

P.L. - Lunoco Tues, Feb. 14, 1939.

Today in Rome Pope Pius the Eleventh was laid to his ~~rest~~ ^{final} rest in a crypt beneath the floor of St. Peter's. The utmost of solemnity was enacted, funereal pomp and majesty - the sombre ritual that says farewell to a Pontiff of the Church of Rome.) The funeral story is accompanied by a vivid touch of contrast, the always beguiling contrast of the old and the new, the ancient and the modern.

While workmen were excavating the crypt beneath the floor of St. Peter's, they made a discovery. They were digging down into the earth, when their pickaxes hit something hard - stone. They uncovered a great slab of stone, and authorities hastily summoned identified it as part of the pavement of the older Cathedral of St. Peter's, the one that preceded the present stupendous edifice. That first Church of St. Peter's in Rome was built sixteen centuries ago, in the reign of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Emperor. For long centuries it was the premier cathedral of the western Church. In the Middle Ages it fell into ruin. When the Renaissance came on, the Popes, great builders of the period, undertook the task of erecting a new St. Peter's. They

tore down the old edifice, and the present cathedral took its place - the largest church on earth. But still history recalls memories of that other and very ancient St. Peter's. And today while they were excavating a crypt for Pius the Eleventh, they found a fragment of pavement of that ^{legendary basilica} ~~one-time church~~ built in the reign of Constantine.

Now the contrast, the new, the modern. This concerns the time-honored way of announcing the election of a new pope, ^{that} white smoke rising from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel as the ballots are burned, ^{then} and the public announcement by a cardinal speaking from a balcony of St. Peter's. ^{And is} ~~that~~ always a climax of drama and suspense - the vast throng waiting, as the cardinal tells them and the world who has been elected. This time the world will indeed be told, for the cardinal on the balcony will speak to the four corners of the earth - by radio. That's the modern innovation - the traditional announcement, ^{takes a microphone} ~~that comes with a~~ and becomes a radio broadcast!

REFUGEES

The new refugee plan sounds like a large and decisive undertaking. The project was announced today in London by the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, which represents thirty-two nations. And the plan is said to be in accordance with proposals made by the Nazi government, ~~of Germany~~ ^{so it's likely to} be accepted, ^{by Germany.}

A huge corporation is to be set up, ~~of~~ financiers of various nations - Jewish financiers largely. This corporation will float a loan of ~~about~~ ^{— or less —} three hundred million dollars, [^] this loan to provide funds for the removal of the oppressed Jewish minority from Hitler's Germany. Refugees are to be taken out

at a yearly rate that will bring about ^a ~~the~~ migration of all the [^] ~~German-Jews~~ ^{About 200,000 young Jews the first year.} in five years. They will be settled in colonial

regions allotted by various powers. And the natural resources of these regions for Jewish immigration will be pledged as security for the international refugee loan.

This is the plan that was okayed today by the Refugee Committee, the plan which thereupon was communicated to the ~~German~~ German government. And all the indications are that the Hitler regime will accept it.

The new head of the Intergovernmental Refugee Commission is an Englishman, Sir Herbert Emerson. He was appointed today, succeeding the former American head, George S. Rublee, ~~of the United States,~~ who resigned. Under its new chieftain, the Committee is prepared to get busy on the job of forming the refugee corporation and floating the international loan.

LIBYA

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Great Britain put in a complaint at Rome today, saying that London doesn't like the way Rome is sending troops to Libya. It has been reported during the past couple of days that Mussolini has been throwing heavy reinforcements into the colony that lies next door to French Tunis. This is regarded as a prelude to a new outbreak of Italian demands on France.

Today British Ambassador Lord Perth told Foreign Minister Count Ciano that London considers all those reinforcements to Libya in violation of the British-Italian agreement. Count Ciano is reported to have replied to Lord Perth that Italy has indeed been sending soldiers to Libya, but only to bring the garrison there up to sixty thousand, the normal number. And he added that this normal number was necessary, considering the way France has been sending soldiers to Tunis.

