

FRANCO-SOVIET ARMY PACT LIKE PRE-WAR LINEUP

Old European Device, the Balance of Power, Seen Again—One of Keys to Realignment Lies in Asia

By MELVIN E. COLEMAN (Associated Press Staff Writer)

Balance of power, that old European device which failed to consolidate peace sufficiently to prevent the world tragedy of 1914-18, again has reared its head across the Atlantic.

Statements in the French parliament that France and the Soviet Union have a military understanding, that the red army will be at France's disposal if Germany attacks, constitute the clinching evidence so far as many observers of foreign affairs are concerned.

"Russia has a strong and well-equipped army, which she offers us in case of conflict with Germany," said Leon Archimand presenting a new war budget to the chamber of deputies.

Think in Pre-War Terms. Thus men are shown as thinking in the terms of 1914 rather than those of 1920 when thrones had tottered and "self-determination of peoples" had become the yardstick and the world hoped that the "war to save democracy" had accomplished its object.

Today dictators take the place of monarchs. Hereditary power still is at a discount, but the daily lives of millions are, in some cases, as closely ordered as in the time when "divine right" reigned.

Twenty years ago when the world conflict was in the making there were secrets and spy scares. So there are today. Political oppositionists fled across frontiers in those days, plotted the overturn of administrations, justified the use of arms against "tyrants." So they do today.

The most question, then as now, was when a political refugee entitled to haven, became an international terrorist, subject to extradition, trial and sentence.

Old Alignments Reappear. There were closely similar backgrounds to the crime of Sarajevo in 1914 and the assassinations at Marseille on October 9.

In pre-war Europe there existed the triple entente of France, Russia and Great Britain. Today the English government, influenced by a stable section of public opinion which desires "neutrality in the affairs of the continent," holds aloof. But its leaders' brows are furrowed and "Britain's frontier has moved to the Rhine."

Then there was the old "triple alliance" of Imperial Germany, the Austro-Hungarian empire and the kingdom of Italy. Remnants of the Hapsburg domain today find backing in Rome and fascist newspapers a short time ago denunciated of Nazi aims toward Austria have put a silence on such criticisms. Simultaneously there has been a ban of "annexation" discussion in Germany and Austrian Nazis have conferred in Vienna with the successor to the slain Chancellor Dollfus.

One of the keys to this realignment is in Asia, where Manchoukuan claims assert Russia's share in the Chinese Eastern railway imperiled soviet relations with Japan's foster child. The soviet leaders in Moscow, foreseeing a possible clash in the far east, redoubled efforts to make their European fences secure and non-aggression pacts were negotiated.

Hitler's Rise Also Factor. But meanwhile Nazism, arch foe of communism and of all things pertaining to the soviet system, had triumphed in Germany. One of the first feats of the Hitler regime was an understanding with Poland.

The development was sufficiently portentous to send Louis Barthou, France's foreign minister, on a hurried trip to Warsaw, since Poland, like the members of the little entente, was an important sector in the "ring of isolation" which the big republic had been erecting around Hitler's third Reich. He swung from there to Bucharest, Praha and Belgrade and was receiving a return visit from Alexander of Yugoslavia when both were assassinated in Marseille.

That Polish-German rapprochement helped also to convince France and the Soviet Union that their interests were closely related. Hence the announced "understanding."

Travel by railroad to Yellowstone national park increased 130 per cent during the 1934 tourist season over 1933. The 1934 total was 12,385 persons.

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Miss Sullivan Hates Hollywood — And That Includes Interviews

By ROBBIN COONS

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Margaret Sullivan's eloquence to Yuma with her director, William Wyler, surprised Hollywood wood but did not surprise Margaret Sullivan.

The day after the marriage she and her bridegroom were back on the set, finishing their work on "The Good Fairy," the film which supposedly brought them together.

Wyler, as befits Hollywood, referred questions about her romance to his bride. Miss Sullivan, as befits Miss Sullivan, had little to say, but she did vouchsafe: "We've been in love more than a year. The reason we said nothing about it was that we didn't want ourselves constantly talked and written about as going together."

That being the case, she succeeded brilliantly. Hollywood thought the big interest in her life was John McCormick, Colleen Moore's ex-husband—and Hollywood talked and wrote about that.

Margaret Sullivan doesn't like Hollywood. She has been frank, although not especially belligerent, on that score.

Dislikes Interviews. She doesn't like interviews. Those who have tried to corner her say that she will answer a question, call it quits and shy away. The "interview" may be continued, informally, with another question a day, a week, a month later. One writer placed together a yarn on Margaret Sullivan through several such one-minute "interviews" covering a period of six weeks.

