

Weekly News Review

Rome-Berlin Axis May Crumble
If Germany Is Given Colonies

By Joseph W. La Bine

Foreign

At best, Germany, Italy and Japan are unnatural bedfellows with nothing in common except totalitarianism and a grudge against the world. Flushed by her imperialistic victory at Munich, there is every reason to think Germany might abandon Italian and Japanese alliances if they stood in the way of her march to world power.

First step in this direction has been taken by Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler in presenting African colonial



GERMANY IN AFRICA

Of onetime German possessions (shown in black) France holds mandates for Togoland (1) and the Cameroons (2); Great Britain has minor interests in both. British South Africa (5) holds mandate for Southwest Africa (3), and Britain a mandate for Tanganyika (4). Angola (6) is held by Portugal.

demands to Great Britain and France. What Hitler wants—and probably will get—is return of Togoland, Cameroons, Southwest Africa and Tanganyika, held under League of Nations mandate by Britain and France since the Versailles treaty.

If they pay this price for peace, Britain and France will also agree to German arms equality. British-French gain through such a transaction would be German friendship and an understanding that Italy had better confine her imperialism to the Mediterranean area on pain of combined German-French-British opposition. Moreover, Il Duce would be forced to withdraw from Spain.

Next Der Fuehrer may turn his eyes to Japan, which now controls one-time German islands forfeited after the World war. Since Hitler's aggressive imperialism makes one conquest merely an appetizer for the next, moreover since self-pitying Germany looks angrily at any nation which controls large territories and resources, Japan may find her Chinese conquest threatened.

Transportation

U. S. railroads, arguing before President Roosevelt's fact-finding committee, have claimed a 15 per cent pay cut is the only solution to their problem. Labor, which threatens to strike if the pay cut is enforced, says better management will do the trick. Without waiting for the fact-finding commission to report, railroad management has taken the matter into its own hands on three fronts:

Northwest—Before the interstate commerce commission have appeared stockholders of two huge lines, Chicago & North Western, and Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific. Their plan: Physical consolidation of the two roads, immediately effecting operating economies of \$10,000,000 a year and hastening normal recovery of the two roads.

Southwest—An I. C. C. examiner has recommended reorganization of the Missouri Pacific line with sharp reduction in its fixed interest debt. Also recommended is consolidation of owned properties being operated as the Missouri Pacific system, excepting the Missouri-Illinois railroad.

South—Placed before the I. C. C. is a plan for merging the Gulf, Mobile & Northern railroad with the Mobile & Ohio line. Chief opponent is Burlington railroad, which owns 27.7 per cent of G. M. & N. stock.

Chief significance of mergers and reorganizations is (1) that railroads will become economically sound; (2) labor will suffer through decreased employment, though wage levels probably will not be cut; (3) scores of small communities, originally built to follow the railroad's line of expansion, will find themselves isolated without rail service.

Defense

Knotted inseparably in recent news have been Japan's conquest of China and world democracy's attempts to strengthen their military-economic positions against German-

Italy-Jap aggression. Though England and the U. S. have been rubbing noses in their trade pact negotiations, October of 1938 will be remembered primarily as the month when America first stood up and barked at modern imperialism.

Within 24 hours two barks came from Washington. First was President Roosevelt's precedent-shattering condemnation of nations employing force (Japan), exile (Germany) and repression (Italy) as instruments of national policy. Next day, on the heels of Japan's conquest of Hankow, the state department made public a 21-day-old protest to Tokyo against violation of China's "open door" policy.

This was but percussion in the new American overture of preparedness. Chiming in are plans to strengthen military and naval forces so that "the Western hemisphere may work out its own interrelated salvation." To the north, at Kodiak, Alaska, the navy is quietly preparing two bases accommodating at least 200 long-range patrol bombers.

Thus, if Britain and France deny it, the U. S. admits Japan has become the Far East's No. 1 power and bids fair to dominate the Pacific unless stopped. Although Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will continue battling Japan in the hope his foe will eventually commit military and economic suicide, there is little likelihood that China's door will be reopened to Western nations unless Japan wants it.

Trend

How the wind is blowing . . .

