Chiang Says

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press Staff Writer New York -Chiang Kai-shek,

generalissimo of China's neversay-die armies, draws a gloomy picture of supposed danger to the United States in the Japanese occupation of Hainan-primitive spirit-guarded Chinese island that lies just off the south coast and nestles uncomfortably close French Indo-China.

The General says Nippones of Hainan domination "would mean the beginning of Japanese domination of the Pacific." Tha is, it would be a nasty knock in the eye for America, France, Britain and the Netherlands.

THE NEXT STEP after Hainan, asserts the General, would be the Japanese seizure of our much de-

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bated little isle of Guam, which we talk about fortifying over 'Japan's protests. Once in Guam, Nippon would take over the Philippines and Hawaii. Chiang then invites our troubled imaginations to figure what the Japanese would do

ously was forecasting the rather distant future, certainly as regards

However, taking up things a bit closer to the layman's eye, we still find that Hainan when militarily occupied is an octopus with long, strong arms. Her on a thumbnail is the way thing stand:

First off, Hainan is about the size of Massachusetts and Connecticut together. It is a spot of tansweating jungle plopped down in the Pacific 15 miles south of the Chinese mainland and near France's Indo-China.

Nobody knows the population but it probably is between two and hree millions. Many of the natives are primitives who live in a Poeish world of spooks. Fierce spirits guard the granite peaks of the Red Mist, the Five Finger and the Seven Finger mountains. Explorwho have ventured into the mysterious interior have reported snakes that fly, snakes that mew ike a cat or neigh like a horse and other things to make the flesh

THIS UNLOVELY bit of no man's land nominally is Chinese. Actually it long has been recognized by Japan and other powers as lying within the French sphere

The island has few roads and no harbor for sea-going ships. Presumably it could be fortified and harbors constructed, but its immediate value to the Japanese is said to be as an air-base.

That brings us up to our mutton -Japan's reason for the sudden occupation of the island in the face of warning less than a year ago that they would act together in case "complications" arose over Hainan. Admittedly that wasn't very specific, but it was advertised as telling Japan to keep away from Hainan.

The Japanese claim the only big | City Manager Ralph D. Klebes routes still open for the transportation of war supplies to the Chinese armies are through Burma and French Indo-China. Mountains of munitions used to pass through British Hongkong further north- Mr. Klebes inform the Common east, but the Japanese stopped that when they grabbed the Canton great British bases of Hongkong

Officially, France is neutral in occupation the island is a potential the Sino-Japanese war and has menace to that imperial line. The denied that munitions go over the threat to Indo-China is obvious. border. Practically, the Japanese And, to hark back to General say, numerous nations are using Chiang's statement, it isn't so far Indo-China unofficially as the gate- afield from the Philippines. way through which to send sup- It shouldn't be overlooked, too, plies into the hinterland to the be- that possession of Hainan would leaguered Chinese, although Burma give Japan a highly valuable asset now is the chief entry.

IN THEORY, at least, possession of Hainan will enable the Japanese to halt any traffic in arms- CHILDREN'S LENTEN MISSION halve the approximately six-day public hearings, Feb. 23 and 24 in next 18 months, Mr. Hull will enassuming that France and Britain don't choose to go to war over the Every Thursday during Lent a wait after applying for a marriage ly, in the legislative investigation No. 1 choice. matter. Nipponese observers say mission for children will be held license was tentatively scheduled. of the unemployment insurance bombing planes could fly in one from 4:15 to 5 p. m. in the Em- It would stipulate that a 72-hour law's administration. hour from Hainan to Chinese ter- manuel Church, Pennsylvania Ave- lapse now mandated between issu- 2. A favorable committee report having a quiet laugh on themselves ritory where French Indo-China nue and Mt. Zoar St. traffic could be intercepted. They The first service will be on ding shall begin instead with the marily to put at work aliens now ing the life of the Dies Commit- his power in Pennsylvania shatter- was declared from today to Feb. could intercept Burmese traffic in Thursday, Feb. 24 at 4:15 p. m. blood test for syphilis required of receiving home relief which would tee. They have discovered from a ed by the split in the state Democ- 28 in Center, Clearfield, Jefferson, China in a two-hour flight.

That's one good reason why a lot "The Crown with the Seven tory check on which takes three projects and pay wages out of ers would have been guillotined of nations and General Chiang Kai- Jewels." Services will be illustrat- days before the license can be ob- state relief funds. shek, want the Japanese shunted ed and will follow the line of the tained. off the island.

Elmira Taxpayers Will Decide Whether City Purchase Langdon Property

Langdon family

plot, at N. Main recently, valuable in the business section. The feeling

prevails it should be pre-Richardson served for some useful and dignified civic use. rather than be disposed of for purposes unbeneficial to the community . . . Realizing this fact and influenced by the speech of others, Jervis Langdon not long ago met with a group of men in the Chemung Canal Trust Co. and discussed the matter freely

. Mr. Langdon was frank to say he has had two long-term lease offers from oil companies anxious to establish service stations on the tract, not necessarily unsightly projects, but hardly in keeping with ideas interested citizens have in mind . . .

