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ITALIANS BLAMING FRANCE FOR RIOTS IN SLAV PROVINCE

French, Yugoslav Legations Guarded Against Possible Unfriendly Demonstration

ROME, Wednesday.—The tense situation between Italy and Yugoslavia, which grew out of recent anti-Italian riots in the Yugoslav province of Dalmatia, suddenly became worse today when a large group of rabid fascists decided that France was back of the demonstrations.

Although no reason was advanced for the belief that France is striving to stir up trouble between this country and Yugoslavia, other than the mere fact that the Balkan state is one of those usually allied to France in economic matters, plenty of Italians are now firmly convinced that the nation to the north is doing everything in its power to bring about ill-feeling, race riots and even war.

So far no hostile demonstrations against either the French or the Yugoslavs have reached a stage of rioting against them, but street marchers have appeared bearing banners saying «Down with Dalmatia.»

Lest the hot young blood of the Fascist party boil over, the Yugoslav legation and the French embassy are both being guarded by large numbers of infantry and cavalry soldiers.

In a speech that was, for him, peculiarly pacifistic, Mussolini

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Nine Meet Death As Trains Collide In Alpine Tunnel

LUCERNE, Wednesday.—In a frightful head-on collision between two electric trains in the Gutsch tunnel near Lucerne today nine persons were killed outright and eight were seriously injured, some fatally.

One of the trains was the express from Zurich, which was traveling over 50 miles an hour. The other, a local from Lucerne, was moving at approximately 30 mile an hour.

Both locomotives were completely demolished and several of the carriages were telescoped. The majority of those killed were passengers in the telescoped cars.

Immediately following the crash the tunnel was plunged into darkness, which greatly handicapped rescue efforts and caused a panic among the passengers.

Rescuers who stumbled through the long tunnel by the aid of dim lanterns were guided to the scene of the accident by the terrible cries and moans of the injured. Hampered by the lack of adequate light, it was several hours before the last of the passengers, including the injured and dead could be brought from the tunnel.

A rail service from Lucerne was held up and it is not expected to be resumed until tomorrow.

Railroad officials here have so far not determined the cause of the collision but it is understood that one of the engineers misunderstood his orders.

JAPAN REFUSES TO JOIN MANCHURIAN PARLEY IN GENEVA

Points Out Neither America Nor Russia Is Anxious to Mediate Ticklish Question

TOKIO, Wednesday.—Japan's cabinet refused today to join the League of Nation's proposed commission for the purpose of thrashing out the difficulties with China over the Manchurian situation.

In turning down the earnest request of Sir Francis Lindley, British ambassador, the Japanese pointed out that neither Russia nor the United States, slated by the League to partake in the arbitration, had shown any great enthusiasm over the prospect of undertaking a thankless job, and that it would be pointless to agree to join a projected commission that might never come into being.

The cabinet now takes the position that it is the League's move. The ministers feel that the august assembly made itself slightly ridiculous by inviting Japan to join a non-existent commission.

The cabinet ministers are more concerned over the possibility of Russian and China resuming diplomatic relations than with the League's efforts to smooth out the Manchurian situation, anyway, and are little inclined to deal at this time with a nation that might line up with the Chinese.

The government takes the official attitude of considering Russia and China the greatest menaces to world peace at present and views with disfavor any possible linking of these two nations, both next door neighbors of Japan.

Royalists Arrested for Paris Demonstration

PARIS, Wednesday.—Some 460 royalists of the Action Francaise were arrested today following a demonstration before the Palais Bourbon that lacked the dignity usually associated with royalty.

Most of the demonstrators were released after the police had marked down their names and addresses, but a few of the more violent were held for trial.

United States May Come to Terms On British Debts Plan

Persian Oil Conflict Interests Soviet

MOSCOW, Wednesday.—Just at the moment the Anglo-Persian conflict over oil leases is the most favored topic in the Communist press.

Almost all the papers deal with the subject at great length and take little trouble to disguise their hostility towards Great Britain.

Even the Red army's central organ *Krasnaya Saesda* comments on the dispute which it views as a symptom of the tension between the British and United States oil interests. It maintains that the latter country is encouraging Persia in its uncompromising attitude.

