

## Weekly News Analysis

### Dem-G.O.P. Coalition Gesture May Be 'Middle Ground' Trend

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EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst, and not necessarily of the newspaper.

#### Politics

America's political pendulum swings periodically from conservatism to liberalism and back again. Coolidge-Hoover conservatism was followed by Roosevelt liberalism, but the return swing to conservatism that started last November 8 is more apt to stop in the middle of the road, than to veer violently back to rock-ribbed Republicanism.

Washington observers, who claim President Roosevelt has discarded middle-road New Dealers in favor of "left-wingers" like Solicitor Gen. Robert H. Jackson and WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins, predict the President must either abandon this policy or lose the support of Postmaster Gen. James J. Farley. The President's answer will come when he names a successor to Attorney Gen. Homer S. Cummings.



OREGON'S McNARY  
He made friends with the Democrats.

If Mr. Jackson is appointed, Mr. Farley will interpret the move as a build-up leading to Mr. Jackson's presidential nomination in 1940. He will place the same interpretation on any efforts to win Mr. Hopkins a cabinet post.

Mr. Farley, casting about for a 1940 possibility, is reported to look favorably on Secretary of State Cordell Hull, the only cabinet member who has refrained from casting his lot with any factional element within the Democratic party. Mr. Roosevelt's choice apparently lies between running for a third term or endorsing some middle-grounder like Secretary Hull.

Evidence is already piling up testifying to the political expediency of this middle road position. Republicans, who will at last make themselves heard in congress next month, are inclined to assume such an attitude rather than fight for a return to the traditional G. O. P. conservatism. In the senate, where Republicans now have 23 members, they need the support of only 26 Democrats, Farmer-Laborites, Progressives or Independents to hold a majority.

By catering to the middle-ground idea, the President can possibly forestall the rising tide of Republican strength which is being built on this very platform. He can also avert a revolt in Democratic ranks, which otherwise will almost certainly rise to the surface during next congress. A meeting of Republican and Democratic minds is already evident on curtailment of governmental expenditures and a new policy for administering relief.

Oregon's Sen. Charles L. McNary, Republican minority leader, has announced that "Republicans will join with other groups" on such a program. One of his plans, that of turning relief administration over to bipartisan state boards, finds expression in the bill being drafted by North Carolina's Sen. Josiah W. Bailey, a Democrat. His political cohort, Sen. Edward R. Burke of Nebraska, has announced that although the Bailey proposal is a "Democratic move," Republican support will be welcomed.

#### Foreign

Snugly ensconced in his Bavarian mountain aerie at Berchtesgaden, Adolf Hitler can await Christmas morning knowing his stocking will be full. Established in 1938 as the master of Europe, Der Fuehrer is now able to sit back and watch the spoils of his diplomatic and military conquests mount throughout Europe. Among the latest spoils:

(1) Little Czechoslovakia, reduced to vassaldom, has agreed to let Germany build two canals and a super-highway across her, connecting Germany proper with Austria via a new short route. Both canals (one on the Moldau, the other on the Oder) will join with the Danube river and furnish an unbroken waterway from the North and Baltic seas to the Black sea. Thus will Hitler's economic grip on central Europe be strengthened.

(2) With Great Britain definitely frightened, Hitler has won a peace treaty with Britain's ally, France, whereby a barrier is erected be-

tween these two great European democracies. More important still is the fact that France's current economic and political chaos is a direct result of war preparations necessitated by Germany's aggressive policy. To put down a strong Communist uprising, Premier Edouard Daladier has been forced to exercise an iron hand that looks dangerously like Fascism.

(3) It is quite probable that Rumania's King Carol, having shopped unsuccessfully for financial aid in Great Britain, will accept Hitler's promise to buy Rumanian wheat and oil in return for German manufactured articles. This would give Germany a new wedge in her economic drive to the southeast.

The only unpleasant note in an otherwise happy Bavarian Christmas will be Poland's attitude. Although Hitler safeguarded his path to the southeast by blocking a proposed Hungarian-Polish plan to annex Ruthenia from Czechoslovakia, the victory has brought him Poland's undying hatred. Poland will oppose Der Fuehrer's plan to create a new Ukraine republic in Sub-Carpathian Russia, and will also tighten its friendship bonds with Russia at Germany's expense.

