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Sweden in the Middle . . .

Neutral Sweden is right in the middle of a two-way war of nerves such as has not been experienced since the birth of psychological warfare on a big scale shortly before the shooting began in 1939, writes Donald Bell, a well-known American commentator.

The immediate cause is ball bearings. Sweden makes them and has been selling them in large quantities to Germany, thus contributing in no small measure to the German war effort.

Britain and the United States, and Russia as well, want Sweden to stop selling ball bearings to the Germans. The Germans, naturally, want the sales to continue.

The Allies are not threatening Sweden with retaliation by force—but the Germans are, making warlike gestures that are unmistakably meant to cow the Swedes into favorable action. The German moves, in effect, mean that either Sweden continues trading with Germany or the Germans will get by some what they can no longer get by agreement.

Sweden earnestly desires to remain neutral. But there is no absolute neutrality for a country in her geographical position.

In the first years of the war, Sweden had to submit to German pressure. She even allowed the transit of German troops and munitions to Norway and Finland. In addition her natural resources and industries were integrated into the German war machine. That was the price she had to pay for not being occupied like Denmark and Norway.

On the other hand, it was very advantageous for Hitler to have Swedish co-operation without all the sabotage occurring in other countries, and without using up more of his forces for occupational purposes and to keep down a hostile population.

It was only after the German defeats in Russia and after the Anglo-American offensives in the Mediterranean that the Swedish government dared forbid the transit of German troops and munitions through its territory. It was then that the Swedes became apprehensive of Allied reprisals, during the war as well as in the postwar period.

All Sweden recognizes that its freedom depends on an Allied victory. True, they would prefer an Anglo-American victory to a Russian one. That is not only because the little kingdom is afraid of Communism; for centuries Czarist Russia had been a historical enemy.

Meantime the Germans want to create the impression that they still are playing with the idea of invading Sweden. That is why they recently shipped 25,000 maps of central Sweden to the German troops in Norway. They could have transported these maps directly to Norway via Denmark. But they preferred the mail route via Sweden so that Swedish customs officials could discover this "threat" to their country.

The result was as expected. It was just at the time when Cordell Hull had urged the neutrals to cease helping our enemies. The Swedish public felt that an invasion might follow if their government gave in to Allied demands. The apprehensions were strengthened by the sudden appearance in Stockholm of Paul Schmidt, German foreign office spokesman, who warned the Swedes of German reprisals.

And, of course, Swedish fears have been intensified by the sudden influx into Denmark of German airborne infantry and paratroopers, but this thinly-masked threat of invasion is not taken seriously by the best-informed Swedes themselves, nor by the Allies, who see it as a move directed against the forthcoming opening of the second front.

Coronation Baby Seven Years Old

Prince Rupert's "Coronation Baby", Georgina Elizabeth Brooksbank daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Brooksbank, celebrated her seventh birthday yesterday. Born on the coronation day of the present king, May 12, 1937, Georgina was the recipient of a silver cup commemorating her choice of birthdays. Her names combine those of the king and queen. She is now completing her first year at Borden Street school.

FOUR YEARS AGO IN THIS WAR

May 15, 1940—France reorganized its Sedan command where some German progress had been reported. Attacks from Antwerp to northwest of Namur repulsed; Enemy crossed the Meuse at several points between Mexieres and Namur. Destroyer Valentine reported damaged and beached.

RECENT ACQUISITION

Bessarabia, held by Russia for more than a century, was shifted to Rumania in 1918.

LETTERBOX

DEFENDS HER SONS

Editor, Daily News:

A certain lady, a mother herself, informed me by telephone that she had heard "all about my two boys" having to go to court because of their dirty goings on or as she intimated, indecent morals. Now, in the first place, this lady didn't know what she was talking about; secondly, what she said was absolutely untrue (which can be easily proved through our city police department here) and, thirdly, even if it had been true it was none of her business.

About a year ago or maybe a little longer a man of undesirable character made it his business to become friendly with young boys in Prince Rupert. Not knowing or having heard of this man the youngest of my boys after having sold a newspaper to this man, came home and informed us that a nice man who said he was lonely had invited him to the movies that evening and that this man would meet him at the place where he roomed. My eldest son, on hearing that his brother had been invited to the show with this stranger, told my husband and myself that some of his friends

said there was a certain man who had tried to be rude with some of the boys and my oldest boy said not to let his brother go with this man. Now I got the address of the house where this man said he stayed and went up to see what the lady of the house knew about him. This lady told me she had felt suspicious of her roomer, in fact was trying to get him to leave her home as she had heard the same gossip about him. This lady and I decided it would be best to go to the authorities and see if they knew anything of this man. I explained that the man had asked my son to accompany him to the movies but we did not allow him to go. The police had had several complaints about a man that fitted the description of this stranger. The authorities asked that any boys that had spoken to or heard or knew anything about him would please come down to the station and tell anything they knew about him.

