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Warlike governments, ~~says Uncle Sam, had better~~ take notice,  
*says Uncle Sam.*

1 The American republics have made it clear to the world that they stand united to maintain and defend the peace of the Western Hemisphere, to defend their territorial integrity, their principles of international relations, their own institutions and policies.

So said Uncle today through the voice of his Secretary of State, Cordell Hull. This was the highspot of the statement the Secretary made today as he landed back in America from the Lima Conference. The gist of his declaration was that "the delegates attending the conference were virtually as one in the view that the conference was an outstanding success."

~~He also said: "All those with <sup>whom</sup> I had contact at Lima were vividly aware of the economic chaos in a considerable part of the world." And he added: "They realized that this chaos would eventually involve their own countries unless preventive measures were taken."~~

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The gentle white-haired Secretary beamed as he gave out his statement. But he stopped beaming when the newspaper men started after him and questioned him. They were inquiring about

a story that John W. White, correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES, had cabled home. White recorded that the Lima Conference had been held "under a dictatorial regime of censorship, intimidation and spying such as never before had been seen in any Pan-American

*So wrote White of the Times,*  
assembly." He cabled further that the Government of President

Benavides "not only tried to control the newspaper correspondents, but it censored and spied on the delegates." White also declared that

two members of the American staff had surprised a couple of Peruvian detectives searching their files and desks." What was more, White

*went*  
~~had gone~~ over the Peruvian frontier into Chili in order to be able to file an uncensored dispatch. *FF Questions along*

*this line* ~~also~~ annoyed the white-haired Secretary of State excessively. ~~With as much anger as his genial temperament permits,~~

*He* refused to answer questions about that NEW YORK TIMES report.

He retorted ~~that~~ with the remark: "I don't go smelling around to find objects of criticism." Then he complained further:

"I am disappointed to return home and find that all you are talking about is a story that some fellow wrote." *Said he acidly*  
~~Then he remarked acidly,~~

to the New York reporters: "If you've nothing more important than that to talk about I'll have to leave. We had fifty more important things on our mind and I'm sorry that you haven't."

~~Observers noticed that neither the Secretary of State nor any of his staff were able to contradict that story in the NEW YORK TIMES about censorship at Lima.~~

IBN SAUD

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~~Mussolini~~

The Arabs have appealed to <sup>Rome</sup> ~~the Duce~~ asking <sup>Mussolini</sup> ~~him~~ to

plead with Chamberlain, as ~~they put it~~ *the Arabs express it:* "to put an end to the

atrocities of the British army in Palestine."

LONDON FOLLOW IBN SAUD

Evidently these protests have pinched the tail of the British Lion. He broke out with a roar today in the shape of an official statement from the British War Office. It denied categorically that any atrocities had been committed by British troops in Palestine. And ~~it~~ added that all these charges were exaggerated, lying propaganda by foreign governments.

The British War Office named no names but it mentioned short wave radio broadcasts that had spread these accusations. As those broadcasts came from German and Italian stations, there could be no doubt that the British government, in talking about lying propaganda, meant propaganda from Germany and Italy.

~~That's~~ <sup>Q</sup> an interesting statement ~~to hear about~~ just as ~~Prime Minister~~ Chamberlain ~~is~~ leaving <sup>to</sup> ~~London~~ to visit Mussolini.

SYRIA

More trouble for the French government! (The Syrians are on the rampage against French rule. A dispatch from Damascus reports that there's a general strike throughout Syria for independence.) In Damascus and Aleppo, the demonstrations were headed by members of Parliament. Not only the Syrian Premier, but the leader of the opposition, are side by side in this movement. And the Foreign Minister of Syria declared: "Syria is not French property. We are ready to defend our independence by all means."

ITALY

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There's a report from Rome that Mussolini is going to ask for another meeting of the Big Four, another Munich Conference. That is, if he can't persuade England's Chamberlain to settle Italy's argument with France. Chamberlain has said publicly that he would keep out of that dispute, that it was entirely the affair of the French. The French have also announced that they would act on their own.

SPAIN

The news from Spain is lively tonight. On the one hand, General Franco's armies ~~got~~ fifteen miles nearer to Barcelona. They captured an important place along the highway ~~into~~ the Catalonian capital.