She is to the Universal lot what Garbo is to M. G. M. and Katharine Hepburn to R. K. O.—a "publicity problem." Like the other two, she gets her share of it and more. She is not a recluse like Garbo, and she has not set out, as some thing Hepburn has, to bait interest with flamboyant doings.

Before she scored in "Only Yesterday" her big splash in publicity came with her arrest for violating a law about burning matches in a restricted area of the combustible hills hereabouts. She went to jail for a while, long enough at least for the studio to have her pose for stills behind the bars—and she paid a \$50 fine.

What She Liked. Her friends trace her suspicion of interviewers to an early experience with a magazine scribe who invited her to dinner. Seated at a table surrounded by other guests, Miss Sullivan reportedly was the target during dinner for innumerable questions from her hostess about her private life, especially about her first marriage to Henry Fonda. Miss Sullivan, who doesn't talk about her private life, decided if that was Hollywood—which it occasionally is—she wouldn't play the game.

About the lot they tear their hair: call her "little brat," and then, presumably overwhelmed by the natural charm of the girl, they address her in endearing terms and call her a "regular." She is known to her intimates as an experienced "ribber" who can "take it" as well as she gives it.

And they are sure now that there is at least something about Hollywood that she likes. She found him and married him.

George Upton, aged California indigent, complained he was not receiving his share of relief, pointed a pistol at a Hood River judge and pulled the trigger four times. The shells failed to explode.

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OTHER PLANETS MAY HAVE LIFE SAYS SCIENTIST

Whole Universe Once Mass of Primordial Gas Is Belief of Dr. Stromberg of Mt. Wilson Observatory.

By E. H. TIPTON

PASADENA, Cal.—(AP)—A possibility that "life as we know it may well exist" on numerous other planets outside the solar system was seen today by Dr. Gustav Stromberg, Mt. Wilson astronomer.

Mars has been regarded as the only other planet in the solar system suitable for human life, and Dr. Walter S. Adams, director of the Carnegie Institution's Mt. Wilson Observatory, recently found there was not enough oxygen on Mars to sustain life.

Other Suns. But even in the Milky Way star system, or galaxy, there are countless other stars similar to the sun. Astronomers have been unable to determine with telescopes now in use whether these other stars have planetary systems because planets have no light of their own—only reflected light, too dim to be seen at great distances.

Sir James Jeans and several other astronomers have contended that perhaps not more than one other planetary system exists in this galaxy. The theory that planets are formed only through close encounters between two stars—formed from matter ejected from the stars. He holds such collisions are extremely rare.

All Gas Once. Dr. Stromberg recently advanced a theory the whole universe was once a mass of "primordial gas." He contends that as this gas condensed it broke up into separate enormous masses which were set in motion by gravitational action. These separate masses broke up into smaller gas balls, forming stars and star systems, or nebulae.

The motions of the stars and planets indicate there was a time when the stars and sun were of enormous size, in fact the whole galaxy was a huge ball of gas," Dr. Stromberg said. "The complicated motions of the stars, planets, asteroids and satellites are accounted for by the accumulated action of viscosity in the gas."

Slow Motion at First. According to his theory, the huge gas balls were set in very slow rotation by their mutual attractions, and the planets were formed at much greater distances from the sun than they are now.

Planetary systems with satellites moving about the planets would then be a normal occurrence among the stars," said Dr. Stromberg. "So, after all, we do not have to feel so lonely in the universe. Even if the other planets in the solar system are not suitable for human habitation, there may be innumerable other suns with planets where life as we know it may well exist."

United States weather bureau records for 65 years show the average winter snowfall in Norfolk, Va., is eight and a half inches.

Shipments of American iron and steel products to foreign countries during September were larger than for any other month since the abnormal consumption of such products during the World war.

NEW OIL DRILL BIT MAY HELP INDUSTRY

BEAUMONT, Tex.—(UP)—A new collapsible drill bit, an invention calculated to revolutionize the drilling industry was to be manufactured here soon.

The bit, invented by L. P. Kinnear and C. W. Kinnear, both practical drillers, and two of the pioneer drillers of the vast South American oil fields, would be used in rotary drilling. The tool was the result of eight years' work.

The outstanding feature of the new tool, according to the inventors, is in the ability of drillers to maintain rotation of the drill pipe and circulation of drilling fluid while changing the bit. Any desired pressure may be held on the walls of the well during this operation, the men said.

The operation is accomplished by a piston-like action in the pipe, which is controlled by a valve at the top of the hole.

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