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AVIATION

(The British government today said to the United States - go ahead and start your trans-Atlantic airplane service. The plans have been for Pan-American and British Airways to work in conjunction. But the British don't seem to be ready, and Pan-American wants to start operations.) Hitherto, the permission from London has not been forthcoming, but today the State Department in Washington announces that Great Britain now says - go ahead. London believes that British Airways will be able to get going in a trans-Atlantic way by June First, but if Pan-American wants to start earlier - okay. Permission presumably includes the right to land in Britain, as the eastern terminus of ^{the} across-the-ocean _^ skyway.

HUNGARY

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The Russian Soviet will exchange no Easter greeting cards with Hungary. A definite breach was announced today. The announcement comes in formal and official terms from Moscow. No more diplomatic relations. The reason? Because Hungary joined the anti-Communist pact between Germany, Italy and Japan. The Soviet Union has recalled its envoy from Budapest, put up the shutters on its legation. In the same breath it also asks Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary, to remove his diplomats from Moscow.

This definitely increases the anti-Bolshevik bloc to the west of Russia. We shall undoubtedly hear any day that it has been joined by Czechoslovakia. The ~~rumor~~^{word} in Berlin is that

the Prague government will ~~soon announce~~^{soon announce Officially} ~~that it has joined the Fascist~~
~~and~~ line-up against the Comintern.
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GOERING

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An incident that happened in Berlin today has the diplomats gossiping. King Gustave of Sweden is visiting the German capital. He was visited today by Field Marshal Goering, Hitler's Number Two Man, supposed to be the Assistant-Fuehrer of the Reich. And there King Gustave bestowed upon the Assistant-Fuehrer the Grand Cross of the Order with Chain. That's the highest military decoration in Sweden.

GERMAN NAVY

The British government has been asking Germany all about the reports of increases in the Nazi Navy. For two weeks conversations have been going on about this between the British and German governments. And today the information was announced: "Germany progressively will increase her submarine tonnage up to parity with that of members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, beginning in the year Nineteen Thirty-Nine and continuing until the treaty limit is reached. Furthermore, Germany will arm two ten thousand ton cruisers."

VATICAN

A Catholic newspaper has handed a direct contradiction

to Chancellor Hitler. In his speech to the Reichstag Monday,

the Fuehrer

~~Hitler~~ expatiated in flowery rounded phrases on the freedom of worship enjoyed by everybody in Germany. The Fuehrer was himself handing out the lie to critics of the Nazi regime on this question.

The newspaper which contradicts him is an important one, the

official organ of the Vatican. The editorial ~~is~~ makes ten specific

complaints against the Nazi government. Among them are the charges *[that*

quote:

~~that~~ "religious duties have been rendered ever more difficult for Hitlerian *youth* and that the clergy has been exposed to contempt."

Also that "the Pope and bishops and clergy have been dragged in the mud by immoral cartoons in newspapers protected by the German

government. *And* ~~also~~ that "concentration camps and even prisons are

occupied by those who dare struggle in behalf of the Church."

And it concludes that "liberty has lost all meaning in the ecclesiastical and religious field throughout the Third Reich."

The editorial then admits, "the Nazi persecution of religions

does not close churches and until recently has not harmed a single

priest. But," it adds, "the Nazi regime is doing its utmost to make the churches empty and to make superflous the existence of prists." *e*

GERMANY

The Nazi newspapers today redoubled their attack on President Roosevelt, ^{and} ~~They declared that the desire for peace expressed by Fuehrer Adolph Hitler on Monday was made by the President of the United States with absolute enmity. With this~~ ~~they~~ publish cabled reports from the United States designed to give the impression that the American people are up in arms against the President's foreign policy, fearful of being dragged into war.

ITALY FOLLOW GERMANY

The Italian newspapers today jumped into the anti-Roosevelt fray. The Fascist attack was led by Virginio Gayda, usually spokesman for Mussolini. Gayda described Mr. Roosevelt's action as premeditated provocation. And adds that it "exploded in the midst of attempts by European statesmen of good-will to save the peace." And says Gayda: "Evidently the defensive frontiers of the Rome-Berlin Axis must extend to the Panama Canal."

