

SPAIN

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A new war cry is being heard in Left Wing Spain, the defiant shout - "Madrid is not Addis Ababa!" That's ^{the} more picturesque form of today's news: that the northeastern Fascist drive against Madrid is mostly - Italian. (The Socialist commander declared today "that Spain has been invaded by a foreign army. "An undeclared international war," said he, "is raging in Spain." And he added that as many as four divisions of Italian troops, twenty or thirty thousand men, was ^{the} spearhead of the big Rebel drive ~~that~~ now blasting on.)

In proof of all this; the Madrid Left Wingers today displayed forty-one Italians who were captured on the north-eastern front. Prisoners dejected and worried - who didn't know what would happen to them next. The ways of the Spanish civil war are not merciful. The story told about them has a bitter ironic flavor, a reminder of the hatreds of class struggle. The forty-one, in the checkerboard movements of the battle, lost their way at night. They were captured without resistance. Why? They were hailed in Italian, and thought they had made contact with their fellow Fascists. But the men who ~~held them~~

hailed them were anti-Fascist Italians, fighting in the Socialist ranks. The forty-one, thinking they had found their own army, went gayly over into the Left Wing line - trapped by their own countrymen!

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The story they tell is that in the battle now raging there are Germans manning ^{Francos} ~~the~~ heavy artillery, but most of the fighting is being done by Italian motorized units, driving in swift mechanized thrusts - reminiscent of Badoglio's tactics in crushing the army of Haile Selassie. Indeed, many of the Italian prisoners say ~~that~~ they are veterans who fought in the conquest of Ethiopia.

So tonight the Left Wing war-cry is - "Madrid is not Addis Ababa."

(But the Socialist command also admits that the Italian drive has crashed through.) They say the Left Wing fighters have fallen back at various points, where they are fortifying to stop the advance. Madrid is rushing tens of thousands of troops to hold back this latest attack.

From the Rebel side come jubilant claims that the

Left Wingers are being driven helter skelter by the swift assault of the new motorized units. They tell how one group of anarchist fighters called the Red Lions, was trapped and exterminated.

The drive is said to be amazingly rapid. Tonight the Rebels declare that their advance units are within sight of that City which commands an important road to the capital. A pincher's movement, closing a ring of iron around Madrid, that's the strategy.

ROME

Today in the Vatican there was a gathering of prelates, and concerning this we may observe two significant aspects. One: ~~is~~ - the Pope's illness.

In the papal apartments today, Pius the Eleventh conferred with twenty cardinals. He hasn't held any such meeting for three months, this one being the first since his illness. So Rome ^{now} ~~is~~ is saying that it's a sign ~~that~~ the aged Pontiff has fully recovered from that crisis of sickness, which for days seemed to have him at death's door. The Pope is well again, says Rome.

The second phase of interest is this:- The report ^{has} ~~is~~ ^{it} ~~is~~ that the subject of today's meeting of the Pope and cardinals was - Ethiopia. Missionary work in Mussolini's conquered empire. They say that Ethiopia will be divided into five ecclesiastical provinces, corresponding to its present political divisions. These will be under the charge of an apostolic delegate.

We may recall that right after the conquest, Mussolini guaranteed the integrity and standing of the native Coptic Church. How will this affect the missionary activities of Rome?

We may surmise that there'll be plenty of negotiations to

persuade the Ethiopian ecclesiastics to join ~~that~~ with Rome,

and thereby nullify the breakaway of the Coptic Church ^{from the main Christian body} which

occurred fifteen hundred years ago.

JAPAN

In Japan they have a statesman whom they call the lone wolf, because in the proceedings of Parliament he plays a lone hand. They also call him the gadfly, because of the way he stings. Yukio Ozaki, one time Minister of Justice, and right now a howling lone wolf and fiercely stinging gadfly in the attack of the civilian parties against the militarist generals of Tokyo.

In the news today we find him picking a most touchy time for his howling and stinging. The annual celebration of the Japanese victory over Russia in Nineteen Five. This ^{year} ~~was~~ that memorable triumph was commemorated in an exceedingly martial way, a most militaristic feast - the Japanese army, headed by the Emperor Hirohito, going on war time rations. The Son of Heaven and all the warlords of Japan, observed the day by dining on boiled rice and hard tack, washed down by water - the fare of a common soldier in the battle-line. ^{A most unusual} militaristic banquet.