So for the benefit of any persons who may have spread the gossip I just want to say that neither of my boys were dragged to court or did they do anything wrong. If their sons grow up to be as fine boys as my sons they'll have sons to be proud of.

Thanking you Mr. Editor

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ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. (By Dorothy Garbutt)

I met a most interesting person the other day—the grandson of Lew Wallace, the famous General Lewis Wallace who lived from 1827 until 1905 and who was the celebrated author of "Ben Hur." But if you were to go down New Mexico way you would find out that General Wallace was locally famed for having been sent down from Washington to quell one of the early uprisings in which "Billy the Kid" was involved. I was tremendously interested to find that his grandson, Chief Petty Officer Lewis, was in Prince Rupert with the United States Coast Guard, because I had only this winter read a book called "The Saga of Billy the Kid" in which a chapter is given to General Wallace and because years upon years ago at the old Auditorium Rink in Winnipeg I saw the stage production of "Ben Hur" with its hysterical chariot race climax. And in boarding school I was allowed to read "Ben Hur" as well as "The Last Days of Pompeii" on Sundays when other books were forbidden. I think too that "The Prince of the House of David" came under Sunday reading as well. Chief

Lewis is a Texan and extremely proud of his grandfather, as well he might be. Strange what a hodgepodge of memories an unexpected meeting will bring.

This week there is to be an innovation in the unit dances. For the first time since the war began civilian junior hostesses are being asked to attend a dance at one of the island forts. Until now these boys have had very little chance for a dance and they are looking forward to their Thursday night affair. Transportation will be at the Y and the girls will be taken down to the wharf to catch the next boat across. Hostess rules will be strictly enforced during this outing as we don't want any of our girls falling off boats or walking overboard an island. But I'm sure you'll all be most anxious to come. Like a regular adventure it will be, won't it? Mrs. Adeock, representing the Women of the Moose, and myself will go as chaperones.

DISH FOR A KING

HULL, Eng., G.—First to be landed at this port for 16 years, a royal sturgeon, six feet long, was delivered from the trawler Eton and in accordance with custom was offered to the king who accepted it.

No Place To Play

Plenty of room for dancing (glitter and glare and plenty of room for pool (gather the crowd) plenty of room for ball courts (willing enough to play) But never a place for the race; no never a place for stores (Mamma must have best!) Plenty of room for the sores (that rot in the city) Plenty of room for the lead (the heart of youth) But never a cent on a page spent; no, never a place to play boys to find.

Give them a chance for sport, give them a chance for better a playground and a court and a jail when the done! Give them a chance to stint them now, tomorrow you'll have to A larger bill for a date give them a place to play —DENIS A. Mc In the Northern Me

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THE Automotive Industry BEGAN TO EXPAND

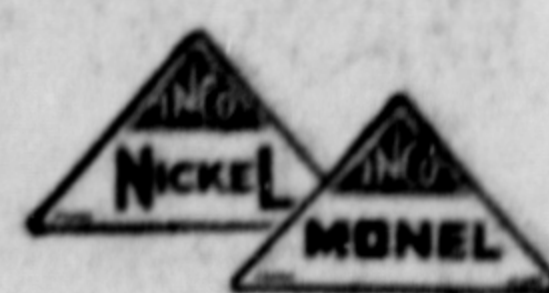
By 1923 the automobile had passed from the luxury stage and was entering the era of rapid expansion and mass production. A great new industry had come into being.

The men who managed Canada's Nickel mines and plants were determined to build a greater Nickel industry. In the automobile, subject at that time to frequent breakdowns, they foresaw new markets for Canadian Nickel to replace the war demand which had ceased in 1918.

So the Canadian Nickel industry gave its full co-operation to automotive engineers who were pioneering the search for stronger, tougher, more dependable materials.

Cars became stronger, safer, more reliable, as Nickel alloys were used for vital parts. It was not many years before the automotive industry became the world's largest user of Canadian Nickel, and the output of Nickel exceeded its wartime peak.

Today Canadian Nickel is again devoted to war purposes and again the industry looks to the future with confidence. Plans are ready to develop and expand old and new peacetime markets, so that the Nickel industry may continue, through its own initiative and enterprise, to make still greater contributions to Canada's welfare.



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