

Red Foreign Policy Makes About Turn

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MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—(CP-HAV-AS)—Beginning 1939 as the most uncompromising idealist in the family of nations and ending the year as an adept at Adolf Hitler's "Realpolitik," the Soviet Union in 12 months reversed its foreign policy, precipitated the war, won diplomatic victories and stilled its war machine against the spirited resistance of Finland.

At the beginning of 1939 Soviet leaders were energetically calling for collective security, and constitution of an "anti-aggression" bloc of powers to include France and Great Britain. Party members the world over proclaimed that war not too great a price to pay to end Fascist lawlessness.

The first shadow of impending change was cast April 3, when Maxim Litvinoff, apostle of collective security, was succeeded as Foreign Commissar by Premier Vyacheslav Molotov.

Democracies Seek Accord
In March the Western Democracies, concerned by Germany's absorption of Czechoslovakia, began negotiations for an accord with the Soviet Union.

The French and British negotiators already had agreed to change their original proposal—that in the event of German aggression against Poland, Russia remain an ace in the hole to be used only at the Warsaw government's request—to a straight alliance with equal rights and responsibilities.

Moscow once more raised its price, demanding a guaranty covering "indirect" aggression against the Balkan and Baltic States.

A British military mission arrived in Moscow in August and discovered Russia really wanted carte blanche to occupy Eastern Poland and to establish land, sea and air bases in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland.

The Allies balked but Germany showed herself less squeamish. On Aug. 23 Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop flew to Moscow to sign a 10-year non-aggression pact in which the U. S. S. R. agreed not to join any bloc directed against Germany.

A week later German troops marched into Poland. Britain and France declared war on Sept. 3, Stalin sat back and watched. In mid-September the Red Army, striding from the east at the struggling Poles, swept halfway across Poland to achieve a common border with the advancing Germans.

Three weeks later Russia signed a "mutual assistance" pact with Estonia, under which Soviet garrisons and naval bases were established in Estonian territory. The following week Latvia took the trail to Moscow for a similar pact, and Lithuania fell in line Oct. 10.

Soviet Reverses Start
Soviet reverses did not start until Oct. 18 when Turkey, traditionally friendly to Russia, interrupted conversations looking toward a Soviet-Turkish mutual assistance accord largely because of Russian insistence of hermetic closure of the Dardanelles to Allied war vessels. Next day the Ankara government signed a 15-year mutual assistance pact with France and Great Britain.

Finland, called on to cede strategic bases as with the Baltic States, steadfastly refused in lengthy negotiations to make concessions prejudicial to her independence. The Red Army crossed the border Nov. 30.

The Russians set up a "People's Democratic Government" on the frontier under a Finnish exile, Otto Kuusinen.

The Soviet push against the Karelian bottle-neck in the south, where the "Mannerheim Line" protects the Finns, stalled. North of Lake Ladoga the Reds fared no better. In the far north they captured Petsamo but at the year's end apparently had been defeated decisively by Finnish courage and sub-zero weather.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING OF RANCH-BRED SILVER FOX AND MINK SKINS
Under the Agricultural Products Co-operative Marketing Act, 1939, agreements for the marketing of ranch-bred silver fox and mink pelts have been concluded between the Dominion Department of Agriculture and a number of organizations marketing pelts in Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Western Canada.

These agreements provide that primary producers of fox or mink pelts may deliver their pelts to an organization which has an agreement and receive an initial payment of 50 per cent of the basic valuation set forth in the agreement. The basic valuations are determined with reference to the prices received for skins during the past three years and prospective market values and are approximately the same as the average prices received for skins of like grade and quality marketed during 1938-39 season.

The farmer must certify when he delivers the pelts that he is the producer of the skins delivered. He agrees also that the proceeds from the sale of his pelts shall be pooled with the proceeds from the sale of pelts of like grade and quality delivered under this co-operative plan by other producers. Subsequent payments may be authorized when the pelts in any individual pool are marketed and proceeds therefrom are realized. Further payments to be made, as pelts are received they are graded according to their quality and the grading is checked by a Dominion Government Inspector who sees that each pelt is duly

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Saints And Royals Clash Tonight In Important Game Of Commercial-service League

With both teams anxious for a victory tonight's Commercial-Service hockey league encounter between St. Dunstan's University and the Junior Royals is expected to produce the most exciting and fastest game of the season. It could be a diet of speed the fans are fed tonight as both squads' lineups are packed with speed merchants galore and the game should be a wide-open affair throughout with defensive tactics thrown to the winds as the players go out seeking goals from the opening whistle.