The paper says «oil today must be viewed as an extremely political commodity contest which necessarily strains the relations between imperialistic powers.»

British Airwoman Is Forcing Her Plane

PARIS, Wednesday.—Dispatches from Gao, French West Africa, say that Amy Johnson, British airwoman who is on her way from Cape Town to England, stopped for fuel at that town and then flew on to Oran.

She expressed the determination to fly through the night and if possible make her next landing at Oran thus crossing the Sahara and Atlas mountains in one hop.

A cable sent to her husband in England said; «Unlucky again. Cannot arrive Wednesday. Love, Amy.»

Italy to Cut Imports

ROME, Wednesday.—The Fascist Grand Council has decided to reduce foreign imports and the same time encourage international reduction of tariffs, revising Italy's tariffs in view of reciprocity.

Exchange Rates

By United Press

Franc in Madrid	49.00
Pound in Madrid	39.85
Dollar in Madrid	12.31
Reichsmark	2.915

On Eve of Day Payment Is Due America Gives In, Unofficial Reports Say

LONDON, Wednesday.—Britain today breathed easier when reports from Washington reaching here indicated the United States government would accept the British war debts proposals.

The announcement was a surprise and a happy one, for up until yesterday America had firmly demanded that the December instalment should be paid Thursday and that the money could not be considered as part of any future settlement.

In the last note to the United States Britain had agreed to make the payment in gold if the United States should agree to this provision. The note also demanded that a settlement on all war debts should be achieved before next June.

Although news of the American decision was unofficial the *Daily Telegraph* believes that official confirmation will soon be announced.

It is generally thought the United States was forced to agree at the last minute because of the realization Britain would not compromise further.

If the Herriot ministry remains in power France also will meet her instalment to the United States. Today Premier Herriot issued a draft of the latest note to America in which he announced France would pay but would do so with reservations.

However, this may never come about as there is every expectation that the Herriot cabinet will crash on the issue of debts, which was to be voted on today in the Chamber of Deputies.

Apparently the cards are stacked against Herriot. His proposal for payment has been rejected by both the finance and foreign affairs commissions. Also there is a general feeling against the measure in the Senate as well as in the Chamber.

Even members of Herriot's own group adopt this view.

According to reports from Belgium, that country has definitely decided forget about its December payment to the United States.

Want Ads in the PALMA POST bring results.

Liquor Law Violators Move Out of California's Prisons

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday.—Some 200 violators of the California liquor laws packed up their duffle today, bid goodby to their prison homes and went back in circulation.

Once again they are free men and women. For in conformity with the decision of the California voters to repeal the states' prohibition laws Governor Rolph granted blanket pardons to all violators who were serving sentences.

There were not very many because California has never been especially strict in enforcing what few prohibition laws she allowed on her statute books.

This is the first legal action taken since the widespread denouncement of prohibition at the November elections. In many parts of the country there has been a decided tendency to wink at liquor law violations and to let the Federal government do all the enforcing.

Meanwhile long steps are being taken to do away with the Eighteenth Amendment. Today the Senate judiciary committee referred all measures before it relating to the repeal of the

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Have you looked at the Classified Announcements on Page 4 today?

"Lame Ducks," Prevent Revision

Repudiated Solons Deaf to Pleas Of Europe

This is the third of a series of articles giving facts, and background regarding war debt revision as proposed by the leading European powers.—EDITOR.

By CARROLL KENWORTHY

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A «Lame Duck» Congress composing more than a third part of defeated or retiring members, stands as the first obstacle to revision of the war debts as proposed by Great Britain, France and allied European nations.

The conservative attitude of this Congress toward war debt modification has been clear since the debate on Hoover's moratorium a year ago. Only after bitter controversy in which the leadership of Congress was severely tested, was the moratorium adopted. Many members at that time pledged themselves against further debt action.

The proposal of President Hoover which accompanied the moratorium for recreation of the War Debt Funding Commission whose duty would be to re-examine the debts, was flatly rejected.

Even the reluctantly approved resolution granting the moratorium was hedged about with the declaration that:

«It is hereby expressly declared to be against the policy of Congress that any indebtedness of foreign countries to the United States be in any way canceled or reduced, and nothing in this joint resolution shall be construed as implicating a contrary policy or implying that favorable consideration will at any time be given to a change in policy hereby declared.»