TIME CLOCK—Film actors earning up to \$1,000 a week, and all extras, now punch time clocks each morning under new union contract with provision for overtime work.

'NOBODY'—A baby born to one of 200 sad-eyed Jewish refugees living in a ditch in the Czechoslovak-German "no man's land" has been named "Niemand," meaning "nobody."

'BANG' WARFARE—Japanese troops patrolling streets of newly captured Canton, disperse terrified Chinese by merely pointing their guns and shouting: "Bang!"

U. S. LANDLADY—Women hold 25 per cent of all U. S. jobs (apart from domestic service), are beneficiaries of 80 per cent of all life insurance, own 50 per cent of all corporate stock, operate 60 per cent of savings accounts.

HAIR RAISING—Mrs. Dorothy Kantack of Chicago has won a divorce decree against the husband who protested against her new "upswing" coiffure.

People

British royalty symbolically responds to the U. S. flag. Since the Czech crisis proved Great Britain's empire is becoming vastly independent, a little flag waving is entirely proper. First, King George and Queen Elizabeth announced a



GREAT BRITAIN'S MARINA
Is she being exiled for usurpation?

state visit to Canada and probably to the U. S. Latest news is that the popular, 35-year-old duke of Kent becomes governor general of Australia next year. To fun-loving Kent and his wife, beautiful former Princess Marina of Greece, Australia will mean virtual exile from their favorite diversion, London night life. Though English papers discreetly failed to mention it, part of the U. S. press called Kent and his wife victims of royal jealousy. The claim: That slim, elegant Marina is usurping Queen Elizabeth's rightful place as ruler of British fashion.

Treasury

Inconveniently close to election day have come piecemeal reports and offhand predictions concerning the U. S. fiscal situation. When President Roosevelt talks finance before congress on January 3, he may ask almost anything. But right now, as the President busies himself with budget planning, he can be guided by facts and forecasts:

Facts: Despite upswinging business, the U. S. treasury deficit for the current fiscal year jumped above one billion dollars October 20, leaping forward several million dollars a day. Gold reserves, mounting since the European scare, hit \$14,008,236,361. Revised, the 1939 fiscal deficit prediction stands at \$3,984,-



SECRETARY MORGENTHAU
Coolest of all concerned . . .

000,000, second largest in New Deal history.

Forecast: Though "pump-priming" will help business, the 1940 budget will be unbalanced. Only by continued spending can the administration hold a mass vote for the 1940 election, thereby forestalling the normal swing to Republicanism. But it is far more probable to pay than merely file away the bill, and next winter's congressmen will present at least five new methods of making John Public pay:

(1) A 10-per cent "one shot" income tax levy to garner \$263,000,000 needed for increased armament; (2) a processing tax to pay for the agriculture department's proposed "domestic dumping" program for crop surpluses; (3) removal of tax exemption from future issues of federal, state and local bonds, also on official salaries; (4) extension of social security to include farm laborers, domestics, bank employees, seamen, self-employed, etc.; (5) lowering of income tax exemptions under \$1,000.

Coolest of all concerned with fiscal affairs has been the man in direct charge, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. Unworried by mounting gold reserves ("We have plenty of storage space") he predicts improved business conditions will cut relief rolls and help the budget, which observers now think will run to \$8,000,000,000. Only Morgenthau fear has centered around the British pound sterling, whose declining tendencies have adverse effects on U. S. prices.

White House

When its investigations first opened, the Dies congressional committee on Un-Americanism confined most of its probing to Fascism and Nazism. Neither of these "isms" has much support among U. S. politicians. But with election time approaching and its witnesses becoming influenced by political fever, it was natural that the probe should turn to a more popular "ism"—communism. First came the charge that Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins was impeachable for failing to support aggressive deportation proceedings against communistic Harry Bridges. Madam Perkins replied that she was awaiting court decision on a test case, that proceedings could move no faster than the courts themselves. Next the committee asked why Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan had taken a passive interest in the 1936 sit-down strikes, only to learn that Governor Murphy had commented that "sometimes events make laws malleable."

