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## Coster-Musica Suicide Note Made Public

### US Apology Refused Nazis

#### Cooperation by Americas Hangs In Balance

#### Defiant Argentine Holds Up Agreement in Lima Conference

Lima, Peru, Dec. 22 (AP)—The issue of cooperative defense for the Americas hung in the balance today between a defiant Argentine declaration thrown dramatically before the Pan-American conference and a second declaration to which the United States and most of the other countries agreed.

United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull arrived early at the conference hall and conferred with Dr. Carlos Concha of Peru, conference chairman, and Afranio Mello Franco, Brazilian delegation chief, in an endeavor to break the deadlock.

From Dr. Isidoro Ruiz Moreno, chairman of the Argentine delegation, the other three leaders demanded official and exact information about the Argentine position in the light of a telegram he received yesterday from Buenos Aires.

The new impasse developed when the Argentine delegation withdrew unofficial endorsement of the majority declaration and presented its own resolution upon instructions from its government.

#### Franco Still Hopeful

The Argentines held the majority draft to be in effect a military alliance, which the delegation opposed from the start of the conference.

Indications continued that if Argentina refused to alter her position, the other 20 republics might act without her. This, however, would be an extreme procedure and, delegates said, hardly desirable in the interests of Pan-American tranquility.

Despite the startling step by Argentina in publishing her project without submitting it officially to the conference, the Brazilian delegation chief, Afranio Mello Franco, indicated he still hoped for a settlement.

These hopes apparently were based on diplomatic urgings in Buenos Aires by the Brazilian and possibly other governments that Argentina adopt a more conciliatory attitude.

There were conferences here early morning. United States Secretary Hull, Dr. Carlos Concha of Peru, conference chairman, and Mello Franco talked in Hull's apartment. Later Concha, Mello Franco and the Uruguayan delegate, Pedro Manini Rios, conferred.

#### Argentina Suspicious

Delegates pointed out there were several appreciable differences between the Argentine text and the Mello Franco-Concha-Hull declaration.

Argentina specified aggression both from within and from without the continent, but put within the continent first. This was an indication, the conference spokesmen said, of her continued suspicion that the United States might one day end the good neighbor policy.

The Argentine text omitted intention of the Pan-American nations to provide for their own defense, as contained in the majority text.

The majority resolution contained two classifications of aggression, direct and indirect.

The general comment on the texts was that under the majority declaration continental defense tended to be more a common task, whereas under the Argentine declaration it tended to be individual.

#### British Bomber Approved by Pilot

Los Angeles, Dec. 22 (AP)—The first of 200 bombing planes, being built at the Lockheed factory here for Great Britain at a cost of \$21,000,000, had the approval today of its test pilot.

Squadron Leader James Addams, of the British air ministry, said he was well pleased with the first ship after putting it through its paces. It is powered with two engines of more than 1600 horsepower, weighs more than 17,000 pounds, and is designed for a top speed of 300 miles an hour.

#### Franco Stages Great Spy Hunt Among Forces

#### Over 1000 Arrests Among Nationalists as Result of "Dirty Shirt" Case

London, Dec. 22 (AP)—Official reports reaching London today asserted "approximately 1,000" arrests had occurred in insurgent Spain in a great spy hunt which authoritative persons here suggested might affect the entire course of the Spanish civil war.

The arrests were the sequel of what the London informants called the "case of the dirty shirt."

The shirt in question was found in the baggage of Harold Goodman, British vice-consul at San Sebastian, when he was stopped at Irun, on the French border, last Monday. Inside it was "incriminating information" which led to the arrests.

An official statement from the insurgent foreign ministry at Burgos said documents found in Goodman's valise when he reached the border en route to France were "designed to inform the enemies of Nationalist (insurgent) Spain about our future military operations."

For weeks reports from both sides in Spain have told of great insurgent preparations for a major offensive by which it was said General Franco hoped to end the war. The offensive has been unaccountably delayed, although bad weather has been cited as an explanation.

The Burgos foreign ministry said preliminary inquiries disclosed the existence of "a vast organization to communicate with the enemy."

It added British authorities were giving the Burgos government all possible assistance in the investigation.

The statement charged insurgent military police had also found in the valise "a certain quantity of Spanish money which had not been declared."

London informants here said Goodman had been absolved of guilt in the affair, but that several employees of British consulates in insurgent territory were "under suspicion."

Several Spanish Nationals are employed in British consular offices in Spain, but it was not known here whether all those arrested were Spanish.

