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RUSSIA

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The land of the Soviets rang with a fierce cry today, "Down with Japan!" Apparently, it comes from below not from the top. ~~From~~ From the throats of workers in factories. They held meetings denouncing the Japanese for violating the frontier of the Soviet Union in the Far East. The gist of the resolutions they adopted was "punish the Japanese." At a locomotive repair factory in white Russia, the workers said: "We ask our government to take the most decisive measures against the Japanese Samarai, who have gone too far."

Of course none of this was official. But everybody knows that meetings of that kind are not held without official permission in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The only government statement is short but teeming with meaning. It says: "Further fighting on the Manchukuan frontier is inevitable."

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It's interesting to read in the current issue of the SATURDAY EVENING POST an article entitled: "The Second Russo-Japanese War is on." As that piece must have been written at least two months ago, the timeliness of its publication now is

~~positively~~ uncanny. The author of the ² article is ~~Demaree~~ Demaree Bess, who has been ² correspondent ~~in~~ Moscow, ~~and elsewhere.~~ ~~Mr. Bess~~

He says that war between Nippon and the Soviets is nothing new, even though it did burst in the headlines only this week. It has been

going on for two years. "Actually," he writes, "it started in the late summer of Nineteen Thirty-Six." He also points out that it's

something ~~quite~~ new in the way of warfare ~~and not merely~~

because it's undeclared. He recalls that in March, Nineteen

Thirty-Six, Stalin said to Roy Howard, "Nowadays wars are not declared, they simply start." But Stalin ^{has achieved} a novelty in

having not merely an undeclared war but a war that for two years

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^{has been} ~~has~~ concealed. As a matter of fact, the Tokyo Foreign Office admitted as much several days ago. It said these border

incidents have been innumerable and have been going on for two years.

Demaree Bess attributes the starting of this undeclared and concealed war to the publication of the treaty between Hitler and Japan. ~~And says~~ ^{he} ~~Mr. Bess:~~ "There's considerable evidence that this agreement was first intended to be secret, but somebody spilled the beans." And he adds: "I know that some

Japanese diplomats regarded the agreement as a blunder."

He says further that Stalin had the remarkable foresight to make the Soviet army in the Far East completely independent of the military establishment in Europe. Railroads have been built, highways, new armament factories including modern airplane crafts. In other words, General Bluecher, who commands the Far Eastern Red army, doesn't have to depend on supplies from Europe. He can get his supplies close at hand from Siberia itself.

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~~But~~ ^{But} Mr. Ross adds that this Far Eastern army is not as numerous as some correspondents have guessed. It's about half a million strong. ~~But this half million army doesn't represent the total strength of the Soviet forces.~~ There's also the army of the People's Republic of Outer Mongolia, which has been trained and taught by Soviet officers in the last fourteen years. Then there's the army of the Northwestern Chinese Government. Its headquarters are in the Province of Sinkiang, an-out-and-out red province. In addition, there's a Chinese Communist army which operates in North China and Inner Mongolia.

Of course now that every front page carries the news,

that concealed war is no longer concealed. It isn't being waged with any altruistic idea of helping China. Its object is to help Stalin, to drive the Mikado's soldiers back across the seas into Nippon; ⁺ To free the Koreans from Japanese rule if they want to be freed, _^ likewise the island of Formosa. Drive the Japanese back to their islands, is the slogan.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

(England's Lord Runciman arrived in Prague today to start his difficult job. And his arrival appears to have created ~~a cheery~~ feeling of optimism. Official circles in all the capitals of Europe ~~were filled with~~ ^{display} a strange note of confidence that the English Viscount will be able to help the Czechoslovaks solve their problem without an invasion by Hitler.

However, as he told Prime Minister Chamberlain before he started, ~~Lord Runciman has~~ a hard road ~~ahead~~ ahead of him.) And underneath all this surface optimism there are underground doubts, fears, rumblings of another Hitler stroke. It has been openly rumored that the German Fuehrer has planned his invasion of Czechoslovakia for the middle of this month. And if he starts it, it will be a typical piece of Hitler timing. Especially now that Stalin's undeclared war against Japan has come out into the open.