It has been the favorite device of the radicals and their henchmen to characterize any official who attacks them as being a subject for the insane hospitals. Their game has been to laugh people out of court whenever an effort was made to tell of some of the things the agitators were doing. Many will recall an investigation by a house committee several years ago where the witnesses were laughed down and a courageous superintendent of schools from Gary, Ind., was made to look foolish because of the charges he made. Well, if my opinion be worth anything, the folks who were the suckers in that play were the supposedly intelligent members of congress who made up the committee. It was they who fell for a trick of propaganda. Either that was the case, or the members of that committee were just plain dumb.

'Quotes'

SEN. WILLIAM E. BORAH on U. S. intervention to force justice for Jews in Great Britain's Palestine problem: "We cannot retain the respect of Europe and our own self respect by directing nations how they shall carry out their treaties and obligations, and do nothing but direct."

HARRY HOPKINS on WPA's record: "We have made mistakes. But our greatest mistake has not been in doing too much but in doing too little."

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Dies Committee Bares Activities
Of Radical, Communist Groups

Unseen and Malignant Growths Are Being Bred Into Our National Life by Agitators Who Seek to Destroy Our Government; Spread Poison in Ranks of Labor.

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WASHINGTON. — "Unless something is done to curb radicalism in my section, there is going to be an awful clash and a lot of people are going to get hurt."

So spoke Fred W. Frahm, superintendent of police of the city of Detroit, Mich. And his statement was under oath, for he was giving testimony before a committee of the house of representatives, a committee charged with exposing to view the un-American activities of certain groups in this country. It was the statement of a man who is serving a city in an official capacity and who has gone through 246 sit-down strikes which he asserted were the direct result of agitation by the radicals to which he referred. He looks for more in the near future and added, by way of emphasis, that "these communists and radicals do not want to seek adjustment of differences between labor and management; they want to make trouble all of the time."

Through a number of weeks, the house committee before which Mr. Frahm testified, has been taking testimony, gathering evidence, digging here and there in its effort to uncover the activities of subversive groups and expose them to public view.

It has been the contention of the chairman, Representative Dies of Texas and some other members of the committee, that most of us are not aware of the unseen and malignant growths that are being bred into our national life. They are out to destroy our government, to bring to us the type of thing that has made Russia famous.

Mr. Dies is a sincere and honest legislator, and he is trying to do the job assigned him, even when several of his committee members have sought to balk his efforts. But there is much more to be done in the direction of exposing radicalism and the chiseling, cheating, cowardly efforts the agitators put forth.

Charge Communists Active
In Government Offices

What I am wondering is why Mr. Dies has not sent his investigators into the very offices of the federal government, itself. Or, if he has done that, as it is gossiped about, then why shield anybody? Why not turn the spotlight of publicity on the individuals who want to destroy the American system, the American form of government, American tradition, the American profit system of doing business? There has been much talk in the last several years about the operations of communists within the very walls of the government, men and women who are boring from within as termites destroy lumber, and we ought to know the truth. If they are within the government, they ought to be exposed and chased out of the western hemisphere; if they are not operating as is gossiped around, then their names ought to be cleared. In any event, I hope the Dies committee goes on and shows the cancerous nature of groups that do not believe in our system, whether they be Russians, or Germans, or Italians, or British or what have you.

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Lewis Cannot Break Grip
Of Communists on C. I. O.

Concerning the sit-down strikes about which Mr. Frahm testified, I want to boast that I wrote of communist participation in those sit-down strikes when they were hap-

pening. I had several letters thereafter, calling me crazy and describing me as a red-baiter. Mr. Frahm now has put into official records the facts that must be obvious to any real American, and he further has expressed the opinion that John L. Lewis, head of the C. I. O., cannot break the grip that the communists have on his organization. That may be the reason why Mr. Lewis has been so silent the last several months. Maybe he sees that the labor group of which he was so proud has become a gargantuan monster that is slowly swallowing him, physically large as he is.

There is, of course, the danger that a lot of people will make foolish and unsupported statements about red activities, thus throwing doubt on the really serious phases. That always seems to happen. Unwittingly, that type of person which shouts and shouts and has no proof creates the impression that all cries of "wolf, wolf," are meaningless. But when a congressional committee has the courage—rather, when its chairman over objections of some of its members—has the courage to bring the stuff out for public examination, there must, indeed, be a basis for it.

