



Map shows how totalitarian countries of Japan, Germany, and Italy might employ united strategy, as rumored, to force showdown in territorial objectives of each. Japan squeezes Russia on the east, threatens British and French colonial trade with occupation of China. Germany can press Soviet from west, with eager eyes on Ukdanger to France and England, the latter already occupied with Palestine, aided by Fascist triumph in Spain, presents Mediterranean.



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Population Drifting Into Pacific Northwest States

PORTLAND, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Evidence of an unmistakable population drift toward the Pacific Northwest has been revealed in a survey of 27 Oregon, Washington and Idaho cities conducted by the Equitable Savings and Loan association.

In 40 years more than a million persons settled in the region, the survey showed, and the migration is continuing today at a rate half again in excess of any other United States population trend.

The survey findings bring both cheer and grief to northwest chambers of commerce—encouraged on the one hand by prospects of a new industrial and agricultural empire, and at the same time faced by many problems resulting from the population growth.

The collective population of the areas surveyed was only 336,052 in 1900. Today it has swelled to 1,375,765—and indications point to a new migration upheave stemming from the Golden Gate exposition.

The effect of expositions—and particularly, their less orthodox features—has been notable. San Francisco's famous "Stella," a canvas nude first shown at the 1915 exposition, is given credit for some of the western drift, and Sally Rand herself, the greatest single attraction of the current show, may exert considerable influence on future statistics.

The survey is based on U. S. census figures for earlier years, and on census estimates, water meter connections, post office service and similar information for the present.

In the 27 cities surveyed, 12 each in Oregon and Washington and three in Idaho, an average population gain of 11.8 per cent was recorded since 1930. This compares with a six per cent gain for the nation during the same period.

For a 19 year period, beginning in 1920, Oregon has reported the greatest growth of any northwest state—33.9 per cent. Washington

had 32.3 per cent and Idaho 30.3. But in the last nine years Idaho has taken the lead, with 18.1 per cent to Washington's 12.9 and Oregon's 9.2. Medium-sized cities and small-towns have led the advance.

The research group responsible for the survey attributed the rise to the favored position of the northwest, and cited its low infant mortality rate as an added factor.

The following cities reported an increase of 25 per cent or more since 1930:

Corvallis, Klamath Falls; Longview, Wash.; Roseburg, St. Helens; Vancouver, Wash.; Wenatchee, Wash.; and Yakima, Wash.

Increases of 10 to 25 per cent were noted in:

Boise, Ida.; Eugene, Pendleton; Pocatello, Ida.; Salem, Seattle, Wash.; Spokane, Wash.; and Walla Walla, Wash.

Gains of from 1 to 10 per cent were reported by:

Aberdeen, Wash.; Astoria, Baker; Bellingham, Wash.; Everett, Wash.; Hoquiam, Wash.; La Grande; Lewiston, Ida.; Medford, Portland; and Tacoma, Wash.

French Troops Trod Banks of Rhine

PARIS, March 21.—(AP)—The French government was reported today to have decided upon regional mobilization along the Rhineland frontier as a warning to Germany to keep hands off Rumania, a French ally.

Political sources indicated the first use Premier Daladier would make of the unprecedented dictatorial powers voted him by parliament yesterday would be an armed demonstration to Rumania that she would not have to face German threats alone.

Unusual secrecy surrounded a hastily-called cabinet meeting yesterday, but political observers

Rumania Rolls Into Nazi Economic Orbit

BUCHAREST, March 21.—(AP)—Rumania appeared ready today to make economic concessions to Germany but stood firm against

the surrender of any political rights.

Negotiations between Dr. Helmut Wohlhat, German trade expert, and the Rumanian finance ministry were taking place here. The discussions were said to be approaching a conclusion in an atmosphere of "understanding on both sides."

But it was also asserted no political problems nor German-Rumanian relations were being discussed. Rumanians admitted their trade with Germany would be increased to a marked degree, but they said the complete German demands were not being met.

There was to be no yielding of any political points, they insisted.

agreed the first plenary decrees, submitted for President Albert Lebrun's signature today, would start the recall of troops and would be designed to bring the French army's standing strength up to nearly 1,000,000 men.

FISH SWIM FASTER?
ASTORIA, March 21.—(AP)—A one-cent price increase for salmon caught from the start of the commercial season to Aug. 1 was asked yesterday by Columbia river fishermen.

BRIDE IS HONORED
JUNCTION CITY, March 21.—(Special)—A group of girls drove to Marcola last week for a surprise shower for Mrs. Marian Carothers-Petersen, a recent bride. The afternoon was spent visiting

and admiring the gifts presented to Mrs. Petersen for her new home. Betty Domy, Mildred Edwards and Doris Steele served refreshments to Nora Showalter, Pat Nelson, Edith Wren, Marley Ross and Mrs. Carothers.

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