But, in Estremadura, the Republican government armies continue to win. What ~~mk~~ makes it more important, is that they've got hold of one of the rich mining territories out of which Franco has been paying the expenses of his revolution. One report had it that there was disagreement among Franco's generals. Some of them wanted to send reinforcements into Estremadura. But the Italians insisted that they should continue to concentrate on the advance into Barcelona.

There is also a report that Franco has removed General ~~Keycopodelynco~~ <sup>Okay podayshō</sup> in command in Estremadura.

Also more Moorish troops have been brought over from Africa to strengthen the Franco armies on that southwest front.

DIONNE

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There was a delegation in Ottawa today, ~~in~~ from Callander, Ontario, home of the Dionne quintuplets. ~~It~~ Head of that delegation was their father, Oliva Dionne. He declined to say what he went to Ottawa for. But the report is that he went to see the heads of the Dominion Government to implore them to make one change in the plans for the visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth. ~~Many~~ *Many* ~~talks~~ *talks* in Canada and other places as well, thinks it would be a shame if the royal party do not stop there for a few minutes, just to see the famous five.

## RELIEF

The fight is on in Congress over relief. A sub-committee of the House was on the job today listening to suggestions. One of the suggestors was the President of the Workers Alliance, an organization of relief workers. He asked the Committee to make an appropriation of one billion, fifty million dollars.

The most important suggestor was the Honorable Fiorello LaGuardia. He was present not as Mayor of New York but as spokesman for the United States Conference of Mayors. And said he: "The sum Congress should appropriate is nine hundred and fifteen million dollars." President Roosevelt had recommended eight hundred and seventy-five millions, but that, said LaGuardia, would not be enough to keep the W.P.A. pot boiling until July first.

The grapevine reports from Washington are not encouraging to the gentlemen who think in those figures. Congressmen have come back to Washington full of economy ideas, that is, compared to the open-handedness of the last few years. The guessing under the capitol dome tonight is that the relief appropriations will be cut to somewhere around six hundred and twenty-five millions, maybe even less.

BARTON

Bruce Barton, you may remember, was elected to congress on at least one unusual platform. He'd repeal a law a day. Now, at the beginning of his second term he keeps on trying. Today he proposed to abolish the National Emergency Council. Says the eminent master of publicity:- "It's distinguished membership is only a front for a band of two hundred and ninety press agents." And Bruce ought to know all about press agents.

"This mysterious agency has long outlived whatever usefulness it may have had, if any," were his ringing congressional words. The National Emergency Council never meets, says he.

McNUTT

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The first presidential boom for Nineteen Forty started today  
at Indianapolis. Yes, ~~of course, the campaign of~~ *its* Paul McNutt, *the*  
Ex-Governor of Indiana and now Uncle Sam's High Commissioner to the  
Philippines. *P* There was a formal conference of McNutt leaders in  
Indianapolis today, and McNutt-for-President headquarters will be  
opened next week.)

## REPAIRS

Four years ago, the Works Progress Administration started work on an ambitious report. The object, ~~was~~ to make an inspection of ~~the~~ buildings in the <sup>se</sup> United States, particularly homes. They investigated more than eight million homes in two hundred and three cities. The investigators, ~~they were~~ <sup>who were they?</sup> school teachers and other white collar workers out of a job. — <sup>And they</sup> found some interesting facts.

Six out of every ten houses in the United States need repairing. — including mine. And — outside of New York City, sixteen out of every one hundred houses are unfit for use. !

BOSTON STRIKE

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(It's just seven days since the Honorable Leverett Saltonstall - there's a resounding monicker for you - became Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. And already he finds himself with a major job on his hands. ~~It~~ This is the fifth ~~is~~ day of the strike of the Boston truck drivers. As a result, all of central and northern New England is faced with a shortage of food. The managers of three large grocery chains announce that they've used up all their supplies of perishable things to eat. ~~The~~ Meat supply ~~is~~ running low, <sup>even</sup> even canned goods.

So Governor Saltonstall took action today. He called the heads of the unions and the employers before him, also the State Arbitration Board. After conferring for half an hour, the union officials agreed to relent in one respect, they will let their men work long enough to move perishable goods. So the new Governor of Massachusetts has at least averted the prospect of famine.

FORD

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( For some time there have been rumors that the Ford Motor Company was about to make peace with the union, the United Automobile Workers. ) Homer Martin, President of the Union, hinted at it the other day with the words: "Don't be surprised if you hear in a few days that our brothers in Ford plants all over the country will have full collective bargaining rights."