Today the same men who framed this declaration are in power in Congress. But facing a great deficit and the prospect of new taxes, this outgoing Congress appears reluctant to grapple with problems which rightly belong to its successors. Outgoing Republicans already are in minority and unable to force legislation. The Democrats are likely to want to await the leadership of the next president and the full force of their expected majority in the new Congress.

Statements by a number of important figures in the present Congress indicate they have not relaxed from the attitude taken a year ago regarding debt adjustment.

Majority leader Henry T. Rainey has placed himself against new debt relief this year by saying:

«I am unalterably and always opposed to any debt moratorium will not have a chance to pass this or any other Congress.»

Chairman James W. Collier of the Ways and Means Committee which has exclusive power

Parisians Desert Billiard Tables And Go in Strong for Ping-Pong

By United Press

France has gone ping-pong crazy. It has taken to the game with that same frenzy it displayed in the adoption of other American and British sports.

To your middle-aged boulevardier and cafe habitue, the invasion of the game is a tragic nuisance. Billiard tables have been removed in dozens of Paris cafes to make room for ping-pong tables.

Until recently, the Parisian so inclined could have a quiet, dignified game of billiards at his favorite haunt. Today he is lucky to find a table free in the larger cafes, since their number has been curtailed to ping-pong's

favor.

To make matters worse, the tranquility he requires for his billiard finesse has necessarily fled. For billiard halls ring with the shouts and stamping of young men and women, hitting white pellets across a miniature net.

Ping-pong is entrenched solidly here. There are hundreds of tables on the Left Bank along the Boulevards, the Bourse, and in the Champs-Elysees district, where, as at the Golf Marbeuf, championship matches are played. The number of tables in the shadow of the Sorbonne is causing some concern among the faculties because of the number of students, notably Filipinos, who cut classes to spend an hour playing.

Boy Violinist to Commence Tour

By United Press

PARIS—Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist, has started a winter tour that will bring him here for his third French concert, Dec. 17. He will sail with his parents for New York to start an American concert tour Jan. 7, and spend April and May in California.

Menuhin's parents are debating whether or not to break the rule which they exercised during the boy's physical development of playing but once a week, four months a year. They are considering a British season of two concerts weekly during a month. The boy has grown until he is taller than his mother and father and under expert tutors has become perfect in four languages, English, French, German and Italian, as well as Yiddish.

Yehudi's sisters, Hephzibah, 12, and Yaltah, 10, were declared by French musicians to have unusual talent as pianists and several predicted that they could attain in that field the greatness of their brother with the violin.

to initiate legislation to alter the debt status, told the United Press,

«If the debtors can not pay now, I favor letting them owe us the money.» He explained that this meant he opposed reduction or a moratorium.»

Congress has historically been conservative, as contrasted with executive branch of the government, in the question of war debts. When it authorized the War Debt Funding Commission in 1922 to take up debt settlements, it declared that only 25 years should be allowed for repayment and that 4 1/2 per cent interest should be charged on the obligations.

Yet the commission recommended that the debtors be given 62 years for repayment and suggested interest rates averaging 3.3 per cent. Congress eventually approved these settlements I think it is the silliest thing. It but regarded them as very generous and since that time has been even more reluctant about making other concession.

New U. S. Airship Nearly Ready To Launch

By United Press

ARKON, O. — The U. S. S. Marcon, sister ship of the U. S. S. Arkon, will be ready for service with the nation's air forces within less than six months, according to Goodyear-Zeppelin Corporation officials.

Progress on construction of the second leviathan of the sky has been maintained according to schedule, according to the announcement, and the huge ship will be completed for trial flights in March, 1923.

About four-fifths of the aluminum alloy skeleton has received its outer cover, five of the eight engines have been installed, the control car is nearly completed and will be attached to the hull shortly, two of the big fins are about to be raised, the airplane compartment bridge for the five scout planes the ship will carry has been lifted to position, fuel tanks and ballast bags are being placed, and the windlasses and other equipment for operating the mooring cables are being built into the Macon's nose.

