



### SAAR REUNION ON FRIDAY

#### THOUSANDS ARE EXPECTED

### DEMONSTRATIONS

SAARBUECKEN, Thursday

The solemn ceremony of transferring the executive power over the Saar territory from the International Saar Governing Commission to the German government will take place tomorrow afternoon in the offices of President Geoffrey Knox of the Governing Commission, it was announced yesterday.

Those present in the offices of the president will be Reich Minister of the Interior Frick, as official representative of the German government, and Baron Aloisi of the League of Nations Saar Commission.

Baron Aloisi will open the ceremony by delivering a speech in French which will be immediately translated in German and broadcast, while the subsequent address by Dr. Frick in German will be translated into French and sent out over the air at once. The historic act will be broadcast by all German radio stations linked together in a great national hookup for the occasion.

#### Special Trains

Several hundred thousand visitors from the Reich are expected to arrive in the Saar before Thursday evening, in order to participate in the celebration of the Saar's reunion with the German fatherland.

One hundred and ten special trains are to convey the host of visitors to the Saar, fifty of these trains being reserved for members of storm troop detachments, labour camp sections and other National Socialist party organisations. The

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### MOSCOW FIRE

#### MANY KILLED AND INJURED

Moscow, Thursday

A terrific explosion of a high pressure air compressor in one of the largest factories in the capital has resulted in the death of thirty-three workers, while several hundred more are stated to have suffered more or less serious injuries in the accident yesterday.

The explosion occurred in the «Krassin» pencil factory. It caused a conflagration which spread rapidly through the entire three story building, cutting off the retreat of a score of workers, all of whom perished in the flames. Others were killed by the force of the explosion and hundreds were badly burnt or injured by falling masonry.

All of the fire brigades in Moscow were immediately called out to fight the blaze. Before any headway could be made, however, the flames destroyed not only the factory building but four adjacent buildings.

The government has ordered a strict investigation into the disaster, which is believed due to gross negligence. Practically all accidents and failures in services or manufacturing are now laid to that cause, rather than to defective apparatus or workmanship.

The «Krassin» factory was built and operated on American lines, and was operated at the start with the assistance of American engineers and technicians. The government as usual will not admit that the Russian directors, foremen and workmen failed to install the proper fire-fighting equipment or had not learned their lessons properly.

It is believed at present that the explosion occurred in the varnishing rooms, where the pencils receive their coats of paint and varnish in the last process of their manufacture. The «Krassin» plant

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### ETHIOPIA TO THE PRESS

#### «NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING»

### ENVOY'S SPEECH

ROME, Thursday

«I swear on my honour that the Ethiopian Government never thought, and never will think, of attacking the neighbouring Italian colonies of Somaliland and Eritrea,» declared the Ethiopian Chargé d'Affaires here yesterday, when he addressed an international gathering of press representatives, emphasising that this is a «solemn moment in Ethiopia's history».

The Emperor of Ethiopia, he informed his audience, had already made an identical declaration in personal letters addressed to the King of Italy, as well as to Signor Mussolini. In spite of this, the Italian Government continued to despatch troops and war material to the colonies adjacent to Ethiopia, justifying these serious military preparations as necessary for protecting those two colonies.

#### Troops Unnecessary

«Italy can save herself the trouble of shipping further troops and munitions,» declared the Chargé d'Affaires. He added that he had repeatedly pointed out to the Italian Government that Ethiopia had neither the desire nor the intention of attacking Italy's colonies.

«I will go still further,» continued the representative of Ethiopia, «and assert that if the last man and the last gun were withdrawn from Somaliland and Eritrea, Ethiopia would not touch one stone of these two Italian colonies.»

«It is untrue that Italian troops have been attacked by Ethiopian soldiers, or even by nomadic tribes,» he went on, «and if Italy holds the opposite view, then the treaty of friendship and arbitration concluded between Italy and Ethiopia in 1928 provides the possibility of settling all disputes.»

«I declare emphatically,» said the Chargé d'Affaires in conclusion, «that my Emperor's desire is to remain true to the League of Nations»

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### COURT MARTIAL

PORTSMOUTH, Thursday

The second of the three courts martial arising out of the collision between the battle cruisers H. M. S. Hood and H. M. S. Renown off the coast of Spain on January 23 was held at Portsmouth yesterday.

