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A Japanese war plane this afternoon was on its way to the British colony of Hong Kong. Never before has any craft of that nationality landed ^{-isle.} on that powerful British fortress. But, it's flying not to drop bombs but to bring a message of peace. It carries Saburo Kurusu, a high ranking envoy of the Mikado's government. His trip has been arranged by none other than Secretary of State Cordell Hull. ^{TP} A Clipper plane is being held at Hong Kong for His Excellency to bring him post haste to the United States. The way his mission is being described in Tokyo, it's an eleventh hour effort to preserve the peace between Japan and the United States. The official Japanese news agency calls it a last effort to readjust Japanese-American relations, which recently have developed from bad to worse. The official report says further that Kurusu will try to ^{determine} ~~obtain immediate clarification~~ ~~on the question~~ whether further Japanese-American conversations will prove useful.

It has been more than seventy days since negotiations began and in that time they've been quickly becoming no better.

The Japanese news agency says that this is due partly to the

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situation in the southwest Pacific and partly to the rapid change in the international situation. Maybe that's the Nipponese way of mentioning the fact that the further Hitler penetrates into Russia, the more brashly the war lords of Japan rattle their sabres.

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The personality and character of His Excellency Kurusu have a good deal of news importance in this connection. For one thing, it was he who signed, on behalf of Japan, the Tripartite Pact with Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. In spite of this, he is rated as one of the Japanese friendly to the United States. For one thing, he has an American wife, the former Miss Alice Little of Chicago. Furthermore, he has had consular jobs in Chicago, New York and Honolulu. He ^{just} happened to be Ambassador to Germany at the time of the signing of the Tripartite Pact, but ~~that~~ he had no part in drawing it up. ~~He was known to~~ American correspondents in Tokyo ^{say he has been} ~~as being~~ much less than enthusiastic about the Tripartite idea.

WAR

There's loud confidence again today in the communications that come from the Soviet side of the war, ^{in Europe.} ~~in Russia.~~ The Reds ^{say} ~~admit~~ that Hitler has brought up every last man of his reserves and ^{ing} ~~throw~~ them into one last desperate decisive try ^{for} ~~on~~ Moscow. The Reds also ^{acknowledge} ~~admit~~ that the Nazis advanced five miles on the ~~Mozjaisk~~ front, ^{where} ~~But~~ after a four-hour battle of tanks they were thrown back. That's the Soviet story. The Reds also are crowing over having recaptured the ² ~~greatest~~ part of Kalinin, which the Nazis took more than three weeks ago with ^{so much fan fare,} ~~great rejoicings.~~

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As for the Crimea, London reports that Hitler's armies haven't yet reached the Russian defense lines in front of ^{nor at} Sevastopol on the west, ~~and~~ Kerch on the extreme east of the peninsula. And they claim that things are brighter for them in the Donets basin, where they've pushed the Nazis back as far as Gorlovka, ~~which was captured a couple of weeks ago.~~

~~But the story from Berlin is not so rosy for the Red defenders.~~ The Nazis declare that the flight of Russians from the Crimea ^S ~~is looking every day~~ more and more like another Dunkirk,

the Russians running away pell mell, leaving huge quantities of booty to the Nazis. They say they have the Red armies in the Crimea split into three parts and surrounded. However, even the Nazis do admit that Red troops are still holding out in the Yaila Mountains that protect the southern and southeastern coasts of the Crimea. Thus they are holding the Nazis back from the Black Sea.

And The Germans today aren't ^{not} saying much about the Donets, *Furthermore* ~~but it is believed~~ that they are making a special effort to get into Moscow by November Seventh, for psychological reasons.

That's the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution ^{which is} and usually celebrated in Moscow by a great Red parade in Red Square, in front of the Kremlin.

50 ~~But~~ ^{are now} a bulletin just in from Berlin reports that they ^{Nazis} ~~are~~ only thirty-one miles from Moscow.

RUSSIA

Everybody has been asking what Stalin would do in case the Nazis capture not only Moscow but the entire Donets basin, and all Russia west of the Volga. Here's an answer to that question in a cable from Cairo, ~~of all places~~. This reports that for two months the Soviets have been increasing their factories east of the Volga and even east of the Urals. In fact, a lot of the supplies that have been sent to the Red armies recently, have been coming from factories in central Asia. Ever since the industries in the western Ukraine fell into the hands of the Nazis, and the output of the Moscow and Leningrad areas fell off, the industries the in ^{the} Turkestan, ^{to} Uzbekistan and Kirghiz Republics have been at work on high speed. According to this dispatch from Cairo, the Reds have been building factories ^{deep} ~~even~~ in Siberia and all the way to the borders of Western China. Even with a loss of everything west of the Volga, the Soviet Union will still have huge resources of industrial plants as well as vast quantities of metals.