ADD CZECHOSLOVAKIA

There's an American angle to the Czechoslovak dilemma today -- the trip that Hugh Wilson American ambassador to Berlin is making to Prague. He ~~xxxx~~ arrives in the Czechoslovak capital tomorrow, and the supposition is that he may have a meeting with Lord Runciman. Both the Czechs and the Sudeten Germans are convinced that the American ambassador's visit is connected with the Czechoslovak question, and pay little attention to the official explanation -- that ~~ix~~ it is just a little holiday trip.

JEWS

(The anti-Semitic movement in Europe proceeded along two lines today. First of all, in Germany, the Nazi government put out a decree that after September Seventh, no Jew will be allowed to practice medicine in the Fatherland. There will be certain exceptions. A few Jewish doctors ~~will~~ may be allowed to practice, exclusively among Jews.

Then in Italy. Jewish children, not born in Mussolini's land, may not attend Italian schools.) One Fascist newspaper has an even more drastic suggestion. This newspaper, called "Fascista", proposes that intermarriage between Italians and people of Jewish blood shall be illegal.

NECKTIES

Fascists
A group of ~~men~~ in Italy started a dress reform movement.

It sounds tame and conservative when you look at some of the sights in American streets today, I mean those sport shirts worn outside the pants. In Italy, the dress reformers just appeared in shirts open at the neck, no neckties.

However it didn't last long, altho the
~~movement was short-lived~~ *although the man who led*
no collar & tie leader was

~~the~~ the Secretary-General of the Fascist Party, ~~and when~~

~~big shots~~ Evidently, even a ~~Fascist~~ Secretary-General isn't

~~big enough to appear in public without a necktie.~~ For his boss,

the Duce, says "No." After a brief vogue *of the* ~~for this~~ new fashion,

now comes there ~~is~~ a stern, terse order from the Venezia Palace. It ~~says~~ *says*

"Drop that silly idea of no collars and ties."

BERKSHIRE FESTIVAL

Tomorrow thousands of people will be headed for the Berkshire Hills, a pilgrimage of music lovers on their way to Tanglewood, between Stockbridge and Lenox, to attend the annual Berkshire Symphonic Festival.

So successful has this festival ^{become} ~~grown~~, so great the crowds that go to hear Koussevitzky and his ~~Boston~~ Boston Symphony Orchestra that an open air auditorium has been built, the largest symphonic concert hall in North America, more than two city blocks long, and cover^{ing} an acre and a half of ground.

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If you are interested in statistics, the main girder, ^{this symphony} ~~in~~ for ~~the~~ structure in the Berkshires is ninety-six and a half feet long, and weighs over sixteen tons, and is the largest ever carried by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. It took three flat cars to transport it. All this, to make it easier for those who go to the Berkshires each year, to enjoy ~~the~~ symphonic music.

CORRIGAN

The battle of Corrigan is all over. Miss Manhattan wins, —
Miss Brooklyn takes second place. The Gordian Knot was cut by
New York's Mayor, ^{La Guardia.} ~~who has a downright way of settling all~~

~~arguments~~ Said the Mayor: "The official reception to Corrigan
should be held on Friday, in Manhattan." After that, he'll go
to Brooklyn, if Brooklyn still wants him.

Corrigan's brother and sister-in-law had luncheon today
with Mayor LaGuardia. One of the guests was the wife of the
Mayor of Galveston, Texas, who came to New York to bring Corrigan
an invitation to Texas and be cheered there. It is a fair bet
that the young Irishman from San Diego will have a harder time
attending all the receptions offered to him than he did flying
the Atlantic.

POST OFFICE

A building in New York was sold today for One Dollar. Six stories high, and covering a large area. It cost more than a million dollars to build. The old post office in City Hall Park, facing the City Hall. Uncle Sam has sold it to Father Knickerboker for one buck and gld to get the money. For the P.O. Department thereby avoids the job of teraing it down, the famous old Post Office. New York will do the demolishing. And that will cost seventy-five thousand dollars.

The land belongs to the city -- and was leant to Uncle Sam many years ago.

PRIMARIES

Republicans are jubilant about the results of the recent primary elections. At least ~~one~~ John Hamilton, Chairman of the G.O.P. National Committee, is rejoicing. Says he: "The New Deal purge that has been promised is becoming a New Deal rout."

He thinks the results ~~in his state, Kansas~~ indicate that ~~he~~ ^{Kansas,} ~~his own state, will~~ be in the Republican column once more in November.

