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## JAPAN WOULD BREAK BRITAIN

BRITAIN'S delicate position in the Far East, is from all appearances, to grow even more delicate before the Japanese have reached their objective. More serious than the recurring and deliberately provoked clashes in Shanghai is the bitter anti-British campaign being conducted in Japan. It is more comforting to dismiss it, as some do, as an attempt to make Britain the "villain" of China's continued resistance, the excuse as to why the army has failed to wind up the campaign as promised, and therefore quite harmless domestic propaganda.

Unfortunately there is more to it than just that. If an excuse were the only need, communism and Red Russia are more likely explanations, and more likely to be accepted and understood by an already anti-Communist people. Nor is it possible to find much that is consoling in the hope that the "civilian" element in the Government will best the militarists in their present dispute over how to continue pressure on China. While the "civilian" policy of consolidating present gains and relying on starving out Chiang Kai-shek's Government might result in a pause, the objective remains the same—the exclusion of the Western Powers from China and the total elimination of their influence in the Orient.

Keeping in mind that this is the objective, the anti-British campaign must be recognized as something more than harmless propaganda. Keeping it in mind, it is possible to see that the Japanese have learned a great deal from the Yangtze incidents of a month ago, and have shifted strategy to fit the lesson. Admittedly, the Panay and Ladybird bombings gave them a bad scare. Occurring simultaneously, they opened up the prospect of British-United States co-operation in the Far East, which is the one development Japan fears, and which until then she had regarded as an utter impossibility.

All the developments since then indicate that she is intent upon making it an impossibility. Once Washington had been satisfied—Britain, it will be recalled, was not—the anti-British campaign was given new life; threats of a clash at Hong Kong were followed by the real thing at Shanghai. Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu, Interior Minister and leader of the militarist faction in the Government, personally named Britain as to blame for China's prolonged resistance, saying: "If that leads to a clash between Japan and England it cannot be helped."

Taking their cue from him, the militarists began educating public opinion in anticipation of the event. One officer, General Itami, foreseeing the breakup of the Empire, counsels giving Britain a "little blow." To the prospect of her retaliating, another says: "Don't be ridiculous. England is more than 6,000 miles distant, and there is Italy in the Mediterranean. How can England show fight?" As to Anglo-American co-operation, Admiral Moriyama dismisses it thus: "Blood is thicker than water, they say, but relatives' quarrels are always the bitterest. The Americans and the British are the worst sort of mixers."

The strategy becomes fairly clear. Britain is 6,000 miles distant. More than that, at present strength she is in no position to put a substantial force in the China area without neglecting the North Sea and the Mediterranean, where Japan's new allies have sizable forces and at least equally large ambitions. Logically, therefore, Japan must deal with Britain first, being careful to keep the incidents purely British in complexion, relying upon opinion in the United States being averse, as it has so often declared itself to be, to "pulling Britain's chestnuts from the fire."

Britain being settled with, the assumption is that the United States will be less likely to resist; and with Japan in control of Hong Kong, which is to say everything north of Singapore, there would be little reason in resistance. The one weakness to the strategy seems to be a too-confident assurance that Western peoples, and especially those in the United States, will not wake up to the fact that there is more at stake than today's investments and trade: that Japanese control of the Orient may mean Japanese penetration in the West.

## INSULTING CANADIANS

A FORCEFUL editorial appeared in the Malden, Mass., News, January 5, captioned "Insulting Canadians." Frank A. Bayrd, summer resident of Carrs Brook, Col. Co., is the publisher and editor of the Malden News and well appreciates the international situation. We reproduce his editorial:

"If we keep on pestering and persecuting Canadians who come to this country for business and pleasure, it will not be long before both countries will be obliged to cease their years of boasting over the 3,000 miles of unfortified border. The latest indignity heaped upon Canadians who come here for a temporary visit and who carry with them documentary evidence from Canadian officials in the places where they reside, of their being British subjects and that they are not coming here to remain, is to ask them what income they have and how much property they are worth. If a Canadian comes to this country on business or to make a visit, what business is it of the government of the United States whether his income is nothing a year or several thousands or whether he has a mansion in Montreal or a fisherman's hut on the Northumberland Strait? Such questions smack of Germany and Russia. They do not seem necessary between civilized countries. In the spring and early summer we passed the frontiers of a number of European countries. No official annoyed us with any such insulting personal questions. One and all as representatives of their governments were most cordial and showed us every courtesy. There was no difference in the welcome of the fascists of Italy and the socialists of France. It was good business as well as good manners to treat us in a friendly manner. Canadian immigration officials are not pestering in any such way American tourists or business people who go to their country for a short stay. Some day we hope there will be at least one international conference that will amount to something and warrant the expense incurred, and that is one between this country and Canada that will result in permitting bona fide citizens of each country to go and come with as much ease as Americans cross from one state to another, that will establish the American and Canadian dollars so that they will be of equal value, and that will bring about some business-like rather than political trade agreements which will help the consumers and producers of both friendly countries."

