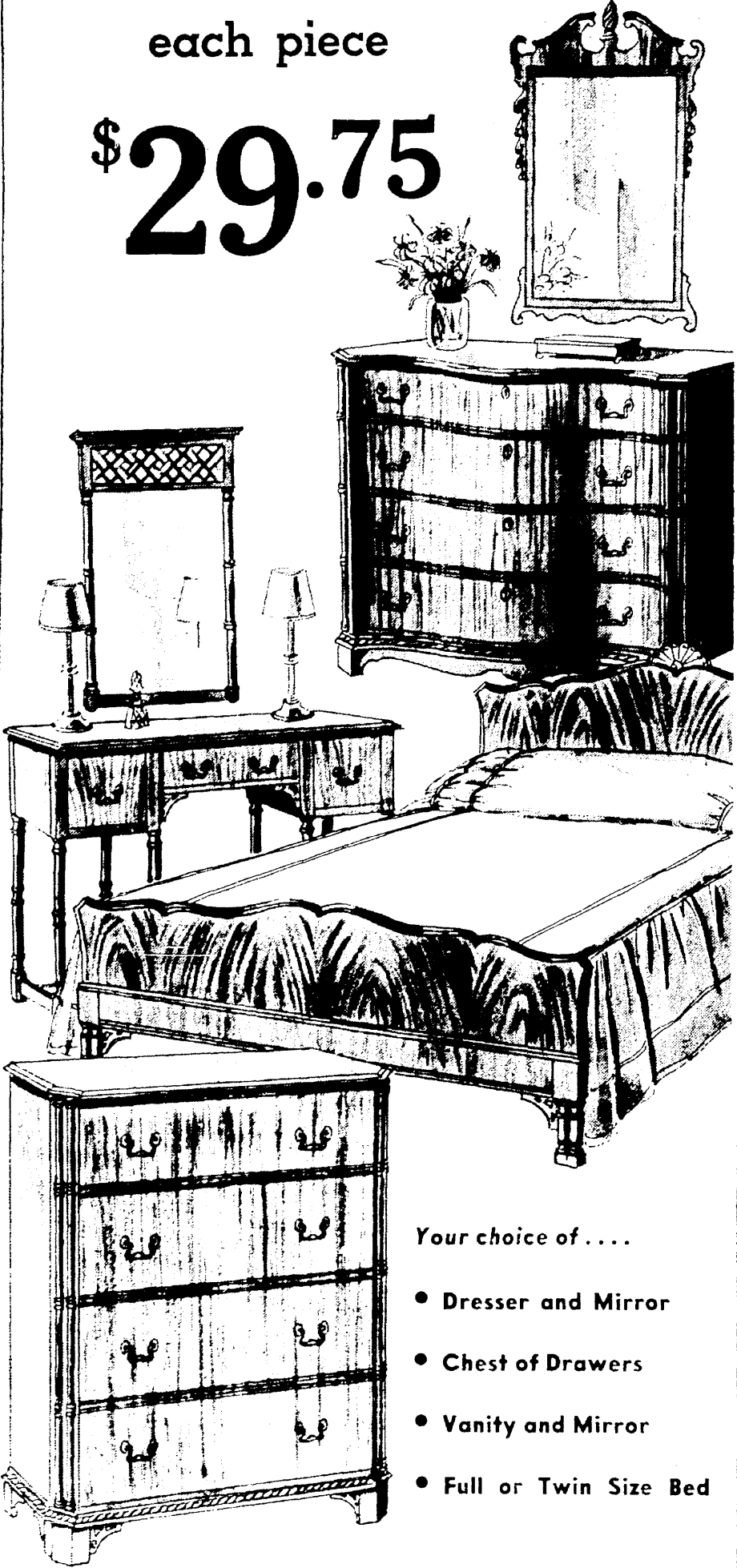


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## OHIO CITY AWAITS CRUMIT'S RETURN

Jackson to Welcome Back Broadway-to-Broadway 'Boy Who Made Good.'

