

## Britain to Let China Fall if the U. S. Stays Out

Sir John Simon Replies to Charge Japs Plan Second Conquest in Asia Mainland.

London, May 18.—Sir John Simon, British foreign secretary, declared Friday that Great Britain is not pledged to "preserve" the integrity of China and will not participate in direct sanctions against Japan or any other power in other parts of the world unless the United States gives its full co-operation.

Referring to demands that Great Britain embark on economic sanctions to forestall any war, the foreign secretary declared:

"Economic sanctions cannot be applied without the risk of war. And we cannot undertake any system of sanctions or effective action of this type unless the United States co-operates."

Lands U. S. Aid to League. Simon praised United States' aid to the League of Nations, "which I hereby gratefully and publicly recognize," he said.

Commons, he declared, "must understand the limitations under which the United States is likely to act."

He intimated Great Britain is willing to participate in international reprisals against treaty violations in specific cases, should the United States as well as other nations interested agree to it formally.

Sees Second Manchukuo. Charges that Japan is planning to carve out of Chinese territory a "Manchukuo No. 2" were made on the floor of the house of commons by Sir Stafford Cripps, aspirant to leadership of the Labor party.

Asserting Great Britain, through "vacillation and weakness of policy," is helping Japan's hand in China, he suggested co-operation of Britain, Russia and the United States in a program aimed at halting Japanese expansion in the far east.

"Britain will not face realities regarding securities for the integrity of China and either is in league with Japan or turning a benevolent eye on its operation," said Sir Stafford.

"If Japan next takes a bite out of South China, European powers may be forced out of the east altogether. It is time to call for a definite halt in this type of behavior."

He regretted the government had not taken steps in defense of the nine-power treaty.

Declares War Nearer. "The German-Japanese combination, which is developing rapidly, is creating more fear in the world even than there has been in the past few years as the closeness of the danger of war has become more and more apparent," he said.

Since Japan's invasion of Manchuria, said Sir Stafford, she has extended her conquest in North China and now is converting Manchuria and Jehol into a great military base for some fresh adventure.

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## ASK ANTI-WAR LEGISLATION

Oberlin, O.—Asserting another war "would be a terrible disaster for the United States," 100 college presidents of the United States sent a letter to President Roosevelt urging immediate passage of anti-war legislation. A. D. Henderson of Antioch, Otto Mees of Capital, and Edmund S. Soper of Ohio Wesleyan signed the petition with the stipulation that they did not approve the first of eight points outlined. This point calls for enactment of legislation for a "complete embargo upon trade between this country and any belligerent nation in the event of hostilities in any part of the world." Ten college presidents from other states also exempted that point in their approval.

Mees also stipulated his approval did not include the third point, calling for the government to take over all industry in event the United States becomes involved in war.

Those two proposals and two others, providing that no bonds of belligerents be floated in this country and that no armed force be used either for the collection of foreign debts or for the protection of American property were urged for immediate passage.

## NRA MOVE PUT UP TO FORD

Washington.—Henry Ford apparently must affirm that his company is complying with the NRA automobile code before Ford agencies receive government contract awards. Comptroller General McCarl authorized rejection of a bid by the Northwest Foto company, Pod agency in Bethesda, Md., for two trucks on the grounds the concern had qualified its offer in violation of the president's executive order of last March.

That order, as McCarl interpreted it, binds a bidder for government awards not only to certify he is complying with the code for his industry but that the bidder may not deliver materials from anyone who has not affirmed he is complying with the code. The Northwest company said it was complying with NRA but could make no commitments regarding the Ford Motor company or others making Ford parts.

## HERSLER TO BE EXAMINED

Bloomfield, Neb.—County Attorney Burbridge Friday night said he plans to question John Hersler, 50 year old bachelor farm hand, Saturday concerning the ax slaying of the wife of his employer, Mrs. Henry Nielsen, 40.

Mrs. Nielsen was slashed with the ax at her farm home last Wednesday while her husband worked in a corn field. Hersler then walked to Bloomfield, told an attorney of the attack, then hitchhiked to the county seat, Center, and surrendered to officers after listening for a while to testimony at a murder trial there.

Burbridge will start gathering evidence in the case Saturday and may decide then what charge will be filed against the farm hand who now is in the county jail at Center.

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## APRIL WAS WARM AND DRY

April was warm and very dry in Nebraska with an unusually large number of sunshine hours according to a summary of the weather bureau. Humidity was unusually low and wind movement moderate. There were a number of days with rather high winds, attended by must dust in the atmosphere.

Temperatures were well above the April normal thruout the state, departures ranging from plus 2.3 degrees in the northwestern division to 3.7 degrees in the southwestern. Seven previous Aprils since 1876 have been warmer.

Freezing temperatures occurred at all stations and there were killing frosts in some places as late as the 27th, followed by unusually high temperatures on the 29th and 30th, exceeding 90 degrees at several stations.

