

VATICAN TRIES TO AVERT WAR BETWEEN ITALY AND ETHIOPIA

Has Prepared Plea Direct to Mussolini in Effort
To Preserve Peace

ROME, Sept. 4.—Pope Pius was reported today to offer his friendly services to avert war between Italy and Ethiopia.

The Pontiff, whose holiday at Castel Gandolfo has been devoted largely to condemning "war for conquest," was expected to make overtures for peace directly to Premier Benito Mussolini.

Father Tacchi-Venturi, one of the most prominent priests in the Jesuit Order—the Society of Jesus—was selected to carry the Holy Father's appeal for peace to Il Duce.

He was summoned to confer this morning with Pope Pius and Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Pontifical Secretary of State and Archbishop of the Vatican Basilica, in the quiet castle Gandolfo Gardens.

Father Tacchi-Venturi is a close adviser to Mussolini, who consults him often on important matters.

Vatican officials did not divulge the form of the Pope's intervention in the Italo-Ethiopian conflict will take.

"But any conversations between Father Tacchi-Venturi and the Holy Father mean much," an authoritative spokesman said.

Political experts were skeptical that the Pope's efforts would be effective.

The conference between the Pope, Cardinal Pacelli and Father Venturi was interpreted as meaning the Pontiff has abandoned the intermediary position he adopted while there remained hope diplomats might effect a settlement through the League of Nations.

Home Drying of Fruits

Drying, or dehydration as it is called, of fruits and vegetables is a process by which moisture is removed from food so that deleterious organisms will not grow. The flavor is somewhat changed in drying and the vitamin value destroyed by long exposure to the oxygen of the air. Therefore, says the circular just issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture on home drying of fruits and vegetables, drying should be used as a method of home preservation only when home canning is not practical. There are three methods of drying, namely, sun drying, drying by artificial heat, and drying by air blast. Good material must be used to obtain good results, and the advantages of drying lie in the fact that less storage space is required because the fresh material is reduced to almost one-quarter, and that dried products may be stored indefinitely without danger of spoilage. In the cooking of dried fruits and vegetables, it must be remembered that the water which has evaporated from them must be restored. The dried fruit or vegetables to be cooked should be soaked overnight in about four times as much as the bulk of the dried products. They should be cooked in the water in which they are soaked, using a covered saucepan, and allowed to simmer for a long time. In this way the flavor is better, and less sugar is required. These, and many other directions, will be found in the circular.

THE GREAT COD BANKS

Every Canadian should know something about the cod banks which lie off the coast of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Their story is one of the outstanding world romances of industry and enterprise. It is the oldest organized industry in the modern Canadian domain.

Leaving aside traditions, and taking only authentic records, Cabot discovered in 1497 the Cod Banks of Newfoundland. He reported that the sea was so covered with fish they could be caught "with baskets, a stone being attached to make the basket sink in the water." Cape Breton, one of the oldest place-names in America, is a memorial of the early French fishermen and the Spaniards and Portuguese were but little behind. The vessels returned to France with from 20,000 to 50,000 cod in their holds. Twelve of these banks, or uplands on the ocean's bottom, have an area of 70,000 square miles. The Grand Banks is the greatest of them.

These deep sea fisheries are visited regularly by fishermen from Canada, United States and Europe. Canadian vessels are from 40 to 100 tons, carrying 12 to 20 men operating with trawling from dories. Splendid home yard vessels there are, manned by sailors that have no superior anywhere. Some times they remain at sea for months and very seldom they come to grief.

Cod, of course, is the chief catch on the banks and along the coasts, and it varies up to nearly two million dollars in a season. The Nova Scotia fishermen lead in the Canadian catch with Quebec next and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island also making good hauls. There is some cod caught on the Pacific Coast. The volume of cod in 1935 was 156 million pounds.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Great Britain started an investigation today to learn to what extent, if any, British men and women were involved in Ethiopia's concession to the African Development Exploration Company of the United States.

The results of this inquiry, it was learned from an authoritative source, were a most anxiously awaited feature of an expected report from Sir Sidney Barton, British minister in Ethiopia.

Sir Sidney has been instructed by the British Government to advise Emperor Haile Selassie to withhold the granting of the concession which was negotiated by a British promoter, Francis M. Rickett.

The unofficial attitude was, "if it is purely an American proposition, it is no concern to Britain. But if English are in it—it is another matter."

The British Government's quick instructions to its Ethiopian minister last night were interpreted in political circles as an attempt to placate the Italians and French, who seized on the concession as an opportunity to accuse Britain of having selfish interests in Ethiopia.

Ethiopians Refuse to Void Oil Pact
ADDIS, Ababa, Sept. 4.—Ethiopia refused today to accept British orders to withdraw oil and mineral concessions granted to Anglo-American interests by Emperor Haile Selassie.

"The contract has been signed," officials said when informed London instructed Sir Sidney Barton, British Minister, to protest the concessions. "It cannot be revoked."

Privately—they interpreted the British protest as a British gesture designed to reduce tension in Anglo-Italian relations.

Sir Sidney received his instructions last night. He will present them to the Emperor today. Announcement of virtual rejection in advance of formal delivery of the protest caused deep interest in diplomatic circles.

The Emperor, after having tossed the bombshell of his agreement to lease half the rich oil and mineral rights of his empire, planned a secret retreat in event he is forced to flee Addis Ababa because of air raids or for other reasons.

Nervousness in the Imperial family reportedly was prompted by figures showing Ethiopia's total ammunition supplies are less than one day's war requirement. Military preparations proceeded nevertheless.

Dajazmach Habte Mikael, commanding 20,000 Kuolo troops, was ordered to march southward today.

RELENTLESS FACTS

In his radio address the President of the United States observed that "facts are relentless." Well might he have added that facts are obdurate, immune from damage by theory, and abide. The problems of life start early with all of us; multiplied by the figure of the census total, we get the sum of the troubles of all. And largely they are due to a refusal to face facts.

So many bite off more than they can chew; so many, often moved by the noblest of impulses, tilt at windmills; so few realize that the first step toward general regeneration must be taken by the individual in his own daily life. It is hard for most of us to play life's game by the well-established rules and by the eternal axioms. Until mortals learn to be governed by fact and not fancy, they are likely to find themselves eventually seconding the remarks of the President. Facts are relentless.



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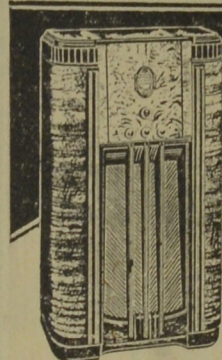
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