#### Mrs. Honeyman Urged for Position

Seattle, Dec. 22 (AP)—Nan Wood Honeyman, Portland, defeated democratic congresswoman from Oregon, was recommended for a position on the federal communications commission by the executive board of the Washington Commonwealth Federation.

#### State Troopers Hunt For Killer Fiend

Tunkhannock, Pa., Dec. 22 (AP)—A half a hundred state troopers were called into a search of this isolated, snow-covered countryside today for the slayer who strangled attractive, 19-year-old Margaret Martin.

Coroner Ray W. Greenwood said Miss Martin "definitely was murdered." An autopsy performed last night by Dr. G. G. Guyler, of Wilkes-Barre, and A. B. Davenport, of Tunkhannock, disclosed, they said, death resulted from strangulation.

The girl had been slashed across the abdomen and bruised. Her body was bound with a cloth, with both legs jammed under the chin. Fingerprints were found on her neck, the physicians said, and these and the clotheslines were checked for possible clues.

The girl's mother, Mrs. John Martin, near collapse under the strain of anxiety over her daughter's disappearance, was among those who identified the body. Later she said: "We would rather know she is dead than believe she was in the hands of white slavers."

Miss Martin's father is a mine foreman and minor political figure at Kingston. The family is in modest circumstances.



#### Duchess Loses Test Election

Crieff, Scotland, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Duchess of Atholl, who rebelled against Prime Minister Chamberlain's foreign policy, was beaten by 1313 votes in the parliamentary election she forced to test the issue, complete returns showed today.

The "Red Duchess," so-called because of her support of the Spanish government cause, in yesterday's voting received 10,495 votes to 11,808 for William McNair Snadden, her conservative opponent, who campaigned as a hearty supporter of Chamberlain's policy of appeasement.

The wealthy duchess ran as an independent after resigning her seat in the house of commons, in which she had represented the Kinross and West Perth division for 15 years.

Her conservative Highland constituents turned against her after she had broken formally with the prime minister's party after his Munich accord with the dictators for the partition of Czechoslovakia.

#### Confesses to Slaying Wife

Los Angeles, Dec. 22 (AP)—A re-enactment of the gruesome hatchet slaying of motherly Rose Spinelli, confessed, police said, by her jobless bootblack husband—was planned today at the home where her dismembered body was burned last week.

Detective Capt. Hubert J. Wallis announced William Spinelli, frail, middle-aged father of five children, broke under hours of questioning and confessed killing his wife.

Confronted with teeth and pieces of bone from the incinerated body, Spinelli admitted committing the homicide as a result of his wife's threat to leave him, Wallis said.

The diminutive, wrinkle-faced suspect had been openly accused by his son, William, Jr., 19, taken into custody with him after a daughter, Helen, reported to police her mother disappeared December 12.

Another son, Joseph, 20, CCC enrollee at a camp near Bakersfield, Calif., returned to the city yesterday to spend Christmas with the family, only to be informed on arrival of Mrs. Spinelli's slaying.

#### Berlin Protests Ickes Speech On Dictators

#### Welles Says Request Improper as Secretary Voiced Opinion of Americans

Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—Summer Welles, acting secretary of state, disclosed today the United States had rejected Germany's demand for an official apology for Secretary Ickes' speech in Cleveland last Sunday attacking dictatorships.

Welles told Dr. Hans Thomsen, the German charge d'affaires, the request came with singularly ill grace and impropriety from a government which had so persistently permitted its controlled press and officials to attack American leaders including Presidents Wilson and Roosevelt and present members of the cabinet.

The acting secretary of state advised Thomsen Ickes' remarks represented the feeling of the American people who had been profoundly shocked by recent events in Germany.

Welles' statement to the German envoy was couched in strong and uncompromising terms which the United States rarely uses in diplomatic discussions with a friendly government.

He told Thomsen the German government must now surely know the recent policy pursued in Germany had shocked and confounded public opinion in the United States more profoundly than anything that had taken place in many decades. Welles warned Thomsen expressions of public indignation such as Ickes' were inevitable.

#### Italy Awaiting French Reply

Rome, Dec. 22 (AP)—Italy waited today for France to offer concessions after giving notice the fascist government considers invalid the 1935 Mussolini-Laval convention concerning Tunisia.

The authoritative fascist editor, Virginia Gayda, warned the French that Rome would meet "with equal arguments and equal force" France's "insidious fury" if France wanted to fight.

