

JAPAN

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Here is something that may be sensational. In London today a prominent Japanese businessman was arrested. He is K. Makihara, London manager for one of the greatest Japanese firms--the giant Mitsu Bishi combination. There's no explanation of why the arrest was made, but one surmise flashed instantly. It concerns the arrest of prominent Britishers in Japan--on charges of espionage. Britain has been trying angrily to get them released, and in London there have been insistent demands for reprisals. The newspapers have been calling upon the Government to imprison prominent Japanese in England--in retaliation. So it looks as if today's arrest of Makihara, representative of Mitsu Bishi might be a retort to the Japanese arrests of British citizens in Japan. If ~~xxx~~ so, it may be of the greatest importance - for British-Japanese antagonism has been growing more and more acute during the past several days.

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More than a week ago, we had a report given by a traveler from Germany that the great harbor of Hamburg was in ruins - blasted to pieces by British bombing. Today London officially makes the statement - the port of Hamburg utterly devastated. ~~xxxx~~ Pulverized, the British say. And they go on to tell how the R.A.F. in its day by day attacks for a month have raised havoc in a hundred strategic German cities. One significant name mentioned is - Krupp. German ~~xxxxxx~~ armament manufacture is symbolized by that traditional name, and it does seem to mean business when the British tell us they ~~xxx~~ have heavily bombed the great Krupp Cannon factories.

On the German side, the Nazi air force carried out a novelty - a bombardment of pamphlets. Air raiders scattered thousands of leaflets for propaganda purpose, extracts from Hitler's ~~xpexix~~ speech in which he warned Britain to make peace or be annihilated. The British are wondering what this pamphlet assault may mean - is the blitzkrieg off? The

British themselves can recall, though with no great satisfaction, how they themselves began the war with extensive ~~xx~~ pamphlet bombardments of Germany - R.A.F. planes scattering leaflets by the millions. They did no good. I wonder whether the Nazis think their bombardment will have any effect.

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The Germans also dropped bombs; a number of merchant vessels attacked and sunk. The Italians too are claiming continuous success in their bombing attacks, and tell of British warships being hit. It is utterly impossible to make any sound guess of the truth - as between contradictory statements that are made.

Take this one - the height of contradiction. The British today report a highly successful air raid against the French port of Cherbourg, now one of the most important of German bases. The British declare that the R.A.F. blasted Nazi ~~shipping~~ shipping facilities in a tremendous way. They state their losses as - three planes. The German ~~report~~ report ~~x~~ on this says that the British attacked Cherbourg with disastrous results to themselves. Eight

Blenheim bombers came over, and all eight were shot down -  
say the Nazis.

A new feature is an Irish protest to Berlin.

Dublin complains because of a German bombing attack on an  
Irish steamer off the coast of ~~WEXFORD~~ County Cork.

It's the first time an **I**rish boat has been a casualty in  
the conflict. Today the Irish charge d'Affaires at Berlin  
handed in a formal protest.

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DE GAULLE

Today a military court in defeated France handed down a verdict against Charles DeGaulle. He is in London, leader of the Frenchmen who have joined Britain to continue the fight against Nazi Germany. Recently, the Government of Marshal Petain decreed that any Frenchman in a foreign army will be considered guilty of treason. So they put General DeGaulle on trial - in his absence, of course. And today the military court announced its ~~verdict~~ verdict - a sentence of death. <sup>Of course</sup> They'll have to catch him first before they can inflict that penalty. The General is also degraded of his military rank, and his property is to be confiscated. All of which can only add to the bitterness between those two former allies - Great Britain and France.

CONSCRIPTION

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The military affairs committee of the Senate today voted against a proposal to limit conscription to one million men. The vote in the committee was fairly close - six to four. So now the conscription bill stands as a plan to call <sup>up</sup> for military training all men between twenty-one and thirty-one.

It is estimated that there are some twelve and a half million within those age limits. From that figure is to be deducted the number of those who are exempt because they ~~xx~~ have dependents, are ~~any~~ psychically unfit, are needed for important tasks of agriculture or industry, or have religious or conscientious scruples. Subtract all these, and the Army figures there are about four and a half million young men eligible for ~~xxxxx~~ compulsory service. <sup>TR</sup> The latest from the Senate is a declaration by Ex-Secretary of War Woodring. He's against compulsory service, he tells the <sup>so</sup> Senators. <sup>Instead he</sup> ~~He~~ advocates voluntary enlistment.

President Roosevelt today repeated his support of conscription; and he emphasized <sup>this</sup> by the device of permitting

himself to be directly quoted. ~~so~~ Here are his words:-

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"I am in favor of a ~~xi~~ selective training bill, and I consider it essential to adequate national defense," said the President.

He also repeated that he would not endorse any specific feature of any ~~x~~ conscription bill. He would not send a draft of a law to Congress with ~~an~~ endorsement like *because then people would* that, ~~they~~ be calling him "Old Mr. Dictator."

Somebody recalled to the President the idea that he propounded when Conscription first came into the foreground - the notion of drafting women for defense training. F.D.R. said today he had no plan right now to call the girls to the colors. He added that the feminine side of conscription was not likely to be considered until there's a program for home defense.

The conscription question was raised on the other side of the fence today - the Willkie side. Senator Wheeler of Montana, who is opposed to the compulsory training bill, called upon the Republican ~~candidate~~ candidate to state his

attitude. Wendell Willkie refused. He said he would state his views only if President Roosevelt will ask for them. But he will not respond to what he called "every miscellaneous challenge." Willkie pointed out that there are ~~ninety~~ ninety-six Senators of the United States, who might shoot questions at him concerning various public matters. The candidate reiterated a previous statement that he'd give a full account of his beliefs when he makes his acceptance speech on August Seventeenth.

