

# ITALY MAY QUIT LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Fascist Grand Council to Meet Tomorrow at Midnight—Effect Studied.

By the Associated Press.  
ROME, Dec. 10.—Indications came from high quarters last night that the Fascist Grand Council, summoned for one of its dramatic midnight sessions tomorrow, might announce Italy's resignation from the League of Nations.

However, official confirmation was lacking of the widespread belief that Premier Benito Mussolini had decided on such action, often reported imminent since the League enforced sanctions against Italy during the Ethiopian war.

Diplomats speculated as to whether withdrawal from the League—if it came—would mean Il Duce had given up hope of coming to terms with Britain and France over his African conquests and his position in the Mediterranean Sea.

Some diplomats expressed belief Mussolini had cast in his lot wholeheartedly with Germany and Japan, both resigned from the League and both recently linked with Italy in the Rome tripartite anti-Communist pact.

Is "Original" Member.  
(Japan resigned from the League in 1933 because of the League's condemnation of her conquest of Manchuria and establishment of the "independent" state of Manchukuo. Germany withdrew in 1935, claiming she was not accorded equal rights with other powers.)

(At Geneva, the possibility that Il Duce would follow his boycott of the League by resigning formally was seen in League circles as springing from his desire to place Italy upon the same footing as other members of the "Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis.")

(Italy is an "original" member of the League. Her brilliant jurist, the late Vittorio Scialoja, sat with Woodrow Wilson at the conference table in Paris when the League covenant was compiled.)

(Since the League's Ethiopian war sanctions against Italy Mussolini has boycotted both the League and the International Labor Organization.)

Diplomats recalled recent authoritative press attacks which said bluntly that the democracies were trying to strangle the totalitarian governments. Some of these were believed to have come from Mussolini's own pen.

Equal Basis With Hitler.  
It also was suggested that Il Duce desired to put himself on an equal basis with Germany in case of negotiations with Britain. For Germany, not being a League member, is in a position to use that fact to get concessions from Britain in return for her consent to rejoin.

Other important business was on the calendar for the supreme Fascist body at its Saturday meeting, but the announcement that its decision will be read from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia, Il Duce's official residence, aroused belief it would be of international character.

The last time a Grand Council decision has been made public in this manner was at the time of the foundation of the Italian Empire following the Ethiopian conquest.

A report discussed in diplomatic circles was that the council might declare the present Chamber of Deputies replaced by a corporative chamber, as has been contemplated some time.

## "SHOP EARLY" APPEAL TO MEN IS ADVISED

Women Said to Be Quick to Buy, While Husbands and Brothers Delay Gift Purchasing.

Recalling facts revealed last year in a study of December shopping tendencies, Edward D. Shaw, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, today advised merchants to direct their appeals for earlier Christmas buying almost exclusively to men.

"Women are much more expert in shopping and, of course, devote much more attention to the subject," said Mr. Shaw. "As a result, when the stores finally decided to meet the demand for earlier gift-buying, and arranged to display their Christmas stocks earlier in the holiday season, the adept women shoppers were quick to take advantage of the opportunity. Last year's figures show, however, that the sweep of the new movement has failed to penetrate the consciousness of most men."

## D. C. GUARD CHAPLAIN IS HOST TO OFFICERS

Gives Wild Game Dinner on 38th Anniversary of Col. Oehmann's Service in Organization.

Maj. Arthur L. Smith, chaplain of the District National Guard, entertained a number of guard officers with a wild game dinner Wednesday night at his apartment, 1724 Seventeenth street, N.W. The dinner has been an annual event for some years.

Guests included Col. John W. Oehmann, commanding officer; Lt. Col. Peyton G. Nevitt, assistant adjutant general; Lt. Col. Julian S. Oliff, executive officer; Capt. C. E. Smithson, adjutant; Capt. Douglas A. White, Capt. Walter Welsh and Maj. Joseph J. Greenlaw, medical officer.