Tennis Champ Advances To Third Round

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Bobby Riggs of Chicago advanced to the third round of the sixth annual Sugar Bowl tennis tournament today without having to show the top-ranking player of 1939. The meeting was passed at the semi-annual meeting of the C. A. H. A. which is attended by President Tom Lockhart of the United States A. H. A.

So there's the picture. You have

C.A.H.A. Seeks To Draw Amateur Teams Together

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—(CP)—The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association today threw all its support behind its brother organization in the United States in an attempt to draw all amateur hockey clubs across the border into one body.

Miners Move Up In Hockey League Standing

GLACE BAY, N. S., Dec. 28.—Glace Bay Miners defeated the North Sydney Victorias, 4-3, here tonight and moved to within one game of a second-place tie with the northsiders in the Cape Breton Hockey League. Sydney Millionaires lead the three-team circuit by eight full games.

Professor W. G. Hardy, C. A. H. A.

Maple Leafs Take Over Second Position By Defeating Canadiens 6-4

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Toronto Maple Leafs took over sole possession of second place, breaking a tie with the idle New York Rangers, by defeating Montreal Canadiens 6-4 here tonight in a hectic National Hockey League game before about 8,500 fans.

Reds Downed By Capitols 4-1

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 28.—Ron Huson, former Halifax Wolverine kept up his hot scoring pace tonight as he led Indianapolis Capitols to a 4-1 victory over Providence Reds. Huson scored a goal and drew two assists.

President, said the Western playoffs would be arranged to provide an early Allan Cup final which will be played in an Eastern city.

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Remember When

(By The Canadian Press) National League baseball records for 1937, published two years ago today, named Joe Medwick, St. Louis' versatile outfielder, the league's valuable player. Medwick led the batting average with a percentage of .374; the fielding honors with an average of .9883; counted most runs with 111 to his credit; collected most hits, with a tally of 237; amassed greatest total of bases, 406; and led the two-bagger list with 56.

FAMOUS GELDING

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 28.—(CP—Reuters)—Maki, an extremely nervous gelding, always has a nip of whiskey up his chute, three quarters of a bottle on the morning of a race to steady himself. Despite this treatment, Maki proved unlucky by running second in two big races.

ROME, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Ruins of what archaeologists believe was the home Julius Caesar provided for Cleopatra when the Egyptian queen came to Rome nearly 2,000 years ago have been found by workmen grading banks of the River Tiber.

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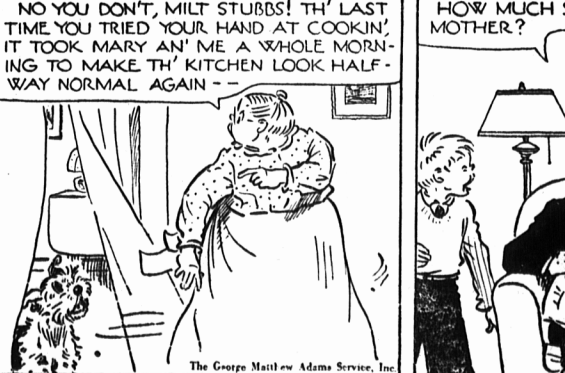
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BRING UP FATHER



By George McManus



Last Minute Football Win Biggest Thrill

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—(CP)—To sports writers across Canada, and to tens of thousands of sports fans, the thrill of the year came in the last minute of Winnipeg's 8-7 victory over Ottawa in the final game of the Dominion senior football final.

The big football thrill was given in the annual year-end poll conducted by the Canadian Press last night. The poll ranked the 1939 sports thrill today. They ranked it above Gordon Drillon's magnificent overtime goal that sent Toronto Maple Leafs into the final for hockey's Stanley Cup in a 5-4 victory over Detroit, and they placed it ahead of the spectacular running of the King's Plate before the King and Queen.

BEAVERS DEFEAT HORNETS
HERSHEY, Pa., Dec. 28.—Hershey Beavers defeated Pittsburgh Hornets 1-0 in an International-American Hockey League game here tonight. Gordon Bruce's first period goal was the only score.

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