Willkie was asked whether anybody has been sounding ~~me~~ him out about the sale of warships to Great Britain, people advocating that ~~we~~ we sell cruisers and destroyers to the British to help them in their battle against Nazi Germany. Willkie said "no" - nobody had spoken to him about this. He went on to deny a still more drastic supposition - that he may have come to an understanding with persons connected with the New Deal Administration. He said he has not talked with any such persons on the subject of selling United States cruisers and destroyers to the British.

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come back. So the moment after Henry tossed one, the cameraman stepped in front of him. Did the boomerang come back? You bet it did. It ~~xxx~~ returned with such true aim that it cracked the cameraman on the coco and laid his scalp open. It knocked him flat and dazed.

Yes indeed, Henry certainly can launch a boomerage<sup>u</sup> -  
and not the political kind either.<sup>u</sup>

FOREIGN AGENTS

The great Panama Canal spy sensation went a-glimmering today - vanished in a mix-up of mistake and confusion. Yesterday Secretary of War **Stimson** flashed a headline, when he declared that eighty-one foreign secret agents were being detained in the canal Zone. That was followed by inquiries down ~~the~~ Panama way, and the Canal officials looked mystified. No, they didn't know anything about any eighty-one foreign spies under arrest. They thought a bit and said:- "Maybe all this had something to do with some eighty-one Jewish refugees being held in the Canal Zone".

It was all rather ~~xxx~~ baffling until this afternoon when along came word from Washington. It was all a mistake, an error in the transmission of a message to the War Department.

The story did indeed concern the Jewish refugees. Canal Zone authorities had cabled about the detention of the refugees, and this had been mistakenly transmitted as - foreign agents. Whereupon the Secretary of War proceeded to give out the erroneous news.

The refugees in question are Jewish fugitives from

Nazi Germany and Austria. Some arrived at the Canal Zone without proper papers. Other<sup>s</sup> are former canal employees who were discharged in consequence of a recent regulation. Yesterday, Secretary of War Stimson said that no ~~xxxxxx~~ aliens are employed in the operation of the Canal - except Panamanians. Today the story from the Isthmus indicates that only natives of the Western Hemisphere are ~~xxxx~~ employed. This includes a number of negroes from the British West Indies, British subjects. In any case, the regulation excludes the Jewish refugees, and these have been dismissed. Together with other refugees arriving from Europe, they are being held, till some place can be found to send them. They are the eighty-one under detention, described yesterday as Foreign Agents - in the Panama Canal spy sensation.

FIFTH COLUMN

At Detroit they're investigating what is called  
~~xxxxx~~ a system to smuggle Fifth Columnists. The District  
Department of Immigration is looking into the case of an  
underground railway for sneaking people across the border  
from Canada. Aliens; - and they're being described as Fifth  
Columnists. ~~xxxxx~~ Canada might seem an odd place for the  
Fifth Column to originate, but then I suppose ~~x~~ that anything  
is ~~xxxxx~~ possible these days.

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It appers<sup>a</sup> that three ~~xx~~ Poles escaped at Quebec  
from a Polish ship which the British had seized. Then they  
~~xx~~ got across the border - by engaging the service of an  
individual who is described as a "notorious smuggler". The  
three Poles were detected in the United States, and this has  
blown the whole thing up - with a Fifth Column angle.

WESTRICK

Today the mysterious Dr. Westrick appeared before the authorities in New York. He is the Nazi commercial representative who suddenly found himself in the hot lime-light of publicity. The New York ~~Herx~~ Herald Tribune found that the Nazi emissary was living in a good deal of secrecy at a <sup>somewhat</sup> ~~xxxxxxx~~ palatial estate in Scarsdale. There he has been receiving a number of top flight industrialists, big-shots of big business. Also, the story said - such people as a mechanic employed in a factory making armament.

It all seemed a bit strange, if not sinister.

But it appeared that the only thing that might be definitely pinned on the mysterious Dr. Westrick concerned his automobile

license. He had moved from New York <sup>city to the</sup> ~~to the a palatial~~ estate <sup>in the suburbs</sup> without notifying the Motor Vehicle Bureau. <sup>and</sup> that's against

regulations. Moreover, the story continued that the Doctor has a wooden leg. That's not against the law of course, except for the angle that in applying for an automobile license the Doctor had been asked whether he was a cripple.

And his answer was a "no". So there might be a charge of perjury

for swearing to a false statement. It was all so serious that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles asked New York District Attorney Thomas E. ~~W~~ Dewey to make an investigation of the report of the Doctor's wooden leg.

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Today the mysterious Westrick appeared at the Motor Vehicle Bureau. He had a conference with the Commissioner, who promptly put the fateful question:- "Have you a wooden leg?" the Doctor said "No". They let it go at that, the Commissioner demanding no further proof. I suppose he figured that nobody would try to ~~mix~~ misrepresent on a subject like that. Even the most subtle and devious Nazi could hardly make a wooden leg seem like anything else - if you happened to take a look at it. It was observed indeed that the mysterious doctor walked with a limp, but then a bit of a gimp can be caused by sciatica, housemaid's knee or even corns.

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But there's limp or gimp in Blue Sunoco, is there Hugh?