We are very much in agreement with the thought expressed by the Malden News except that we do not believe bona fide people should cross the international border "with as much ease as Americans cross from one state to another."

## SNAP SHOTS

Blue-ruin papers supporting the Opposition are doing their best by biased mis-statements regarding our provincial finances to try and ruin the credit of the province. Perhaps they think that this is patriotic.

Aldermen Ray T. Forbes and Ivan McKnight, who respectively, did excellent work on the finance committee and on the fire committee last year, refused to serve on these committees this year because of unfair election propaganda levelled against them in the recent civic election. If Alderman Good and Alderman Wright who take their places on these committees this year, are able to do as good work as did Aldermen Forbes and McKnight they will have to "go some." Forbes and McKnight are serving on other committees, however.

A newsboy who found \$25 dropped by an out-of-town man, was "suitably rewarded" today for his honesty. He hunted up the man and returned the lost money, and received 10 cents.

As a former well known politician said on one occasion: "We had a scrupulous at the close of the physical year."

After fighting the Chinese for six months the Japanese today have decided to sever relations with China and to hand the Chinese ambassador his passport. Probably Japan's next move will be to declare war on China. In former days nations did it the other way round.

It is surprising what a small grasp of civic and municipal affairs otherwise intelligent citizens sometimes have, if one is to judge by the conversation which one hears from time to time.

An Ohio experimenter lists alfalfa as suitable for the human diet. An older school still holds to letting the cow eat it, and eating the cow.

The more you read history, the less you worry. About every 20 years a few nations agree on a scheme of bossing that will last forever.

There are things which the finest reasoning cannot cure. They are situations in which even faith seems helpless. But there is no malady which time cannot cure.

## LEON BLUM

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sible but certainly by today, a new government.

Sensing the seriousness of the crisis, the Government through the Bank of France asked banks not to deal in foreign exchange pending the formation of a new Minister. The Stock Exchange opened normally but the money market was closed.

All trading in gold and silver was suspended. Trading in currency had already been halted as a result of the Cabinet crisis.

Lebrun was up by 7:00. He consulted first with Treasury experts, then with Jules Jeanneney, president of the Senate; then with Edouard Herriot, president of the Chamber of Deputies.

Chautemps Refuses  
Lebrun invited Chautemps to form a new reorganized ministry. Chautemps refused, and the President next consulted Daladier, who in turn refused, and Sarraut, who followed suit.

Lebrun was after a makeshift cabinet to rule during a critical period. He wanted in it as many Senators as possible—Senators with names known throughout the world—in order to inspire confidence at home and abroad in the country's basic solidity.

With such an all-star line-up the President hoped that the budget could be balanced; the Treasury filled; the franc protected; and the bitter fight between capital and labor, persistent since the Popular Front took office, ended.

Lebrun's efforts to form a Radical Socialist Ministry, dependent for a Parliamentary majority on the support of other parties, was taken as a clear indication that the Left Wing Popular Front was ruptured.

## JAPAN TO

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up a communique outlining Japan's policy in China. It was subsequently presented to Emperor Hirohito by Premier Fumimaro Konoye.

The precise nature of Japan's policy remained an official secret. In some quarters it was said the time limit given Chiang Kai-shek to make his final reply to Japan's peace overtures expired today. They did not know, however, what Japan's action would be if this were the case.

Others said the army was pressing for more time to allow for preparation of the steps decided upon and also to "prepare public opinion" at home and abroad.



RT. HON. SIR GEORGE PERLEY  
K.C.M.G., a Conservative leader since before the Reciprocity election in 1911, died in his sleep. He was 80 years of age

## SPECIAL MEETING

## Board Of Trade

A special general meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade will be held on

Wednesday Evening,  
January 19, 8:00 p. m.,

in the Council Chamber at the City Hall. All members are requested to be present. Several matters of importance will be dealt with.

(Sgd.) ALEX. MURRAY,  
Secretary.

## OUR MAIL BAG

## THE POLICE COMMISSION

Editor, The Daily Mail,  
City,

Dear Sir: I do not agree with your remarks that the citizens apparently want the Police Commission retained in its present form, just because they voted to defeat Aldermen Ross and Hagerman. They also defeated the Messrs. Kitchen and Vail, who would not take a definite stand but who were evidently in favor of the Police Commission as at present constituted. Alderman Crowdon and Alderman McKnight, who were in favor of abolishing the commission, were returned to power, the former by acclamation and the latter by a majority in every poll except one.

