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BRITISH LAY SIEGE TO OLD JERUSALEM

New U. S.-Japanese Complications Loom

TOKYO TO END ALL RELATIONS WITH LEAGUE

Prime Minister Chamberlain raises question of Jap Mandate Over Pacific Isles

U. S. TRADE AGREEMENT IS NEAR

By CLIFFORD L. DAY Copyright, 1938, by United Press LONDON, Oct. 18. (UP)—United States interests were affected by these developments as shown in dispatches from four foreign capitals today:

A reliable Geneva report said that the League of Nations commission on the Japanese-American trade agreement, as well as implementation of the Anglo-Italian friendship pact, shortly after parliament resumes on November 8.

The volume, financial importance of possible political results, this agreement easily would add to the list of Secretary of State Hull's reciprocal trade treaties—the keystone of American foreign policy.

Italy made a "satisfactory" reply to the United States note of October 7 warning that American goods in Italy must not be discriminated against by anti-Semitic measures. The reply was handed the U. S. embassy in Rome, which described it as "satisfactory" but forwarded it to Washington without revealing its contents.

The controlled German press and Winston Churchill, British Chamberlain statesman, for broadcast appeal to the United States on Sunday in which he urged America to join Britain and aid the expansion of dictatorship "before it is too late."

The Berlin newspapers called Churchill ignorant and charged him with trying to incite the democratic nations to war against Germany.

Japan's reported decision was to take the action of the league recently in voting economic sanctions against Japan for her curbs on war against China. Member states were told they could apply sanctions if they chose, but were not obliged to do so.

Should Japan withdraw and discontinue reporting to the manchu commission on the Pacific islands, she was expected to claim outright under provisions of the treaties made with France and Britain just before these two countries persuaded Japan to enter the world war on the allies' side. The United States and other treaty at Versailles and in the islands going to Japan directly, they went to the league and then to Japan under the League of Nations.

London authorities said the American trade agreement had been completed in all important respects and that ironing out a few minor points and actual details is good.

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British Naval Expansion Calls For 3 Big Ships

Several Cruisers and Two Destroyer Flotillas Also Provided for

LONDON, Oct. 18. (UP)—It was learned authoritatively yesterday that in connection with the vast speeding up of British rearmament, the 1939 British naval building program will provide for at least three new capital ships, several cruisers, two flotillas of destroyers and numerous fast torpedo-like motorboats.

In addition, aircraft construction will be on a much greater scale in accordance with rapid development of the naval air division.

The source of this information said that one of the capital ships and some of the cruisers were in addition to warships previously authorized. The balance of the expansion of the 1939 building program would be effected by advancing construction dates of tonnage already authorized, but not hitherto included in the 1939 program.

ALIENATION SUIT FOLLOWS GUN BATTLE

Blues Singer in Three-Cornered Affair Declared Not Legally Wed

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 18. (UP)—A \$150,000 alienation of affections suit was added last night to the misfortunes piling upon blonde Ruth Etting since her first husband shot her second in a gun battle at her home Saturday night.

With investigators casting doubt on the legality of her marriage to 30-year-old Myrl Alderman, the pretty blues singer was named defendant in a suit filed by Alderman's second wife, Mrs. Alma Alderman.

Mrs. Alderman, who divorced the wounded musician last December, accused Miss Etting of "showing him with expensive jewelry and gifts" and inducing him to leave his wife when she was expecting a baby.

The complaint alleged that the singer began lavishing her affections on Alderman two months before the divorce. Her attentions took the form of "giving him gifts and clothing, jewelry and other things, telephoning him locally and from Chicago and New York, and by sending him letters and telegrams," she complained.

Shortly before the baby was born, Mrs. Alderman said her husband left her, and in July of this year, he and Miss Etting, "acting under some pretended marriage ceremony" began living together as man and wife.

The disclosure came while Alderman, 30-year-old musician with whom Miss Etting secretly eloped to Tijuana, Mex., three months ago, lay in St. Vincent's hospital with a bullet in his abdomen.