~~Lord Perth added another complaint, saying that London doesn't like the way the Italian newspapers are attacking France. To which Ciano replied that it was the fault of France, - the unfriendly French attitude provoking Italian journalistic attacks.~~

SPAIN

In Spain Generalissimo Franco today announced his

next drive -- what he expects to be the final drive to end ~~the~~ *all*
drives in the
Spanish Civil War. It will start in about three weeks, proclaims

1 Franco headquarters, -- and it will be of overwhelming power,

a million men and vast quantities of war materials. The main

blow will be struck ~~at~~ *directly* at Madrid, but there will be other

attacks

~~drives~~ launched simultaneously -- against Valencia, against

Almeria.

~~Almeria~~ A series of ~~attacks~~ *blows* at widely separated points to

divide Republican strength, and ~~to~~ *to* converge in a giant pincher

operation.

Thus Franco publicly proclaims his new offensive --

to begin in three weeks.

DISARMAMENT

There's a disarmament controversy in Washington - controversy about a conference. Senator King today spoke up and said, now is the time to call one. In this he takes issue with Secretary of State Hull, who has stated and restated his opinion that a world conference on disarmament would be a futile and useless thing right now - couldn't be done. ~~Representative Ludlow of Indiana suggested the proposal~~ The Secretary of State said "No", and now Senator King says "Yes".

at { ~~("In my opinion," he declared today, "the time is ripe for calling an international conference to formulate a plan for the reduction of armaments.")~~ When fires are burning," he philosophizes, "it is not a proper policy to refuse to put out the fires."

52 The Senator said the United States should call a conference and that everybody would accept - save Germany, Italy and Japan. But these three powers would thereby be condemned by all the world and would therefore feel compelled to join - in a world move for the limitation of armaments.

DEMOCRATS

The Democrats in Congress had a caucus today, and proceeded to wash some party linen. ~~It was a secret meeting, but there are plenty of reports about what transpired.~~ A fling was taken at the White House, with Democratic Congressmen scolding the President for non-cooperation. He doesn't take the Democratic lawmakers into his confidence - was the burden of the complaint. Not enough of that comradeship, friendly confidence and chummy intimacy on the part of the White House toward Congress. *F.D.R. is aloof, they complain.*

The Democratic leaders handed out a scolding to legislators who are not on their toes ⁱⁿ ~~Johnny on the spot, in~~ Congress. These were told that the Republicans frequently have an advantage, because the Democratic legions are not there, not on the job, not in their seats in the lower House when votes are taken. On your toes, boys - was the gist of the admonition.

AUTO UNION

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President Homer Martin of the Auto Union won a fight in court today. He and his ^{group}~~crowd~~ are in the middle of a complicated legal battle with the U.A.W. faction that wants to throw him out, ^{the}~~which~~ ^{that} faction is supported by the C.I.O. The focus of the contest is in ^{the}~~a~~ Plymouth local of the Auto Workers Union. Martin threw out the officers of the local, who were thereupon reinstated by the anti-Martin faction ^{and}~~in~~ the C.I.O. Legal proceedings followed to decide who should have custody of the funds, the property and the records of the Plymouth local. Today in Detroit a Federal Circuit Judge decided in favor of Martin. The Court said that ^{the Martin}~~the~~ group shall have possession of the local's belongings - until the legal proceedings are thrashed out to the end.

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~~Meanwhile, Martin came out today with a blast saying that Communism is spreading in the C.I.O., and that John Lewis is encouraging the Reds.~~

LABOR SCHOOL

Today was graduation day in one of the oddest of schools - a labor union school operated by a large employer.

At San Francisco, a paraffine company with fifteen hundred employees ^{has been holding} ~~started~~ classes for such of its employees as ~~and~~ leaders in union activities. The unions the corporation deals with are affiliated with both A.F. of L. and C.I.O.

A class was formed and instructors from the University of California taught the union leader pupils such subjects as current labor history, labor economics, trends in business and labor legislation. As practical class work, the students practiced labor negotiating, held mythical discussions between ~~the~~ company and union officials, working out contracts, fighting out each point. One group would represent the company, another group the union. Then they'd switch sides and do it all

over again. ^{And today the class} ~~All this under the sponsorship of the big paraffine corporation, which believes that unions and companies should know how to deal with each other in an understanding way.~~
graduated with the degree of D.U. I suppose - doctor of unionism.