(Plain Dealer Special)  
JACKSON, O., Oct. 12.—From this city's Broadway to the bright lights of New York's Broadway and back to the quiet Broadway of this southeastern Ohio city of 6,000—that is in brief the hope of the friends of Jackson's "home town boy who made good."

Not that Jackson is expecting its most widely known son, Frank Crumit, stage and radio star, to close up his music publishing business, cancel his profitable radio contracts, bar the windows of his Dunrovin mansion at Longmeadow, Mass., and settle down here.

But Jackson does hope it will see more of the celebrated "home town boy" and it has reasons to believe it will. Because a large log cabin is being erected near the place where the log home of his grandfather, John Poore, stood four miles east of here.

By long distance telephone, Crumit has been collaborating with his brother-in-law, Harold (Red) Troutman, president of the Columbus Red Birds baseball team, in the building of a commodious summer home at the edge of a great woodland.

The singer has taken a great sentimental interest in the cabin, both because of its location and because boys from the old homestead were put in the structure.

Crumit has not seen the cabin yet but is expected to inspect it for the first time when he comes back home as an honor guest at the Homecoming Festival of 1935 song festival to be held here Nov. 7 and 8.

Born here in 1879, the son of a bank official, Crumit as a child sang in church and at public gatherings.

But Jackson of the older generation remembers Frank best because of the pranks he and Ben Ames Williams, noted short story writer and novelist, were charged with playing.

"Sure, he kin sing," an one stern-eyed older, now dead, used to say, "but dang his hide, he's the orniest little devil in this whole town and if he ain't handed some day, I'll be mighty surprised."

When he entered Ohio University in 1907, he planned to be a doctor, like his grandfather. But one glance at an engraver and he decided upon electrical engineering as a sideline to his college baseball, football, singing and theatrical activities.

Along about this time he wrote a number of college songs, most notable of which was "The Buckeye Battle Cry," which still is one of the three leading songs at Ohio State University.

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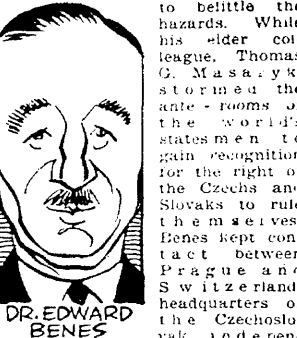
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## Behind the Foreign News

Europe at the Crossroads . . . Anti-League Bloc . . . British Intrigue.

BY SPENCER D. IRWIN.

"Insanity in individuals is something rare—but in groups, parties, nations and epochs it is the rule," Nietzsche in "Beyond Good and Evil."



DR. EDWARD BENES

Young Edward Benes had played a dangerous game. His love of his native land and the hope of realizing his life-time longing caused him to bettle the hazards. While his aim was to organize a secret league, Thomas G. Masaryk, stormed the ante-rooms of the various statesmen to gain recognition for the right of the Czechs and Slovaks to rule themselves. Benes kept contact between Prague and the headquarters of the Czechoslovak independence movement.

False names and forged passports enabled him to gather information which was invaluable to his cause, to maintain the lines of communication and to organize a secret society in Prague. It soon became too dangerous to continue and with the aid of a false uniform and a fellow conspirator he escaped to Switzerland and safety.

That was the end of a stirring period, the groundwork had been laid for independence at great risk. It marked a turning point in the history of nations and Edward Benes had played a pivotal part.

As that same man, his close-cropped mustache turning a bit gray, his ruddy face as impressive as ever, sat in the chair of the president of the League of Nations assembly in the Switzerland which had given him refuge during the war, his memory must have wandered back to that historic time.

The "realistic idealist" who for more than fifteen years has been foreign minister of the Czechoslovak republic, one of Europe's most astute statesmen, must have seen the unrolling of a new and unknown period before his mind as he banded his gavel for order in the large, gray-walled Cantonal Council hall at Geneva.

Benes, the cautious son of cautious peasant parents, tread warily as he outlined the procedure. Well might he have wondered, in his history had the leaders of the world gathered for such an event. Their decision would mold the future of the world. The scales of destiny were weighed with portentous issues: peace or continued war, democracy or Fascism, even civilization or chaos.

