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More Than Just Six Destroyers at Stake

Action of the United States in proposing to lease six
destroyers to Brazil seems in a fair way of undoing much
of the confidence built up between South American nations
and this country during the past few years, particularly
at the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance
of Peace, attended by President Roosevelt.

Argentina is frankly disturbed over the matter and
doesn't hesitate to say so, pointing out quite lucidly the
reasons for her displeasure. Argentine government officials,
informed by the United States that Brazil needs the
destroyers to defend herself against nations after her
raw materials, notes that only Japan or Germany might
be threatening Brazil, and inquires just how much protection
six destroyers would be against either nation.

Along with other nations of South America, Argentina
resents the secrecy which covered the negotiations. Surprise
is expressed that Roosevelt, whose frankness was admired
at the conference, would have made a move of this kind
without communicating the fact to other South American
powers.

Not missing a point, Argentina recalls that the United
States for some time has argued against heavy spending
on armaments as the worst possible threat to peace.

Says Argentina: wouldn't peace be even further threatened
if nations could rent warships cheaply, thus removing
the economic brake which has somewhat checked the
armament race?

What, asks Argentina, would happen, if European
countries offer to lend war cruisers to South American
countries?

It might be wise for President and Secretary Hull to
consider all the angles. Naval men are wondering if there
is any coincidence in the fact that the projected lease
involves six vessels—the exact number being built for the
Argentine Republic in British shipyards.

Confidence between the Americas is one of the greatest
factors in the future of world peace, regardless of what
happens across the Atlantic or across the Pacific. It
would seem unwise to disrupt the friendly relations so
carefully built up, with what appears to be a touch of ill-
advised intrigue.

British scientists now are making lightning at will.
Sounds like a brazen attempt to publicize the rainy season.

Hitler has set himself up as an art exponent, and, like
some of the moderns, he seems to be spreading it on too
thick.

Science still hasn't succeeded in doing anything for
the fellow who leaves an unsigned note under your door
saying "See Me."

A Former Monarch

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Clues include: Former king of Spain, Donor, Pile, Pertaining to Alps, Tiny skin opening, Before, To harass, Epoch, Consumers, Little devil, He and his family live in, Last word of a prayer, Resembling metallic ore, Color, Form of "a", Mistake, Mountain pass, Blackbird, Therefore, Father, Drop of eye fluid, Masculine, Verbal, Musical note, Knave of clubs, His country has undergone many political changes, Cleverer, Hair on the eyelid, Half an em, Road, Pitcher, Silkworm, Was victorious, Pertaining to pottery, Laughter sound, Sound of pleasure, Dregs, To happen, Music drama, Perched, Liquid part of fat, Woven string, Always, Lairs, Form of "be", Branch.

WHAT KIND OF A JINNI WOULD COME FORTH?



TROTSKY INFLUENCE

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The restoration of ranks in the army, the strengthening of family units, the restoration of (al- though under almost confiscatory taxation) of the right of inheritance, the encouragement of deposits in savings banks, the protection of private incomes from wage and savings, the tightening of divorce regulations and the abolition of abortion.
Charges of wrecking or sabotage, which also figure importantly in the purge, result from negligence, slackness, even ignorance, which cause the breakage of machines and the interruption of production or transport. And I know of 14 engineers with years of experience in Soviet factories who are personally convinced that there has been frequent sabotage and wrecking in factories for political reasons.
Many of the old Bolsheviks caught up in the current purge had been conspirators by career all of their lives before the Bolshevik revolution. It is not improbable that some had retained their taste for underground work. Every known friend of Trotsky, even friends of his friends, was rounded up.
Espionage is another reason for the purge. There seems not the slightest reason to doubt that foreign nations have and are maintaining spies in the Soviet Union. Every major military nation in Europe maintains spying organizations among her strongest neighbors. But certainly not everyone labeled in the Soviet as a Japanese or German spy or as a Fascist spy, was on a foreign payroll.
Anyone who recalls the epidemic of "German spies" in the United States during the World War understands what happens under the stress of wartime hysteria. The Soviet Union labors under a wartime mentality now, as it has frequently to a greater or less degree during the last 20 years.
Some of the charges in the press, such as the infection of bouquets with potato cancer, the infection of cotton areas with pink

worm, the poisoning of water sources and the spreading of contagious diseases among cattle, are reminiscent of wartime days in the United States.
When one comes to the case of Marshal Michail Tukhachevsky and seven other generals of the Red army, conjecture regarding the background of their executions is complex and unsatisfactory. The key to the mystery possibly may be found in Stalin's decision in May to restore the institution of political commissars attached to large army units. The commissars are virtually spies to keep an eye on the actions of the army commanders and report directly to the political party. It was provided that every order had to be countersigned by two of three persons—the commander, the assistant commander and/or the political commissar.
Any American making a career in the army might be expected to object bitterly to such an arrangement. Tukhachevsky and other generals may have resisted this institution and continued their resistance to a point regarded as suspicious or as a deviation from the party line. It has been known that some upper career militarists were less interested in the televisation of the army than in military efficiency.
A time table of the closing days of Marshal Tukhachevsky's career reveals how devastatingly sudden the crisis broke. In February I was assured everywhere in Moscow that i never of war the marshal, recognized as among the world's most brilliant tacticians, would command the Red armies in the field. Late in March he personally confirmed to one of my friends that he had been chosen to represent the Soviet Union at the coronation of King George VI. This appointment was cancelled later, but on May 1 Tukhachevsky stood beside Stalin in Red Square, reviewing the May Day parade. Afterward with Stalin, he received the army officers.
Eleven days later he unexpectedly was demoted to a provincial post. One month later he was arrested, tried hastily and shot.
As the story goes in Moscow, Tukhachevsky was arrested by subterfuge after being summoned back from the Volga, ostensibly

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Johnny Goes Marching Off to School

Soon the school bells will be ringing over the land. Soon Johnny and Janice, scrubbed and combed and brushed, will go off to the serious business of Reading and 'Riting and 'Rithmetic.

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