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# U.S. Troops Ready in Chinese Crisis

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## Views of The News

BY MANCHESTER BODDY

APPARENTLY William Randolph Hearst's preachments about "keeping out of European affairs" was just a prelude to launching a scheme of his own for injecting Europe into American affairs.

Whether Hitler learned the art of propaganda from his friend Hearst, or whether, which seems unlikely, Hearst acquired new tricks from Hitler, is beside the point. Both use the same basic principle, explained at length in Hitler's own book, "Mein Kampf."

In plain words, the principle is this: If you would sway the minds of millions the way you want them swayed, launch a lie so stupendous, so colossal, so awe-inspiring that through sheer weight it crushes all doubt and establishes itself as truth.

When the average man looks for a lie, he expects to find it cleverly hidden within an imposing edifice of truth.

Scarcely one man in a thousand would even imagine that the colossal edifice itself was a colossal lie in which was **cleverly hidden a grain of truth!**

The clever use of that "grain of truth," as is made of faces in "come on" puzzles, is where the **art** comes in.

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FOR instance, Hearst will charge that a great nation has bribed United States senators. That's the "colossal edifice." It **must** be true, of course—**nothing** that big **could** be a lie. We enter the edifice, searching for little lies, instead we find—not little lies—but **little truths!** We never, thereafter, question the nature of the **edifice** itself!

Such is precisely the technique of the Fascists and Communists of Europe in seeking to plunge the United States into their war.

**If one believes that the United States must "choose sides" in that war, he has already been taken into camp by Hearst propaganda!**

Democracy can and does stand on its own feet in the United States. It needs neither Hearst's Fascism nor Stalin's Communism.

BOTH should be KEPT in Europe.

## Airplane Propeller Kills Montanan

BILLINGS, Mont., Sept. 24.—(UP)—Supt. John B. McNamara of the Billings Gas Company was killed late today at Municipal Airport here when he was struck by an airplane propeller. McNamara, 37, was about to start a flight when the accident occurred.

## They Deal in Labor Strife

THE RAILWAY AUDIT AND INSPECTION COMPANY, a detective agency devoted to industrial espionage, is one of the organizations under investigation by the Senate civil liberties committee. G. Engros Ivey, left, manager of the company's Atlanta bureau, testified he did not remember tearing up documents which were reclaimed from his office wastebasket. W. H. Gray, right, special inspector, said that among his customers were General Electric Corporation and the Pennsylvania and New York Central Railways.—Acme Photo.

## Secret Tear Gas Sales in Industry Warfare Revealed

By ARTHUR F. DEGREVE

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(UP)—Secret purchase of $17,000 worth of tear gas by anthracite operators to root "coal bootleggers" and secret sales of industrial warfare weapons to some of the nation's leading manufacturers were revealed today by the Senate civic liberties investigating committee.**

**The group, headed by Sen. Robert M. La Follette, Progressive, of Wisconsin, will recess the inquiry tomorrow. Its purpose is to obtain information looking toward new legislation designed to curb strikebreaking and other practices by certain detective agencies to which organized labor has objected.**

Disclosures in the inquiry today included:

1—A declaration by Walter Gordon Merritt, attorney for the Anthracite Coal Association, that law and order in Pennsylvania has broken down and state officials refuse to stop "coal bootlegging."

2—A. J. Rich, a former lieutenant of the Naval Intelligence Corps, was made a partner in a Pacific Coast investigating agency headed by I. H. McCarthy, San Francisco, salesman of the Lake Erie Chemical Company, manufacturer of tear gas and sickening gas equipment.

3—A sales campaign by the Lake Erie Chemical Company took form as soon as the drive to unionize the steel industry began.

4—Industry and law enforcement agencies purchased nearly $500,000 of gas equipment from the Lake Erie Chemical Company from 1933 to 1935.

5—Tear gas salesmen told their executives that strikes would boom business and one hoped an approaching strike would be "as bad as hell."

6—A former army officer acted as agent in the sale of gas guns and shells.

7—The Lake Erie Chemical Company refused to sell equipment to an official of a labor union.

8—**Testimony was introduced picturing alleged intrigue and corruption in the San Francisco police administration and tending to show that police officials in Los Angeles were bribed by one gas manufacturer's agents.**

The secret plan to place tear gas at night in holes in the Pennsylvania anthracite field to end "bootlegging" engaged in by 20,000 miners, was revealed by A. S. Allen, vice president of the Lake Erie Chemical Company, in charge of sales. He told of a meeting of about a dozen coal company officials in Pittsburgh where

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## H. B. R. Briggs Stricken

Henry B. R. Briggs, Los Angeles postmaster, was stricken suddenly with a possible case of pneumonia yesterday in Washington, D. C. His condition was described as not critical.