The defendant was Captain Henry Sawbridge. He was charged with negligently and by default hazarding the Renown, of which he was the commanding officer. He was found guilty and sentenced to be dismissed his ship.

### INDIA BILL DEBATE

#### ACCESSION OF STATES

LONDON, Thursday

There could be no question of admitting States to the All-India Federation on a limited liability system, declared Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for India, in the House of Commons yesterday, referring to a point raised by Mr. Winston Churchill in the course of Tuesday's debate on the Government of India Bill.

It was contemplated, the Minister explained, that items one to forty-five now appearing on the list of subjects reserved to the Federal Legislature by the seventh schedule attached to the Bill would be the normal field over which the States would surrender their powers to the Federation.

Those items, he pointed out, covered a very wide field of government. If a State attempted to make terms which would make its entry of little or no value to the Federation, there must be the power of refusing entry for that State.

The States would be invited to accept the first forty items on the Federal list, but would be free to accept the remaining subjects if they wished.

There would inevitably be some variation in the number of subjects accepted or the qualifications attached to acceptance within the list of forty-five subjects, such as would arise from varying local conditions in the States. It would however rest with the Crown, Sir Samuel concluded, to accept or reject proposals for accession, and the Commons would in due course be in full possession of all the facts on which acceptance or rejection had been based.

The proposals dealing with the Central Legislature and Government, and particularly those which relate to the inclusion of the In-

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### DARING JEWEL THEFT

#### NEXT TO POLICE STATION

PRAGUE, Thursday

A record for sheer impudence has been set up by the perpetrators of a burglary which has been committed at Olmuetz, Czechoslovakia.

The burglars selected a jeweler's shop situated next door to a police station as the scene of their operations. They blew the safe open and selected all the most valuable pieces of jewellery and ornaments in the shop and got clear away with a haul worth 100,000 marks.

The night watchman to whom the guarding of the premises was entrusted passed the shop and in the darkness recorded his passage by punching a card on a «bunty clock» which was in full swing. He never joined the police and the thieves must have had a considerable amount of knowledge of the premises.

#### Work Of Experts

The thieves were evidently well versed in their craft, and knew exactly how to break through the burglar alarms and other means of protection. They turned the key of the defences by entering the jeweler's shop next door, on the other side of the street, and gained access to the jeweler's shop by breaking a hole in a ten-foot brick wall dividing the premises from the police station.

An oxygen blowpipe was used to open the safe. The thieves then took a further proof of their knowledge by carefully picking up all the jewellery consisting of twelve fine stones gold and platinum and leaving all the imitations.

The exploit is considered the most daring in the history of the city.

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### ITALIAN PLANT RESEARCHES

ROME, Thursday

The Italian National Research Council are going beyond their discovery of a substitute for cotton, which they have found in «frocca» and are conducting researches with a German discovery known as «Marana», according to advice received here.

The German botanist Carl Leyst is responsible for Marana, which is the result of experiments conducted over a period of fifteen years. It is a plant which will grow in any climate which has no zero temperature, without water or care, like a weed. Its uses are easily obtained and enormously varied.

If its economic value in the production of substitutes is as great as is claimed for it, its use will revolutionize present-day industry.

Marana costs practically nothing

to grow. The chief and only expense involved is harvesting, which can be done from once to three times a year, according to climate.

The roots of the Marana plant produce a refined malt syrup which is especially useful in the treatment of diabetes. Also from the root is obtained Marana flour, which contains all the vitamins of all-wheat flour, and a refined alcohol without Diesel oil which has produced gin and whisky claimed to be superior to any brand on the market.

The Marana plant kills all other weeds, which makes weeding unnecessary. It must be planted, however, with the assurance that the underground water surface is not too deep. The Italian Research Council expects to conclude its investigations with Marana shortly.

### «SOLES FOR SOULS» IN SUSSEX

SUSSEX, Thursday

In the little town of Midhurst here, the slogan «Soles for Souls» has started an overwhelming convergence of an army of tramps from all parts of England.

