

MEXICANS SHUN ENEMIES OF U. S.

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Wide World News Service
 MEXICO CITY, Wednesday, Jan. 28.—Every night a sandy-haired, red-faced little man in a military raincoat and boots stands at the end of the bar in a tavern in the heart of Mexico City's newspaper row.

Nobody speaks to him but the bartender and he speaks to nobody. Newcomers get the explanation—"He's a Nazi."

If he is a Nazi, he is typical of Axis sympathizers in Mexico. Nobody speaks to them but bartenders, waiters—and Axis sympathizers.

Svastikas on Walls

There are Axis sympathizers—one man couldn't put up all the Svastikas scrawled on walls in dark corners throughout the city, but there aren't any Svastikas without a victory "V" chalked or painted over them.

That, too, is typical of Mexico's international outlook: The expressions of sympathy for the democracies.

Mexico is against the Axis. If there are any Axis sympathizers in the government, they keep it pretty quiet. The few cases known to observers here sprang from economic rather than political reasons and the United States is a better paymaster than the Axis in this day of frozen funds.

Mexico Backs U. S.

Mexico barely waited for a United States declaration of war to break relations with Axis countries. It has cooperated with the United States in a diplomatic and military sense ever since. For some time in Mexico, the only Latin American nation on which the United States ever declared war, is one of its best friends to the south.

There is no doubt the official policy of the government is backed by the people. Labor unions don't call off strikes, as Mexican unions have done on the ground of the strike was interfering with supplies needed by the United States, unless their members are friendly to the erstwhile "colossus of the north." (Newspapers don't call it that anymore, either. They are more likely to say, "El Buen Vecino"—"The Good Neighbor.")

Knudsen Confirmed

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Senate confirmed late yesterday the nomination of William S. Knudsen, former director of the O. P. M., as a lieutenant general in charge of production and procurement for the Army.

Two girls made history at the London Stock Exchange recently by walking across the floor to begin work recording deals in the mining section. No woman had ever before been allowed on the floor of the London Stock Exchange, but most men clerks have been called to war service now.

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THREATEN STRIKE OVER JAPANESE



Here are the employees of the Northern Pacific Railway roundhouse at Auburn who issued an ultimatum to the company yesterday that they would strike unless three Japanese aliens, employed at the roundhouse, are discharged within 48 hours. The men said: "Either the Japanese go or we do. The President has said that this is a total war and the enemy must be defeated, wherever he is."

Declining to work with 12 alien Japanese laborers, about 150 employees at the Northern Pacific Railroad's Stacy Street shops conducted a sit-down strike for 42 minutes this forenoon, returning to work only when the Japanese were sent home.

Finding the alien laborers on the job at 7:30 o'clock, arriving workmen refused to start a motor, move an engine or perform any other duties.

"We have no complaint against the company other than that we refuse to work with these Japs," said one machinist. "We just stood or sat around, every last one of us. We didn't do a lick of work."

"At 8:12 o'clock the foreman told the Japs to go home. So we went to work. Everything's fine now."

Another workman said the 12 Japanese were the same aliens who

had been laid off earlier at the N. P. roundhouse at First Avenue South and Hanford Street.

The same railroad was given an ultimatum by facing a strike or dismissing three alien Japanese at the Auburn roundhouse yesterday. Sixty-five workmen there gave the company until tomorrow noon to oust the three alien Japs, after a noon meeting which ran half an hour over the workers' 30-minute lunch period.

Biddle Lauds Prisoners For Defense Effort

ATLANTA, Wednesday, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Attorney General Francis Biddle told prisoners in the Atlanta federal penitentiary today they are making a vital contribution to the "unity of purpose that makes America invincible."

The cabinet member presented awards of merit to a group of prisoners who have labored night and day in a voluntary speed-up-production-for-defense program.

"You have not been driven to your tasks," Biddle told the prisoners. "You have been moved by the sincere belief that the defense of your country demands the unstinted effort of every one of its sons."

Newspaper and newsreel cameras clicked as the attorney-general presented the special awards in the prison auditorium.

Last April approximately 1,000 prisoners who run the wheels of industry in the plant asked that their work week be advanced from 40 to 62 hours.