So this was the august occasion for Yukio Ozaki to rise in Parliament. He chose for his subject - the budget,

immense sums appropriated for armament. "Why spend all that money preparing for war, when in a war Japan would be beaten anyway?" That was the lone wolf howl. [¶] "If the army chiefs fight on land," he declared, "they'd battle against two nations. Do they think they can beat both China and Soviet Russia? They can't. They'd lose."

"If the militarists go to war at sea," he went on, "they'd also be fighting two nations. Do they think they can beat both Great Britain and the United States? They'd lose."

He kept on stinging with that same thesis - that Japan on land or sea would always be fighting with two nations, and could never win. [¶] The army chiefs say they won't answer any of this howling and stinging. Because, Yukio Ozaki is a lone wolf and has no party in Parliament to support him. Just one

^{stinging}
~~single~~ gadfly, ^{just a nuisance.} ~~and not a whole swarm of them.~~

When a politician attacks the army leaders with such burning acid as Yukio Ozaki did on Japanese triumph day, he is taking his life in his hands. You can judge of that from another

story that comes from Tokyo today - a story ~~worth~~ worthy of all the fantasy of the Orient. In the struggle between the civilian parties and the army chiefs, the danger of assassination of high political figures is so great that Premier Hayashi today moved into an assassin-proof residence, a mystery house. Built at a cost of twenty-eight thousand dollars, it's a haunt of weird secrecy. There are ways to flee through underground galleries, hidden doors for sudden escape, rooms fortified so as to be bomb-proof. The Premier will sleep in a different room every night, no one will know what room - not even his wife. For the present, his wife will not be there. The Premier is keeping his family somewhere else, and they won't be allowed to join him until the end of the present session of parliament - with its desperate political struggle and deadly ^{enmities.} ~~enemies~~ Then ^{his} wife and children will join him in the house of mystery, ^{and will never} know in what room he sleeps at night.

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AVIATION

Want some adventure? Try this:- An airplane flight from California to Honolulu, twenty-four hundred miles. Then on to Kingman Reef a mere dot on the Pacific, eleven hundred miles farther on. Next Pago Pago in Samoa sixteen hundred miles. Finally Auckland, New Zealand, eighteen hundred miles. A total of seven thousand miles of Pacific flying.

Sounds like dare-devil wings, but it's merely the new commercial route for the clipper ships. Today Pan American Airways announced that a plane will take off in a day or so to fly along that south-Pacific trail -- to make a preliminary survey for the new extension of the trans-Pacific service. Right now they fly from California to the Phillipines. This is to be increased and include New Zealand and Australia. The branch airline will switch off at Honolulu for the run to the southern hemisphere. They expect commercial service to start within six or eight months. Already flying bases have been laid at each island stop -- except Kingman Reef, that tiny stol of coral in the remotest Pacific.

NAZIS

The State Department demanded an explanation from Germany today, and that makes it a regular battle ^{for} apologies. Because of the insult that Mayor LaGuardia cast at Hitler, Washington apologized to Berlin, saying that the United States government couldn't help what the Mayor had said before a Congress of Jewish Women. After that, Mrs. Stephen Wise, wife of the Rabbi, wrote to Secretary Hull and pointed out that the German newspapers were grossly insulting LaGuardia, the Jewish women who were his hearers, and the United States in general. ^P An inspection of German ~~newspapers~~ newspapers during the past few days shows that this is indeed the case, a blast of anti-Jewish, anti-American epithets. They hardly bear repeating, among the mildest being a diatribe describing His Honor of New York as a gangster, terrified by the guns of the underworld.

Then there's an article in the personal newspaper of Minister of Propaganda Goebbels - an article describing the U.S.A. as a land of crime and poverty. This was illustrated with a spread of pictures showing criminals and strike scenes.

That's what Secretary of State Hull protested about

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today, instructing Ambassador Dodd at Berlin to demand explanations from the Hitler government. (It's unusual to make a diplomatic complaint about things said in the newspapers of a foreign country. Freedom of the press is so much the rule in America that we commonly assume that you can't help what the papers say. But in Germany the press is so thoroughly controlled that you might hold the government to be responsible. Anyway,) Secretary Hull may figure that if he apologized for what the New York Mayor said, why then Berlin can apologize for what the German newspapers are saying.

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MOONEY

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The one man in this country who has been in the courts more prominently than any other is the gray haired prisoner of San Quentin - Tom Mooney. Time and again he has appealed to the tribunals of justice to release him from ~~that~~^{the} life sentence, ~~the~~^{the} ~~imposed~~^{imposed} because of the Armistice Day bombing outrage twenty-one years ago. The courts have always refused, and so has the governor.

