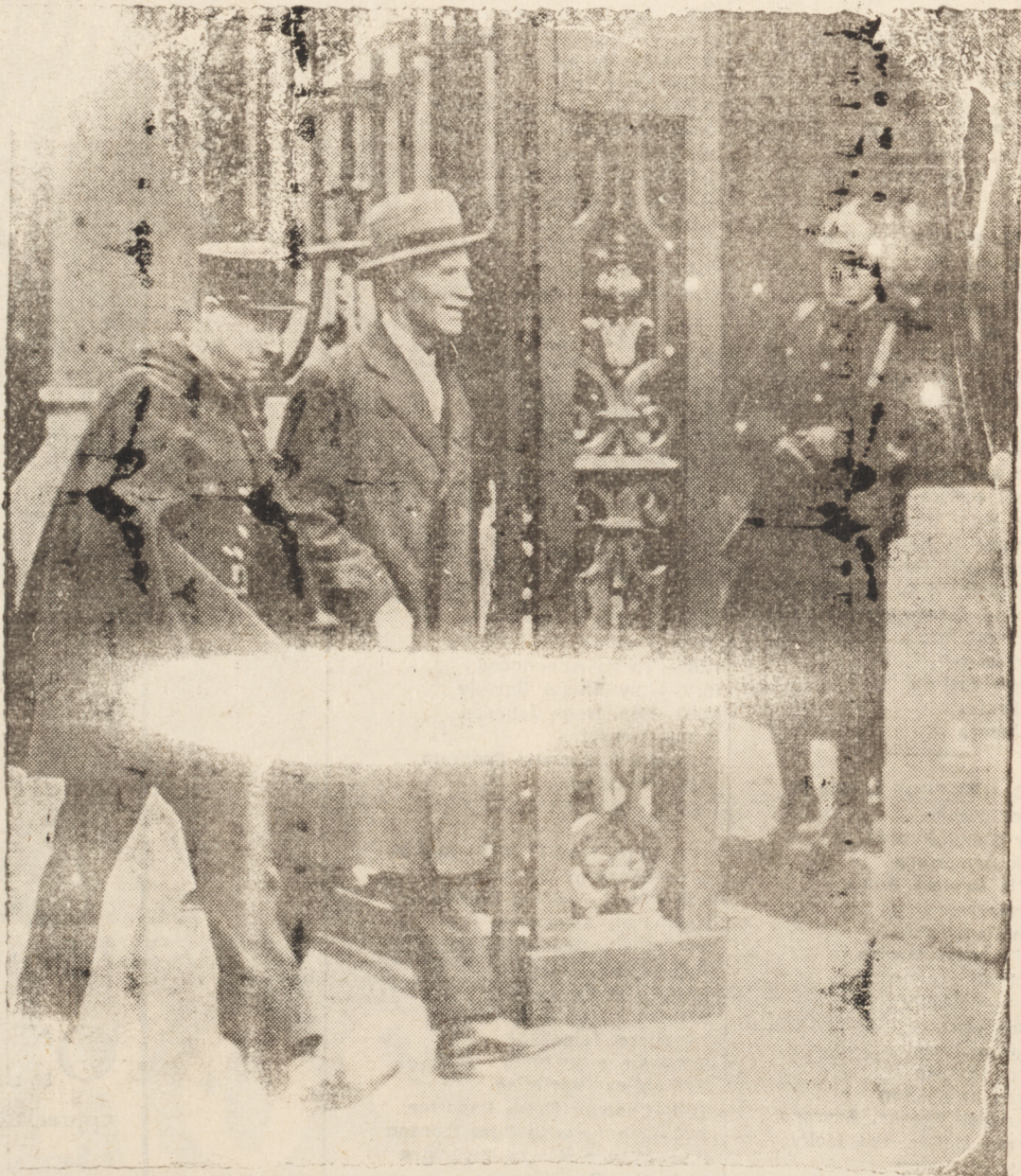
**"VOGUES OF 1938"**

All in Gorgeous Technicolor

that hope has been dashed and that belief has been confounded.

Ladies and gentlemen, shall we let pass another season in which Peace is the watchword or shall we unite and march forward to Peace in 1938 with the same high spirit with which we marched to war in 1914.

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## FRENCH TEXTILE CHIEF ARRESTED

The most important person arrested so far in the French hidden arms and fortress case is Jean Dominique Moreau de la Meuse, 57-year-old textile magnate, shown above leaving the Ministry of the Interior under arrest for questioning. Police contend he had charge of purchasing the arms for the secret order called the "League of Secret Defense" or "Cagoulards."