A fortnight before Christmas the Reverend F. Tatchell, who is vicar of Midhurst, placed a small notice in the window of his vicarage. The notice read «Tramps whose boots are done for can obtain a new pair here.»

The sign was no sooner in the window than a passing tramp happened by, saw the notice, stopped, stared, and then dashed to the front door at a speed he had never before attained.

The tramp was quickly on the road again, wearing his new boots and carrying a few pairs of new socks as well. That tramp was the start of the invasion, the greatest

that Sussex has known since William the Conqueror beat King Harold and his men at Hastings far-famed 1066.

The news spread with tremendous and astonishing rapidity which only tramps know the and with which modern communication cannot easily compete. Scores of tramps from all over the country, from as far away as Liverpool, Winchester, and London, were pouring into the vicarage door. The bewildered Tatchell was finally impelled to the assistance of the local police in sorting out the genuine tramps from the others.

The Vicar has been forced to use a time limit, so that applicants must arrive before a certain hour. But the invading armies are increasing, breaking and re-breaking British and world records for tramps.

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**THE GENTLE HINT**

When the Austrian Chancellor,  
Schuschnigg, arrived in Lon-  
a few days ago for his conver-  
sations with the British Minister,  
was indiscreetly made known  
at a discreet hint had been drop-  
ped in his ear by the British Gov-  
ernment to the effect that the pre-  
sumption might be the wrong time to  
discuss the possibility of an Aus-  
trian monarchy.

Up to date, Herr Schuschnigg has  
denied that hint. But he is in a  
peculiar position, a position which  
 sooner or later must be recognized  
by the other powers and which  
 must come out into the open.

Starting with a ripple two years  
ago, a wave of enthusiasm for the  
return of an Austrian king has  
spread over Austria. That wave is  
now manifested in the only way  
possible under a republican govern-  
ment. The citizens of Austrian vil-  
lages and towns in all the provinces  
are granting a pretty scroll mak-  
ing the Archduke Otto, pretender  
to the Austrian throne, an honou-  
rable citizen of their respective  
provinces.

This seems to be and is a harm-  
ful enough practise on the face  
of it, but there is more to it than  
meets the eye. The fact that more  
than 3,000 of these honorary citi-  
zenships have been given to the  
Archduke Otto clearly shows that the  
archist cause is spreading.

Herr Schuschnigg's government  
cannot take cognizance of this fact.  
It cannot move of its own  
accord, either to stamp out the mo-  
ment or to cut its own throat  
and give over its power to a new  
government with a king at its head  
on the throne.

For one thing, Germany will not  
stand for it. The present moment,  
with the dove of peace fluttering  
all over Europe, is no time  
to disturb the possible alight-  
ing of that bird. Hence Germany  
must not be disturbed by talk of  
monarchy, and France and Eng-  
land must not be disturbed by Ger-  
many's possible disquiet.

Thus Austria must sit still for  
a while while the banked fires  
burn under the seat of the  
government. When the time comes,  
the problem will be solved—but  
no man can say at present.  
The main thing is to keep that  
Austrian fire from becoming a  
European conflagration.

**ON THE ISLAND**

*By The Wayfarer*

Word comes from Barcelona that  
the visit of the American Consul  
to Palma will probably take place  
next week. The date is not fixed.  
As usual the visiting consul will  
reside at the Hotel Royal, in Son  
Alegre. Citizens of the United States  
or other persons having to  
transact business with the Consul  
can do so during his visit here.

**FLU:—**

The Wayfarer's Barcelona cor-  
respondent adds that the subject  
of general conversation in the Cat-  
alan capital is the epidemic. Some-  
one who goes in for statistics  
states that ninety members of the  
foreign colony have died during the  
present epidemic of influenza and  
grippe. Latest investigations have  
failed to discover the source of the  
disease, but the number of cases  
being reported to the authorities  
has decreased rapidly during the  
last week.

**HOUSE GUESTS:—**

Mrs. Pamela De Prizer and Mr.  
Huntington Harter are the house  
guests of Mrs. Jacques Desnauier.  
They may leave Genova and the  
Island for a short time, when they  
pay a visit to Ibiza.