The Macon will be identical in size and shape to the Arkon.

The position and size of control surfaces and control car have not been altered and the power plants with the tilting propeller feature are employed on the Macon as on the Arkon.

WATCHES DOG EXERCISER

By United Press

CHICAGO. — The «convenience» shop, operated for charity, maintains as one of its services a dog-walking group of youngsters. A new client phoned on a rainy night for a smay boy to exercise her dog. When the boy came the new client was so impressed with his youth that she went along to see that he wasn't injured crossing the street.

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The Theater Guild

With the opening of the *Maltese Falcon* at the Teatro Lirico, Palma residents were treated to the first stage entertainment in English that they have been able to witness in several months.

It is not the purpose of this editorial to criticize the production of the Dashiell Hammett play, either favorably or unfavorably. The play was reviewed in yesterday's issue of the PALMA POST, but at the moment we are not interested in the character of the criticism.

We simply wish to point out that, regardless of the impression the production made upon our reviewer, whether he considered it a dismal failure or a great success, the Palma Theater Guild, the producing organization responsible for the staging of the show, put a tremendous effort into it, labored under great difficulties and, finally, succeeded in putting the show on the boards in spite of handicaps that might have proved insurmountable for a less well organized group.

That there have been differences within the Guild, so far as play direction is concerned, is a well-known fact. Fortunately, these differences are not apt to repeat themselves, due to a reorganization of the staff in charge of dramatic direction.

The business end of the Guild has functioned smoothly under the supervision of an able manager and secretary, and without this efficient section of the executive body the play might possibly never have been produced.

The foreigners who were present at the opening of the *Maltese Falcon* will be the gainers if Mr. H. Harris and Mr. Robert Gavett succeed in injecting some of their own efficiency into the dramatic staff. No matter how excellent a piece of work this department turns out,

FASHIONS IN PARIS

By United Press

PARIS.—Every season there are several gowns in the collections of Paris dressmakers which please dozens of the most fastidious among well dressed Parisians and the cosmopolitan foreign colony.

One such this season is a Chanel cloque evening gown, with the back of the corsage cut rather high and continued to form a cape over the shoulders, which crosses in front. It has a full flared skirt clinging at the hip line.

It has been ordered in the original pink by the vivacious Mademoiselle Jose Laval, who endeared herself to Americans when she visited the United States with her father, M. Pierre Laval, then Prime Minister of France.

Lady Chaytor has this, also in pink, Madame Alfred Sursoch has it in pink. Lady Juliette Duff has it in deep red. Lillian Gish has it in pink. Mademoiselle de Anchoron, and Lady Crosfield have it in red. So the list goes on.

Velvet gloves have been followed by basket-weave leather gloves and others made of the skins of Angora cats. In fact, it seems that smartness obliges you to wear anything on the hands except the ordinary kid gloves of other years.

The beauty of Angora gloves is that the world population of Angora cats is very limited and you may be the only woman on your street to possess a pair.

The basket-weave gloves are attractive, made of thin strips of leather crossed one over another. They are specially for sportwear for they naturally are heavy and warm.

For dress there is a new glove, which has made novel use of fur. The hana of the glove is in black velvet and the turndown cuff is in white ermine. The contrast is startling and the velvet and ermine blend beautifully.

Moscow Puts Faith in Tube

By EUGENE LYONS

United Press Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW.—Upon Russia's first subway, work on which already is under way here rests the chief hope of solving the increasingly sharp traffic problem. Since the initial stretch of the subway is not expected to ready until early in 1934, and the whole line not until 1938, this city is fated for years to squirm in as fearful a traffic tangle as ever cursed a great city.

Moscow streets are a chaos of horse and automotive vehicles, with thick pedestrian traffic overflowing the sidewalks. Outmoded «droshkies» and ancient peasant «telegas» crawl dangerously among speeding automobiles and omnibuses. The trolley tracks have been loaded to capacity with cars.

With the huge influx of population and the rapid increase of automobiles the chaos becomes worse. A city built to accommodate about 1,000,000 people under primitive conditions of life is swamped by 3,000,000 and all the appurtenances of modernity.

On the principal streets walking is almost as painfully crowded a job as riding on the overstuffed trolley cars.