To spur themselves in their accelerated labor, the prisoners hung over work tables cartoons of Hitler, drawn by an inmate. The cartoons bear the legend: "Let's Lick Him."

The prisoners manufacture TNT bags, shell covers, tents, portable water tanks and other articles used by the Army.

34 Miners Killed In Colorado Blast

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six bodies carried on stretchers on a mine car.

Bill Fiedle, one of the men rescued, said the four heard a "dull thud from 'way back in the hole. In a second we smelled smoke and ran out through the air shaft."

The 35-year-old miner said he and his companions were "uncomfortable but not sick."

"If we had had to go a couple of hundred yards in the mine we wouldn't have made it."

The quartet climbed from the air shaft to the blower house, and brought out the first word of the tragedy. The explosion had not been heard outside the mine.

The explosion was Colorado's worst coal-mine disaster since 1917, when 121 lives were lost at the Hastings mine in Las Animas County.

Nearly every family in this small mining community, 200 miles northwest of Denver, had relatives employed in the mine.

Trapped Mile Inside

Mine Superintendent Henry Johnson said the 34 men were trapped about 5,500 feet inside the tunnel of the mine, which slopes at an angle of about 10 degrees into Mount Harris.

The four who escaped were working near the entrance. They heard the blast and fled.

Ambulances and hearses were called from all surrounding towns, and State Mine Inspector Thomas Allen left for the scene from Denver immediately.

New Form Aids Small Business Priority Rating

Employment security entered the war-metals priorities situation today when an announcement was made by William D. Shannon, state priority manager for the War Production Board, that small manufacturers can cite the assurance of jobs to workers as a factor in getting priority ratings.

An ultra-simple new form, of but one page, today replaced a complex form which previously had to be filled out by manufacturers doing a gross annual business of \$100,000 or less. Many such firms, lacking clerical and statistical help, were confused and delayed by the other forms, according to Shannon, who states that the new blanks should be of great aid to small plants needing metals.

Out of a total of 3,240 plants in Washington, there was 2,431 doing an annual business between \$5,000 and \$100,000, according to the Manufacturers' Association.

Priority ratings will be given on three points: Relation of product to war program, purpose for which product is used, and quantities of source materials requested and amount of employment which will be stabilized.

Spend Million Dollars? Why That's Easy

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Wednesday, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Ohio's state treasurer, Don H. Ebright, is looking for the man who insisted it would be "some job" to dispose of a million dollars.

Ebright said today he had found it would be no chore to get rid of \$33,000,000.

Late last fall he announced that the state treasury had \$33,000,000 in its vaults because the banks would not accept it on deposit. The Associated Press sent out a news item.

The treasurer soon was flooded with letters suggesting uses of the state's millions.

A Platte City, Mo., farmer would like a loan of \$5,000 to \$7,000 to buy a farm and stock.

A Jamestown, Pa., man wanted to sell the state a 300-acre farm.

A New York company sent a prospectus showing how the state could profit by underwriting \$500,000 in insurance company stock.

An Ontario, Canada, widow, who had lost both limbs, asked for an outright gift of any amount.

A Vincennes, Ind., widow suggested a loan of \$4,000 to \$5,000 to liquidate a mortgage.

A Chicagoan requested a loan of \$125,000 at 2 per cent for 20 years.

Savings and loan companies in New York, Detroit, Salt Lake City and many smaller cities suggested investments in federal building and loan certificates.

But Ebright had to turn them all down. State laws prevent him from giving the money away, lending it to individuals or purchasing building and loan paper.

'Dancers' in Jungle Just Raid Wardens

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BATAVIA, Wednesday, Jan. 28.—An explorer returning from the Sumatra jungle said he had seen something that had made him think he was having hallucinations.

Deep in the impenetrable jungle the explorer suddenly came into view of a bamboo platform, atop which were what seemed to be a man dressed in a dinner jacket and a woman clad in a fur coat dancing a French can-can.

It turned out that they were Indonesian air-raid wardens, who had been given the garments by passersby to ward off the bitter cold. They were jumping around to keep warm.

Mexico has started the shipping of fresh shrimps to the United States.