**VALLDEMOSA:—**

Mrs. Edith McMillan and her

daughter, Miss Chloë McMillan are  
leaving this week for Valldemosa.  
Miss McMillan is preparing a chil-  
dren's book in French which is to  
be broadcast in Belgium. She will  
return to Brussels late in March  
to continue her journalistic work  
there and to begin the series of  
radio broadcasts for children.

**HERE AND THERE:—**

Captain and Mrs. Furlonger have  
left for Monte Carlo. They sailed  
on the Llandaff Castle.

Miss Green will soon leave Ma-  
llorca for a long journey about  
the world which will take her to  
West Africa for many months, then  
to England for a short visit, and  
then to Italy.

Lady Jessie Louise North and  
Miss Diana North have moved to  
the Hotel Mediterraneo from the  
Hotel Royal.

Mme. Lourie entertained the  
guests of the Pension Cecile on

Tuesday evening. The pension held  
a reception and dance.

**ARRIVALS:—**

M. Marbeck Roger and M. and  
Mme. Armand Revoise arrived on  
the Island this week from France  
via Barcelona. They are stopping  
at the Hotel Mediterraneo. Addi-  
tional arrivals this week include the  
following: Mr. A. M. Kliepool of  
Holland; Mrs. Lorna Javis of Eng-  
land, who arrived from Barcelona;  
Don José Ramos y Chopuli, an en-  
gineer from Madrid; and Mr. and  
Mrs. George Muller of Strasbourg.  
Mr. Muller is a prominent industri-  
alist. Mr. and Mrs. Muller are stop-  
ping at the Hotel Royal.

**CHANGES:—**

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Edward  
Cookson, whose home is in Staf-  
ford, England, have moved to the  
Hotel Royal from the Terreno Ho-  
tel.

Don Fernando Esteban, popular  
Post Office official has moved  
from Genova to Son Armadams.

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**THE NIGHT WATCH**

CAIRO

To The Palma Post.

Sir—, Egypt is a funny place.  
Right off the bat, meaning just  
after landing, I had landed on me  
a shady looking individual who, I  
was informed, was my «dragoman.»  
This chap, so I was told, would take  
me to my hotel, sleep on my  
threshold and in other ways make  
it known that he was rendering  
services for which a handsome fee  
should be forthcoming.

It was not quite as bad as it seemed.  
For one thing, my dragoman didn't  
bundle me into a dray and drag me  
through the streets of the city like  
a gallowsbird in his tumbril. It was  
only the word «dragoman» that had  
made me fear the worst.

My dragoman has a neat trick of  
taking me miles from nowhere and  
suddenly evincing a tremendous  
apathy towards the important matter  
of getting me back to my hotel. The  
apathy can be melted with ten piastres.

Souvenir hunting in Egypt has  
its disadvantages. My first day here,  
I made away with half a dozen  
handsome spoons from my hotel  
diningroom. Just the thing to send  
to the gaping yokels back home,  
I thought. And obviously, the real  
goods, for each spoon had an Arabic  
inscription on its hilt.

Thinking it would be well to send  
with each spoon a translation of  
the inscription, and also finding an  
opportunity to get my money's  
worth from my dragoman, I asked  
that ubiquitous individual to provide  
me with a translation. He did.  
«Stolen from Gotherd's Hotel,»  
the inscription said.

Tomorrow, I am going to try a  
trip up the Nile. I planned this  
voyage as a means of getting rid of  
the dragoman, but the plot was  
about as effective as a vaccination  
that didn't take. Friend dragoman  
informs me that he has never heard  
of a tourist going up the Nile,  
or across the street for that matter,  
unescorted. And he is not going  
to be a disgrace to his profession.  
He is coming with me—at a fee  
only slightly in excess of that  
which he is exacting now.

Am enclosing some pictures of  
Aunt Tilley for the benefit of your  
readers. Tried to get a couple of  
snaps of her sitting on a camel,  
but she turned out to be the last  
straw. Aunt Tilley wants to go  
out in the desert and get herself  
kidnapped by a shiek. Just between  
you and me, the shieks aren't  
having any.