The enormous amount of construction going on here adds heavily to the traffic confusion. There is scarcely a block in which there will be something lacking if they only succeed in offering a play once every five or six months.

It is perhaps, too much to expect a repertory company to be developed from the Theater Guild, but it ought to be possible, under efficient handling, to give the foreign colony an English-speaking play at least once every six weeks or two months.

Moscow without some building venture. Great hills of brick and lumber and cement obliterate sidewalks and make narrow streets even narrower. Scores of streets are torn up. The subway construction itself has shattered a number of central highways. An ambitious paving program is working havoc with the rest.

Subway experts from three countries contributed their experience towards the designs for the Moscow underground. Commissions from the German firm of Siemens-Bauunion, from the engineering forces of the London and of the Paris subways respectively, visited Moscow and consulted with the Soviet builders.

Each of these commissions, it is said, was firmly convinced that its own methods were best. The Russians listened to them all, paid them their fees and proceeded to adopt what it considered the best feature of Berlin, Paris and London underground traffic.

Americans Going Back to the Farms

By United Press

WASHINGTON.—A continued growth of the «back to the farm» movement has been reported by the Department of Agriculture here.

The nation's farm population at the end of the present year, the Department estimates, will be approximately 32,000,000 people, or about one fourth of the population and only 77,000 below the peak year of 1910.

A net increase of 263,000 in the farm population for the first three months of 1932 led the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to predict a total increase for the calendar year equal to that of 1931, when 656,000 persons left the city for the farm.

The farm gains since 1930, the Department believes, will more than offset the loss of approximately 1,500,000—between 1930 and 1930. The total January of that year was 30,169,000 or the lowest since 1910.

Studio Star Dust

By LEICESTER WAGNER

United Press Staff Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD.—Have you ever noticed how motion pictures move in cycles—westerns, comedy dramas, jungle films, murder mysteries, gangster tales and newspaper columnist yarns?

Since the recent epidemic of columnist films, many of them drawn from the writings and pseudo-adventures of prominent chatter-writers, Paramount has «Big Broadcast» loaded with radio «names.» And you may be sure other companies will follow suit if «The Big Broadcast» makes money.

It is only natural for the various film studios to follow each other in any success. It usually assures «box office success» for their undertakings. And for producers who must depend upon «program» pictures to keep the wolf from the door, nothing succeeds like success.

«The Big Broadcast» by the way, shows the following radio favorites in action: Bing Crosby, Kate Smith, the three Boswell Sisters, the Mills Brothers, Cab Calloway, Arthur Tracey and Vincent Lopez and his orchestra, Stuart Erwin, Leila Hyams and Sharon Lynne are the screen favorites in it.

Roscoe Karns may not be one of your handsome leading men, but he has an intelligent open Irish face. Roscoe, a native of San Bernardino, Cal., and graduate of the University of Southern California, was playing in stock companies when he entered motion pictures a few years ago.

The role which brought him a film contract was that of «Hildy Johnson» in the Pacific Coast production of «The Front Page.» He has just been signed to a long term contract by Paramount, and will appear in «Under-Cover Man» with George Raft and Nancy Carroll.

Ralfe Haroldde who played Hildy's managing editor in the same production also was successful in pictures.

When Universal's «Laughter in Hell» company visited the little town of Columbia, Cal., recently to film location scenes for the Jim Tullyscreen play, the entire town turned out in celebration. It was the most exciting day there since Columbia just missed being capital of California by two votes. That was back in the gold mining days of 1850.

A company of 40 people, peddled by Col. Tim McCoy, has gone on 1,500-mile trip into the «big hole» country of Wyoming where the Indian picture, «Red Man» will be filmed. Most of the picture will be shot on the Arapahoe and Shoshone Indian reservations. McCoy is an honorary chief and influential figure in both tribes.

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By EL SANDALIO

Puerto de Pollensa was walloped in its invitation tennis tournament last Sunday by a wholly Mallorcan team from the Palma Tennis Club. Play took place throughout the day, the morning being taken up with doubles and the afternoon with singles. Matches were held on the Puerto's old concret court at the bull-ring because the new Miramar dirt court failed to be in shape for proper tennis.

