

L.J. - Sunoco. Tues., Feb. 15, 1938.

This evening's most significant story concerns Austria - which is a critical focus of world affairs tonight. (All day long there have been sensational rumors of German troops concentrating to the north of Austria) and Italian troops gathered to the south. If these reports be true - it would be of melodramatic significance. Yet - what sort of significance? What would it mean? We'd have to look at it as at some portentous enigma.

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The last time German and Italian troops stood ready on the northern and southern frontiers of Austria was at the <sup>moment</sup> ~~time~~ of the Nazi revolt in Vienna, when Chancellor Dollfuss was killed. Then, Mussolini stood ready to march his battalions through Brenner Pass and stop the Nazi attempt to seize Austria. Then - Mussolini blocked Hitler. But since that time world affairs have caused the two Dictators to become close allies - the Rome-Berlin axis. And yet, so far as we know, it's still a cardinal Italian doctrine - that Germany must not be allowed to annex Austria. So could it be now - that the two allies, Mussolini and Hitler, might disagree about Vienna - disagreeing, with arms <sup>ready</sup> ready to march? It's all a puzzle - enigma.

The report of German troops on the Austrian border seems to be the <sup>more</sup>~~most~~ substantial. An Austrian frontier official told a United Press correspondent today - that there cannot be any doubt about German troop movements at the <sup>border.</sup>~~frontier~~. There's a special mention of the airport at <sup>Piding.</sup>Piding. One account tells of two German air squadrons, of nine and ten planes each, arriving at that airfield today. It declares likewise that the German garrison at the place has been increased heavily; that it's normally five thousand men, but today it was much more numerous.

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Italian troops concentrated at Brenner Pass - that seems to be more like a mere rumor. The report emanates from Vienna. It declares that church circles there have word from the Vatican that Italian troops were marching toward the Austrian border. Vatican, church circles -- this angle was quickly denied at the Vatican. Officials there said that no such word had been sent to Vienna - that the whole thing sounded like a cooked-up rumor to get the Vatican embroiled with the Italian-German combination. Circles close to Mussolini denied the report outright - saying that for a long time Italian garrisons along the Austrian



border had been kept at full strength. But they had not been increased.

(These military aspects are a spectacular background for the fact that right now the government of Austria must cast the die - must decide what to do about the demands ~~that~~ Hitler made to

Chancellor Schuschnigg: - ~~These are~~ that Austrian Nazis ~~shall~~ be given key positions in the Vienna Cabinet.) One report is that

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Hitler demanded -- a Nazi Minister of the Interior. That post controls internal order -- such ~~ixix~~ as the suppression of the Nazi movement. Another account says that Hitler decreed -- a Nazi Minister of War in Vienna. The problem that Chancellor Schuschnigg faces tonight is this:- how far shall he yield to the Hitler demand?

There are reports that the Chancellor has been in telephone communication with Mussolini during the day. A late flash from Berlin tells how <sup>a</sup> Nazi big-shot in a radio broadcast to the German people -- told them that the Austrian government would make its decision tonight. Still another rumor relates that Vienna has turned down Hitler's full demands, though making

important concessions.

Once more peril to the world is focused on Austria.



ROMANIA

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A big painting ~~xx~~ job is on in Romania -- it's also a political program. Yes, paint and politics ~~xxx~~ go together in Bucharest. The new government which is something of a dictatorship by the King is taking action against the various political parties of the opposition - ~~xxx~~ especially Fascists and Anti-Semitic outfits, like the Iron Guard. Their political ~~xx~~ propaganda is outlawed -- and that propaganda consists largely of ~~signs~~ signs and posters, Fascist advertising. ~~All over the nation buildings and walls are plastered with such advertising.~~

"Painted <sup>it</sup> all out!" -- such is the government decree that went broadcast over Romania today. <sup>That means</sup> ~~It is~~ a mighty big painting job, for it's estimated that there are several million square feet of Romanian wall space devoted to political ~~propaganda~~ propaganda. For example in Bucharest there is one immense wall, more than a mile long. It surrounds a great field dedicated to sports and every inch of that wall is covered with innumerable slogans of the Iron Guard -- now to be painted out. <sup>It</sup> It is estimated that it will take a million gallons of paint and white wash to <sup>do</sup> ~~the~~ the propaganda obliterating job for all the nation.

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50 { One angle presents quite a problem. In the country district <sup>it</sup> ~~there~~ has long been a habit of thrifty ~~peasants~~ ~~peasants~~ to paper their rooms ~~of their houses~~ with political posters -- which they get free. What can they do about those political rooms in peasants cottages? It would seem to call for a government interior decorating job throughout all the farm lands in the country.

{ The interpretation we have been having of political events in Romania seems to be borne out, <sup>that this is an</sup> ~~today~~ ~~that it is a~~ easing up on anti-Semitism. Among the ~~measures~~ ~~taken~~ measures taken against the Jewish population by the Anti-Semitic regime of Premier Goga was one decree suspending Jewish lawyers. That was tossed out today, when a Romanian court declared it unconstitutional.