R.A.F.

Here's news about the British air raids on Germany.

In the past four months, ~~the~~ Royal Air Force planes have dropped more than ten thousand tons of bombs on Hitler's Reich and the

occupied countries as well. That isn't an official report, but

it comes on good authority. During October, British bombers and

fighters delivered an average of ten attacks daily on enemy

shipping in the North Sea and the Atlantic. And they ^{are} ~~are~~ watching

like hawks the Nazi battleships SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU, which

have been ^{unable to get out of} ~~held prisoner virtually in~~ the French harbor of Brest, ~~and~~

^{have been} subject to constant bombings.

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SUBMARINES

Nazi submarines are operating right off the coast of Newfoundland, ~~are~~ operating actually in the territorial waters of this continent. The information comes from the Right Honorable Angus Mac^Donald, Canada's Minister of the Navy. ~~I~~ ~~He~~ says that sometimes the Nazi U-boats are actually within sight of the shore of Newfoundland. ~~he adds that,~~ "Naturally, we are attacking them whenever we can find them, ^{said he} and so are the planes of the air force coastal command."

Mac Donald
~~He~~ told the House of Commons at Ottawa that Canadian ships have already sunk several of Hitler's undersea raiders.

HOOVER

Former President Hoover ^{speaks} ~~spoke~~ his mind about Finland, ~~today~~.
He ^{ing} ~~re~~called that Finland's independence twenty years ago was largely
an American creation, ~~and~~ he said: "We set Finland on her feet,
and the Finns were the only people in Europe who repaid the money
we loaned them." In comment on Secretary Hull's note urging
Finland to make peace with Russia or forfeit our friendship,
Mr. Hoover ^{went on!} ~~says~~: "Has America lost all sense of human and moral
proportions?"

The SATURDAY EVENING POST today carries the second in
the series of Herbert Hoover's memoirs of the Peace Conference.
He had intended that they should not be published until after his
death, but he changed his mind in view of what he considers the
imminent entrance of the United States into the second World War.
And here's one part of it which shows that in Nineteen Nineteen
Herbert Hoover prophesied with deadly accuracy what is happening
in Europe today. It's part of a memorandum that he addressed on
the Eleventh of April, Nineteen Nineteen to President Woodrow
Wilson. In Section Six of that memorandum he wrote to Woodrow
Wilson, I QUOTE: "I have the feeling that revolution in Europe

is by no means over. The social wrongs in these countries are far from solution and the tempest must blow itself out, probably with enormous violence." UNQUOTE. Then he adds: "I have no doubt that if we could undertake to police the world, we would be making a great contribution to civilization, but I am certain that the American people are not prepared for such a measure."

In the next Section, Herbert Hoover wrote to President Wilson in Nineteen Nineteen: "It ~~seems~~ grows upon me daily that the United States is ~~the~~ the one great moral reserve in the world today and that we cannot maintain independence of action if we allow ourselves to be dragged into detailed European entanglements over a period of years." ^{He also} ~~and he~~ goes on to say: "In my view, if the Allies cannot be brought to adopt peace on the basis of the Fourteen Points, we should retire from Europe lock, stock and barrel."

That's how Herbert Hoover saw the picture of the world twenty-one years ago.

NEUTRALITY

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The Senate today had the spectacle of two Senators from the same state ^{talking back at each other} ~~in acid recriminations~~ over Neutrality repeal. The veteran Hiram Johnson of California locked horns with his colleague, Democratic Sheridan Downey. The latter had told the Senators ~~that~~ ^{how} an overwhelming number of people in his California were in favor of repealing the shipping restrictions in that Neutrality measure. ^{And} That brought the aged Senator Johnson to his feet, crying: "I do not believe California wants to go to war and even if it did, I wouldn't vote for it." ^{Then} ~~And~~ he added: "I stand here and protest ~~it~~ with every bit of force I possess."

Hiram Johnson then waxed passionate, exclaiming:

"War! ~~ifxi~~ Have it your own way. Prepare for war if you wish, take your people to war if you wish. But," he added, "when the casualty lists begin to roll in and the men with their legs shot off and their arms missing begin to come back, remember these words."

