

Weekly News Analysis Reversal of Foreign Policy Seen In U. S., British Loans to China By Joseph W. La Bine

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International

Although U. S.-British sympathies in the Chinese-Jap war have always been with China, industrialists of both nations have gladly profited by selling arms to more prosperous Japan. In the U. S., this activity continued unabated until last June 11, when Secretary of State Cordell Hull asked that it be discontinued. Still later came a serious blow to U. S. prestige when Japan, having conquered Shanghai, Canton, Hankow and Nanking, proceeded systematically to shut China's "open door" in violation of the nine-power treaty. Obviously, U. S.-British supremacy in the Orient was at an end unless the two nations would reverse their soft-stepping policy and take military or economic recourse against Tokyo. After weeks of undercover negotiation between London and Washington, the recourse now emerges as economic. Still acting without apparent co-operation, the two capitals made similar news on the same day:

Washington. The government-operated Export-Import bank advanced \$25,000,000 in credits to a New York company for exporting U. S. agricultural and manufactured



JESSE JONES
His bank answered Japan.

goods to China. Recognized as a very thinly veiled government loan, most funds will be used for automobile trucks and gasoline to haul munitions over the new Chinese gateway from Burma. To mature in five years, the loan is guaranteed by the Bank of China. Chief U. S. negotiator was Jesse Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

London. Now en route through parliament is an allotment of 10,000,000 pounds for export credits to protect Great Britain's far-flung foreign trade from Nazi encroachment. Already earmarked is an initial credit of 450,000 pounds for the Chinese government, to purchase trucks and roadmaking equipment for the new Burma gateway. Also under consideration is a British loan to the Chinese exchange equalization fund to help China's dollar.

While Chinese officials hailed the simultaneous moves as a "diplomatic victory," while Tokyo wondered what recourse to take, while Chinese government bonds showed good strength, Germany's foreign office commented in its official mouthpiece, *Diplomatische Korrespondenz*: "The United States' new policy furnishes food for thought. It shows that Washington apparently pursues aims which go beyond its old-established policy of good relations with other countries. . . . No opportunity is missed for directing attacks or innuendos against authoritarian states."

Rumania

Of all the lesser European nations subjected to Nazi Germany's political-economic pressure, Rumania has alone stood up on its feet and barked back. Reason: Rumania has been able to buy her imports anywhere she desires, but Germany must have Rumanian wheat and oil. Until last fall this upper hand served King Carol well, but the ring of Nazi-dominated nations around Bucharest has now grown so powerful that he must bow to Berlin or risk economic starvation.

Thus Rumania watched anxiously as German aggression in Austria and Czechoslovakia threatened to wipe out her prospering trade with those two nations. Since most of Rumania's Czech imports came from Sudetenland, now a part of Germany, the Reich gained an enormous advantage through this territorial acquisition.

To woo Rumania successfully, Germany must only meet the dilatory competition of Great Britain, whose promise to buy part of King Carol's wheat surplus is overshadowed by a German offer to buy all of it. Thus heartened, Rumania has signed a trade agreement whereby the Reich will take almost a third of its exports, meanwhile buying half its imports from Berlin.

How long Rumania can remain independent of Germany's beck-and-call is problematical. Like a

child who wants cake but won't brush its teeth, King Carol has successfully smashed the rising Nazi party within his borders. Yet he followed this coup with a totalitarian declaration under which Rumania becomes a one-party country politically similar to Germany. Likewise, while begging for German trade he has started an intensified program of fortification against German aggression.

Spain

On a gloomy November day in 1931, Spain's parliament stripped King Alfonso of his citizenship and properties. Already, the previous April, Alfonso had left for France, soon taking residence in Italy where Premier Benito Mussolini has not been unfriendly to his once-royal guest.

Since the loyalist government that ousted Alfonso is now fighting a losing battle to Generalissimo Francisco Franco, moreover since Italy and Spanish royalists are on Franco's side, observers have long thought Alfonso has a good chance of returning to the throne some day. Franco hinted as much last spring, indicating that he might retain for himself the premiership and thus make the throne a puppet post.

This theory is now strengthened by action of rebel Spain's council of ministers, not only restoring Alfonso's citizenship, but his lands as well. How soon—if ever—the ex-king will return to Spain is still a secret, but pessimists regard Franco's gesture as merely an insincere bid for continued royalist support which has been dwindling in recent months. Still others think Alfonso would never return to the throne, that his job would be taken instead by Prince Juan, compromise candidate of both royalist factions—the Carlists and Renovacion Espanolistas.