SPAIN

Left "ing Spain reports mutiny aboard Franco ~~warships~~  
warships ~~and~~ <sup>^</sup> not great armored ~~fit~~ fighting craft, but merely  
armed trawlers. Barcelona tells of a Franco trawler steaming  
into the harbor with a white flag flying. The crew had  
mutinied, had tossed the captain over-board. Barcelona tells  
likewise of <sup>an</sup> other trawlers trying to surrender -- the crew in  
a fight with the officers. The story declares that the  
captain radioed to a Franco cruiser for help. <sup>And -</sup> The cruiser  
~~bombard~~ bombarded the ~~muti~~ mutinied trawler and sank it.

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DEFENSE

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~~It is an undoubted fact that this nation has two coasts -- Atlantic and Pacific. Beginning on the Atlantic these United States achieved their historic triumph when they pushed ~~on the~~ all the way to the Pacific. Still that does give us two coasts to defend. In this precisely lies the strategic importance of the Panama Canal enabling us to switch the fleet from one side to the other with reasonable speed. Still ~~as we~~ if we were attacked on both sides ~~in~~ at the same time we might need two fleets.~~

~~That brings ~~us to~~ President Roosevelt's ~~statement~~~~ <sup>said</sup>  
today, <sup>that</sup> ~~in which he said~~ our national defense must consider the possibility of a double defense. He said we can't be safe, so long as we have only one fleet able to protect ~~the~~ one coast. All of which points to bigger and bigger ~~our~~ naval expansion.

The size of the fleet was discussed today by the top ranking naval officer on the Pacific coast, Rear Admiral Hepburn, the new commander of the Pacific Naval division.



The Admiral said a ~~thin~~ surprising thing at first -- declaring that the fleets of all the world powers are about twice as strong as they need ~~by~~ be. Well, well -- I thought Admirals were always talking for ~~his~~ bigger navies. But then <sup>let's</sup> ~~then~~ go on to observe that Admiral Hepburn continued his thesis by ~~saying~~ speaking as follows: "When other people start arming" said he "You've simply got to meet them, battleship to battleship." In other words, it is the competition that forces us to have a fleet twice as large as we need.

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~~The Admiral concluded by remarking that sooner or later the nations would get tired of all the naval building grow weary of the expense. He thinks the high cost of war will sooner or later drive on to some sort of agreement for naval limitation.~~ <sup>R</sup> The two-coast-defense theory was the subject of some sharp remarks from Representative Hamilton Fish of New York who is the top ranking Republican on the House Naval Affairs Committee. ~~Defying~~ Testifying before the hearing of the House Naval Affairs Committee -- he said "Japan ~~xxxx~~ wouldn't dream of ambition in American waters for fifty years." And as for our Atlantic coast -- who's to bother us there?

QNot Germany," said he, "Because Germany has only a tiny navy."

Nor Italy -- in his opinion. And it does seem as though the Italian Navy were pretty tightly locked in the Mediterranean with Gibraltar on one side and the Suez Canal on the other.

So, Congressman Fish, believes that the present big movement is an instrument to enforce President Roosevelt's Chicago speech about quarantine, blockade aggressors.



PLANES

This afternoon at Miami, ~~five~~ dots appeared in the sky from the north - dots that quickly grew into giant airplanes

flying in formation. Seven of them, seven flying fortresses of *the*

*U.S. Army*

~~the Army - they~~ circled the field and one after another swooped

down for a landing. Thus was successfully completed the first

leg ~~by~~ of the most ambitious long distance flight, ~~the army has~~

*our Army Air force has*

attempted to date. ~~The squadrons completed the first instalment~~

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~~of them~~ six thousand mile flight to South America. Tonight

they're looking things over and tuning up before taking off

again and steering south.

CHILD LABOR

Once more, the New York Legislature has turned down the Child Labor Amendment - its second defeat in New York. Again, the contention of the opposition was the same - that the sweeping constitutional amendment forbidding child labor amounted to government control of youth. They repeated that they were dead against child labor, but they wanted to abolish it in a different way. Consequently, it is said that the Nunan-Moffat resolution will be adopted - a resolution asking Congress to enact a <sup>national</sup> law that will forbid employment of children for industrial work.



RELIEF

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The extra money for relief seems to be on a smooth way through Congress. The House Appropriations Committee today said "okay" to the two hundred and fifty million dollar request the President has made. So now the measure will go to the Congressmen for debate tomorrow - the proposal to give two hundred and fifty million dollars of quick money to the W.P.A., so that more jobs can be provided in this recession time.