FOREIGN POLICY FOLLOW PARIS

Two of the President's Cabinet ministers sprang to his defense today. (Secretary Ickles declares there is no danger of Uncle Sam's being involved in any war under the present administration.) The reporter asked Mr. Ickes what about Hitler's accusation that Ickes is a war monger. The Secretary replied: "I don't think there is a man in the country who more sincerely wants peace than I."

Besides that, Secretary Morgenthau denied imputations that had been made in the Senate, charges that the two billion dollar secret stabilization fund was being wrongly used. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts called on Morgenthau for a categorical explanation. So Morgenthau said: "The stabilization fund is not being used directly or indirectly, or in any way whatsoever, to help any country to make any purchase of merchandise." He added, however, that it's not in the public interest to reveal the exact details of the way in which that two billion dollar fund is being used.

Members of the House got into the argument today.

Some of them went to the White House to meet the President.

They were the Sub-Committee on Appropriations. Their prime purpose was to talk about the money to be appropriated for national defense. One of them ^{seized} ~~grabbed~~ the opportunity to ask Mr. Roosevelt whether he intended to permit Germany and Italy to buy American planes as well as France and England. And they say the President evaded a direct answer. The report is that the President replied with the words: "That's an 'if' question."

DIES

The Dies Committee investigating Unamerican Activities will not be dropped. That was decided today by the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives. The UnAmerican Committee is to continue its inquiries for another year and get a hundred thousand dollars to spend on the job. That's not as much as Chairman Dies of Texas had asked for. He wanted two years more and a hundred and fifty thousand.

However the Dies supporters are pretty well satisfied. Inside talk from Washington is that this compromise ^{was} ~~with~~ the result of a series of horse-trades. The supporters of President Roosevelt, who ^{don't} ~~doesn't~~ care for Dies, consented to this continuance on condition that the Dies ~~symp~~ partisans support the President's program for reorganizing the government.

HINES

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The suicide of George Weinberg, gangster witness against Jimmy Hines, continues to agitate New York. District Attorney Dewey insists it was a suicide. But serious doubts are loudly uttered. Yesterday a criminal lawyer sent a telegram to Governor Lehman of New York expressing those doubts, urging an investigation. In that telegram the lawyer declared that somebody should find out why no fingerprints were found on the gun with which Weinberg is supposed to have killed himself. The New York Governor referred the matter to the District Attorney, who replied that fingerprints are almost never found on guns.

Today that same criminal lawyer sent another telegram to the Governor. In this he said: "My ~~next~~ information is that there was no evidence of powder spray on Weinberg's hands to indicate that he had recently discharged a revolver." And he urges further the fact that no test was made of the hands of any of the men in that house where Weinberg was killed. On top of that, says that lawyer, "a reporter is supposed to have learned that the homicide revolver was in the possession of an individual police officer for forty-eight hours after the death." With that, the

lawyer suggests again to the Governor that all these matters should be looked into.

Dist. Atty. Dewey, however, insists that the death of Weinberg was unquestionably a suicide.

BOY BEATER

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It's ~~mighty~~ seldom ~~that~~ you hear of a ^{judge} ~~man~~ on the bench being moved to tears. And ~~perhaps~~ it's ~~no~~ especially seldom in ~~the case of~~ police court magistrates, ^{They} ~~who~~ constantly see so much of the unhappiness of a big city, that if they were prone to tears they couldn't ^{endure} ~~enjoy~~ their jobs. But a case came up today before Magistrate Michael Ford of New York City that rendered him, an experienced man ^{on that bench,} ~~in his job,~~ almost unable to talk while the tears streamed down his face.

The case was that of a thirty-one year old man arrested for cruelty to his three year old son. The little fellow was brought ⁱⁿ to court and tried to hum a tune while he sat on the witness ~~stand~~ just to show the judge that daddy hadn't hurt him awfully much. But over the boy's little nose was a ^{big} ~~hideous~~ blue mark, his eyes were bruised and swollen, his hands a mass of purple blotches. The charge against the prisoner was that he had beaten the three year old boy with a knotted rope and tied him up with wire. He hung his head as he pleaded guilty. With a choking voice Magistrate Ford held the man for the grand jury and said: "Fifteen thousand dollars bail."