The firm Italian stand considerably impressed diplomatic quarters, where it was felt Premier Mussolini, determined to make the Rome-Berlin axis benefit him, was in great earnest in the matter.

(The convention assures Italians in Tunisia—the French North African protectorate for which Italians started a campaign November 30—their right to Italian citizenship until 1965. It never has been ratified by the French parliament but French diplomatic experts consider that it has been in force since it was signed in Rome January 7, 1935.)

Diplomats expressed the viewpoint Premier Mussolini felt his position strengthened after the four-power agreement on the division of Czechoslovakia September 29 and might be considering the use of force to achieve some striking success.

They added Di Duce had paid no regard to French assertions that Italy had occupied French territory ceded under the 1935 agreement, which defined borders between Tunisia and Italian Libya and between Italian Eritrea and French Somaliland in East Africa.

#### Japanese Ships Join Rate Pool

Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—Two Japanese steamship companies ended the threat of a destructive shipping rate war today by agreeing unexpectedly to join the Pacific coast-river Brazil conference and abiding by conference rates on Brazil coffee shipments to California and the northwest.

The two lines—Ozaka Syosen Kaishiki Kaisha and Yamashita Kisen Kaishiki—capitalized abruptly during a maritime commission investigation of charges they were using unfair trade practices designed to create chaotic conditions in the trade.

Representatives of both told the commission they would make application immediately for admission to the conference.

City Manager Named Hillsboro, Dec. 22 (AP)—J. W. Barney, recently resigned as Washington county engineer and roadmaster, has been appointed city manager at Hillsboro.

#### Japan Ready To Help China Out Foreigners

#### Prince Konoye Announces Program to Abolish Concessions

Tokyo, Dec. 22 (AP)—Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye declared today that Japan was prepared to help China abolish the foreign concessions and extra-territoriality, the system of special privileges enjoyed by some foreigners in China for nearly a century.

In a formal statement on the future of Japanese-Chinese relations the premier concluded: "Japan not only respects the sovereignty of China but is prepared to give positive consideration to the question of the abolition of extra-territoriality and of concessions and settlements, matters which are necessary for the full independence of China."

By China the premier manifestly referred to the state Japan already has announced she expects to emerge from her current conquests, linked in a strong political, economic and cultural bloc with Japan and her protectorate, Manchoukuo.

Such a state, under Japanese direction, is expected by Japanese leaders to replace the Chinese government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, which now has its capital at Chungking.

Konoye's statement was believed to embody decision reached in November by the imperial conference, super-government organ for prosecution of the China war, meeting in the presence of Emperor Hirohito.

Konoye's statement coincided with a strong press campaign for abolition of foreign concessions, including even the retrocession of Britain's colony of Hong Kong to the China of the "new order" of Japan's plans.

The statement reiterated the government announcement of November 3 that Japan proposed to form a Japan-China-Manchoukuo bloc "for common defense against communism and for economic cooperation."



Chinese Children Picket Boats—Chinese children joined their elders and others in protest picketing of the loading of scrap iron on two boats on the San Francisco water-front, and longshoremen have refused to pass their lines. Banners carried by the children explain their attitude toward the shipments. The pickets halted the loading for three days before withdrawing. — Associated Press Photo.

#### Many Volunteer To Aid Santa

The Capital Journal Christmas cheer campaign is going over the top in a large way and the Santa Claus editor's department is busy sorting food, clothing and toys for needy families. There are still many unprepared for Christmas eve is just 48 hours away. If you'll do your share just call the Santa Claus editor, 3573, and you'll be assigned a family to bring Christmas cheer to this holiday time.

#### Chinese Claim Japanese Rout

Shanghai, Dec. 22 (AP)—Chinese reported today that their forces smashed through the defenses at the east gate of Yochow, only important city held by the Japanese in Hunan province, and street fighting was in progress.

Yochow, 122 miles up the Yangtze river from Hankow, is the base from which the Japanese launched their Hunan campaign shortly after the fall of Hankow.

Another Chinese column was reported pushing northward from Tungcheng, 40 miles east of Yochow, in an effort to cut the Canton-Hankow line at Puchi and force Japanese withdrawal toward Hankow.

Chinese advised said guerrilla activities in north Hunan province—in the Yellow river zone—had caused 2000 Japanese casualties during the past two weeks.

From Chungking, Gen. Chen Cheng, chief of the Chinese national military council's political department, announced that 250,000 wounded Chinese soldiers had returned to the army following recovery.