I believe that what you said a year ago is correct, namely; that 90 per cent of the citizens are in favor of abolishing the commission in its present form, and I believe also that the present Council headed by Mayor Forbes will recognize this fact; and will work out some scheme to make the commission more democratic and more representative in its character. I have a lot of faith in Hedley Forbes and his judgment. He has a chance to do good work for the city. One way of doing this is to change the police commission. I am not in favor of entirely abolishing the commission if it can be changed satisfactorily otherwise.

I believe that there are other citizens who will see it the same way. Will you please publish these few ideas, yours truly,

QUEEN'S WARD VOTER.

## FIVE NEWLY-ELECTED ALDERMEN TAKE OATH OF OFFICE AT SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Committees Chosen; Ald. Mundle Gets Municipal Home Committee Chairmanship Over Protests Mayor, New Aldermen; Alderman McCaughey Unanimous Choice for Deputy-Mayor

The taking of the oath of office by the five recently-elected aldermen, the election of Ald. David McCaughey, veteran of Council wars, as deputy-mayor for 1938, and the organization of the thirteen standing committees for the year featured yesterday afternoon's special meeting of the City Council, the first of the new Council since the civic elections last Monday.

Angered because of pre-election attacks on them by the new mayor, both Ald. Ivan McKnight, chairman of the Fire Committee in 1937, and Ald. Ray T. Forbes, chairman of the Finance Committee during the past year, unconditionally refused to serve on these committees this year.

All committees were reorganized except the Wharves, Cemetery and Local Improvement Committee which headed by Ald. F. S. Mundle, was left



ALD. DAVID MCCAUGHEY,  
unanimous choice of the City Council for the office of Deputy-Mayor for 1938.

as it was composed last January.

The real work of the meeting, the formation of the committees, passed off smoothly enough in most cases, but a snag was struck in electing the chairman of the Municipal Home Committee. Declaring pre-election rumor had it that Ald. Mundle was slated for the chairmanship of that committee if the Opposition Party was elected, His Worship Mayor C. Hedley Forbes vigorously opposed the choice of Ald. Mundle. His wishes were disregarded in the matter, the majority of the aldermen voting in favor of Ald. Mundle.

An intimation that possibly there might be some changes in the manner of the administration of justice in this city during the present year was made by Mayor Forbes when he remarked, in opposing the election of Ald. Mundle, that he wanted him as chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee, which will be "quite an important committee this year."

## To Meet Monday

After the inaugural address had been delivered in the Council Chambers by the Very Reverend, the Dean of Fredericton, W. H. Moorhead, routine business was considered. It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council on Monday evening to consider the ratification of the proposed town planning by-law.

Mayor Forbes suggested that since the Finance Committee, headed by Ald. Forbes, had come under the fire of the Opposition Party before the election, Ald. Forbes should make some suggestions as to the reorganization of it. Ald. Forbes rose to state that he did not wish to serve on that committee.

Although nominated for the chairmanship of the Roads and Streets Committee, Ald. Forbes declined the position in favor of Ald. McCaughey. The Council was unanimous in its opinion that the latter should continue his chairmanship in order that there might be no interruption of the present work of that department.

In the formation of the Fire Committee, Ald. McKnight unconditionally refused either the chairmanship or appointment as a member.

## Opposition from Mayor

The Municipal Home Committee is an important committee, and the chairmanship should go to a man who has had considerable experience, stated Ald. Forbes, moving that Ald. Mundle be elected. His Worship countered with the suggestion that Ald. Mundle be appointed chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee, which, he said, will be "quite an important committee this year." That statement seeming to have little effect on the Council members, he added that he had heard before the election that "Mundle was already slated for the chairmanship of the Municipal Home Committee."

Ald. Forbes pointed out that Ald. Mundle did an excellent job when he held that position two years ago. Mayor Forbes stated that the committee was getting away to a bad start with the appointment, and Ald. H. S. Wright added his note of warning to the aldermen. All to no effect, however, as an amendment to the motion calling for the replacement of Ald. Mundle's name as chairman with that of Ald. McMillan was defeated.

At the conclusion of the committee meeting the mayor and aldermen entered the Council Chambers, where City Clerk Fred I. Haviland read the certification of the nomination and election of the five aldermen and mayor, and the swearing in of the mayor.