#### International

One day 115 years ago, President James Monroe stuck out his chin against the "holy alliance" then threatening the world in general and South America in particular. His statement: "We could not view an interposition for oppressing them (the Spanish-American republics) or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power, in any other light than as a manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States."

In the century that followed, the U. S. has clung tenaciously to its Monroe doctrine, sometimes blushing guiltily at charges of "dollar diplomacy" in South America. But in 1938 there has arisen a threat far greater than the holy alliance, namely, the Fascist-Nazi triumvirate of Germany, Italy and Japan.

How far these nations have penetrated into South America is debatable, but few observers deny the threat. Though the triumvirate may have no territorial ambitions in Pan America, it is significant that Nazi-Fascist foreign trade success runs hand in hand with political success. Diplomat and commercial salesman are often one and the same person.

U. S. weapons to fight this aggression are trade agreements, a Pan-American "league of nations" and co-ordinated Western hemisphere defense. To offer these weapons, a U. S. delegation is attending the eighth Pan-American conference in Lima, Peru, which opens strategically at a time when American nations are anxious to air their troubles. Notably included in the U. S.



EX-CANDIDATE LANDON  
Politics stopped at the gangplank.

group is Alfred M. Landon, 1936 Republican presidential nominee, which indicates that political parties are willing to confine their opposition to domestic affairs when Western hemisphere security is involved.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull has already memorized his proposals, but his presentation will be staged so elaborately that South American nations themselves will voice the plans. Reason: If the U. S. were to take outright lead in defending the Western hemisphere, the "dollar diplomacy" charge would again appear. That Mr. Hull will succeed in solidifying Pan America is conceded by most observers, who recall that in 1933 he injected an incredible spirit of optimism into the forlorn Montevideo conference.

#### Religion

The near-fatal heart attack which seized Pope Pius XI recently leads persons close to the Vatican to believe he will soon issue an encyclical on world issues, reaffirming his pronounced stand against armed conflicts, Germany's Jewish persecution and communism. The pope is believed anxious to make such a statement immediately because he is convinced another heart attack may prove fatal.

## WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—In Europe, a few years ago, this writer met a friend who had just interviewed Gen. Ismet Inonu, who is today Turkey's new dictator, succeeding Kemal Ataturk, who died recently. "He's the smartest hombre I ever met," said my friend. "He talked to me for two hours, frank and honest, looking me right in the eye and never holding out on anything. He was charming and brilliant and he didn't ask me not to print anything. I thought I had a great story. But when I started to write it, there was just nothing there. I saw him several times after that, and realized that he was a master in heart-to-heart talk which left no commitments whatsoever. I saw cagey diplomats kissed off just as I had been. The man is a marvel of brains and ingenuity."

The small, fragile, deaf, ingratiating General Inonu is the hero of the Turkish army, premier until a year ago, when he was mysteriously benched by Kemal Ataturk. There were rumors that he was engaged in international negotiations of such subtlety that he found it necessary to keep out of office and off-stage.

It was in 1920 that young Colonel Ismet joined Mustafa Kemal in Anatolia. By 1922, he had driven the Greeks out of Anatolia and Smyrna and in this period and thereafter he was Kemal Ataturk's chief military aide. He added to his laurels, when, at the 1923 Lausanne conference, he ran rings around British and Italian diplomats and won for Turkey virtually its demands.

He was one of few men who retained the confidence of Ataturk to the end. He was a firm and exacting and, at times, ruthless ruler of the army, and is said to lack none of the traditional specifications of the iron man.

It is apparent that Ismet Inonu is intent on keeping Turkey diplomatically liquid, that he fully realizes the bargaining power of Turkey's hegemony over the Moslem bloc, and that he probably will use this and other strategic assets in making some shrewd bargains.