GERMANY IS DEMOBILIZING FORBIDABLE MANEUVER ARMY ON DUTY DURING 'PARLEYS'

500,000 Reservists to Return Home Next Three or Four Weeks

NAZIS TRIED TO LEARN COAST DEFENSE PLAN

Rumrich Was Asked to Get Placement of United States Troops

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (UP)—Guenther Gustave Rumrich, confessed Nazi spy, today testified in Federal court that the espionage contact man in Germany had given him a specific assignment to determine the number of United States soldiers along the eastern seaboard and, particularly, how many troops are stationed in the New York City area.

It was Rumrich's confession that touched off the spy inquiry and resulted in the indictment of 18 persons, including himself and three defendants present here for trial.

They are charged with being pawns in a plot directed by the German war office to steal American defense plans.

The plot, as described by United States Attorney Lamar Hardy, contained such fantastic schemes as forging President Roosevelt's signature to a letter asking military authorities for specifications of the new aircraft carrier Enterprise, and trying to lure Colonel Henry W. T. Elgin, commander of Fort Totten, to a hotel room with secret mobilization plans, so that a spy could subdue him with gas from a bomb camouflaged as a fountain pen, and steal the plans.

The spies, Hardy said, were naive enough to submit to their superior such things as the army drill manual, which every army recruit is given, and the name of army units stationed in Panama, which every tourist knows.

But their boldness offset their bungling, Hardy said, and they succeeded in getting photographs of vital parts of an experimental naval bombing plane, a copy of the "Z signal" code used in communications between army planes and their bases; information about a new submarine periscope and a copy of a confidential contract between the Bethlehem Steel Co. and the Amtorg Corp., relating to armaments for Soviet Russia.

Five of the 18 named in the espionage indictment were stewards on ships of the North German Lloyd line. One of these, Karl Schlueter, rifled the mail aboard and static copies of the armament contracts, Hardy said.

Those on trial were Johanna Hofmann, dressmaker on the German liner Europa, alleged trans-Atlantic courier for spies; Erich Glaser, former private in the army air corps at Mitchell field, and Otto Voss, airplane mechanic.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (UP)—The huge liner, Queen Mary, today docked without the assistance of tugs. The difficult and dangerous task was necessitated by the strike of 2000 tugboat workers, whose representatives refused special permission for them to aid the big liner ending her western trans-Atlantic voyage from Southampton.

Arab Guerillas Harass British in Palestine



British troops striving to maintain order in Palestine are constantly harassed by bands of Arab guerillas. In the photo above, a turreted armored car is shown driving around a rock barricade erected by the terrorists to delay reinforcements sent to Tiberias. This Jewish town on the shore of the Sea of Galilee suffered a raid by Arabs in which 21 Jews were killed.

DEFER TRIAL OF ATTEMPTED ARSON CHARGE

Mooney Is Convicted of Manslaughter in Goines Homicide

The case of Zeb Brock, indicted in the present term of superior court on a charge of setting fire to a building was continued in court this morning for the State.

Solicitor C. O. Ridings stated that Deputy Insurance Commissioner Jordan, a witness, was not available at this time, and that he himself was not in the best of health. Solicitor Ridings has been suffering with a severe cold during all of this term.

Brock is charged with setting fire to the Main street building, occupied by his brother, Monroe Brock. In court this morning a jury convicted Briscoe Mooney, colored, of manslaughter in the death of Tom Goines, colored, on Sept. 3, 1937.

At the close of State's evidence Monday the court dismissed similar charges against Frank Mooney. Judge Pless did not immediately pass sentence on Briscoe Mooney.

Plan To Mark Revolutionary Grave, Nov. 6

Appropriate Services to Feature Program at J. P. Corn's Grave

The grave of John Peter Corn, Revolutionary War soldier, who is buried in the cemetery at Ebenezer church, will be marked with appropriate services under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Sunday, November 6.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Corn served with American forces in the Revolution and was discharged at Valley Forge. After the war he married and moved to this state, living first at Green River until about 1830, and later near Ebenezer.

He was born in 1751 and died in this county in 1843. His descendants live in Henderson, Transylvania, Buncombe and other Western North Carolina counties and in upper South Carolina. At least nine generations of the family are buried at Ebenezer. It has been stated that the Corn family furnished more pioneer ministers in this section than any other family.

The program on November 6 will be under the direction of the Joseph McDowell chapter, D. A. R., and the invocation will be by the Rev. J. P. Corn, a descendant. The principal address will be delivered by J. E. Shipman, Hendersonville attorney.

COMMUNIST IN FARM-LABOR KEY POSITION

Quiz Discloses They Had Key Man in Minnesota Political Group

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (UP)—Jacob Spolansky, Detroit sheriff's investigator, told the house committee investigating un-American activities today that Joseph Kowalski, described as a Communist International representative, was the man "who conceived the intricacies and strategy of the sitdown strike" in Michigan.

He testified that Kowalski was a former Soviet secret service man and is now head of all industrial operations of the Communist party in America.

"REDS" RUN FARMER-LABOR PARTY, CHARGE By MACK JOHNSON United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (UP) Witnesses charged yesterday before the house committee investigating un-American activities that Communists had acquired a key position in the Farmer-Labor party in Minnesota and were directing its policies despite opposition from the "rank and file membership."

Albert Kitcock, 38, Minneapolis, self-styled former Communist, and Steve Gader, St. Paul consulting engineer, were the major witnesses. Gader, who aided the unsuccessful gubernatorial nomination campaign of Governor Hjalmar Peterson against Governor Elmer Benson, accused the Minnesota chief executive of openly leaning toward Communism.

Kitcock testified that Minnesota was "singled out by the Communist International congress as the state . . . which should receive special attention." The witness said he quit the Communist party last year during the Soviet "purge trials" because he was "convinced that something was wrong there."

He related that Communists, by means of a "Trojan horse" policy, had bored into the Farmer-Labor party through membership in labor organizations, and that they were able to dictate many Farmer-Labor nominations.

Kitcock named the American Federation of Labor, Labor party, Committee for Industrial Organization, various veterans organizations, and other groups in Minnesota, as those in which Communist influence allegedly were at work.

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LABOR BOARD FINDS TEXTILE CHARGES BY C. I. O. UNFOUNDED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (UP) The National Labor Relations board last night dismissed charges filed against the Talladega (Ala.) Cotton factory by the Textile Workers Organizing committee, a Committee for Industrial Organization affiliate. The board said the charges that the company had discharged or refused to re-employ 10 persons named in the complaint were unfounded.

NEW BREVARD ROAD PROPERTY OWNERS TO DEVELOP GROUNDS

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Tibbitts of Orlando, Fla., have purchased the Brevard road property of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kuhn, their recent home place, with six acres of ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Tibbitts are planning to develop this property similar to their cottage court development at Plymouth Dells, 14 miles north of Orlando.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn are now living in one of their bungalows on Rhododendron drive, Laurel Park.

RUMANIAN AIR ACE WRECKED

Plane Crashes in Miami Take Off But no One Injured

MIAMI, Oct. 18. (UP)—A plane carrying Rumanian Air Ace Captain Alex Papan and his companion, Max Constant, on a planned flight from New York to Rumania, crashed on the runways of the municipal airport here this morning.

Neither flier was hurt but the plane was badly damaged during the attempted take off and the flight was postponed.

Flight plans called for a hop from Curacao to Paramaribo, Netherlands Guiana, then to Natal, Brazil; Dakar, Senegal; Tunis, Algiers, and Buchaerst, where they expect to arrive Sunday.

They were flying a twin-motored Barkley-Gow land plane.

Striking Tugmen Fail To Aid Big Liner Go To Dock

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FRAUD CHARGE BANS PENSION ISSUE FOR ARKANSAS ELECTION

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 18. (UP)—Arkansas will not vote next month in the general election on the proposed Rotenberg old age and blind initiated pension act, for the state supreme court yesterday granted an injunction restraining Secretary of State C. G. Hall from placing it on the ballot.

The injunction was granted on the petition of E. P. Hargis, taxpayer, who had attacked the plan on the ground that fraudulent names were included in a petition circulated throughout the state to force the question on the ballot.

Rome-Berlin Axis Is Unimpaired, Mussolini's Journal Declares

Accord Still Obtains on European Reconstruction; Calls for Plebiscite for Ruthenians

ROME, Oct. 18. (UP)—The government yesterday took heed—with an emphatic denial—of reports abroad that the Czech-Hungarian territorial dispute had placed a strain on the collaboration between Premier Benito Mussolini and Chancellor Adolf Hitler under the Rome-Berlin axis.

The government agency, L'Informazione Diplomatica, said it was "useless to attempt to detect even the slightest differences" in the attitudes of Germany and Italy toward the dispute.

Virginia Gayda, editor of the Giornale d'Italia, which often serves as Il Duce's mouthpiece, added that there could be no differences between Rome and Berlin "because there is complete accord on a plan for reconstruction of the new Europe, which also applies to the Czechoslovak question."

T. E. CARTER EXHIBITS BIG CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Sugar Loaf road, today exhibited a number of large chrysanthemums, but stated that the size of the flowers this year was not as large as formerly on account of the weather.

Mr. Carter has grown such flowers measuring seven and a half inches wide.

NUNS TO HEAR POPE NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 18. (UP) Nuns of three cloistered orders will hear a male voice today for the first time since they took the vows of the Roman Catholic church when Pope Pius bestows his blessing by radio upon the Eighth National Eucharistic Congress.

ARAB REBELS BARRICADED IN ANCIENT CITY

British Troops Lock Gates as Conditions There Out of Hand

TERRORISTS FIRE POLICE STATION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (UP)—Two thousand British soldiers, equipped for battle, today laid siege to Jerusalem where Arab rebels are running rampant behind the protection of the city's sixteenth century walls.

The troops took positions in high buildings in the modern part of the city, firing over walls and commanding roof tops of the congested area inside.

Rebels barricaded gates from the inside, burned the police station and apparently were in control. Troops could reach them only by storming the walls.

Modern Jerusalem, built outside the walls after 158, was hard pressed. Rebels are encamped in the desert and hills on all sides.

Spontaneous gunfire was heard throughout the city. Rifle volleys inside were answered by the troops with machine-gun bursts. The situation inside the walls and the number of casualties were unknown.

Rebels were prowling through the new city. They were reported to have delivered a large supply of bandoliers and rifles to Arabs inside the walls last night by lowering them with ropes. They were concentrated in the vicinity of the sprawling mosque of Omar.

British troops had entered the mosque several days ago without removing their boots and as a result Arabs declared a general strike protesting this violation of their temple.

In addition to the perils within the city, military authorities feared that at any moment there might be a mass assault on the modern city by the Arabs in the hills.

Charles H. Brown of Pittsburgh, Pa., who was staying at a hotel 20 yards from the wall, expressed a typical foreigner's sentiment today: "I thought during the Sudetenland crisis that I might get close to war before I got home, but I didn't expect the war to come to me."

Curfew from 11 p. m. to 5 a. m. was established today in the new city of Jerusalem as a result of tension in the old city section, and British authorities warned violators of the regulation that they would be shot without warning.

The gates into the old city, previously closed by British authorities, could not be opened because Arab rebels have constructed barricades on the inside. Informed persons said conditions were tense, while assisting in the construction of a new government hospital.

Terrorists set fire to a police station in the old city of Jerusalem.

Gaither Rhodes Fully Restored To Citizenship

Superior court yesterday restored citizenship to W. Gaither Rhodes, convicted of embezzlement at the January, 1931, term. The court found as a fact that the allegations in the petition presented were true, and that the character of the petitioner for truth and honesty is good.

The judgment read: "It is therefore ordered that the petitioner's rights of citizenship are herewith restored with all privileges and incidents."

In the court yesterday afternoon, Ed Green pleaded guilty to operating a disorderly house. A 30-day sentence was suspended on condition a road house known as the Chicken Coop be closed for all purposes for 12 months and the defendant pay the costs.

MONDAY Maximum temperature—80 degrees. Minimum—37 degrees. Mean—58.5 degrees. Day's range 43 degrees. Normal mean temperature for October—56.4 degrees. No rainfall to date. Normal rainfall—4.36 inches.