The hall was crowded. Those who came for a spectacular display of oratory were disappointed. Only the 35-minute speech of Baron Pompeo Aloisi, Italian league delegate, making an eleven-hour attempt to justify his country's break in the monopoly. Peering through tortoise-rimmed glasses his voice droned on. He folded his paper and returned to his dreamy silence. Not a hand clapped or mark. It was a silence more ominous than many an impassioned philippic, more voluble than a thousand voices. For it spoke the mind and heart of a people who were determined to stop and mankind's right to live in peace and security must be upheld against those who would destroy it in their blind folly to obtain their own ends.

The world had reached another milestone, another historic turning point and again Edward Benes had played a leading part.

Geneva's Drab Routine Prompts World Drama.  
When the stodgy Baron Emerio von Pittsburg arose to speak, followed by Laszlo Develics, Hungarian delegate, the curtain was pulled aside for the first full view of the new political line-up forming in Europe as a result of the African war. Their governments, chorused the speakers with a suspicious unanimity, could not vote for penalties against Italy. Their plea was based on friendship for Mussolini who, before the Franco-Italian rapprochement, had encouraged Austrian and Hungarian aspirations for treaty revision, who had saved Austria from the Nazis at the time of Chancellor Dollfuss' murder, and who had been a good customer to both. To cease trading with Italy would mean economic disaster, said the delegates, forgetting that had it not been for League finances in past years both nations would have faced economic chaos long ago. In offering a commercial excuse, which no one could fault for their betrayal, they were but cloaking political design which had long been in preparation.

Two dangers immediately arose. Here was an opening wedge by which the League's efforts to blockade Italy could be thwarted. More than sources of supply for Italy, these nations, particularly Austria, would be agents for the trans-shipment of goods from Germany. And Germany most certainly would join them, for the longer Mussolini con-

tinues the Ethiopian war the higher will rise Nazi political prospects. Germany has been strangely silent on Italian activities in Africa. The controlled Nazi press has been instructed to voice no criticism of the Roman dictator. This is a bit of political strategy. Wilhelmstrasse knows that, win or lose, Mussolini will emerge from the dark continent bitter toward the League and its principal backers, in worse financial plight than before and in need of outside friends to help bolster his regime. The Brown Shirts are prying to welcome their Black Shirt brothers back to the Fascist fold.

A compromise between Rome and Berlin on Austria will be effected. It may come to the point where Mussolini must choose between Anschluss and oblivion. With his usual bravado he would welcome Germany to the Brenner Pass. Any expedient to retain power.

Here, then, is the second danger, the formation of an Anti-League bloc of central European nations, a revived and modified Triple Alliance, united to expand in Europe and upset the status quo.

Poland, too, would join through fear of Russia. Poland voted for sanctions, but Warsaw under the guidance of Foreign Minister Josef Beck is playing a double game. Poland wants to be a great power, but for the time she must lean on Berlin. Poland may learn in the end that to place too much trust in the treaty trace with Germany over the so-called "corridor" is fatal. Poland would join such an alliance to increase her prestige but in time it may mean another "partition" in one gulp by Germany.

Laval's Bold Statements Hide Political Anxiety.  
Seldom has more brazen political trading been seen than the mutual bids for support between France and Britain. Both are non-committal. Their statements are uncertain of the temper of their people.

Pierre Laval, French premier-foreign minister, still wears a clean white tie, but his home political life is getting spottier. The cabinet backs him in his public promises to uphold British action against Italy, but the people—?

France is split into two factions, the Left, a combination of Communists, Socialists and Radical Socialists in the Common Front, and the Right represented by such Fascist organizations as the Croix de Feu. The Left is for League support, the Right against it. The international issue is complicated by resentment over the decree laws cutting salaries and pensions, the current row over the budget, which, with falling tax returns, will not balance, and increasing prices, unemployment and hard times. Laval fears the return of the Chamber of Deputies and the debacle that may follow if he is ousted.