Now the Mooney case has gone into other hands - the legislature. Today the lower House in California voted - to grant or not to grant a pardon to Tom Mooney. The vote was forty-five to twenty-eight - in favor, ~~the~~^{the} lawmakers decreeing ~~ing~~^{ing} a pardon to the prisoner of San Quentin. The California Senate must act next - and have its say. ~~But~~^{But} that isn't all, because we now come to the final irony. In the debate before the legislature, the Attorney General of the state opposes with the argument that the lawmakers have no legal right to grant a pardon to Tom Mooney. His contention is that the legislature can decree an amnesty only in cases of impeachment or treason. Which means - that if the Senate sustains the lower House in the

Mooney pardon, it will still have to be decided whether the legislature has any power to grant the pardon at all. Who will say the word about that? The courts. It will be thrashed out before tribunals of justice. And Tom Mooney will be back in court again.

COURT

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The battle of the Court continued in Washington today with the appearance of Assistant Attorney-General Robert A. Jackson before the Senate Judiciary Committee. A star witness for the President's plan, the Assistant Attorney-General gave a series of arguments.

He told the Committee there was nothing new in the proposal to increase the number of justices. Congress had changed the size of the court in the past and it was entirely constitutional for Congress to keep the highest tribunal in line with the opinion of the nation.

He contended that in recent years the Court had ~~expanded~~ ^{expanded} its powers, ~~had~~ ^{had} increased ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~its~~ ^{its} right to veto more and more different kinds of law. The Assistant Attorney-General declared that this threatened to make a subtle change in the structure of our government, by giving the Supreme Court ~~authority~~ ^{authority} of larger and larger scope.

He went on with the thesis that ~~the~~ ^{the} working effectiveness of the Court is jeopardized by a split among ~~the~~ the justices. The difference of opinion between the conservatives ~~and~~ ^{and}

liberal wing^s makes it hard for the Court to arrive at a decision.

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He ~~failed~~ followed the President's argument in declaring that there was no intention ~~to curb the power of the Court~~ to decrease the legal power of the court. The idea is merely to inject new blood, younger opinions.

On the other side of the argument the opponents of the Court plan are pointing to Rear Admiral Wiley. The President has just appointed him to the new maritime commission -- a four year term. His age? Seventy. He will be seventy-four when his appointment expires. It isn't difficult for the foes attacking the Court-change to utter sarcastic words -- about the President talking of seventy as the age limit of the justices, and at the same time appointing a seventy-year old Admiral to a four-year *job.*
~~old job.~~

The Supreme Court argument is rather a puny thing compared with the fireworks of logic that burst forth in Daytona Beach, Florida today. That's where the St. Louis Cardinals are training, and that's where Dizzy Dean and club president ^{Sam} ~~Bredon~~ [^] ~~^ staged that crucial conference today. Dizzy, the star holdout, wants fifty thousand ~~dollars~~ for next season. The club is willing to pay him twenty-two thousand, five hundred, quite a difference, ^{thousand} ~~^~~ twenty-seven [^] five hundred dollars worth of difference! Too much of a difference -- they didn't get together today. The conference between Dizz and the ~~president~~ ^{a mess} broke up in [^] complete disagreement and a blaze of logic.~~

^a ~~^~~ Bredon came out with a declaration that the great Deane is unreasonable. ^{To} ~~^~~ which one might ask -- how can you be both dizzy and reasonable? ^a ~~^~~ Bredon says that the mighty pitcher thinks he's a one-man team, and that his trusty right arm counts for as much as the rest of the nine put together.

Dizz emerged from the conference analyzing the situation this way: - ~~He said~~ "the Cards ^{can't} ~~couldn't~~ win the pennant, not without ^{me} ~~him~~." Then he went to the ball grounds and watched his

onetime companions practice. That didn't change his opinion at all. He said he looked the gang over and they seemed like a pretty poor outfit to him. No, they couldn't win the pennant, "not without me." said he modestly.

To this President Breadon replied with some more logic, somewhat mathematical. He pointed out that Dizz has been with the team six years, and during that time they've won only one pennant. In the six years, before that they won four. So maybe the Cards can win pennants better without Mrs. Deane's little boy, than with him.

Anyway, Dizz says he's through once and for all -- and I'm through just for tonight. And ----

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.