

U. S. TO SPONSOR MEDIATION POLICIES AT TREATY PARLEY; DUCE TO RECEIVE PEACE PLEA

Tokyo Forms War Council; May Attend Nine-Power Meeting in Europe.

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France have been mentioned for the assignment.

Mr. Roosevelt said he was keeping in close touch with domestic affairs through Washington, and was spending many hours each day on his mail and reading departmental reports.

The American delegation to the Nine-Power conference probable will sail for Europe aboard the United States liner Washington Oct. 20. The conference may meet about the end of October.

Long-Road Policy Seen

State Department officials have warned against too great expectations from the conference in the way of an immediate settlement of the Sino-Japanese war. They have hinted the United States will follow a long-road policy, and not an international short-cut to world peace.

State Department officials are believed to prefer a "quarantine" of Japan with purely moral suasion, such as a consolidation of world opinion on condemning Japan's aggression in China. Such action would not be official by any government, and would not make any vulnerable to official protest by the Japanese Government.

Vatican Denies Supporting Japan

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 15 (U. P.)—The Most Rev. Joseph Pizzardo, undersecretary of the Congregation for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs, announced after a long conference with Pope Pius XI today that reports of a decision by the Vatican to support Japan in the Chinese war are "false and can be vigorously denied."

Msgr. Pizzardo, who conferred several hours with the Pope at Castel Gandolfo, Papal summer palace, said there was nothing further to say regarding the reports circulating in the United States.

The Congregation of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs concerns itself only with matters submitted by the Pope through the Vatican secretary of state, especially those connected with civil matters and concordats.

The Holy See has been, and remains, strictly neutral in the conflict between Japan and China, and recent dispatches circulated abroad that the Vatican has instructed its missionaries in the Far East to take sides with Japan against communism in China, it was stated.

The Holy See is opposed to communism, and will combat Communist tendencies, but no memorandum was sent to the Far East advising Vatican representatives to support Japan.

Japan Names 10 As War Council

TOKYO, Oct. 15 (U. P.)—Ten eminent men representing the Army, the Navy, finance, politics and diplomacy were named today to form a supreme war policy council for the duration of the Chinese emergency.

A sort of national "brain trust" but one that enjoys full official status, the new councillors will hold their first meeting Tuesday at the residence of Prince Fumimaro Konoe, the premier.

Their appointment, with the sanction of the privy council and the Emperor, was a recognition of the fight that Japan faces not only against an aroused China but against nations of the world in pushing the policy which her leaders say she will carry through at whatever cost.

The council's real status is shown clearly. Nominally it will receive reports from the Cabinet and "submit" recommendations. Actually its words will be the supreme law, it is indicated. It is to deal officially with all matters concerning finance, economics, diplomacy and "post-war management."

Army and Navy men, who are responsible to the Emperor, will reserve to themselves as usual matters of purely military policy.

Japan May Attend Parley

Coincident with the appointment of the council a Foreign Office spokesman made the surprising intimation that Japan might attend the Nine-Power Treaty conference which is to be held at Brussels late this month to consider action in the Chinese-Japanese crisis.

From the start it had been taken for granted that Japan would boycott the conference which apparently could only condemn her as an aggressor against China.

Today the Foreign Office spokesman said the Government had so far received no official invitation to the Conference.

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Young Man Eluded Police in 75 Mile-an-Hour Chase That Led Through Safety Zone, but Was Arrested Later, Officer Testifies.

Lawrence Douglas, 23, of 605 N. California St., was fined \$81 on four traffic charges in Municipal Court today after police had testified he violated numerous traffic ordinances and ran through a crowded zone during a 10-block, 75-mile-an-hour chase.

Twenty-eight defendants were fined a total of \$310 in courts today as the city entered its 13th day without a traffic fatality.

In the Douglas case, Radio Patrolman Carl Schmidt testified Douglas' car passed a police car parked at Troy and Keystone Aves. on Sept. 25. The police gave chase.

Officer Schmidt testified he fired one shot which failed to halt the speeding auto, and the occupant threw a jug onto the street. For 19 miles the chase continued, Officer Schmidt testified, and the Douglas car ran through a red light, a preferential street sign and a safety zone crowded with people waiting for a street car. Douglas eluded police and was captured later in a tavern.

Equally important seemed a speech made at Manchester last night by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

Chamberlain Asks Peace

Chamberlain talked of the "good old days when Britain was an impregnable island, possessing the only fleet of consequence in the world."

"Yet I doubt if our foreign policy was ever less aggressive than it is today," he said. "If we are striving as we are night and day to rear up ourselves it is not as if we had sinister designs on anyone else. If we are attacked we should know how to defend ourselves as we have always done in the past. But it is not the temperament of our people to bear malice. I think we have the shortest memory for quarrels of any nation in the world."

"So it is our earnest desire to see these conflicts in Spain and the Far East, which occasion and are occasions so much human misery and suffering, brought to an end at the earliest possible moment; and we shall continue to seek and take any opportunity that may offer to remove causes of ill will and suspicion among nations."

Indiana Youth Held Captive in Spain

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (U. P.)—The friends of Abraham Lincoln Brigade today confirmed the capture by Spanish Rebels of 24 Americans serving in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade with the Loyalist forces in Spain.

Names of missing given out at the headquarters of the friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade included: George Leap, Boston; Walter Grant, West Terre Haute, Ind.; William Parks, Philadelphia; William Hathaway, Illinois; Everett Hobbs, Ingleside, Calif., and Steve Dabek, Pittsburgh.

Asturians Battle Spanish Rebels

MADRID, Oct. 15 (U. P.)—A handful of Asturians were engaged in hand-to-hand combat today with Rebel troops seeking to pierce the mountain defenses of Oviedo and Gijon.

Artillery and air bombardments rained down upon 180 Asturians holding the mountain slopes of Pena Lasa.

Civic Groups to Seek Cup in Safety Parade

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LOGANSFORT, Oct. 15 (U. P.)—Held on kidnaping charges since last July, Thelma Breen, 28, and Mrs. Ethel Simmons, 42, were free today following dismissal of charges against them.

Charges of kidnaping also were dropped against Amos Jackson, 42, for lack of evidence. Jackson pleaded guilty, however, to charges of using a car without the owner's permission and was remanded to jail.

The trio was arrested on complaint of Charles Penn, who said he was abducted in an automobile, taken to Chicago and robbed.

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