C. I. O. Being Used as Tool
For Destructive Purposes

There will be much more labor trouble. You can count on that. The Communist party representatives will never allow the slightest chance for creating trouble to escape them. They are determined to convince labor that it cannot trust the managements; they are encouraging the breaking of agreements between labor and management to the end that employers will have no faith in the leaders of labor, and they are using the national labor relations board wherever that can be done to give official voice to labor troubles. That fact is chiefly responsible for the position which the C. I. O. group has taken in opposition to proposals for revision of the labor relations act. William Green and the American Federation of Labor are urging revision of the law, but C. I. O., having its tentacles in the labor board, obviously does not want its grip broken.

It has been known for a long time that the C. I. O. was being used as a tool for destructive purposes, but the agitators and emissaries were sly and careful. They covered their tracks. Such information as leaked out was promptly discredited by the very reds who had done the job—and they discredited any individual who repeated the story by laughing at his gullibility.

Dies Committee Exposes
Methods Used by Radicals

The Dies committee record is full of testimony about methods employed by the communists in their devious borings and destructive tactics. The record tells, too, of how many innocent appearing organizations, created for an allegedly useful purpose, are captured by communists and used by them to obtain money contributions—for which no accounting ever is made. And tragic, also, are the stories of how the real leaders laughed at the suckers who gave hard-earned money, laughed in the secret recesses of their hideouts about the soft and easy minds of Americans.

But another session of congress is coming. The Dies committee will make a report and probably will ask an appropriation to enable it to go on. We will see who opposes that appropriation. There probably will be opposition from two or three members of the committee itself, and we will see who they are. If they are outspoken in their opposition, I suspect most people will know why.

I think this condition has reached the point where attention should be paid to it by the federal government. It is now hot on the trail of some alleged German spies who were seeking American military secrets. So why not make a thorough job of it and lift up the lid that hides various other kinds of spies whose work, to my mind, is much more dangerous to American national life?

Speaking of Sports

Huge Sports
Dish Planned
For N. Y. Fair

By HERB ROGERS

ONE of the most extensive sports programs ever undertaken has been announced as a feature of the New York world's fair.

The program, outlined by Christy Walsh, director of sports, will include both indoor and outdoor events and independent competitions held elsewhere with the co-operation or sponsorship of the fair. The latter events include the all-star major league baseball game, which is to be played next year in Yankee stadium, and the international police pistol tournament.

A school for sports, with the country's leaders in baseball, football, track and field and boxing as instructors, also is scheduled.

Manager Joe McCarthy pledged the co-operation of the New York

Yankees in connection with the school of sport to be conducted from April 30 to October 31 next year. There will be 10 classes in baseball, which comes first in the curriculum. The list of instructors, in addition to Manager McCarthy, will include Bill Terry, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Johnny Vander Meer, Burt Grimes, Gabby Hartnett, Dizzy Dean, Hank Greenberg, Jimmy Foss, Joe Di Maggio, Bob Feller and Mel Ott.

Football will be represented with six classes during next September and October. The instructors will include Jim Crowley, Mal Stevens, Pop Warner, Lou Little, Chick Kelly, Benny Friedman, Larry Kelley, Alexander Wojciechowski and Marshall Goldberg.

Classes in Track

In track there will be six classes in May and June, with Lawson Robertson, Dean Cromwell, Pete Waters, Dink Templeton and Glenn Cunningham, among others, as instructors.

For six boxing classes in June, July and August, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Joe Louis, James J. Braddock, Tony Leonard and Mickey Walker are among the teachers.

Boys and girls who complete the school courses will receive certificates issued by the fair's academy of sport bearing the graduate's name and that of the celebrity conducting the class.

The latter will include an award to the male or female, amateur or professional, voted to have contributed most to the welfare of American sport during 1938, individual certificates to figures in various sports fields who have accomplished something of special merit, awards of the all-America board of baseball and the all-America board of football.

Pro Football

That the college boys no longer have an exclusive franchise on football interest has been proved by the increased attendance at professional games.