Yours etc.,

*The Watchman*

Gentle Reader—, The above was  
written before I left for Egypt, but  
what Ye Ed doesn't know won't  
hurt him. Besides, now I won't  
have to send him the column I  
promised to write when and if I  
get there.

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## FORMER ENVOY'S LECTURE

Count Kessler is to address the Majorca Society of Arts on the subject «Is Freedom Doomed?» at the Mallorca Junior Club in El Terreno on Sunday, March 2.

It is hoped that Don Xavier Vidal Quadras will take the chair at the lecture. Discussion will be invited after the lecturer has stated his views.

Count Kessler was formerly German Ambassador to Poland, and took an active part in the public life of Germany before his retirement to Mallorca. His published works include the only authorised biography of the late Herr von Rathenau, former Chancellor of the Reich, whose personal friend and political associate he was.

The Count is well known as a Liberal and a Pacifist. It is stated however that his lecture on Sunday will not be political in character.

## GALLEON'S TREASURE

Vigo, Thursday

Señor Maxe, a Spanish engineer, has arrived here to begin the preliminary work for the recovery of the treasure of Rande.

The point known as Rande is situated on the *ria* which forms the harbour of Vigo. It is known that a fleet of galleons was sunk there with a load of treasure from the Indies on board.

Señor Maxe has been sent to Vigo by an American concern which is financing the attempt to recover the treasure. The firm also intends to send a team of cinema operators to make a film of the salvage operations.

## THEATRE GUIDE

### TEATRO PRINCIPAL

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3:30 6:30 9:30

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3:30 6:30 9:30

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## GREAT MEN CHOSEN AS DINNER GUESTS

By ROBERT H. BEST

United Press Staff Correspondent

VIENNA.—«His Majesty the Emperor and King of the Hapsburg Empire, Otto,» in the opinion of Dr. Stefan Steiner, of Vienna «is the most interesting dinner guest in the world.

«Second choice is Mussolini, and third is Hitler, or General Fritsch, Commander of the German Reichwehr.

«Thereafter, in the order named, come Trotsky, Roosevelt and His Holiness the Pope, or His Holiness' adviser, Cardinal Faulhaber.

«George Bernard Shaw is seventh choice.»

For years Steiner has hobnobbed with celebrities in many parts of Europe, being for some years confidential secretary to the Bulgarian Crown Prince Cyril.

The list he drew up by request. Other names came into consideration, but the rules of the game permitted him to «invite» only seven, and these only hypothetically.

Concerning these hypothetical guests Steiner had much to say. «Otto, young emperor without a country, could tell many things, but probably would not. Ruling emperors must often refrain from speaking, those in exile even more often. Despite his reticence, however,» Dr. Steiner said, «this young man with melancholy eyes is destined to achieve that which was denied his father, namely, to bring peace to a Danubia where in reality the World War is still being fought.»

With Mussolini Dr. Steiner would like to discuss Italy's new role in Austria and Danubia in general. In particular he would like to recommend to him that as a real gesture of friendship toward Austria he should give back the German-populated South Tyrol which Italy took from Austria through the Peace Treaties.

General Fritsch and Dr. Steiner would meet as old wartime comrades-in-arms. As such Fritsch would be as interesting to discuss German and international affairs with as would Hitler himself.

To Steiner his next choice, Trotsky, is also not unknown. Before the World War they frequented the same Vienna cafe. With Trotsky it would be interesting, in Steiner's opinion, to speak about the futility of making revolutions which, in turn, get out of hand.

From Roosevelt Steiner would like to know whether he is familiar with Trotsky's fate and is certain that he is not heading toward a similar one. Roosevelt's answer, he thinks, would be, «In two years I hope to know. We don't know where we are going, but we are on our way.»

From Cardinal Faulhaber one would probably receive assurances that one should not worry too much about present-day difficulties. Based on its two-thousand-year experience, the Church of Rome realizes that storms may rise and abate, but that the truth lives on.

George Bernard Shaw, peeved possibly at being seventh choice, would, in Steiner's opinion, turn things so as to make it appear that actually he was first choice.