The average precipitation, .54 inch, is only 22 percent of the normal amount. Only two previous Aprils have been drier and these were both within the past ten years, namely, 1926 with .52 inch, and 1928 with .46 inch. The deficiency was greatest in the eastern portion of the state, the percentages of normal by divisions being as follows: Northwest 17, southeast 14, central 22, southwest 28, west 24, and northwest 29. No single station in the state received as much as its normal amount and only nineteen stations received more than one inch.

The general state deficiency since Jan. 1 is 2.42 inches, and since Oct. 1, 3.96 inches; in each case the deficiency is 59 percent of the normal.

## SUNNYSIDE CLUB

On Friday, May 18, the Sunnyside Girls' Room club met at the home of one of the members, Anna Marie Rea. Pictures that would be suitable for the girls room were discussed. A very interesting group of pictures were loaned to the leader, Mrs. Giles, by Mrs. Paul Ambrose.

Very delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Fred Rea. The time for the next meeting was not decided upon.

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## Steamship Head Held in Girl's Slaying



Lower picture is of Miss Louise Jeppesen, member of a prominent Ogden, Utah, banking family, who was found strangled to death in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Police claim she had been criminally attacked. Millard R. Hickman (top), well-known steamship official of San Francisco, in court, as he was formally charged with killing Miss Jeppesen.

## MURDOCK ITEMS

Homer H. Lawton is working at Lincoln, where he has plenty of work in his line, that of painter and decorator.

Henry A. Tool was a visitor in Weeping Water and Plattsmouth the fore part of last week, having some business matters to look after at both places.

The Murdock team went to Louisville last Wednesday afternoon, at which place they played ball with the Louisville lads, winning by a score of 8 to 5.

Otto Eicholz was a business visitor in Omaha last Wednesday, driving over to the big city to look after some matters connected with the market which he operates here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool were in Omaha last Sunday, where they enjoyed a visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. George Work and family, celebrating the passing of Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meyers, of Ashland, were visitors in Murdock on last Wednesday and were guests at the home of O. E. McDonald, all attending the closing exercises of the Murdock schools.

Mrs. Melchal Sorick, of Lincoln, was a visitor in Murdock during the past week, being a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Homer H. Lawton. While here she attended the graduation exercises of the class of 1934.

There was a community picnic incident to the closing of the school year, held at the school grounds on Friday of last week and which was enjoyed by a large number, including parents, pupils and teachers. A fine time was had by all.

Frank Earhardt, of Manley, was a visitor in Murdock looking after some business matters and while here met with his old time friend, John P. Mokenhaupt, whom he had known twenty-five or thirty years ago. They enjoyed the visit very much.

H. W. Tool was a visitor in Omaha last Wednesday, where he went to attend the funeral of the mother of his friend, Hugh Armstrong, of Denver. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong had come to Omaha from their home in Denver for the funeral, and afterwards stopped in Murdock to visit at the Tool home.

Mrs. J. R. Kelley, grandmother of Robert McDonald, who makes her home in Plattsmouth, was a visitor in Murdock the greater portion of last week and a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McDonald. They all enjoyed the visit very much. Mrs. Kelley came also to be present at the closing exercises of the Murdock public schools, as her grandson, Robert McDonald was graduating from the schools.

## Give Farewell Party

The members of the Royal Neighbors of America gave their member, Mrs. John J. Gustin, a farewell reception last week, as she is to move to the west to make her home in the near future. Mr. Gustin has recently sold the farm through the agency of Edward Thimgan to Miss Knabe, of Nehawka. The members of the Royal Neighbors have appreciated the friendship of Mrs. Gustin and her willingness at all times to assist them and sought to show their appreciation in this manner.

## Rev. Knospe Very Ill

The Rev. H. R. Knospe, pastor of the Murdock church, has been very ill for some time with an attack of erysipelas, which has kept him in bed for the past two weeks. Due to a marked scarcity of ministers, there have been no services at the church the past two Sundays. However, the Nebraska conference to be held here during the latter part of this week and next Sunday will bring many ministers to town and there will be no lack of religious instruction during the five days the conference is in session. See the program elsewhere in this issue.

## Murdock Schools Close

On Wednesday of last week, the schools of Murdock closed with the holding of the annual commencement exercises. The class were all pleased with the school year and glad that the work was over. In the exercises, Miss Helen Zoz, who was the president of the class, in a well timed address, extended the thanks of the class for the kindness of the instructors during the year, for the ones who were instrumental in arranging the very pleasing commencement exercises. Her address was well received. Marion Stock was selected as the valedictorian and made an address which was received with much pleasure and profit by the remainder of the class. Della McCrorey was the salutatorian and it was evident from the first that she had much worth while food for thought to offer in

her address. The principal address of the evening was made by R. Foster Patterson, principal of Plattsmouth High school, who is a very talented orator and had the audience's close attention thruout his address. The diplomas were given out by I. C. McCrorey, member of the Board of Education of the schools.