H. B. R. BRIGGS

According to word received by the postmaster's son, Colver Briggs, Briggs contracted a slight cold last Sunday when attending a convention of postoffice officials in Cleveland. He considered the cold a minor matter, the son said, and continued his trip to Washington.

Wednesday the cold became worse, and yesterday pneumonia threatened. He was taken to Washington Emergency Hospital.

As soon as she learned of his condition, Mrs. Briggs left by plane for Washington. She is expected to arrive there this afternoon.

## Offensive Taken By Loyalists in Maqueda Sector

By ADOLFO DA ROSA

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LISBON, Friday, Sept. 25.—(UP)—Government forces apparently halted a rebel advance on Madrid today. Loyalists opened a heavy bombardment on the town of Maqueda from Quismondo, 38 miles from Madrid. The loyalists recaptured Quismondo in an offensive against the rebels yesterday.

All danger to the Toledo and Madrid highway had not disappeared, but the government was confident the two cities would be freed of rebel threats this week-end.

Rebel commanders asserted their forces had not been checked in the Toledo area and that insurgents would soon be sweeping to the rescue of the besieged rebel band in the Alcazar. Neutral observers discounted this report, however.

The rebel garrison in the Alcazar at Toledo still held out. Loyalist besiegers made no serious effort today to storm the fortress.

**Madrid was elated at a government announcement that opening of floodgates of the Alberche River west of the city had sent a wall of water roaring down on rebel concentrations. Heavy rebel casualties and loss of supplies were claimed by the government, but these claims had not been confirmed by neutral correspondents.**

The government claimed that the rushing torrent cut off the main rebel force, which then was attacked from three sides.

The position of the Madrid government still was precarious, whatever the outcome of the newest battle west of the city. Gen. Francisco Franco has more than 125,000 seasoned troops in a half-circle around the capital and his armies on the Basque coast are expected to take Bilbao before the end of the week.

Against Franco's strong force the leftist defenders have only about 25,000 experienced troops and less than 100,000 volunteers, who are led by inexperienced civilian officers.

However, the government was confident. It claimed victories on almost every front, aided by its admittedly weak air force.

Loyalist soldiers were said to have made big advances in the south, occupying all of Granada province with the exception of the city of Granada, and strengthened their positions in Malaga province. The rebel provisional government made similar claims.

As the war entered its eleventh week the Madrid government made elaborate preparations for defense of the capital and a long siege at its gates.

**The city rushed plans for provisioning a million inhabitants, at the same time laying down restrictions on the present limited supplies of food and water.**

Madrid's most urgent worry appeared to be its water supply. Northern rebel troops are within half a mile of Lozoya, which provides the city's water supply.

## Shanghai Control Extended by Japan; Martial Law Rules

By JOHN R. MORRIS

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**SHANGHAI, Friday, Sept. 25.—(UP)—British troops were called out today and United States Marines were ordered to stand by in their barracks as Japanese armed forces extended areas under their control in the International Settlement of Shanghai and adjacent areas in the Chinese city.**

The British troops prepared to patrol the Garden Bridge across Soochow Creek, where the stream flows into the Whangpoo River which forms Shanghai's famous waterfront. The bridge is one of the busiest in the city and connects the Japanese and British defence areas.

Meantime Chinese authorities declared martial law.

**The settlement's volunteer corps, including the American troops, also received orders to stand by for immediate duty if needed "owing to the unusual tension now existing."**

Japanese schools were closed because of the tension.

An unconfirmed report said two Japanese destroyers were en route to Shanghai from Hankow, bringing back a group of bluejackets previously sent up the river.

Three suspects in the slaying of a Japanese bluejacket were handed over to International Settlement authorities today by Japanese troops. No charges were brought immediately.

In search of a motive for the murder, the sixth of a series of assassinations of Japanese citizens in China during the past two months, police advanced several theories.

First, they suggested, the killer may have been an agent of the Kwangsi province warlords who are opposing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his Nanking government and demanding that all China unite in war to drive Japanese from the country.

A second theory was that the murders have been instigated by Chinese Communists who have been at war with the Nanking government for years and believe that they would be able to in-

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