Despite the handicap of poor weather conditions early in the season, attendance at National football league contests is running 10 per cent ahead of the record set last year. The pro teams appear to gain public attention and approval year by year, and many make at least enough money to keep going and show some profit.

Those Sore Arms

Here's a new theory for the cause of this season's epidemic of sore arms among major league pitchers. Tom Daly, veteran Red Sox coach, blames it onto short undersleeves—and all along we thought it was the lively ball.

Daly should know, because he has caught such pitchers as Walter Johnson, Red Faber, Grover Alexander, Eddie Cicotte, Lefty Tyler and others.

"All this stuff about the lively ball causing these arm ailments this season is the bunk," said Daly.

"They like to pitch with short undersleeves or no sleeves at all. What they are doing is inviting trouble. 'Kid pitchers now are wearing fancy polo shirts at night,' deplored the veteran. 'It's like putting out the welcome sign for Old Man Pneu-

New Grid Offense

GRANDSTAND coaches agree that the 1938 season has brought something new to football. Daring attack is again ruling the game. So far, the season has developed a brilliant offense not seen for many a year.

As a result, scores have been climbing. There are fewer scoreless ties and dull games. Whether you've been taking your football from the 50-yard line or over the radio, you've been treated to more thrilling dashes for touchdowns in the current crop of major games.

The coaches themselves are at a loss to account for this new spirit in the game. Jim Crowley says: "Teams that aren't supposed to be so hot on offense are running wild. Every one's got a passer and at least one fair runner. I thought my team at Fordham had a good attack. It's just average, I guess."

Crowley did not exaggerate when he said that every team has a good passer. Among the boys who are throwing the ball with exceptional talent are Bill Patterson of Baylor, Dave O'Brien of Texas Christian, Harold Van Every of Minnesota, Everett Kischer of Iowa State, Lanny Hollins of Vanderbilt, George Stinewiss of North Carolina, Bill Paulman of Stanford, Wilmeth Sidat-Sing of Syracuse, Sid Luckman of Columbia and Gill Humphrey of Yale.

Increased backfield versatility has accompanied the rise of good passing. The hurriers mentioned above can run as well as pass. Teams no longer rely upon the specialty back.

The development of the air-raid has brought new problems to the defense strategists. The five-man line has not figured importantly in their calculations. The 6-3-2 and the 7-1-2-1 defensive alignments, being more adaptable, are getting greater use. There is a trend toward less blocking the line by the offensive team.

Lateral passes seem to be in the discard. But the loss of this spectacular play should not trouble the fans who, at mid-season, have already seen the best brand of football in a decade.

Here and There

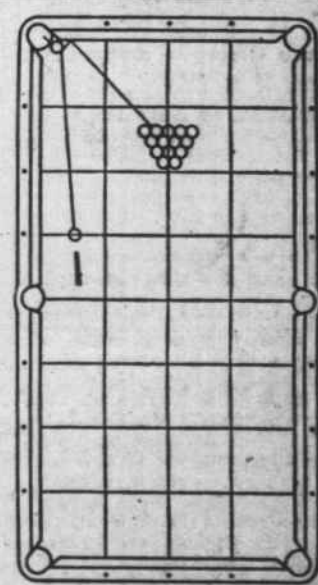
GOLFERS in Bendigo, Australia, are on the verge of jitters because of the large number of balls carried off by crows during matches . . .

No changes in size or weight have been made in the cricket ball since the first one was manufactured 370 years ago . . . Ab Jenkins, holder of most of the automobile records for racing against time, plans to install a new motor and then go after Capt. George Eyston's mark on Bonneville salt flats . . . Every West Point football player hurt in a game is carried from the field on a stretcher, regardless of the nature of his injury.

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Pocket Billiards

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Lesson No. 3

A combination pocket and billiard shot. Place balls as per diagram. In this shot take special care against striking your cue ball to one side, top or bottom. Stroke absolute center with a level cue. I have watched good players fail to get a break because by striking the cue ball above center, the cue ball will go to the right of cluster, and when striking low ball, the cue ball will go to the left of cluster; and the same applies when you english right or left. Use six inch bridge; stroke medium hard.