The dinner, consisting of wild pheasant, rabbit, grouse and quail, brought by Maj. Smith from the North Carolina mountains, also marked the 38th anniversary of Col. Oehmann's service in the District Guard.

## 14 CHILDREN NEEDED FOR OPERATIC ROLES

Places Open in Presentation of "Hansel und Gretel," to Be Given on December 26.

Stagestruck children are offered a chance by the Washington Popular Opera Association to test their dramatic aptitude in its forthcoming production of "Hansel und Gretel."

The association needs 14 youngsters from 10 to 12 years of age to appear as angels in the second act of the operatic fairy tale, which will be presented December 26 at 3:30 p.m. Applicants are asked to call at the association's office in the Raleigh Hotel on Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.

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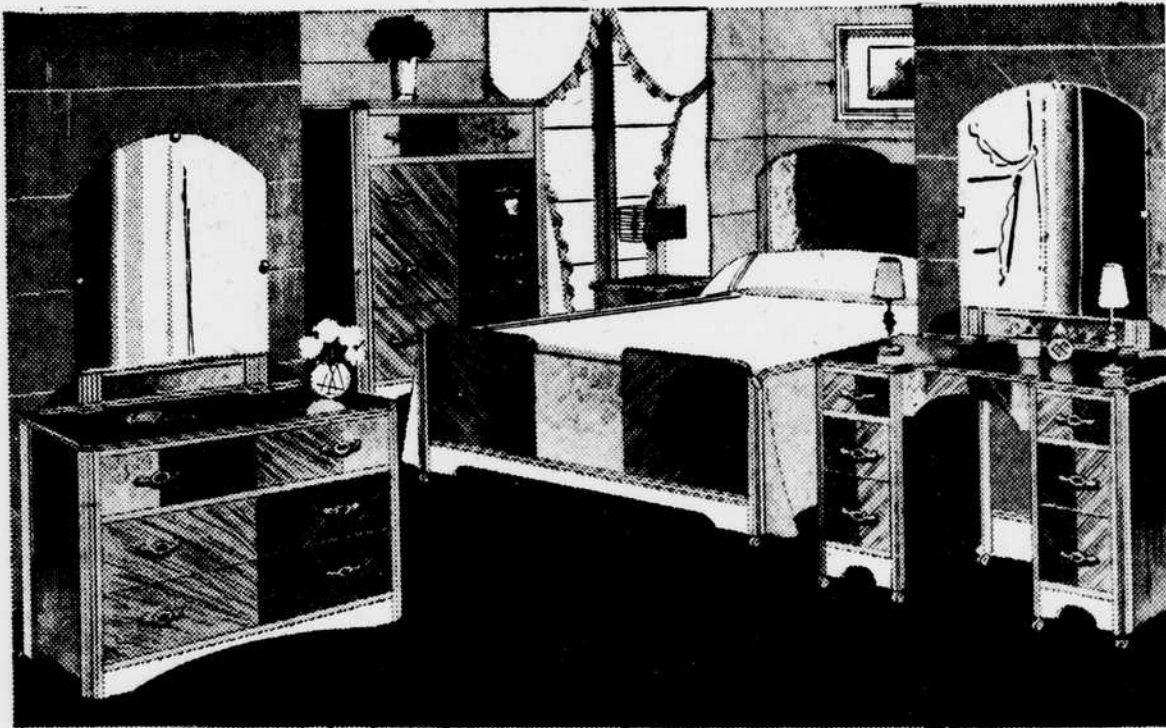
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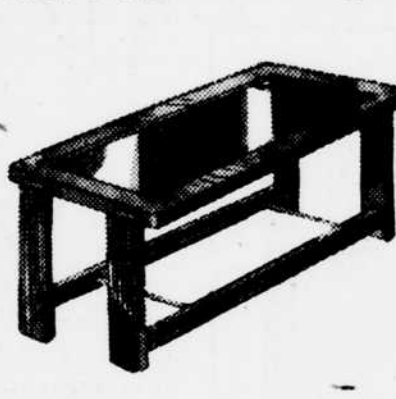
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