These rumors were apparently contradicted today by the officers of the Ford ~~Motor~~ Company. ~~Itself~~. The personnel director ~~of the Ford Company~~, who is in charge of labor relations, denied that he had been negotiating with ~~Homer~~ Martin. ~~And the Company's~~ statement ~~says~~: "Our present labor policies are unchanged," *said he.*  
In other words, ~~the~~ Ford ~~is~~ *still* opposed to having ~~their~~ *his* eighty-seven thousand workers unionized.

PROVIDENCE

I had hoped to be in Providence, Rhode Island, tonight.

They're having a celebration there worth holding, a safety celebration. J.M. Jaspersen, District Manager, <sup>for Blue Sunoco</sup> ~~of the Sun Oil Company~~

in Providence, ~~kindly~~ asked me to help Rhode Island rejoice over

the number of lives ~~twenty five of them~~ that were not lost in

Providence in Nineteen Thirty-Eight. <sup>A famous organization</sup> ~~Mr. Ranchy of the organization~~

~~known as~~ the "Town Criers, of Rhode Island," informs me that

Providence in Nineteen Thirty-Eight <sup>won</sup> ~~was~~ first place among the

cities of a population of between a quarter and half a million,

first place in ~~successfully~~ cutting down the number of accidents and

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deaths. ~~As I said before, twenty-five fewer people were killed in~~

~~Nineteen Thirty Eight than in Nineteen Thirty Seven.~~ Only sixteen

persons lost their lives altogether, ~~and that includes only one~~

~~child of school age.~~ Providence also had seven hundred and twenty-

three fewer traffic accidents, nine hundred and fifty-two fewer

injuries, five hundred-and-one fewer pedestrians injured, <sup>last year,</sup>

~~In short, Providence has the lowest death rate in~~  
~~traffic of any United States city with a population over a quarter~~

~~of a million,~~ <sup>a</sup> record worth celebrating! ~~and one that particularly~~

MURDERS

Gang murders in two different parts of North America!

In Chicago, three ~~men~~ found murdered, and the police say they were ~~two~~ victims of gambling mobs. One of ~~them~~ <sup>three victims</sup> was known as the "policy king of Gary", Indiana.

Another mob is believed to have been operating in Toronto, Canada. A bookmaker was murdered Saturday night and today the Toronto cops are looking for four torpedo men who are supposed to be members of what is known as the Detroit shake-down gang.

CHAPEREAU

The sensational smuggling case is back in the news this week. You will recall that already two people have pleaded guilty, the wife of a Justice of the New York Supreme Court and George Burns, husband of Gracie Allen, <sup>They pleaded</sup> guilty to buying French jewelry and clothing and not paying duty. ~~to Uncle Sam on them.~~ Albert Chapereau, who brought the stuff in, admitted he had done it but pleaded diplomatic immunity. On the strength of that, he consented to go to trial without have a jury, left it up to the judge. The judge today found him guilty ~~with~~ on all four counts. Chapereau will be sentenced on Wednesday.

Of course the greatest curiosity about that case this week surrounds the humorous figure of Jack Benny. <sup>Benny is</sup> ~~Jack~~ on his way to New York City, in an airplane from Los Angeles. When he stopped off at Fort Worth, Texas, he said he didn't know what it was all about and he was coming to New York to find out. He denied that he had been subpoenaed by Uncle Sam's attorney.

FOOTBALL

~~Bad news for college football players in the~~

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~~middwest.~~ The great University of Michigan ~~is~~ on the war path against ~~subsidized~~ subsidized players. The Athletic Board at Ann Arbor, ~~Michigan~~ came to bat today with a biting suggestion in its annual report. It recommends that schools which give scholarships to athletes should be barred from the ~~N~~ National Collegiate Athletic Association. "It is indefensible" says the board, for an educational institution to pay athletes to ~~represent it~~ <sup>represent it. But</sup> ~~But it is~~ even worse to get them by athletic scholarships or free tuition. <sup>with</sup> The University of Michigan big wigs say that "sooner or later the line must be drawn between two kinds of institutions. There must be a distinction between those whose teams are made up of hired performers and those whose teams are composed of young men <sup>who</sup> are in college because they want an education.

And s-l-u-t-m.

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