Another speech against repealing the restrictions was one made by Senator ~~Dave~~ Walsh of Massachusetts, Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee and formerly one of the staunch supporters of the President. ^{Walsh} ~~He~~ uttered the warning that if the Senators ~~repeal~~

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revise that Neutrality Bill, they will be approving a shooting war which the President, of his own authority, has proclaimed. He said further: "There is no such thing as a partial war." Recalling President Roosevelt's campaign promise not to send American soldiers into any foreign wars, Senator Walsh asked, what the difference is between sending Americans in the uniform of the Army to the British isles or as part of a new expeditionary force on the continent in an attempt to overthrow Hitler?

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After that There was ^{*angry back-chat*} ~~a still more vehement set to~~ between Senators Wheeler and Josh Lee of Oklahoma. Wheeler had made the accusation that the Roosevelt Administration, following the lead of Wendell Willkie, is demanding that the Neutrality Act be destroyed not because it hasn't worked but because it has worked too well.

The Oklahoma Senator ^{*flung out*} ~~retaliated with~~ the charge that Wheeler was preaching the same doctrine that had been preached ~~in~~ ^{*the Norwegian traitor,*} Norway by Quisling ^{*Norway.*} before the Nazis invaded it.

That one made Wheeler pause. He stared at his opponent for a while and then said: "I've been called Quisling by a lot of small-minded people in this country." Then Wheeler added, "If I

could not preach more hard, cold facts than the Senator from Oklahoma, I would feel sorry for myself."

To which Senator Pepper of Florida piped up with the remark: "The sympathy is universal."

When ~~ix~~ he returned from Hyde Park this morning, President Roosevelt had his expected conference with the leaders of Congress at the White House. When it was over, Congressman Bloom of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, told reporters he had assured the President there would be plenty of votes in the House to pass the Senate's version of the bill. Speaker Sam Rayburn and Congressman McCormick of Massachusetts, the Democratic leader, gave Mr. Roosevelt the same ^{Administration} assurances. ~~His~~ ^{the President} leaders in the Senate told ~~him~~ ^{the President} they would have at least fifty-one votes to put the Neutrality repeal over.

Unofficially, it is whispered in Washington that even Senator McNary, the Republican leader, who is against repeal, does not expect there will be more than thirty-five Senators agreeing with him. ~~With only thirty-five Senators against it, Neutrality repeal seems to be sure of at least more than an adequate majority.~~

WILLKIE

Wendell Willkie is making ready with a hot retort to the Republicans in Congress who want to read him out of the G.O.P. His friends declare that he will be glad to have a show-down and his reply will be that the Party should purge itself of isolationists and become a Party of aggression against Hitler.

U.S. - CANADA

Another joint action by the governments of the United States and Canada. ~~It's~~ ^a Committee to coordinate the industrial facilities of both countries for production of war equipment. Twelve men have been named to this joint committee by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister MacKenzie King. The preamble says that its job will be to survey the capacity of each country so that it can provide for the common defense efforts of both countries, the defense articles which each is best able to produce. In other words, we are going to do a lot of swapping with the Canadians.

LABOR

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One of the tough labor problems of the moment is reconciling ^{the job of} the railroad workers and the companies. The men wanted a thirty per cent raise, and the companies replied that it was out of the question. The Fact-Finding Board appointed by the President, turned in its report today and recommended raises of from seven and a half to thirteen per cent. ~~That's quite a come-down from thirty per cent.~~ The heads of the unions are going to meet in Chicago tomorrow, and the guessing is that they won't play ball, ~~at that figure.~~ The railroad unions have already voted to strike in case they don't get what they're asking for. ~~But the betting is that it will be~~ ^{the word is that if} ~~compromised.~~ ^{the} If necessary, President Roosevelt will take a hand in himself. ^{this union-company row also}

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~~That's only one corner of the labor picture today.~~

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TP The welders went back to work in the shipyards at Puget Sound, Washington, after being out ^{for} two weeks, ~~and~~ tying up some half a billion dollars' worth of ships, both warships and merchant vessels.

TP On the other hand, welders went out in three aircraft factories in southern California.

~~Then there's trouble threatening from the teamsters. They~~

HALIFAX

British Ambassador Lord Halifax today expressed his reaction to the Detroit incident last night when he and Lady Halifax were pelted with eggs and tomatoes. The Ambassador said, "My feeling was one of envy that people have eggs and tomatoes to spare and throw about." ~~And he added, "In England these are very scarce."~~

2/4 What is that? You say you want to interrupt me with something important? Okay.