'BRANDED' TIRES ARE SUGGESTED

DODGE CITY, Kas., Wednesday, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Sheriff Harry Brown suggested that automobile owners have an individual design—much like a cattle brand—molded into tires when they're recapped.

The folks in this one-time frontier town (ever hear of Boot Hill Cemetery?) got the idea all right.

"And then get a vigilante society," noticed an enthusiastic citizen. "I'm ready to organize one, the first tire that's stolen!"

Australian Sausage Supply Imperiled

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MELBOURNE, Australia, Wednesday, Jan. 28.—Australians may soon have to do without sausages. The great majority of the sausage casings used in the commonwealth are imported from the United States but since January 1, import licenses have not been granted.

If all of Australia's pigs were slaughtered, all the casings obtained from them would not represent 10 per cent of her annual requirements. Unless the government solves the problem, "hot dogs" will disappear for the duration.

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Election of Appointees Asked

OLYMPIA, Wednesday, Jan. 28.—(AP)—An initiative proposing that the directors of Social Security, labor and industries and agriculture be made elective officials, beginning with the year 1934, was filed yesterday with Secretary of State Belle Reeves. The officials now are appointive under the governor.

Argentina has limited interest rates on all loans to farmers to 5 per cent.



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Reynoldses To Drop Lawsuit

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Reynolds, 29 years old, and her 64-year-old husband, John Robert Reynolds, whom she described in a divorce complaint as a millionaire, were reconciled today.

The couple's reconciliation was learned yesterday when Reynolds, an Alaska cannery foreman, appeared in Superior Judge William C. Long's court with his wife, protesting a \$250 fee the court had awarded Mrs. Reynolds' counsel.

The court overruled the protest.

Earlier this month, Judge Long awarded Mrs. Reynolds \$100 a month temporary alimony instead of the \$1,000 a month she asked.

Reynolds denied being a millionaire and asserted his cash holdings totaled about \$40,000.

Mrs. Reynolds, a former tavern waitress, married Reynolds October 30, 1939, in Billings, Mont. She has a 9-year-old son by a former marriage.

U. W. Orchestra To Play Tomorrow

The University of Washington Symphony Orchestra will present a selection to be heard for the first time in Seattle when the orchestra appears in concert at 8:15 o'clock tomorrow night in Meany Hall.

George C. Kirchner, who will direct, said that Seattle audiences have not heard the Classical Symphony, Opus 25, by Serge Prokofiev, contemporary Russian composer, which will be the second selection on the program.

Warsaw Refugee to Speak

Dr. Edward Werner, who was a resident of Warsaw when Germany invaded Poland, will speak at the University Christian Church following the mid-week dinner at 6:30 o'clock tonight. His topic will be "The Churches in Europe Today." Tomorrow, Dr. Werner will address a luncheon of the Nassak Club at the Central Y. M. C. A.

DEFENSE GROUP TO STUDY SIGNS

The Municipal Defense Commission's technical committee will study the problem of what to do with illuminated signs in relation to blackouts, Mayor Earl Millikin said last night after a conference in his office. The committee will report next week.

Council members had gone to the mayor's office expecting a "crack-down" on all illuminated signs, backing up orders of Police Chief Herbert D. Kimsey that all such signs be turned off from sundown to sunrise.

But the mayor announced no such action was taken, the conference agreeing to wait for the report of electrical engineers on the technical board.

"Sign companies were represented at the meeting along with the power industry, the Army and city officials," Millikin said. "The sign people said the regulations were oppressive. We are going to see if something cannot be worked out that will give the Army sufficient blackout and at the same time allow more illumination."

Of English invention are nail brushes with a handle formed like a hook to insure a firm grip and hang a brush upon a bathroom glass.

Seamen's Mission Aids Large Number

The Seattle Seamen's Mission and Seamen's Home served nearly 200,000 men last year in meals to individuals, distribution of literature, distribution of gift packages at Christmas, night guest accommodations, and visits to ships and hospitals, the Rev. J. T. Nordby, superintendent, said today.

A total of 157,650 visits were made to the mission reading room by visiting sailors. Sunday and weekday mission services had an attendance for the year of 16,338.

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