

Italian, British Political Moves Stir More Interest Than War

Japan Attitude Held Safeguard

Churchill Invites Neutrals to Join England for Own Protection

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With Europe's two wars largely winter-bound except at sea and in the air, new Italian and British moves on the political and diplomatic checkboards stir deeper attention than battle reports.

At first glance, Italy's action in virtually recognizing in advance the puppet central government Japan is organizing in China appears inimical to British, French, and even American interest in China. Yet deeper study suggests that Mussolini's primary purpose in drawing Italy and Japan closer together may be to keep Russia and Japan apart.

The Italian move came just at a time, too, when the voice of Winston Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, was raised in what must be considered as an invitation to Europe's little neutrals to enlist economically under allied banners, not only against Nazi Germany but against Russia.

"There is no chance for a speedy end," he said, "except through united action. If at any time Britain and France, wearying of the struggle, were to make a shameful peace, nothing would remain for the smaller states of Europe but to be divided between the opposite, though similar, barbarisms of nazidom and bolshevism."

The Italian move, extending felicitations to the Japanese-organized central government in China, even before it is actually set up, and proffering "comradely collaboration" in the work of "national reconstruction," was made at a time when British-Japanese relations are increasingly tense due to Britain's action in intercepting a Japanese ship to take off German merchant seamen bound home from the United States. It is obvious that the primary Italian purpose is to strengthen Rome-Tokyo ties and match Italian diplomatic moves in southeastern Europe to halt Russia.

Russo-German collaboration in ravished Poland, and the possibility of new Russo-German cooperation in Finland, has seriously strained relations between Rome and Berlin. Rome's friendly gesture toward Tokyo thus is aimed at averting any real re-approchement between Moscow and Tokyo. Behind it lies the same motive that prompted the Italian-Hungarian pact.

It is calculated to keep Russian eyes focussed on the far east in uncertainty as to what may happen there at a time when Moscow is so engaged in the effort of the Finnish campaign that any adverse development elsewhere along the far-flung Russian frontiers would be especially embarrassing. There is at least an implication of Italian aid for Japan against Russia if the need arises.

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It invites a new wave of German and Russian charges that the allies are deliberately seeking to drag all of Europe into the war.

Nor does first press reaction in Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway appear favorable. Only in France and in beleaguered Finland was his advice welcomed.

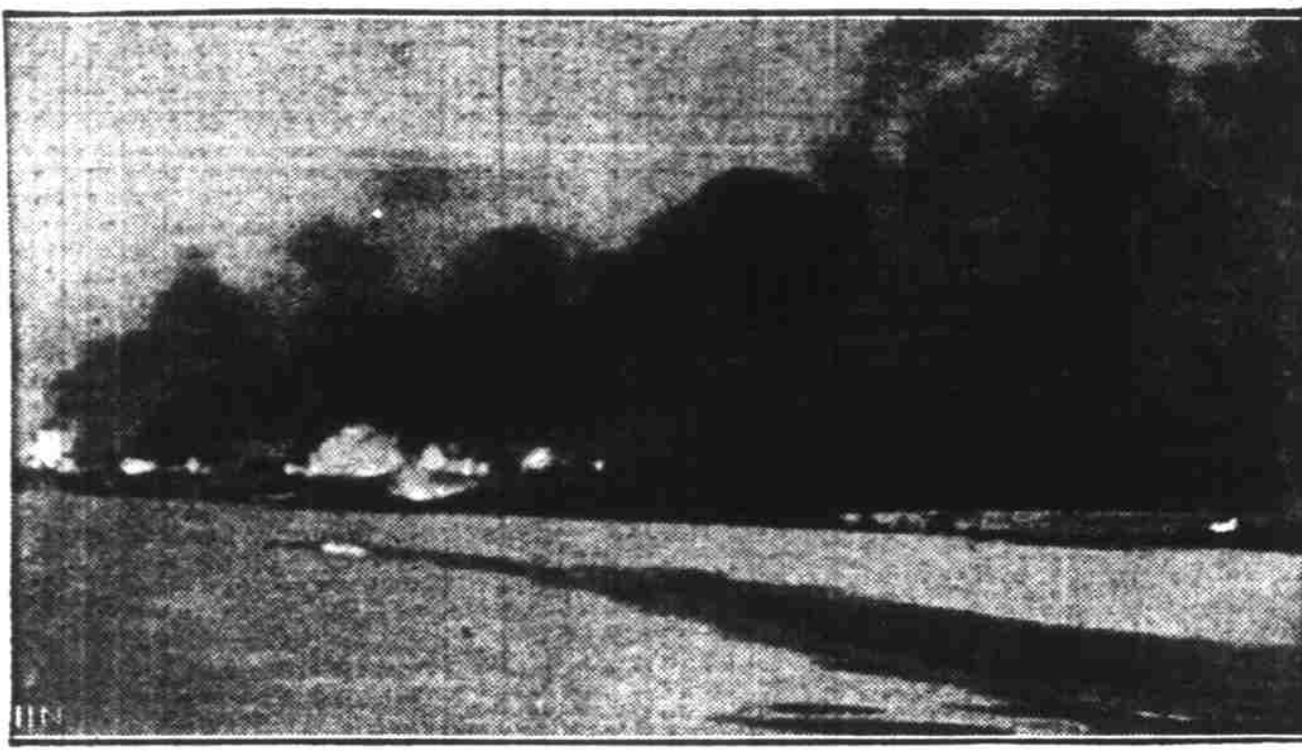
Stork Flies Over Perrydale Route With Double Load
PERRYDALE — The stork which flies the route in this community believes in doing two tasks on one trip.