BANK

Today, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation began its biggest pay-off. The government has insured bank deposits against bank failure, and today one of the largest banking institutions in New Jersey is in the hands of ^{the}~~the~~ state authorities for liquidation. The New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company - with too much of its assets tied up in real estate. It has thirty-nine thousand depositors and twenty-five million dollars in deposits. Federal insurance covers every deposit to the amount of five thousand dollars. Most of the deposits in the New Jersey bank are under five thousand, so the federal insurance pay-off will come pretty close to the full twenty-five million.- ^{if} ~~The~~ biggest pay-off, which began today.

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco is west, but it was more than that today. The city on the Golden Gate was the old wild west. They opened their fifty million dollar exposition, and did it by reverting to the days of 'Forty-Nine. Everywhere San Francisco took on the appearance of a mining town, people dressed in the togs of gold rush days and store fronts ^{were} disguised as shacks of a gold camp. Signs hung out with old wild west advertising. One reading - red eye fifteen cents - black eye free.

They had a huge parade and then the gate on Treasure Island was unlocked with a key weighing a pound and a half, ^{and} ~~which~~ studded with jewels worth ~~fifty~~ thirty-five thousand dollars. A treasure key unlocking Treasure Island!

HINES

The Hines trial in New York spouted with some lively argument today. Prosecutor Tom Dewey hammered away at ~~the~~^a defense witness - former New York Police Commissioner Bolan. The one-time boss of the New York cops denied that he had ever had policemen transferred at the request of Tammany Leader James J. Hines - the prosecutor contending that Hines had cops broken when they started bearing down on Dutch Schultz and his policy racket.

The case of one particular officer of the law was emphasized, with Bolan denying that this policeman had been transferred at the request of Hines. The former Police Commissioner explained it this way - the cop was having domestic trouble, his wife complaining that he was going around with other women, and she was raising Cain. Did the officer fail to support his wife? Not at all - the maintenance he offered her was so generous, it was suspicious - how could a cop agree to pay his wife so much? Moreover, the policeman reported for duty each day in a different suit of clothes - too many suits of clothes. "I drew my own conclusions from that," said the former head of the New York police.-

That's why

~~and~~ he had the patrolman transferred, *says he.*

District Attorney Dewey thundered at the witness, with questions intimating that Bolan had got his job as Police Commissioner through the influence of the then Tammany Leader, John J. Curry. He lashed at the witness with queries concerning the underworld career of Gangster Dutch Schultz during the time when Bolan was Commissioner. The witness answered that at that time Dutch Schultz did not amount to so much, was just a small time gyp. He said he heard of the mobster ~~and~~ ^{but} considered the Dutch Schultz exploits mostly newspaper talk. The argument between prosecutor and witness waxed hot and heavy, with Defense Attorney Lloyd Stryker roaring into the argument with demands ~~of~~ ^{for} a mistrial. Twice he demanded a mistrial, but the judge turned him down. In the previous Hines trial, Stryker made banner headlines by demanding a mistrial - and getting it.

DOMESTIC

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Here's one for the home and happiness column. At New Britain, Connecticut, Stanley ~~is~~ Andrukiewicz, who is eighteen years old, played his radio long and loud -- too long and loud for his mother, Mrs. Andrukiewicz. To stop it, she took one of the tubes out of the radio set and hid it. That irked young Andrukiewicz and he retaliated by hiding his mother's false teeth. As a result of the ~~the~~ ensuing argument, the judge today gave ^{the young ~~un~~ filial Andrukiewicz} ~~the audacious son~~ ten days in jail.

~~Andrukiewicz~~

WEDDING

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St. Valentine's Day is a good time to announce a wedding,
so today we hear about the marriage of a farmer and his wife.
This matrimonial topic comes under the heading of journalism,
a merger of two of the largest agricultural papers in the
United States. One - the FARM JOURNAL. The other - the rural
publication called the FARMER'S WIFE. They're not a young couple,
the groom is sixty-two years old, the bride is forty-two. They're
a large couple. The FARM JOURNAL has a circulation of a million
and four hundred thousand, while the circulation of the FARMER'S WIFE
is a million and two hundred thousand. Together, they make the
largest agricultural magazine that has ever existed. The name of
this largest publication is - the FARM JOURNAL AND THE FARMER'S WIFE.

Hi Ho the Merry-O,
The Farmer takes a Wife.

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