

## Soviet-Nazi Pact Is Greatest Betrayal in History, Marcosson, Foreign Writer, Tells Voters League

Holds Action Threat to Future of Democracy in World.

The Soviet-Nazi non-aggression pact is the greatest betrayal in history, Isaac F. Marcosson, foreign correspondent, told the Indiana League of Women Voters last night at the Columbia Club.

Mr. Marcosson, for many years European writer for the Saturday Evening Post, cited Soviet-Nazi collaboration as a "threat to the future of democracy" and predicted the "righteous might" of the Allies would "blast the treachery of the dictatorships from the earth."

Called Dictators "Prima Donnas."

"Stalin, the bear with the face of compressed steel, and Hitler, the man with the mind of a mystic, are vain, pompous prima donnas," he said.

He characterized Mussolini as the only dictator in Europe with a sense of humor, and Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain as a "perfect Victorian."

The reaction to the Soviet-Nazi agreement will be the formation of bloc of Balkan states to resist aggression. Hitler has lost more than he has pretended to gain by the pact. The doors of his coveted Balkan states have been slammed in his face by the Russian bear."

Asserting that neutrality cannot be imposed on the United States, Mr. Marcosson said that such legislation will not keep the United States out of war.

"Shouldn't Have Doubt."

"The surest way to keep us out of war is to have the strongest army, navy and airforce in the world."

Earlier in interview, Mr. Marcosson said "our entrance into the war can only be induced by the active participation of Russia in the war. And I do not believe that Russia will take an active part."

"Neither do I think that the attack by Soviet Premier V. M. Molotov against Britain is indicative in any way of an intention by Russia to actively enter the war. I shouldn't have the slightest doubt but what England and France and their allies will win this war, but if they don't the United States can't stand aside and see the British and French empires crushed."

"If they were crushed, Germany



Isaac F. Marcosson is shown with Miss Mary Sinclair (left), and Mrs. John W. Hillman, Indianapolis members of the Indiana League of Women Voters, host to the writer at a dinner-meeting last night. Times Photo.

would be on our necks—in Canada, in Mexico and the West Indies."

The League launched a new membership drive at last night's meeting. Stephen C. Noland, Indianapolis News editor, and Gilbert Forbes, WFBM radio commentator, outlined the making of public opinion in a democracy.

Mr. Noland contrasted the freedom of the radio and the press as instruments of public opinion. Federal regulations virtually ban the expression of partisan ideas on the radio, which has become increasingly evident in recent months.

"The radio stations are a lot of Charlie McCarthies looking for Bergers. The newspapers are still—Edgar Bergers."

Mr. Forbes, whose address was given by radio transcription, said the radio is a means of free expression. The agreement of the National Association of Broadcasters to regulate partisan debate has been a move to preserve the freedom of speech for the radio, he asserted.

"Nothing can justify the broadcaster who disturbs the harmony of a democracy."

the nation. The real threat to freedom of the air comes from individuals who become enraged when unconventional attitudes are expressed over the radio.

He cited as an example of what is meant by free speech a Supreme Court decision which held that it does not mean the right to shout "fire" in a crowded theater.

Mrs. George Gellhorn of St. Louis, chairman of the League's national expansion campaign, described the organization as the "Maginot line" against foreign ideologies.

"Women don't sit in rockers anymore and say 'isn't it awful?' We know now someone is responsible. We find out who that person is and then we try to correct the situation."

Urging League members to become "frightfully articulate" on governmental problems, she described government itself as merely housekeeping "on a large scale."

Mrs. Clarence F. Merrell, League president, presided.

### FATE OF COULMORE REMAINS UNCERTAIN

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (U. P.)—Has the British freighter Coulmore safely eluded a submarine attack within the United States' neutrality zone?

The Coast Guard in Washington announced receipt of a message that the ship was safe.

It said the cutter Bibb, one of many U. S. vessels searching for the Coulmore 680 miles east of New York, received the message at 2:30 a. m. from the Canadian radio station at Camperdown, near Halifax. It did not say whether the Coulmore had been attacked.

The Canadian naval service, which has charge of the Camperdown station, expressed a degree of skepticism. It said Camperdown had picked up an exchange of messages which reported the Coulmore was safe. But the messages came from ships at sea which did not identify themselves.

Urging League members to be

### HOOSIER TOWN HAS BIKE SAFETY CLUB

Times Special  
JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Nov. 2.—A bicycle club has been formed at Port Fulton School here to promote greater safety among pupils who ride bicycles to and from school.

Members will meet weekly to learn laws governing bicycle riding and how to ride safely. The club already has an enrollment of 18. At the first meeting 12 members were given honor ratings for complying with Indiana laws.

Ratings will be made at each inspection and at the end of the year an award will be made to the pupil who has the highest score.

In addition to holding meetings, members will engage in recreational activities including bicycle hikes, picnics and other activities.

EGG LIKE HEAD OF MATCH  
ASHTABULA, O., Nov. 2 (U. P.)—A tiny egg of a Zebra finch, hardly larger than a match head, is displayed in the curiosity window of a local newspaper.

### Swiss Girl, Spy For Fun, Given 5 Years in Prison

GENEVA, Nov. 2 (U. P.)—Virginia Capt. Rota, divorcee, who said she had served as a spy "just for the fun of it," was sentenced to five years in prison today by the Swiss Federal Court.

The court accepted charges of military espionage against Miss Rota and Roger Joel, a draftsman, who was accused of sending the girl across the frontier with specifications of Swiss anti-aircraft guns and other defense measures.

Joel was sentenced to three years in prison, was deprived of his civil rights and excluded from the Army.

Paul Rochat, a private detective tried with Miss Rota and Joel, was found guilty of maintaining a political espionage service in Switzerland for a foreign power. He was sentenced to 15 months in prison and deprived of his civil rights for two years.

Rochat's wife, Dolly, who was charged with being her husband's accomplice, was sentenced to six months in prison and to three years on probation.

The trial of Miss Rota, who was a dancer under the name of "Nina," before she turned to espionage, and her accomplices was private because the testimony involved high military secrets.

TOKYO, Nov. 2 (U. P.)—The influential Japanese Institute of the Pacific, whose leaders include Gen. Nobuyuki Abe, the Premier, said in a statement today that America must realize that hostilities are going on in China and that peace-time "privileges" are inapplicable.

The statement was issued as an answer to a recent luncheon speech by Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador, on his return from a vacation in the United States.

Mr. Grew said that Japan ought to realize that the United States was dissatisfied with actions of the Japanese Army in China. His frankness caused astonishment. In his reply today, the Institute of the Pacific congratulated Mr. Grew on his frankness but said Japan's viewpoint must be considered.

PENNEY, 1794, PRIZED  
STEUBENVILLE, O., Nov. 2 (U. P.)—J. P. Kuhns, a post office employee, owns a large United States penny minted in 1794.

Times Special  
LOGANSBPORT, Ind., Nov. 2—Police today sought a large and a small man or a man and a boy who broke into a Logansport elevator.

The thief took only a candy machine.

The man-boy, or big-man-little-man angles were advanced after Sheriff Dewey Schmidt made a study of footprints found beside the elevator.

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