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Divorce: the rebellious children

The president's family and their moral codes of conduct

James Roosevelt yesterday divorced his wife of 10 years, Betsy, in the third failed marriage among the President's five children. Daughter Anna was divorced in 1934, and son Elliot divorced his wife in 1933.

Republicans have made a great commotion over the divorce of President Roosevelt's son. Political enemies have claimed that "the apple never falls far from the tree", to suggest that FDR himself has not been faithful to his wife, Eleanor.

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, a leading Isolationist in the Republican Party, said, "If this is the result of President Roosevelt's leadership in his own family, how can we depend on him to lead the nation? If the solemn vows of marriage are so lightly broken, with his approval, what does that say about any other promises that have been made? America needs a leader that we can trust."

America First gains support

In the current issue over the focus of American politics in the future, Sen. A. Cranston, California Democrat, took side for the continued US neutrality, also termed isolationists by strong supporters of the president's outward-looking policy.

Said Cranston, "Those who tried to warn us back at the beginnings of the New Deal of the dangers of one-man rule that lay ahead on the path we were taking toward strong, centralized government may not have been so wrong," World War I had "occasioned the abandonment of laissez-faire precepts and raised the federal government to dictator, of the economy.

Applauded by both industrialists and common people, he was asked whether he did intend to elect president Roosevelt for a third time, he said "I hope that my friend [the president] will adjust his preferences towards the welfare of the nation. The crisis that erupted ten years ago was a direct result of the war ten more years earlier."

Germany and Italy sign economic agreement

After last month's meeting of Hitler and Mussolini at the Brenner pass, and the common visit in northern Italy's industrial region, both countries have signed an agreement of trade and technology exchange. Germany is building several new industries in Italy. German DIN standards shall be implemented in Italy with German aid, thus increasing Italy's competitiveness.



Hitler and Mussolini with visible joy

Another part of the agreement will allow Germany to recruit Italian labor force. The latter will mean increased availability of soldiers for the Reich. The hopes of bringing down Germany quickly thereby diminishes rapidly for Britain and France. Admiral Chester Nimitz, chief of the armed forces modernization program, stated that "if Germany can be supported by a neutral nation, it must be asked why our country should not support the Allies while maintaining its neutrality."

Russian troops conquer Riga

The Russian troops which have interfered into Latvia's borders since January now showed their true purpose. Despite several cries to the outside world, none of the major European democracies was willing to assist little Latvia in its struggle for survival.

Maybe the governments were persuaded by the fact that the Russian war machine is too much to cope with when already embroiled in a war against no less aggressive Germany.



Russian BT-2 infantry support tank. Found in almost every Soviet division.

Next: Estonia

The next coup of dictator Josef I. Stalin will be Estonia, the last remaining independent Baltic state. Russian troops have crossed the border and marched deeply into Estonia. As of this day, they are 100 km short of the outskirts of Estonia's capital Reval.

China rises up against Japanese oppression

Chinese political leader and chief military Chiang Kai Shek gladly announces that his troops have successfully encircled two Japanese divisions and eliminated them in a tremendous battle that went over more than 14 days of continuous fighting. Japanese troops have transgressed into inner China since 1937. The battle took place near Wuhan, where the Japanese front springs deeply into Chinese territory.

US role in China unpopular

The recent fighting in southern China has highlighted the pivotal role of American "volunteer" forces there, and drawn more severe criticism of the President from Isolationist politicians. Said Congressman Smith, "He says he wants to keep America out of war, but there he goes again fighting the Japanese. A few airplanes here, a few ships there, as if nobody will notice. But any decent nation would be outraged. Do we really want to have to defend the Philippines from Japan? It would take half a million soldiers to do it, all the way across the Pacific. What next, will he go provoking Hitler, or

Stalin, or both? Our president is serving America badly by meddling in conflicts overseas, and I will work tirelessly to see him replaced in November."

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A congratulations to the "Victors"

Never let it be said the French are not magnanimous. We recognize the terrific feats the Germans have accomplished. We understand it must tax poor Ribbentrop having to make all those treaties, just to have Der Fuhrer break them the next week. But we understand. There are so many oppressed Germans in Poland, Moravia, Lithuania, Belgium, France... they must be protected.

And what a glorious display of protection. It was so good of the Czechs to "loan" the Germans some decent armor, for otherwise they most assuredly would have been slaughtered by the Polish cavalry. And let us not forget the difficult fight in Lithuania.

Even with the treacherous treaty-breaking, the Germans wished to preserve chivalry and have a fair fight. The odds were whittled down to ten to one from what we understand.

The Germans have a penchant for portraying theirs as a noble cause. The truth is that they are simply bullies. They do not dare attack a country which is a match for them. Why else have they skulked sullenly near the Maginot for so long? And now, with the Belgians, British, and French of one purpose, we anxiously await the Boche. And if they do not come, we will most certainly go to them. If M. Hitler thinks that he can keep his ill-gotten gains by retaining them for a period of time, we must dissuade him of this notion. It is the task of all who are free to save those who would be free. We Allies will fight until the end to ensure that our democratic brethren are once again released from the German yoke.

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