

## THE ISSUE

● **Raymond Clapper** is the Washington correspondent's ideal of a Washington correspondent. And *CURRENT HISTORY* readers who are familiar with his daily syndicated Washington column will doubtlessly agree. For Clapper is reporter, analyst and editor all combined in one. He discusses the meaning and importance of the recent elections in *Return of the Two-Party System*.

● Last month, *CURRENT HISTORY* published the full account of the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia. This month, the editors publish two articles on the country which many qualified observers believe is the next European objective of the Nazi steam-roller. **Henry C. Wolfe**, whose remarkable work in the last few years has earned for him the reputation of one of our best-recognized authorities on Central Europe, writes on *Hungary's Race Between Reform and Fascism*. And **Jerome Beatty**, who is currently occupied on a globe-girdling expedition in search of Americans who are doing prominent work abroad, tells of a New England Yankee who went to Hungary a number of years ago, got a job as financial adviser to the government and in no time at all balanced a budget which seemed hopelessly out of whack.

● The cover this month shows the first couple of China, Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. In recent weeks their country, which Napoleon once described as a sleeping giant and which he advised no one to awake lest it move the world, has lost considerable territory and control to the Japanese invader. But the war is far from over, as **Major George Fielding Elliot** shows in *Conqueror's Conundrum*. For though the giant may still be drowsy from his long slumber, and though the Lilliputians have been able thus far to tie down his arms and legs, he is very large and unwieldy. It will take more than mere rope to keep him down. Major Elliot is a frequent contributor to these pages.

● Two years ago, the editors happened to listen in to a broadcast explaining the background of the Arab-Jew disorders in Palestine. They agreed they had never before heard such a clear, interesting discussion of a subject about which there had been so great a difference of opinion. They wrote down the name of the speaker and resolved to have him write on that subject when it would again come into the limelight, as it inevitably did. The speaker and author: **Linton Wells**. The article: *Holy Terror in Palestine*. Frankly, Mr. Wells has so many claims to fame that we do not know where to begin in writing about them. At one time or another in his life he has been the following: foreign and war correspondent, editor, aviator, playwright, automobile-non-stopper-across-the-U. S.-for-a-record, nine-time-globe-girdler (broke record in 1926), Lieutenant in the Chinese Republican Army, Major in the Carranza Mexican Army, Colonel in the Nicaraguan, etc. We are out of breath now but will continue on the occasion of Mr. Wells' next contribution.

● In 1927, **Wilbur Burton** was in the propaganda department of the Chinese Nationalist regime. He was arrested by the anti-Nationalist Chang Tso-lin on a grandiose charge of conspiracy with a colleague, **Mildred Mitchell**, to overthrow the Central

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Government of China! Since, Burton has got into trouble strictly as a journalist, being deported from Dairen by the Japanese and also barred from Japan. The Japs have denounced him as a Communist agent, the Communists have denounced him as "a Trotskyist bar-room journalist" and also as Jap agent, and in Mexico City Leon Trotsky refused to grant him an interview on the grounds that he was writing for a Stalinist organ—said Stalinist organ being *The Sun* of Baltimore! During the past seven years Burton has continuously free lanced over about 75,000 miles of Asia, northern Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the United States.

● Power, as Bertrand Russell says in his book of that title, does strange things to people. What it has done to Europe's strongest strong men is the interesting theme of *The Dictatorial Complex* by **Joseph**

**Jastrow**, famed psychologist. This is the author's second appearance in *CURRENT HISTORY* this year.

● Of far-reaching importance in the field of industrial relations was the settlement between railroad management and railroad labor—all without strikes, shut-downs, lock-outs, violence, etc. The complete story is effectively presented in the form of records of correspondence, reports, and notes by **Roger Shaw**, formerly an editor of *Review of Reviews*. Mr. Shaw is author of *Shaw's Handbook of Governments* and *175 Battles*. A new book on Central Europe is scheduled for early publication.

Note to librarians: Volume XLIX will end with the February, 1939 issue. Volume L will start with the March, 1939 issue. Hereafter volume numbers will be changed with the March and September issues instead of the July and January issues as formerly.