Politics

Smart politicians lay their campaign groundwork well in advance, swapping favor for favor, smelling out the trail that will most likely lead to success. Thus official Washington has started buzzing with rumors following (1) resignation of Commerce Secretary Daniel C. Roper and Attorney General Homer Cummings, and (2) Vice President John Nance Garner's return to the capital. That Mr. Garner visited President Roosevelt the same day Mr. Roper resigned gave an added zest to the game.

While both the President and vice president look to 1940, they apparently look in opposite directions. No public utterance followed the conference but it is quite obvious that Mr. Garner looks fearfully on the projected appointment of WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins to succeed Mr. Roper. The Roosevelt program: To strive for more New Deal gains such as governmental reorganization, and to give Harry Hopkins a build-up for presidential nomination in 1940. The Garner program: To consolidate the administration's position, to unite arguing factions and make a record in congress which will win public approval.

Both programs lead to 1940, but each goes down its own trail. In the inevitable compromise, it is expected that Mr. Hopkins will be named commerce secretary, but that in return congress will demand drastic revision of relief administration.



VICE PRESIDENT GARNER
He also looks forward to 1940.

How this solution could clarify the 1940 presidential issue is not apparent; moreover, conservative elements in the Democratic party doubt that the commerce department's immediate charge, U. S. business, will like the man whose job has been to dispense \$9,500,000,000 since 1933.

While gossiping over this morsel, Washington's politicians have let pass almost unnoticed an equally important bit of groundwork leading to 1940. John L. Lewis, C. I. O. chieftain, has spoken publicly against a labor-sponsored third party, choosing instead to broaden his Labor's Nonpartisan league. Its program: To elect delegates to the presidential primaries who will assure nomination of "progressive candidates." This means that C. I. O. endorses continuation of the New Deal, and that a move to the right would cause the Lewis front to bolt from the Democratic convention.

Trend

How the Wind Is Blowing . . .
HOLIDAYS—This year's Christmas mail has been the biggest in history, requiring 3,000,000,000 postage stamps.

MEDICINE—California's medical association has approved a health insurance plan for doctor and hospital care, the first of its kind undertaken by a state medical organization.

WELFARE—Changes in social security laws head the list of business before 44 state legislatures convening in January.

SAFETY—Detroit, fourth largest city in the United States, cut its automobile death toll 42.9 per cent during 1938.

Pan-America

If the U. S. hopes to win Latin-American friendship and stave off totalitarian influence in the Western hemisphere, she must at once convince her southern neighbors (1) that the U. S. no longer seeks to dominate this hemisphere, and (2) that the U. S. must nevertheless continue in the role of guardian angel over Pan-American nations.

The difficulty of this position stared President Roosevelt's delegates in the face long before the Pan-American conference opened at Lima, and after three weeks of consultation it still remained evident that nothing more concrete than well-intentioned resolutions would emerge from the meeting. Secretary of State Cordell Hull realizes that without absolute unanimity of opinion, Pan-America's attempts to block German-Italian-Japanese in-



REPUBLICAN LANDON
His word carried more weight.

fluence will carry little weight. Such unanimity cannot be reached because hungry Argentina insists on developing her trade with Germany, and Mexico will continue to expropriate foreign-owned land.

As the conference neared an end, it appeared the most concrete result would be perfection of consultation machinery under which ministers of all American nations would meet every two years. But Secretary Hull could also be happy over the good sense that induced Democratic President Roosevelt to choose Republican Alf Landon as a delegate to Lima. Far more significant than any resolution, more potent than any argument of good intentions which the U. S. could offer, was Republican Landon's radio speech warning totalitarian countries that Washington would always stand pat on its Monroe doctrine.

Its significance: Whereas dictatorships have profited through Great Britain's vacillating foreign policy, torn by a "Chamberlain bloc," "Eden bloc," "Cliveden set" and "peace-at-any-price bloc," Republican Landon's support of Democrat Roosevelt's foreign policy showed clearly that the U. S. is united on at least one subject.

Miscellany

In Philadelphia, New Year's Eve revelry after midnight was banned because Mayor S. Davis Wilson reminded citizens of a 144-year-old law banning "the practice of worldly employment in general" on the Sabbath.

'Quotes'

VERMONT'S GOV. GEORGE D. AIKEN, on Republican obligations: "The party has got to realize that it must be liberal if it is going to get anywhere. Those elected to congress have got to realize that if they professed to be liberals from expediency, they must back up their words with actions."