He minimized the importance of Japanese efforts to cut Chinese communication lines, declaring China had an ample supply of food, small arms and machine-guns to continue the war indefinitely.

Family 49. This is a poor old gentleman living alone. He is scarcely able to exist on the pittance he has to live on. One wishing to bring true holiday joy might take this old man a basket.

Family 50. This couple has had a great deal of illness and everything they have has gone. A Christmas box would make Saturday evening and Sunday Christmas instead of just another week-end.

Family 51. This mother and her only child have been here these past few days. Alone in the world, they have scarcely enough to eat. The prospect of Christmas is bleak unless someone will help them along.

Family 52. A mother has been deserted by her husband and left with three small children, 11, 8 and 4. The need for food for this family is urgent. Will you do your part by helping them just a little?

Family 53. Once this man had a job, (concluded on page 13, column 5)

#### Daladier Wins by Narrow Margin of 7

Paris, Dec. 22 (AP)—The chamber of deputies, which nearly defeated the Daladier government on a vote of confidence earlier today, came back with a second and stronger vote tonight by adopting the entire Article two of the budget bill by 322 to 265.

Paris, Dec. 22 (AP)—Premier Daladier's plan to reorganize French finances by decree received approval for the second time today by the slim majority of seven votes in the chamber of deputies.

The chamber ratified by a vote of 291 to 284 the inclusion in the 1939 appropriation bill of a section carrying implied approval of all the decree laws issued under the new three-year economic plan.

Daladier, who stakes the life of his government on the vote, made little attempt to hide his opinion the cabinet had barely squeezed out of a tight place.

He declared, however, he was optimistic over the formation of a "faithful majority" upon which he could depend.

#### Wall Street Blamed for Firm's Crash

#### Swindler Exonerates Brothers; Claims He Acted for Good of All

New York, Dec. 22 (AP)—F. Donald Coster, born Philip Musica, said in a suicide note made public today that "bankers, lawyers, auditors, appraisers and incompetent high salaried executives have bled McKesson and Robbins white."

The amazing swindler who shot himself to death in his Connecticut home when his activities were discovered said the company which he headed "should have been in receivership at the time of the crash one year after its reorganization."

"I have tried to hold it up to save off the inevitable," he wrote. "No man has ever worked harder or received less pay to make something work out for the interest of all."

"There has always been friction within the board of directors because the wholesale business is a rotten business at best—the wholesale part wrote off millions of bad debts and inventories. There was nothing about that, just that the 1929 crash was responsible."

Attorney Publishes Note The note exonerated his brothers in a masquerade and asserted he was the "victim of Wall street plunder and blackmail in a struggle for honest existence."

The note was made public by Samuel Reich, Coster-Musica's attorney.

The note asked "the world to judge if bankers, lawyers, auditors and appraisers that got millions out of the company knew nothing."

Coster-Musica denied narcotics or alcohol were involved in his deals and asserted "I have not tried to ruin the company or the stockholders."

"If I did," Coster-Musica wrote, "I would have sold my holdings in 1928 for over \$5,000,000. Instead, I am a ruined man through the treachery of legal intrigue."

Regarding his concealment of his masquerade from his wife, Coster-Musica said he had "too much pride and regard for a lonely, devoted and sick wife to confide in her inner heart."

He said any gifts or presents he made to his wife or members of his family were "not company money," and his wife "had no knowledge of any nature or description of my situation or operations."

Confidantes Not Rewarded "My brothers-in-law both did as I asked them because they thought it was right and proper to do so and trusted me," he said. "They received no material reward and did so blindly—at my request."

Coster-Musica concluded his death document with the statement "As you shall deal with my poor, unfortunate wife, her family and mine, in like measure shall God reward you all."

Reich said the note was written the night before Coster-Musica shot himself, that it was addressed to Reich and found among the dead man's papers.

Simon Investigated While investigators studied Coster-Musica's suicide note Benjamin Simon, allegedly associated with McKesson and Robbins in negotiations for the sale of arms and munitions, was taken before the federal grand jury.

Brien McMahon, assistant U. S. attorney general, said Simon worked with Coster as an investigator in the attorney general staff and knew he was Philip Musica, ex-convict and central figure in a \$1,000,000 swindle in 1931.

McMahon said his new identity by filing five false birth certificates in Washington, D. C., for Coster, his three brothers and one of their sisters.

2 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS