

MEXICO

L.J. - Linnoco. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1940.

An uprising South of the Rio Grande - battle, murder, and sudden death. As the song writer put it, "It Happened In Monterrey In Old Mexico". The federal authorities <sup>in Mexico City got</sup> ~~got~~ wind of a tip that the partisans of General Almazan were about <sup>to</sup> ~~seize the city of Monterrey~~ ~~to grab the city~~ in a sudden coup, make it the starting point and center of a revolution against the Cardenas Government.

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A private in the regular Army was invited to join the plot. He tipped off the authorities that a group of Almazanistas were to meet about one ~~thirty~~ thirty this morning at a house in the ~~center~~ central part of Monterrey. At two o'clock they proposed to seize police headquarters, state and federal office buildings, and the state penitentiary. At one thirty a gathering of armed men in uniform headed by a general officer, <sup>captured</sup> General Andres Zarzosa. Most of the conspirators fled with great speed and considerable luck. They got away over the rooftops.

TP But, General Zarzosa and one follower were not ~~in~~ among the lucky ones. They were shot on the spot. Zarzosa had been one of the principal supporters of General Almazan. In fact, eight years ago he was Almazan's chief of Staff, when he was Minister of communications.

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Again there's talk of an imminent Nazi invasion of Britain. A cable from Stockholm reports that Hitler still has three hundred and fifty thousand men in Norway, horse, foot, artillery and airplanes, all being intensively trained for a landing expedition.

In the same breath, we hear another story from Stockholm, which confuses the international picture. The yarn is that ~~Soviet~~ Soviet Russia has one million troops concentrated in the Baltic States. One guess is that Stalin meditates another attack on Finland. But that guess is discounted by Swedish officials who think it's improbable. Still another conjecture is that Hitler would help Finland if Stalin attacked again, that is, help with supplies and volunteers. That somehow doesn't seem to jibe with the general diplomatic scenario, particularly not with Hitler's reported desire to get Stalin into the German-Italian-Japanese alliance.

In Moscow there was an unofficial rumor that the Soviets are on the verge of making friends with the Japanese.

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That story hinges on the fact that a new Ambassador <sup>from</sup> ~~to~~ Japan  
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will arrive at Moscow in a few days.

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Just one definite thing happened in connection with the relations between Moscow and Berlin. A new railroad agreement was signed between the Nazi and Soviet Governments. It is explained that the purpose of this is to make travel between Russia and the Reich more frequent and more easy. Of course there's a temptation to interpret that as the forerunner of a still more binding general treaty between Hitler and Stalin. But Stalin has given no indication what his attitude is towards the Triple Alliance. The government newspaper in Moscow declared editorially today that the Soviets have the firmest intention of remaining neutral, that is, so far as Moscow is concerned. But, ~~says~~ the Soviet spokesman <sup>insists that</sup> the role of the United States in the present war has become considerably intensified.

AUHAGEN.

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A German professor was arrested at Los Angeles today, his name is Dr. Friedrich Ernst Auhagen. He has been in the news quite a bit lately as founder and ~~the~~ first director of the American fellowship forum. That highly innocent name has been shown to be covering up one of the most insidious organizations for Nazi propaganda in the United States.

Dr. Auhagen used to be a Professor on the faculty of Columbia University, but in nineteen thirty-six the University did not renew his contract. Since then, it is said, he has been working hard for Hitler.

But it was not as a Nazi agent or propagandist that he was arrested. He was locked up on a charge of transporting improper literature in his trunk from Chicago to Los Angeles. He was pinched just as he was about to take passage aboard a Japanese liner to return home to Germany.

Dr. Auhagen ridiculed the charges on which he was arrested, said it was all spite work. As he puts it, he earned the enmity of newspaper men in New York City when he testified

before the Dies Committee. *Therefore the reporters had  
put Paris post cards and other things in his baggage!*

SABOTAGE.

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Sabotage in shipbuilding plants. For months we've been hearing rumors and uncorroborated reports. Today the Dies Committee, sitting at Newark, heard definite and startling testimony. The official of a shipbuilding plant at Chester, Pennsylvania, told of an incident that happened two weeks ago. Hose lines which carry inflammable fluid to different parts of those shipyards at Chester were cut sixty-three times. And, said that shipyard official, this was only one of several such crimes at Chester in the last four months. They were all reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation who have been working on them.

Then he told of another incident that happened four months ago. Somebody had driven a nail ~~xxxxxx~~ through a conduit on the deck of an oil tanker that was being built. If it hadn't been discovered, that tanker might have gone to sea and a short-circuit would have resulted, which would have set the ship afire and possibly destroyed it.

The witness was asked whether there was any chance

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that this might have been caused by something other than sabotage, he replied that it was absolutely impossible for any of that damage to have been accidental.

The officials of those shipbuilding yards have every reason to believe that the <sup>persons</sup> ~~follow~~ at the bottom of it are Communists. Within the <sup>year</sup> ~~past seven months~~ all seven thousand employees of that company were finger-printed. <sup>And,</sup> Ten workers described as Communists left the plant in order to avoid being finger-printed. But, he added, they are now all working in other plants vital to national defense. One of them is at a Westinghouse factory where turbines are being made for the United States Navy, and others at a plant in Wilmington, Delaware, where boats are being made for Uncle Sam's merchant marine. Two of those Communists are in the Philadelphia Navy yard, and several in the shipyards at Camden, New Jersey.

DEFENSE

The folks of nine middlewestern states have a grievance they feel they're being left out of it in the national defense program. A conference of nine states on national defense was held; the Dakotas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. Three governors were selected to be spokesmen - Governor Ratner of Kansas, Governor Cochran of Nebraska, and Governor Phillips of Oklahoma. They paid a visit to the White House today and warned the President that the defense program is going to break down unless those nine states get their share of the work.

CONGRESS.

Congress has finished its work on the new tax bill at last. ~~Some people might add, in the words of the Duke of Windsor - at long last. But at any rate, it's done,~~

And the promise is that it will add one billion dollars a year to Uncle Sam's cash register. Moreover, and almost as important, it has been drawn up with a view to preventing anybody from becoming a war millionaire. And it's also designed to help <sup>those</sup> ~~the~~ manufacturers who are called upon to make things for national defense.

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It's a highly complicated affair, this new tax bill, and there's no wonder that it took the lawmakers quite a while to iron out all differences. The complicated details and elaborate provisions of the bill are matters for the manufacturers themselves and their accountants to worry about.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ For the benefit of us laymen, here's a simplified digest: In order not to breed a crop of war millionaires, the normal tax on corporations making twenty-five thousand a year or more is boosted to twenty-four per cent. There are also heavy taxes on profits which exceed normal amounts. For



For the private individual, there's no change in income tax rates.

Then here's the provision which the lawmakers designed to help the manufacturers of airplanes and other ~~munitions~~ <sup>things</sup> for defense. If they have to expand their plants or build new ones, they are allowed to write off the cost of all new building ~~in five years.~~ <sup>within 5 years,</sup> (Also, the present limitations on profits on airplane and warship contracts are done away with.)

(The action of the new bill was swift on the final day.) It's a compromise between the ideas of the House and the Senate. First of all today, the House approved the conference report, ~~by a voice vote, no roll call.~~ It then went to the Senate, where the Senators did the same, though several ~~of them admitted they did so with~~ <sup>reluctantly.</sup>

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Senator Pat Harrison, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the new bill was much simpler and much better than the original versions. But Senator Vandenberg of Michigan <sup>declared</sup> ~~said~~ that it would take him and Senator Harrison until doomsday to understand the new tax measure.

## HIGHWAY

At one minutes after twelve o'clock today, motor cars started driving over the newest and finest highway in the country, also the longest, the four lane express road between Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Considered one of the greatest peices of highway engineering in the world. If you fill your car with Blue Sunoco and travel the whole length of it, you will go through seven great tunnels through the Appalachians, most of them built for a railroad that was never completed.

East and West traffic are separated by a ten foot parkway running all the way down the center.

This newest super-highway cost seventy-million dollars to build, and is a huddred and sixty-one miles long. The toll for a passenger car is a dollar and a half. For the heaviest kind of truck, ten dollars.

## KIDNAPPING

At Redwood City, California, today Wilhelm Muhlenbroich stood up in Court and was arraigned on a charge of having kidnaped little three year old Marc de Tristan. Muhlenbroich in pleading guilty said to the Judge:- "Let's get it over with." He wanted to be sentenced at once. But the judge refused, said he wouldn't do it until Friday, as the law of California prescribes that there must be an interval between the entering of a plea by a prisoner and the sentence.

The rescue of little Marc De Tristan from his kidnapper was made, as you know, by Cecil Wetzel, a two hundred and twenty pound lumberman, and his truck driver, Ellis Woods. Before this episode occurred, Wetzel was in a tough spot financially. There was a mortgage on his mill and he had been looking in vain for a loan to help him out of the jam. The latest report is that the De Tristans are buying into his lumber mill, to help him out, altho Wetzel refused the reward.

PEANUTS

Everybody who has ever visited at the White House must have <sup>encountered</sup> ~~seen a character known as~~ Steve, the peanut man, -- <sup>Steve</sup> whose last name is Vasilakos. For sixteen years he has had a pushcart at the northeast corner of the walk outside the big white mansion in Washington. Hundreds of thousands of people from all over the country have bought peanuts ~~xxxxxxx~~ from Steve. A couple of times ~~the~~ cops ~~have~~ tried to <sup>shoo</sup> ~~chase~~ him away; but each time a President's wife <sup>shooed</sup> ~~chased~~ the cops. ~~away.~~ Once it was Mrs. Coolidge who saved Steve; ~~his place,~~ the second time it was Mrs. Roosevelt.

Steve is in the news today because he <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ now an American citizen. Three times he tried for it and twice he couldn't pass the written examination. <sup>His answer to everything was peanuts.</sup> In fact he didn't pass it even ~~the~~ <sup>this</sup> third time. But the Judge of the Washington Court <sup>Vasilakos, protege of Presidents wives,</sup> called Steve <sup>up</sup> to the bench, and had a fifteen minute chat with him, after which he decided to give Steve his papers. So today Steve-the-peanut-man is as good an American citizen as any of us except that he can't run for President.

WILLKIE

The Detroit police today were investigating the hoodlumism that happened while candidate Wendell Willkie was addressing a crowd in Cadillac Square. Somebody threw things out of a hotel window from the eighteenth story. A desk pad, a lamp shade, an ash try, a telephone book, a bottle and a chair came hurtling down on the crowd of listeners. None of those hit anybody, but a five pound <sup>d</sup> wastebasket landed on the head of ~~the~~ a nineteen year old young woman who was <sup>at</sup> ~~around~~ the speaker's stand <sup>asking</sup> ~~looking~~ for autographs. If her head hadn't been protected by a ~~thick~~ thick mop of hair, she would have been killed. As it was, she <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ in a serious condition ~~today~~. When the police investigated, they pinned the act on a woman, thirty-one years old, an employee of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation <sup>who is now</sup> ~~That R.F.C. employee was~~ under arrest today.

That wasn't the only disorderly demonstration during Willkie's talks in the industrial parts of ~~the~~ Michigan. At Pontiac, somebody ~~them~~ threw eggs which fell in the car

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carrying Mr. and Mrs. Willkie and spattered Mrs. Willkie.

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Elsewhere somebody threw tomatoes and other vegetables which almost hit a couple of radio engineers. After these episodes the authorities increased the police guard for Willkie's party.

The ~~MINNEAPOLIS~~ demonstrations in Michigan were discussed at the White House. President Roosevelt described the performance as reeprehensible. He told his press conference that under the laws of any state, such behavior is an assault and should be dealt with under the criminal law. As for the young woman  
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X employee of the Reconstruction Finance ~~Corp~~ Corporation, Mr. Roosevelt said that beyond doubt she ought to be fired. The police declared that she said she had thrown that wastebasket and other things out of the eighteen story window just in a spirit of fun. — just playful! And e-l-u-t-m

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