

## BRITISH, SOVIET CARS ATTACKED NEAR SHANGHAI

Japanese Planes Blamed in Raid: High Diplomatic Officials Periled.

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secretary to the military attaché, who had been with the British party.

Picked Up by British

Mr. Shahov's car broke down and the British picked him up. A spokesman for the consulate said one of the cars attacked was owned by the Pan Motors Co. and flew the American flag.

The Soviet Consulate said Mr. Shahov telephoned to Shanghai after his car broke down and the consular car went out to rescue him. However, the car returned to Shanghai after having been attacked. The driver was not injured.

Members of the embassy party said that the planes were Japanese. Arriving here they went at once into emergency conference with other embassy and consulate general officials—and, in token of their conviction that the planes were Japanese, notified the Japanese Consulate General of the attack.

Though none of the party was wounded, it was realized at once that the incident was a dangerous one diplomatically, and embassy officials refused all requests for statements. They said they would make no statement before tomorrow, but began at once to send urgent official dispatches.

One of the British Embassy party was flight Lieut. S. S. Murray. A bullet nearly hit Mr. Murray's foot while those in cars were running to fields to escape the attack.

E. M. Graham, a member of the ambassador's staff, was in the party. In the party, in addition to the assistant air attaché and the consulate attaché, were Consul General Herbert Phillips, Wing Commander H. S. Kerb, air attaché, E. Hall Patch, British Embassy financial adviser, and Lieut. Francesco Ricchetti of the Italian Navy. Hall Patch was present when Japanese planes attacked the British ambassador's car.

The incident today was regarded all the more seriously because it was learned that the British Embassy notified Japanese authorities that the cars were leaving Nanking for Shanghai. In the previous incident Japanese insisted that there had been no such notification.

Also, as the Italian Navy lieutenant joined the British Embassy conference on the attack, it was believed that an Italian protest was likely.

### Report Britain Seeks To Aid Loyalists

BY RALPH HEINZEN

(Copyright 1937, by United Press) PARIS, Oct. 12.—Responsible quarters said today that the British Government was exerting extreme pressure on France to open the Spanish frontier at once to permit a full flow of men and munitions to the Loyalists.

This assertion caused astonishment here. It was in almost direct conflict with previous reports. But it seemed to be a fact and to represent a definite new turn in the general European situation.

It had been evident that there was some difference of opinion between Britain and France as to the advisability of opening the frontier. Generally reports have implied that it was France that wanted to open the frontier while Britain counseled caution.

According to the information today it is actually the British Government that wants immediate action in reprisal for Premier Musolin's refusal even to discuss—on a business basis—withdrawal of foreign volunteers from the Spanish civil war.

### Plane Shot Down in Fight Over Nanking

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### France May Ask Public Assurance

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Rebels Reported Ready For Madrid Drive

HENDAYE, FRANCO-SPANISH FRONTIER, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—The Spanish Rebel high command was reported ready today to launch another major offensive against Madrid.

Belgium May Sign Pact With Hitler

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—A treaty guaranteeing mutual neutrality and nonaggression is expected to be signed by Belgium and Germany this week, it was reported today.

### HUSBAND IS FREED IN DEATH OF WIFE

ANDERSON, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—Hobart Thacker, 34, Elwood, held for two weeks during investigation of the strangling of his wife, Ruth, today had been released from the County Jail by Judge Charles E. Smith.

Judge Smith ordered Thacker's release before the scheduled hearing on a habeas corpus suit filed by his attorneys.

The grand jury may be called for further investigation of the case if the Prosecutor's office desires, Judge Smith said.

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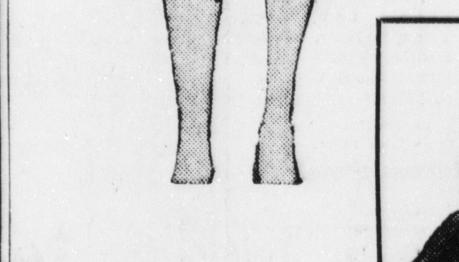
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