A new move to cure the recession comes from Cincinnati, where Radio Magnate Powel Crosley is sponsoring a brand new idea. It's a radio campaign flashing a propaganda of - "buy now." Broadcasts over many stations, in cooperation with chambers of commerce and business organizations. Powel Crosley believes that the recession came because prospective purchasers were uncertain about the future, and therefore refrained from purchasing. This mood of doubt, he thinks, can be offset by a radio drive, which will show that by buying now you create employment which in turn creates more buying power - and business will be revived.

GRAYSON

Today in Washington President Roosevelt spoke these words of a man prominent as an official and as a friend. "Whether directing relief work at home," said the President, "or cooperating in the alleviation of human misery in foreign lands, his tact, industry and genius for getting things done made his work outstanding."

This tribute was paid to Admiral <sup>Cary</sup> Grayson, Chairman of the Red Cross and personal physician to presidents. The President <sup>in person</sup> will attend the funeral <sup>of the famous head of our</sup> ~~in Washington~~ Red Cross - <sup>^</sup> Cary Grayson.



JAIL

Across the southern border of California, on the Mexican side, stands the one-time hot spot - Tijuana. Time was when Tijuana was a haunt of whooping hilarity - gaudy, garish; rolling with money, and, tough. That was during the era of prohibition, when the town was a convenient Mexican oasis for drinks, gambling and devilry in general. But ~~today~~<sup>now</sup> Tijuana stands half deserted and altogether lifeless, a mere ~~momento~~<sup>a</sup> of former flagrant days.

~~But not today - I merely mean the present time in general.~~

~~But not today~~  
Today ~~Today~~ Tijuana was once more the hottest of hot-spots.

But in a different way - the flame of raging violence, and the real flame of fire. ~~A crowd stormed the town, captured buildings, put the torch to headquarters of government affairs.~~

It was no revolution, ~~but~~ **S**omething much more familiar to us Americans - lynch law, mob violence. A mob was out to lynch a suspect charged with the murder of a girl - a soldier who is said to have confessed the crime.

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The mob formed in front of the Tijuana jail several thousand strong, men and women - a milling crowd that went wild with shouts of "Lynch the killer!" Then swiftly there was a surge

forward. The jail guards were bushed aside. The rioters raged into the place looking for the accused soldier. They couldn't find him. He had been taken secretly away -- to avoid just this mob violence. They say the governor phoned Mexico City asking should he turn the prisoner over to the mob or have him executed in 48 hours? Mexico City answered forty-eight hours.

Did that disappointment quiet the crowd? Not at all -- it merely turned them wilder, really wild this time. They set fire to the jail, while the guards released other prisoners to escape the sheets of flame that engulfed the building. Then the mob stormed the local government headquarters, the city hall and the police station. They were met by soldiers, but merely ran right over the troops. Into the city hall and police headquarters they tossed lighted rags soaked with oil, and both buildings burst into flames. All Tijuana was threatened by fire -- especially as the mob stopped and seized the fire engines.

Then the crowd, still raging with fury and destruction, stormed to a military fort on top of a hill. At the foot of the hill ~~at~~ the garrison of the fort faced them with menacing rifles. There was something like a pitched battle. The crowd rushed to the



attack. The troops fired a volley -- in the air. That did no good. On came the mob! The soldiers, as a 1st resort, levelled their rifles and fired into the crowd. Men dropped - wounded, a boy was killed. Under the blast of fire, the rioters faltered. The soldiers deployed to surround them. The entire police force of Tijuana joined the attack. Only then did the mob turn and start running. They scattered, but with menacing shouts that they'd return for more trouble.

Yes, Tijuana, a sleepy relic of former exciting days, came to life today -- once more a hot spot.

FOLLOW JAIL

There was still another Latin-American riot today -- this one in Panama. It was not a case of lynching, but had to do with another insitution with which Americans are equally familiar -- baseball.

It took a cavalry charge to suppress a baseball riot at the Central American Olympic Games.

The Republics down there in the banana belt are staging their own local olympics, and a prominent feature in baseball. Today , the teams of Nicaragua and Puerto Rico took the diamond, and in the fifth inning one of those tense situations occurred -- the sort of thing that brings an American crowd to its feet. It brings a Latin-American crowd to blows. Nicaragua was leading three to nothing. A Puerto Rican batter slammed a single. A run scored. And, still another to tie the score was coming in as a runner from second was streaking for home.

The umpire shouted "Out!" Whereupon one of the Puerto Rican players jumped at him and seized him -- to tear him limb from limb. The other players of both teams swarmed on to the field brandishing their baseball bats, and started socking each other.



Fights broke out all over the place, the fans swarmed on the diamond, and the crowded ball park turned into one wild and seething riot. The battle lasted until the mounted police rode in, and charged into the fracas with sabres drawn. Slashing right and left with the flap of the sword, they finally were able to drive the fans and the ball players off the field. Just baseball in the Hot Countries and SO LONG UNTIE TOMORROW.