~~John~~ Hamilton points with particular glee to the Democratic primaries in Virginia. He claims that they signify a rebuke to the New Deal.

However, in West Virginia, six Representatives now sitting in Congress, were renominated, and they're all described as New Dealers.

(In Missouri, on the other hand, Senator Bennett Clark ^{Champ} ~~made a walk away~~ ^{won in a walk} and he's one of those who offended the White House by voting against the Supreme Court bill.)

MAYTAG

There's a new angle to the washing machine strike in Newton, Iowa. That's where the Governor of the state told the National Labor Relations Board to keep out, and said that if the Board didn't obey, the Iowa National Guard would use force. A Committee of the union made a suggestion today. They'll accept a ten per cent cut in wages ^{on} on one condition. That is, that they get a share of the company's profits during the next year. If ~~the~~ offer is accepted, there'll be no necessity for a battle between the Iowa National Guard and the Labor Relations Board.

PENNSYLVANIA

There's almost open warfare in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. On the one side is the judge of Dauphin County Court, on the other the Legislature. As we've heard aplenty, a committee of the Legislature has started an inquiry into the charges of graft against Governor Earle and his administration. [^] On Monday, Judge Shaeffer of the Dauphin County Court issued a restraining order. Today, the committee to fight it, sent out a subpoena ~~to~~ ^{to} the District Attorney of the County. He's ordered to show up tomorrow before the committee and tell what evidence he has.

So now it remains to be seen whom that District Attorney will obey, the court or the Legislature. Either way, it's a fight.

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DODGE

Yesterday we heard that Tom Dewey, the racket buster, had made grave charges against his predecessor, the man whose job he took away. He mentioned former District Attorney William C. Dodge, as one of the men who had been influenced, intimidated or bribed by Jimmy Hines, the popular Tammany leader. Today ~~the~~ Dodge made his answer. He used scorching words. Said he: "The outrageous and malicious assault upon my character is unjustified." And he also said: "Mr. Dewey is using his vast power of immunity to assassinate and impugn the characters of other men to further his own political aspirations."

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Meanwhile there's talk of finding a fortune of a million or two hidden by Racketeer Dutch Schultz.

RAILWAYS

The troubles of the American Railways become more and more complicated. For months the companies have been arguing with the unions about that fifteen per cent cut in wages. Today, the railroads and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen came to a halt in their argument. No agreement, a complete deadlock. So the question is going to be submitted to the Chairman of the National Mediation Board. This time last year ^{the Chairman} acted as mediator in a dispute between the roads and the brotherhoods. The outcome of that was that the railway workers got an eight per cent raise.

RECOVERY

(Business recovery is coming along at a rate even faster than anybody expected. That's the word from the Department of Commerce in Washington, and the authority for the statement is Richard C. Paterson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce.) Dick Paterson is known around Rockefeller Center as the former Vice-President of the National Broadcasting Company. ^{and} He bases his diagnoses on the reports of retail sales throughout the country during July. As early as June, it was evident that conditions were improving, and July figures are climbing fast.

~~The important fact is that heavy goods are being sold and usually they are the most difficult to get rid of.~~

ROBBERY

In New York a young man went into a candy store to rob it.

~~But he wasn't heavy enough in the pants. That's what the police~~

~~say. When the young man walked into that store,~~ ^T the lady who owns

it did ⁿot follow the usual procedure. She did ⁿot throw up her

hands. Instead of that, she threw the young man to the floor and

sat on him. Then she shouted "Police!" When the police came, it

wasn't the lady, but the ^{robber} ~~who~~ who needed help. ~~The candy store lady~~

^{He} had fainted. ~~The candy store lady~~ evidently eats

^{merchandise.} plenty of her own ~~food~~ She weighs two hundred pounds.

WEATHER

The heat wave in the eastern states seems mild ~~wikent~~ when you hear the news from California. In Los Angeles, ~~where~~ ^{it's} the ~~weather is always good, they had~~ ninety-four ~~degrees~~ in the shade. In surrounding towns, such as Burbank, Arcadia and Riverside, it ^{'s} ~~is~~ a hundred, ^{in the shade,} ~~degrees~~ But that seems chilly compared to the middle of San Bernadine County, sizzling between two mountain ranges, where the thermometer went to a hundred and ^{twenty} six — again in the shade. And now, let's all hunt for a cool spot and a long cool drink — and s-l-u-t-m.

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