TALL, austere Sumner Welles, a deft precisionist in career diplomacy, is merely undersecretary of state, but off-stage he's the key-man of a critical international encounter and a policy draughtsman in whose hands a chart of our South American procedure is taking shape. He helped initiate and has diligently fostered the "good neighbor" policy in Latin-America, and his radio address urging a get-together in the Western hemisphere received a good press in those countries. But a bad press in Germany.

His plea for joint defense against "any threat of attack" is in interesting contrast to his speeches of a year ago, when he appealed to the "nations of the world for a new world order, based on justice and law." He weighs the actualities of trade, finance and the collective safety and solvency of the Western world.

Something like a picture of a western league of nations begins to emerge as the great imperialisms turn toward the vast raw material storehouse of South America. After his graduation from Harvard in 1914, Franklin D. Roosevelt, then assistant secretary of the navy, helped him enter career diplomacy. In his early thirties, he was high commissioner to the Dominican Republic, the author of "Naboth's Vineyard," a two-volume study of that country. He was made ambassador to Cuba by President Roosevelt in 1933. He became undersecretary of state last year.

ROBERT DONAT, the English actor on the up-take in "The Citadel" and other films, made so many unsuccessful tries at the screen seven years ago that they called him "Screen Test" Donat. A competent actor, he met hard luck and was all but desperate, as something always went wrong. One day, in what he was sure would be his last try, the director told him to register despair. The irony of his merely imitating despair sent him into demonic laughter. Alexander Korda, in another room, heard him.

"Sign that man up, whoever he is," said Korda. "That's a great performance." He had what it took, and they routed him right through to fame and riches. He won by challenging a homily—"Do not despair."

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## Identical Twins Feature of St. Louis Banquet



No optical illusion this, but five pairs of identical twins attending a dinner sponsored by an organization of twins in St. Louis, Mo. Regular meetings are sponsored by the St. Louis Pairs, a fraternal organization all members of which must be twins. Left to right are Marcia and Myra Kelly, Opal Jean and Mary Jane Tuttle, Marie and Jeanne Gartner, Annabelle and Isabel Roques, Jane and Jeanne Gagnon. All live in St. Louis. There are several similar organizations throughout the United States with membership limited to twins. The St. Louis club is one of the most widely known.

## Mishap Season Gets Early Start



The season for accidents like this is well under way in many cities. Mishaps, frequently amusing to the more fortunate, happen often on icy streets, and they're by no means confined to cities. In New York the worst early fall snowstorm in years brought grief to many a pedestrian, and impeded traffic in the busiest sections. Accidents on slippery streets each year result in an alarming number of deaths, and exact a costly toll in damaged automobiles.

## Their Schooling Is Matter for Court



Seeking possession of his four children in order that they might be entered in British schools, Guy Maynard Liddell, head of England's civil intelligence department, has applied for a writ of habeas corpus against his wife, Mrs. Calypso Liddell, mother of the children and from whom he has been separated since 1935. All of the children are honor students in a Miami, Fla., grade school.

## From Stagecoach to Airliner



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#### 4-H CLUB CHAMPS



Hal Clark, 17-year-old youth from Clark's Hill, Ind., and his grand champion 4-H pen of sheep. Clark's sheep won honors at the thirty-ninth annual International Live Stock show in Chicago, where proud owners from all over the nation exhibited their animals.

#### PRESENTATION SET



Miss Eleanor Roosevelt, niece and namesake of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, will be presented in Washington at a White House dance to be given by President and Mrs. Roosevelt the latter part of December. Her father is Hall Roosevelt of New York city, brother of Mrs. Roosevelt.

#### Wink of the Hello Girl

At the hint of any delay over the telephone in Sweden the Swedish operator says not "just a minute" but "in the wink of an eye," and the system works as quickly as that.

## Uncle Phil Says:

#### Close to Disaster

A ship should not rely upon one small anchor, nor life upon a single hope.

Some men keep their ideals high by putting them on the shelf.

There is a kind of man who gives his promise who comes around the next day and says his wife won't let him keep it.

#### And Even That Weakens

Half of our pastimes are pursued to escape boredom. It requires intelligence to fight against it.

Every day, stop and think whether that day is going to be part of an unpleasant past.

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