Burk Will Return Borders for Trial
Sheriff A. C. Burk is expected to leave early this morning to drive to Omaha, Neb., to obtain custody of Harley A. Borders.

McPherson Resigns Post As County GOP Secretary
Walter F. McPherson announced last weekend that he was resigning as secretary-treasurer of the Marion County Republican club, the office to which he was elected at the January meeting.

Births Are Reported
SILVERTON — The Silvertown hospital reports two births, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Funk January 19, and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Steiger, January 20.

Sub-Zero Cold Will End Some of This in Finland



Temperatures as low as 52 degrees below zero, temporarily forces a halt in soviet air raids, result of which is graphically pictured in this new picture of flaming Finnish homes after a red visit. This picture was made by News of the Day news-reel.

Unusual Political Parade



Something new in political parades is staged on a New Orleans street by James H. Morrison, 31-year-old reform candidate for governor of Louisiana. The "convict parade" featured this float which ridicules leading state politicians, caricatured in convict stripes. There are four reform candidates in all.

Abstract Is Filed In Minto Appeal

Abstract on appeal has been filed with the supreme court by Chief of Police Frank A. Minto of Salem, who is carrying to the higher bench the mandamus action brought by Frank Winslow, discharged policeman, in an effort to regain his position on the force.

Eccles to Attend Chicago Meeting

Budget Director David Eccles left Monday night for Chicago where he will attend a meeting of the executive committee of the republican program committee.

Legion Auxiliary Has Card Party

WOODBURN—At the American Legion auxiliary's third card party 14 tables were in play. Parties were won by Mrs. Fred Hecker and Mrs. Tony Halter.

School Merger Is Lost by Two Votes

SILVERTON—The vote in four districts of the Silvertown Hills section Saturday night on consolidation of schools resulted in refusal from two districts and overwhelming majorities from the other two.

Meatless Dinners at WU Raise Money for Chinese

A tag sale and a meatless dinner on the Willamette university campus during recent days raised a large fund for Chinese student relief. In a campaign started by Dr. T. Z. Koo in a talk last Wednesday, John Hathaway, chairman of the drive, said that the tags brought \$106.50, which on the difference of exchange will be worth \$1278 in China.

Albany Young Man Enlists in Marines; to San Diego

Melvin A. Portner, son of Mrs. Ella M. Pringle, route 2 Albany, was enlisted Saturday in the US Marine corps, according to Sergeant William M. Cheney, non-commissioned officer in charge of the local recruiting station.

Sailing in Mined Harbor Thrilling

W. T. Rigby Recounts Tale of 5-Months Trip to Oriental Waters

Sailing through mine-guarded channels of Singapore harbors was the outstanding thrill of a five-months trip to the Orient, Australia, New Zealand and the South seas from which W. T. Rigby, 440 Bush street, returned last week, he said yesterday. A subscriber to The Statesman for many years, Mr. Rigby stopped at The Statesman office to tell of his trip.

50,415 Placed in Positions in 1939

A total of 50,415 men and women received jobs in private industry in Oregon in 1939 against 47,842 in 1938. L. C. Stoll, state employment director, reported here Monday.

Trombonist Will Visit Silverton

SILVERTON — Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Winter from their son, Maurice, that he will be located in San Francisco for some months.

Finnish Workers Opposed to Loan

PORTLAND, Jan. 22—(P)—A resolution opposing war loans to Finland or any other country was passed last night by the Finnish Workers' Federation.

Hermiston Power Schedule Reduced

Following conferences Monday with Ormond R. Bean, state utilities commissioner, as a result of the commissioner's practice and continuous investigation, officials of the Hermiston Light and Power company filed with the state new schedules of residential and commercial brackets, showing reductions in their service.

Klamath Attorney Bench Candidate

Henry E. Perkins, Klamath Falls, Monday filed in the state department here for circuit judge of the 13th judicial district, Klamath county, at the primary election.

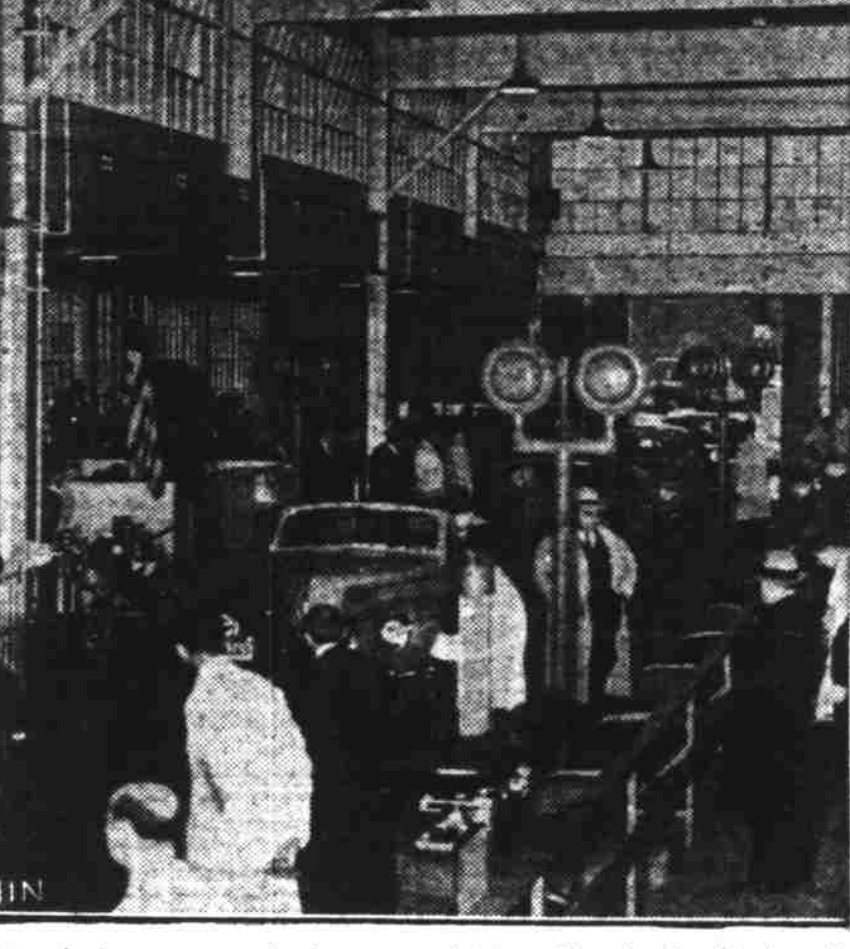
Community Program Will Feature Play

SILVERTON HILLS—A large crowd is expected to attend the program at the community hall on February 3 when Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ellefson of Silvertown will conduct a one-act play and an hour of readings and singing.

Demonstration Set

Harold Johnston, registered acoustician, will conduct free demonstrations of hearing aids today at the Burroughs Electric company, 337 Court street, from 11 a. m. until 8 p. m.

Auto Checkup Compulsory



Launched as a move to increase safety on the streets, Cincinnati, O., has inaugurated a compulsory auto checkup service by opening a \$50,000 test lane, picture, one of five planned. Checkups must be made semi-annually with a 50-cent fee attached. Repairs or alterations must be made within 30 days.

Salem Students Take It Easy While Others Cram for End of Semester; Graduates Wait for June Ceremony

While students at other schools in parts of Oregon may this week be up to their ears in books, cramming for mid-year examinations, students in the Salem public school system—from primary grades on through senior high school—have nothing tougher to face than the regular six-weeks tests.

No worries concerning grade advancements or graduations for Salem students, either. Those, like mid-year exams, have been passed in the capital city educational system since 1936. While a few students at Salem high may have finished graduation requirements by week's end, they will not be graduated until the class of '40 exercises next June.

New students will be admitted next Monday, both for the new semester and new six-weeks period, but other than that there will be no break in the regular routine of classes. City School Superintendent Frank B. Bennett's office reported yesterday.

Leaders Attend Session at OSC

Wayne D. Harding, county 4H club leader, and Mrs. Carmel Weddle, assistant, were in Corvallis yesterday for the first of a three-day annual conference for 4H club leaders held under the auspices of the state college.

Also attending from this region were Henry Wenner and Mrs. Jasper King, Central Howell; Rosella Lane, Aumsville; Mrs. David Sauer, Keizer; Bob Zielenki, Buena Vista; Mrs. Robert Wager, Middle Grove; and Mrs. Frances Whitehead and Mrs. Elizabeth Ball, both Turner.

Advertisement for Children's SNIFFLER and MENTHOLATUM. Text includes: 'FOR CHILDREN'S SNIFFLER', 'MENTHOLATUM Gives COMFORT Daily', and 'DR. HIGGINS DENTIST 410 Guardian Bldg. Tel. 6834'.

Advertisement for CAMEL cigarettes. Text includes: 'SPEED'S FINE IN HOCKEY BUT NOT IN CIGARETTES. I LIKE SLOW-BURNING CAMELS... THEY'RE MILD AND COOLER!' and a picture of a man smoking a cigarette.

Large advertisement for HOGG BROS. featuring 'Our Removal SALE' and lists of products like 'ATHENS, new, wood, reg. \$69.50... 49.50' and 'AUTOMATIC GAS WATER HEATER... 21.50'.

Advertisement for CAMEL Slow-Burning Cigarettes, emphasizing 'SLOW-BURNING COSTLY TOBACCO' and 'EXTRA MILDNESS, EXTRA COOLNESS, EXTRA FLAVOR'.