## High School Enjoy Picnic

The members of the high school of Murdock enjoyed a very pleasing picnic on Thursday of last week, going out to Pawnee Lodge, which is north of Murdock, where they spent the afternoon and evening, enjoying all sorts of games and other amusements in the afternoon and eating their suppers there.

## Mrs. August Wendt, Sr. Dies

Mrs. August Wendt, who has been ill for many months and was at the hospital in Omaha, where she underwent an operation and where she was receiving treatment, returned home some two weeks ago, but has not shown much rallying power, passing quietly away on last Tuesday evening at the home on the farm near Murdock. She had received all the tender care possible and every avenue had been exhausted to bring back her health, but in vain. Mrs. Wendt, who was formerly Miss Martha Thiemann, of near South Bend, lived her entire life among the scenes of her girlhood, being past 59 years of age at the time of her death. She was always seeking to do good for those in need. She leaves, besides the sorrowing husband, Henry Wendt, of near Elmwood, three sons, Herman, Louis and Freddie Wendt, and one daughter, Myrtle Wendt.

Early in life, she united with the Lutheran church and the funeral was held from the Louisville Lutheran church, being conducted by the Rev. Theo. Hartman, her pastor for many years. Interment was in the quiet church yard adjoining the church. The funeral was conducted by the Lyle Horton funeral home of Plattsmouth.

## Enjoyed the Ball Game

Eddie Craig and wife, John Kruger and Lacey McDonald made up a party of baseball enthusiasts who visited Omaha one day last week, where they attended a ball game between a team in Omaha and the House of David team, a traveling organization composed of bearded gentlemen, with a lady pitcher, and say, the boys think she can twirl the globe when it comes to curves and ins and outs. As she occupies the box every day, she only pitches a couple of innings, but her twirling is one of the attractions of the game. The result of the contest which the Murdock folks saw was, House of David, 8; Omaha, 5.

## Home from Hospital

Mrs. W. T. Weddell, who has been at the Bryan hospital in Lincoln for some time past, where she was receiving treatment for her health, was able to return home last week and is feeling greatly improved, which is

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good news to her many friends in Murdock.

## IOWAN TO HEAD EDUCATION

Des Moines.—A wiry brick mason who plied his trowel to get a college diploma and become a school teacher will tackle his toughest job next fall as federal commissioner of education. The commissioner designate, J. W. Studebaker, whose appointment was announced Friday, has charted the course of Des Moines public school education for fourteen years.

He pioneered development of an adult education forum, which brought a bevy of internationally known lectures to Des Moines each winter. He co-operated in the planning of an endowed opportunity school for handicapped children, with adjustable seats for cripples, tilted blackboards to ease the strain of weak eyes, and floors with conduits to carry vibrations of the instructor's voice to children hard of hearing. He has authored and co-authored numerous educational works, and is a member of a dozen National Educational associations.

Studebaker will succeed Dr. George F. Zook Sept. 1. He is planning for next fall's Des Moines school term, and will return to his post here in September, 1935.

## TOM MOONEY PLEA DENIED

San Francisco.—Federal Judge St. Sure denied a plea of Thomas Mooney for a writ of habeas corpus to release him from San Quentin prison, where he is serving a life sentence for conviction in the 1916 Preparedness day bombing here.

Judge St. Sure rendered a six-page decision on Mooney's application. "It therefore appears," Judge St. Sure said in setting forth his opinion, "that under the law in a case such as is presented here by the petitioners, the proper procedure to be followed in gaining the consideration of a federal court is by petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the highest court of the state, and if it is denied there, to seek a writ of certiorari in the United States supreme court for a review of the judgment in the state court."

## FUNERAL SERVICES OF MRS. AUGUST WENDT

Funeral services of Mrs. August Wendt, of near Murdock, were held Friday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock from the home and at 2:00 o'clock from the Louisville Lutheran church. The large church could not accommodate the many who assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to this highly esteemed and lifetime resident of the community. Services were conducted by Rev. Hartman, her five sons and one nephew acting as pallbearers.

Martha Emily Thiemann was born March 6, 1875, near South Bend, Nebraska, and passed away at her home May 16, 1934, at the age of 59 years, 2 months and 10 days. She was the daughter of Peter and Caroline Thiemann. She was baptized in her early childhood by Rev. Hannewald and was confirmed in our Lutheran church by Rev. Katenhusen, thereby becoming a member, in which faith she remained until the hour of her death. In the year 1897, May 6th, she was united in marriage to August Wendt, who survives her. This union was blessed with six children, five boys, Henry, August, Herman, Fred and Louis, and one daughter, Myrtle, and five grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Henry Gakemeier, Mrs. Albert Zierot, and Mrs. William Lau, all of Murdock.

In her last illness of many weeks, all that loving hands and tender care could do was done by her family and friends. The entire community and host of friends deeply share with the family in their sorrow. Mrs. Wendt leaves to her family a precious memory of a Christian life and an undying love that will serve to guide them through these hours of sorrow, and the remainder of their lives.

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