The teams of the first match were composed of Dr. Francisco Servera, former champion of Mallorca and last year's runner-up against the American, Clay, and Bartolome Calapell, for Palma, Theodore Pratt and General Parker for Pollensa. The Palma players, by virtue of their net game, conquered with a score of 6-3, 6-5.

Shiela Rose and Randolph Pietsch put up a good fight against Gabriel Cesteva and Jorge Dycaller, but were beaten 6-4, 7-5.

The third match was also won in straight sets by the Palma representatives. This time Bartolome Galapell and Juan Morey topped Major Forest and Sidney Lincoln 6-2, 6-2.

After these matches the Palma players were the guests of the Pollensans at luncheon at the Miramar Hotel, recognized the event, the first of its kind hereabouts in the interests of tennis,

The Pollensa Colony

The first contract bridge tournament of the year was held last Thursday and Friday at the C'An Anet Tea room. Eighteen players participated, composing nine teams which played one rubber each with every other team. Prizes of fifty, thirty, and ten pesetas, with winners to purchase whatever they desired, were the objectives, as well as a booby prize of two bottles of champagne furnished by Com. Lyons.

First prize went to Mrs. Charles Folger Oudin and Mr. Randolph Pietsch, second prize to Mrs. Pietsch and Major Forrest,

and third prize to Mrs. Gauthrie and Capt Barley. Mr. Aude Ravault and Miss Von Horn captured the booby prize.

Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Barley will leave this week for two months of winter sports in Switzerland. While they are gone Mrs. Lorna Barley will be a house guest of Col. and Mrs. Davies.

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In the afternoon Pratt managed to carry Servera in a one-set match to 7-5. Pietsch blew before Calapell's racket, 7-3.

Following the tournament an impromptu tea-dance was held at Scottie's Bar, and there Dr. Servera expressed the hope that this would not be the last time he and his fellow-players would compete with the Pollensans. He offered a return match to be held in Palma, with a cup to be put up for the winners. This was accepted and the tournament will be held next Sunday on the capital's courts. During the week it is planned to form a formal Tennis Club in Puerto de Pollensa.

Guild Concludes Performances

The Palma Theater Guild last night concluded the successful three-performance run of the Dashiell Hammett play, the *Maltese Falcon*.

By consensus of opinion, the production scored a hit. The acting was generally praised, the settings of Ricards Brooks' invention were clever, easily handled and effective. The dramatization had only one fault—most of the audience found the play too long.

The PALMA POST, in a review hastily written in order to make yesterday's issue, gave too little credit to Marlyn Brown, who had the extremely difficult part of Spade to fill. Besides being the central character of every scene, Brown more than once had to carry others of the cast who were not up to him in acting ability. He would have been forgiven had his work flagged in the third act, but it never did.

Also passed up in the review was Mrs. Marlyn Brown, whose portrayal of Spade's secretary was worth more comment than it received. Members of the audience were heard to say that she was the better of the two actresses.

Tooting of horns during the intervals between scenes were puzzling to the audience and were apparently Sybil Sutton-Vane's heritage from her brother's play *Outward Bound*.

At one point the cast was catcalled by a feline couple that seemed to be occupying one of the boxes. Whether the catcalls signified disapproval of the play or sheer extasy over something or other is uncertain.

McAlmon, Sturgis Suffer at Hands Of Paris Critic

Robert McAlmon, American author, and David Sturgis, Universalist and astrologer, received a sound paddling at the hands of Waverley Lewis Root in his most recent book section of the Paris edition of the *Chicago Tribune*. Both are well-known on the Island.

McAlmon has out Hemingwayed Hemingway in his book *Indefinite Huntress*, Root finds, and stripped his prose not only of the non-essential words but of most of the feeling as well. The author is blamed for coming close to being important and not making the grade. One gathers that, had he been just a shade worse, his critic would have been more lenient.

Sturgis gets off fairly easily merely, being found guilty of writing a letter prefacing a pamphlet on Universalism that baffles the reviewer because he cannot understand how in the world any adult could have written it. He admits there may be found somewhere people who can read the stuff, «taking into consideration the imbecility of large sections of the human race.» The letter itself is not criticized beyond a brief «Uh-huh.»

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