PRIME MINISTER NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, warning Germany against war: "When German statesmen reflect on the possible consequences of conflict they think not only of our armaments but our great financial resources, which, in a war of long duration, might prove the deciding factor."

GEORGE McLEAN HARPER, U. S. educator, reviving a dead issue: "I regard the severance of the American colonies from the mother country as one of the most lamentable mistakes in history."

FARM TOPICS

LUNCH COUNTER TO ENCOURAGE LAYERS

Expert Advises Five-Foot Feeders for 100 Hens.

By Dr. A. R. Winter, Poultry Department, Ohio State University, WNU Service.

Providing free-lunch counters for birds in the laying house is a good way to get eggs and reduce labor in preparing poultry feed. Each 100 hens need three five-foot feeders to avoid overcrowding while eating and each feeder should have a reel to keep the chickens out of the feed.

Poultrymen might well consider keeping the best of the two-year-old hens rather than to sell them. Meat prices are low and hens will lay 80 per cent as many eggs during their second year as producers as they did when pullets. Very few birds are worth keeping for layers the third year.

Poultrymen will be saved money and trouble if they cull out poorly developed pullets. It costs too much money to feed laying rations to pullets that will not lay eggs until next spring. Good two-year-old hens will make better use of the feed.

Laying houses should be repaired, cleaned, and provisions made for ventilation. Diseases spread rapidly in dirty houses, and colds attack birds which are subjected to drafts or overheating. Vaccinations for fowl pox should be postponed if the pullets are ready to go in the laying house as the treatment is likely to delay production.

Pullets which appear healthy and vigorous do not need treatment for internal parasites. Treatments which kill parasites have at least a temporary detrimental effect upon the birds and production will be delayed. It always is a good practice to remove ailing birds from the flock as soon as they are detected.

Getting back to feeds for the layers, tests show good results when birds are fed mash concentrate and grains in separate self feeders. The concentrate may vary from 24 to 32 per cent of protein; less concentrate is consumed when the protein content is high. Wheat, corn, and oats can be used for grain and they should be separated in the feeders.

Advantage Is Found in

Having the Same Breeds

A dairyman just starting with purebreds may feel that since all his neighbors have one breed of cattle, he should get another breed so as to have a monopoly in the business of selling breeding stock. There is no question about the monopoly, says the Missouri Farmer, but there would probably be little business to monopolize. It is difficult for an isolated small breeder to dispose of his surplus stock to advantage, while if there are many breeders with the same breed, buyers are attracted to the locality because of the better chance to get the desired animals from one or more of the several breeders.

There are other advantages to a dairyman in having the same breed as his neighbor, such as the possibility of exchanging bulls, and of owning good purebred bulls co-operatively. These advantages are obtained by those having grade herds as well as by those with purebreds. Then there is also the opportunity for taking advantage of special breed sales of surplus stock, and, lastly, the advantage of bringing the community together in other endeavors which usually result where there is but one breed. It might be added that these same thoughts are applicable to other kinds of live stock and poultry.

With the Farmers

In Vermont, grade A eggs signify that they are of the fourth grade.

In some states, grade A eggs are the best eggs, while in others they are second grade.

Clean straw makes a good mulch for strawberry plantings and helps protect them from winter damage.

Many farmers make it a practice to inspect terraces for rodent holes. Filling them helps prevent terrace breaks.

Ten per cent of the total of eggs produced in the United States in recent years is estimated to have gone into cold storage.

The United States has about four and one-half million colonies of honey bees that make about 160,000,000 pounds of honey a year.