## BALEARIC SPY TRIAL

BARCELONA, Thursday

The Auditoria Militar of the Fourth Division (Catalonia) has taken charge of the proceedings relative to the charges of espionage against five prisoners who were arrested last year, and whose espionage activities are alleged to take place principally in the Balearic Islands.

The prisoners are Victor Laca, Maria Meroni, Guido Guiapix, Charles Rabelox, José Tapias, Georges Dubois, Angela Guillot. Also concerned in the charges has not been caught.

The alleged spies were taken to Madrid on their arrest and lodged in the Cárcel Moderno. It has been decided that the jurisdiction in the case belongs to the military authorities here.

## ANIMAL LOVERS

The Mallorquin section of the Federación Ibérica de Sociedades Protectoras de Animales y Plantas announces the result of the election of its officers and Committee which took place at a general meeting held in Palma.

Don Gabriel Payeras Comas is the new President, Don Jaime Calas Real Vice-President, Don Pedro Parera Llompart Treasurer, Don Antonio Forteza Piña Auditor and Don Lorenzo Pons Segura Secretary. Don José Piña Segura First Second Secretaries. The remaining members of the Committee are Don Emilio Darder Cánaves, Juan Capó Valldepadrinas, Don Carlos A. Zinner, Don Miguel Estela and Don Juan Fontcuberta.

The newly elected Committee appeals for the moral and material support of all who sympathise with the Federation's objects of protecting animals and plants, and asks them to become members of the Mallorquin section. The appeal is backed by two quotations, the first from Victor Hugo and the second from the Spanish writer Galdós.

«The protection of animals is part of the morality and of the culture of modern peoples,» declares the French author. The Spanish writer's contribution is: «To love trees and to procure their cultivation and propagation by any means is to love mankind and one's country.»

## ETHIOPIA TO THE PRESS

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and to Western civilisation.»

The Italian commanders of military posts in Eritrea are receiving immense numbers of offers of service as volunteers from natives in all the territories round the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, according to cablegrams received by the *Corriere della Sera*. The applications are for the most part Mohammedan warriors from Arabia, peasants from British Somaliland, and shepherds from Dogalia.

Four hundred carriers from the Italian salt mines at Assob have deserted and presented themselves for service in the Italian army, in spite of the fact army pay is less than half that in the mines. In the case of the volunteers from Dongalia, the chief motive of their offer is revenge for losses suffered as the result of many marauding expeditions by Ethiopian frontier tribes.

## INDIA BILL DEBATE

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Indian States in the Federation with the Provinces of British India, are being made the chief point of attack by the Conservative Right Wing opposition to the India Bill, which is led by Mr. Winston Churchill. So far they have not succeeded in forcing any modifications in the Bill, which is supported both by the Government's supporters and by the Liberal opposition.

## DARING JEWEL THEFT

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re remarkable in view of the fact that the Czechoslovakian police have just succeeded in placing under lock and key a large gang of thieves after a fruitless chase extending over years. The members of that organisation are even now awaiting trial at Prossnitz in Maehren, where the local police station has been turned into a kind of internment camp owing to the insufficient room in the jail for so large a number of prisoners.

## FASHIONS

By MARY KNIGHT

United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS.—«The Style Path of 1935» indicates that bosoms are in for attention this spring—boney, bonney and buxom, it matters not, because each individual type will be styled. Frocks are straight and untrimmed with attention drawn frontwards for daytime wear. The bust is sleek, with the back, including shoulders, deep underarm sections and dorsal surface, lace for nighttime wear.

Sleeves and necklines are draped in novel and heretofore untried trick arrangements brought about by shirrings, gatherings and twistings in and out of novelty pins. Clips and queer geometric shapes in metal hold the material in place without resorting to needle and thread.

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storm troopers will be in uniform and no duty, despite the edict that no brown or black shirts are to be worn during the celebration period.

Thousands of tons of straw and paper shavings which are to serve as bedding have been distributed among the buildings and barracks where the majority of the visitors will be lodged.

The holiday will culminate in a mass demonstration on Friday evening in front of the Government Building, in which more than 300,000 people are expected to join.

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