DEIBLER

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A picturesque but grizzly figure passed away from the Parisien scene today. The people of Paris called him "Monsieur de Paris", which literally translated ^{of course} means "Mr. of Paris."

He was the public executioner, his name Henri Anatole Deibler.

He was not only the public executioner, but came of a long line of ^{headsman.} ~~executioners~~. For a hundred and twenty years that job has been in the Deibler family. The first ~~Deibler~~ Deibler came to Paris from Bavaria, where there was supposed to have been a high standard of skill in the cutting off of heads.

The man who died today had no intention of taking over the job of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. But while he was at school the other boys teased him so much, and after he left school he found it so difficult to make friends because of his father's job, that he took it over in defiance. That was in Eighteen Ninety-Eight. For forty years this Henri Deibler was "Monsieur de Paris." In that time he executed four hundred people. He became so skillful at it that he could chop off a head in ^{thirty} ~~forty~~ seconds.

But that wasn't his ~~xxx~~ sole occupation. He acquired

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a modest fortune as a manufacturer of perfumes. The Paris
headsman's job will stay in the family, we hear. It goes to
Deibler's nephew, who, however, does not bear the name of Deibler.

EARTHQUAKE

The American Red Cross is having its hands full helping the earthquake sufferers in Chile. Norman ~~A~~ Davis, Chairman of the Red Cross, telegraphs that they've already sent five hundred shelter tents south, plus eleven thousand dollars in cash and some ten thousand dollars' worth of medicines and surgical supplies. But, he adds, "the Chilean Red Cross informs us that it is beyond their capacity to give proper medical care to the wounded without outside help."

George E. Smith of the American Red Cross took a United States army bombing plane to Chile with large quantities of medicines. And he has cabled ^{Norman} ~~to~~ Davis that they need four weeks' medical supplies, surgical instruments, splints, Xray plates, bandages, and so forth. In that stricken district around Chillan there are no fewer than eighteen thousand men, women and children dangerously injured.

And from a mountain city far to the north of Chile we have other earthquake news. There is terror in Quito, the capital of Ecuador, nine thousand feet above the sea. Nobody was hurt in the earthquake that shook the region around Quito

last night, although there were five shocks in the city itself and nine in a valley to the southeast. But buildings were destroyed, homes toppled to the ground. Ranchers report that the volcano of Cotopaxi is erupting, dense columns of smoke streaming out from the volcano's peak, masses of hot lava pouring from the crater down the mountainside. Many people are fleeing from Quito itself, running away from the capital to haciendas nearby. The people in the villages throughout the valley southeast of Quito are camped out in the street, afraid to go near their homes.

MODELS

Pan-American solidarity continues to solidify. This is made apparent by a dispatch from Buenos Aires which tells of a steamship being late in docking.

The other evening we heard about the good-neighbor fashion show at Rio, with a troupe of beautiful New York fashion models aiding Pan-American relations by displaying an assortment of gowns, and bathing suits. From Rio they sailed to Buenos Aires, there to continue the good work of beautifying western hemisphere womanhood in bonds of style. Their ship, however, made a stop at Montevideo, and for a while it looked as if the vessel might remain permanently at Montevideo. The President of Uruguay, being a good neighbor, invited the dazzling troupe of models to the presidential palace. And they accepted - for they're good neighbors. The President served champagne cocktails, and that made the good-neighbor policy a hundred per cent.

It was time for the ship to sail, but the captain didn't dare to haul up the anchor and go sailing away - not with the Pan-American fashion show at the presidential palace. Time went on, and it looked as if the models were going to take up

permanent residence in the presidential palace. Well, neighbors can be so good that they'll move right into the same quarters. Finally, however, down to the dock came the models, escorted by officials of the Uruguan government.

~~Even the best of neighbors must part,~~ and on to Buenos Aires went the models. There they'll put on a fashion show of Pan-American solidarity.

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