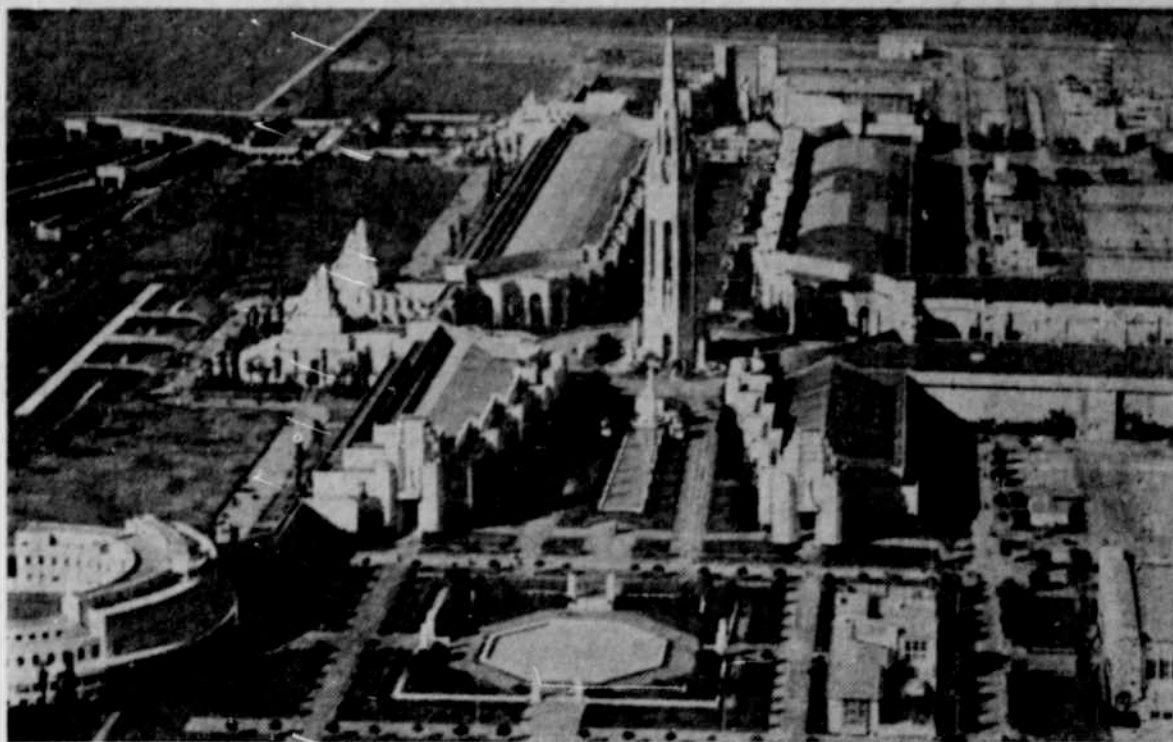
Undersized pullets lay undersized eggs.

The common goose is the oldest of domesticated birds.

A proper fat ration for pullets is necessary to obtain best egg production. It is reported to the American Chemical society.

Dairy herd improvement: a socialization members watch the production of their cows and also the quality and the cost of the feed.

Air View of Golden Gate Exposition



This air view of the setting for the 1939 Golden Gate International exposition on Treasure Island, San Francisco bay, gives a "magic carpet" impression with the varied pavilions of many lands on exhibition. In the center is the familiar theme Tower to the Sun. In the upper left, jutting into the bay, are ferry boat slips, where passengers will leave boats from San Francisco.

Charm School Opened for Tenth Avenue 'Debs'



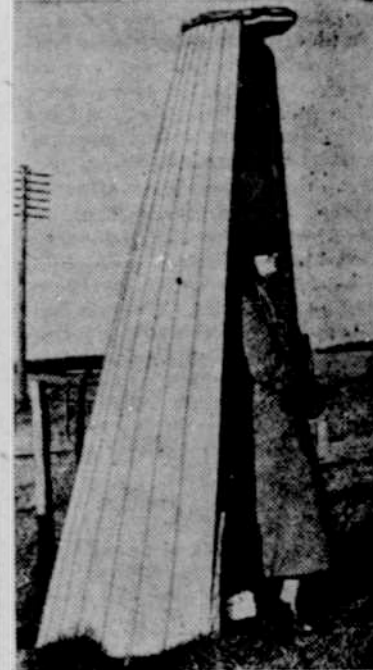
Three days each week New York's Tenth avenue girls assemble at a recently opened "charm school" to cultivate beauty, charm and culture. The Hell's Kitchen debutantes will study the art of walking and talking correctly. "Dem's" and "dosses" will be eliminated from their vocabularies. Here three girls practice walking gracefully by balancing books on their heads.

Largest Radium Shipment Received



One-fifth of an ounce of radium, the largest single shipment ever received at one time by the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., arrived there recently. It is to be used by the National Cancer Institute. Dr. L. F. Curtiss is shown placing the precious shipment, valued at \$150,000, in a 10-ton safe with a six-inch lead lining.

FORM FITTING



On the London, England, coastal road between Charing and Maidstone this quaint shelter made from the wind cowl of a house is used by pedestrians while waiting for the buses.

BEAUTIFUL MODELS



Helen Wood, actress, was greatly interested in both the largest and smallest model engines exhibited recently in Los Angeles at a meeting of the National Model Railroad association. The large locomotive is valued at \$3,000.

German Army Recruits Circus Elephant



The not so dainty elephant "Rema" of the Hagenbeck circus of Hamburg helps an armored car across a stream during a crucial moment in the German army maneuvers near Mellingburger, Silesia, Germany, recently.