The Very Reverend, the Dean of Fredericton, W. H. Moorhead, then delivered the following inaugural address:

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"I should like to give my congratulations to His Worship, the Mayor, and to you who on Monday were chosen as Aldermen of this city of Fredericton. The Mayor has already taken the oath of office as did you newly-elected aldermen a moment or two ago. It is hardly necessary for me to point out that you have assumed a very great responsibility—a responsibility that should not be lightly undertaken. It is your duty to further the interests, maintain the honour, preserve the credit, hand on the good name of our city. Therefore, if at any time you are tempted to follow lines which lead to self-interest, petty prejudices and partiality it will be your fervent determination, I know, to put such unworthy things aside, in your one desire to govern our city in the best interests of our citizens.

"May Almighty God continue His blessings to us, and may He give to our Mayor and Council Grace and Wisdom to make decisions which will at all times, ensure our continued civic well-being, so that the best traditions of Fredericton may be maintained."

The following aldermen, successful in the recent elections, were then sworn in by Mr. Haviland in the presence of Mayor Forbes: Dr. A. W. G. Good, W. Raymond Crowdon, Ivan McKnight, Roy H. Colwell and Dr. H. S. Wright.

The Council gave permission to J. H. VanWart and Sons to erect an electric sign over the sidewalk at their premises under the direction of the City Engineer.

Ald. Mundle was elected representative of the Council to attend the yearly meeting of the Social Service Council to be held Monday evening.

## New Members Speak

The newcomers to the Council then being called upon to speak, Ald. Good expressed the opinion that through the co-operation of all members of the Council the work of 1938 will proceed satisfactorily. Ald. Colwell also spoke briefly.

Mayor Forbes noted the interest stirred up in civic affairs this year by the contested election. Adding that there should be no ill feeling because of the results, he asked the aldermen for their co-operation during his term in office. Ald. Mundle also spoke briefly, noting the frankness in yesterday's discussion of city affairs, at the same time condemning the "secrecy" allegedly maintained by some members of last year's Council.

The following committees were elected:

Deputy Mayor—Ald. McCaughey.  
Finance Committee—Ald. Good, chairman; Ald. Wright and McMillan.  
Water and Sewerage—Ald. Oltz, chairman; Ald. McCaughey and Crowdon.

Roads and Streets—Ald. McCaughey, chairman; Ald. Ray T. Forbes, Colwell, Oltz and McKnight.

Street Lighting—Ald. McMillan, chairman; Ald. Good and Crowdon.

Fire—Ald. Wright, chairman; Ald. Colwell, Oltz, Mundle and Good.

Appeals and Contingencies—Ald. Crowdon, chairman; Ald. McKnight, Oltz, McMillan and Colwell.

City Hall and Market—Ald. McKnight, chairman; Ald. Ray T. Forbes, Wright, McCaughey and Oltz.

Wharves and Cemetery and Local Improvement—Ald. Mundle, chairman; Ald. Oltz, McMillan, McKnight and McCaughey.

Municipal Home—Ald. Mundle, chairman; Ald. Colwell, Crowdon, McMillan and Oltz.

Administration of Justice—Ald. Mundle, chairman; Ald. McKnight, Good, Ray T. Forbes and Colwell.

Legislation—Ald. Ray T. Forbes, chairman; Ald. Colwell, McKnight and Mundle.

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EDWARD J. NEIL  
Associated Press Correspondent, was killed when a shell smashed an auto in which he and three other newspapermen were following the sweep of Franco's troops against Spanish Government-held Teruel, Spain. Three of the four were killed, and the other injured

Buildings—Ald. McCaughey, chairman; and Ald. Ray T. Forbes.  
Insurance—Ald. Colwell, chairman; Ald. Good, Oltz and McKnight.  
Representatives on the Hospital Board—Ald. Wright and Ray T. Forbes.

Representatives to Exhibition Company—Ald. Crowdon, McCaughey and Mundle.

Member of All Committees—His Worship Mayor C. Hedley Forbes.  
Chairman of the Committee of the Whole—His Worship Mayor C. Hedley Forbes.

## Jasper Annual Ski Carnival Will Open Next Week

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
JASPER, Alta., Jan. 14—With a six mile cross-country race as the main feature, the Jasper Ski Club will hold its annual ski carnival next Wednesday, Jan. 19. The nine events will include jumps and a number of juvenile competitions to promote skiing enthusiasm among the younger members of the club.

The Jasper Ski Club is working on a five-year plan of the sport in this part of the Rockies and many visitors from Edmonton, Vancouver and other outside points are reaping advantage from its efforts. The club has a concession from the Dominion Government for slopes on the side of Whistler Mountain, while Signal Mountain, the Maligne Lake area and the Tonquin Valley have camps and trails.