The temper of the Right which thinks its time for action is arriving, is reflected in the newspaper, La Liberté:

"We have for a long time stammered in this newspaper the hypothesis of an 'action' which we war advocates who claim to be the 'Sovereign' of the 'Liberté' have these Tariffs of peace call with all their heart for an armistice. We have not yet seen the Mussolinian regime, thus averting the Mussolinian regime and the Communist cells chased out of Italy through the very near future. We have not yet seen the Mussolinian regime, thus averting the Mussolinian regime and the Communist cells chased out of Italy through the very near future. We have not yet seen the Mussolinian regime, thus averting the Mussolinian regime and the Communist cells chased out of Italy through the very near future."

Across the channel pipe-puffing Stanley Baldwin is preparing for the election which will fill the air. The Labor party has backed the national government in the application of sanctions and Baldwin believes that an election now would deprive them of an issue and assure his followers of five more years of power.

Suave Anthony Eden, who holds the spotlight these days as British minister for League of Nations affairs, talks peace at Geneva, but Baldwin will go to the elections on the issue of rearming. The trend of the election is toward rearmament, Baldwin says, and while he does not view any country as a potential foe he "cannot be blind to facts."

That is a love for peace which passes all understanding. The greater a statesman's ardor for the elusive angel the higher mounts the military budget. Back of it is the determination to preserve the British empire. One step was taken in that direction last week.

Greek Coup d'Etat 'Made in Britain.'  
Gen. George Kondylis, who crushed the Venizelos revolt, the political chameleon, stamped into the office of Panagiotis Tsaldaris Thursday morning. The surprised premier that the Greek republic was no more. The royalists had seized Athens. They were too impatient to wait for the inevitable which was to determine the republic's fate. George II, riding in London, has been asked to return. The National Assembly, called into special session, arrested in the action of the royalists and decided to hold a mock plebiscite anyway. That is to appease the ex-king, who announced he would not return without a majority of the people behind him.

British intrigue, rather than a spontaneous outburst on the part of the Greeks, brought the republic-monoarchy issue to this sudden head. With Mussolini's continued stubbornness Britain could not afford to delay the opportunity of strengthening her hold in the eastern Mediterranean. Greece, who is in intimate terms with the British royal family, will be a faithful exponent of British policy at Athens.

British diplomacy was working in another quarter. Sir Eric Drummond, British ambassador to Rome, who is distinguished by the dislike he inspires in Mussolini, continued negotiations at Palazzo Venezia to bring the African mess to a close. It is rumored he promised Il Duce that the sanctions taken at Geneva would be enforced with one eye closed. They were only to say the "face" of the League. Time soon will reveal whether such an understanding was reached, for the League's three penalties: embargo on arms, boycott of Italian goods and refusal of loans and credits, are weak enough and may mean little. If they are ineffective and the diplomats sincere more stringent sanctions will be taken soon.

Beyond the facade of the Geneva Cantonal Hall all this and more transpired. The action of these men, the rulers of the world, whose rigid faces Edward Benes scanned, released anew on Europe the intrigues, ambitions, double dealings and double crosses of international diplomacy. Europe had reached another crossroads. Maybe Nietzsche was right.

Memorial Trees Felled.  
CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Grimers recalled that three maple trees cut down here recently were planted by Amos Baggdall, pioneer resident, on the day President Lincoln was assassinated.

## New Italian Consul Speaks Here Today

Dr. Romeo Montecchi, new Italian consul in Cleveland, will make his first public appearance at a celebration in honor of Columbus in the Italian Cultural Garden at Rockefeller Park today at 2 p. m. He will address representatives from all of Cleveland's Italian groups.

Mrs. Joseph N. Trivisonno will place a wreath on the Columbus plaque. John Cavano, chairman, will present Gaetano E. Romano, new president of the Italian Cultural Garden Association.

Other scheduled speakers are: Charles J. Wolfram, president of the Cultural Garden League; Mrs. G. A. Baricelli, Dr. C. Menziora, president of the Dante Alighieri Society; Luigi Liccardi, president of Italian

war veterans, and Mayor Harry L. Davis. The program is sponsored by the Italian Cultural Garden Association and the new consul.

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