THAT HE MAY NOT be cri-

ticized years to come for having taken action without conferring with the city administration, and giving it a chance to procure the land on lenient terms, if the taxpayers approve, Mr. Langdon decided to make Elmira a preferred purchaser . . . This decision was commended highly at the meeting referred to and a plan of action mapped out . . . Chairman Albert G. Cornwell appointed a committee composed of Dr. Arthur W. Booth, Alexander D. Falck and the writer to meet with Mayor J. Maxwell Beers,

and Charles W. Perry . . . Dur-

ing the conference last week Mr.

Langdon's offer was presented.

the matter discussed in detail,

and a decision reached to have

and Singapore. Under Japanese

for bargaining with Britain

Subject of the mission will be: prospective newlyweds, the labora- permit localities to set up work private canvass that the Red-hunt- racy, it looks as if the man who Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehansuccessful missions of last year. Meanwhile Democratic Assem- Westfield Students

Council at its meeting Monday evening . . . Accordingly this was done, and explanation made that the Langdons are willing to dispose of the plot at a price fixed by the assessed valuation, \$51,300 In turn the Council decided to place the matter on file, pending a decision as to the best means to determine the senti-

ment of the taxpayers . . . IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED, and is agreeable to Mr. Langdon, that a coupon be published in the Star-Gazette for a reasonable duration by which property owners may be permitted to express themselves . . . The ballot would be confined strictly to taxpayers . . If the decision were favor-

able to buying the lan l for city

needs, then the Council could

proceed in the legal manner to

make an adequate contract with Mr. Langdon, extending payments over an agreeable period . . The present assessed property valuation in the city of Elmira is approximately 50 million dollars . . . If the taxpayers favor the purchase, the individual cost would be about \$1 a thousand . . . The committee favoring the proposal is composed of Albert G. Cornwell. chairman; Arthur W. Booth, Alexander D. Falck, Leslie D.

Clute, Halsey Sayles, S. G. H.

Turner, Dr. Joseph S. Lewis, Dr.

Arthur C. Smith, Mayor J. Max-

well Beers, Frederick W. Swan,

Dr. Frank L. Christian, Alex-

ander S. Diven, Douglas G. An-

derson and Matt. Richardson. MOST OF THESE MEN will be recognized at once as active in civic affairs, possessing real fervor for a bigger and better Elmira, and anxious to lend their efforts to this end . . . They have studied the matter of the city acquiring the Langdon plot from every available angle, visualizing the future and the probable needs of a growing muni-

cipality . . . These gentlemen

feel as do many others consulted,

that it would be a grave mistake for this beautiful plot of ground, planted with rare trees and shrubs, to fall in the hands of independent commercial interests ... It is their sincere belief that the community will rue the day if it permits this wonderful tract centrally located, adaptable to almost any city need, to slip through its hands . . .

UNTIL THE REQUIREMENT

presents itself, the vast space

extending from W. Church Sc

By Matt

to W. First St. on N. Main, with a 316 foot frontage on W. Church could be utilized advantageously for park purposes with very little expense, adding tremendously to the city's attractiveness cen trally-one of nature's beauty spots . . . It has been suggested, too, that until the city feels the necessity of putting the land to a permanent use, it could converted into a free parking space capable of accommodating several nundred cars . . . Goodness knows Elmira is deprived in this respect . . . Such use would not be a blot on the landscape, for it is being suggested a strip of land fronting on N. Main and W. Church St., be preserved with the present plantings, a screen to shield the activity that takes place behind them Possibly there are taxpayers agreeable to the purchase, can recommend other means comes a permanency of purpose ...

NO DOUBT THOUSANDS will agree it would be almost unforgivable for a visionless city to permit this desirable property to be appropriated for business, attracted to the locality by commercial possibilities other the community's welfare However, this is a matter the taxpayers to decide and cording to present plan, as by the Common Council's action the other evening, they will be given an opportunity.

Assembly Studies Bill To Cut Marriage Wait

There are, however, bigger issues All children, whether members of blyman Daniel Gutman, Kings involved. Hainan lies between the the parish or not, will be welcome. County, introduced a proposal for In Bible Contest

Albany-(AP)-Legislation de-| creation of what he termed "marsigned to smooth "before and af- ital clinics" to attempt reconciliater" marriage difficulties drew the tions where the nuptial tie weakens. attention of New York's Assembly It was submitted amid these other legislative developments:

Final action on a bill that would 1. Announcement of the first two period altar-bound couples must Syracuse and Rochester respective- ter the convention as the party's

ance of the license and the wed- on an Assembly bill designed pri- over the 10-to-1 vote for extend- dent, disliked by anti-New Dealers, Open season for trapping beaver

Westfield - Twenty-seven Westfield High School students are en- bers-Messrs. Dempsey, Healey and the Dutch East Indies. This lends rolled in the 1939 state Bible study Voorhis-who will insist that he credence to the theories of one contest sponsored by the YMCA. produce evidence to substantiate school of thought which holds that Earnings Up, Chrysler They are studying a course, "Seven Steps Toward Christian Maturity."

Peterson Gives Lincoln Address Before Assembly

Albany-(AP)-New York's Assembly was told Monday night that the nation must turn to the "clear logic" of Abraham Lincoln at the present time when "dictators and demagogues and quack doctors of government are raising their voices on every hand." In a brief eulogy of Lincoln on the 130th anniversary of his birth, Republican Assemblyman Dutton S. Peterson of Schuyler County said "it is fitting that we turn to the first American to off-

to the Union'." He attributed such "threats" to the "set up of minority rule by pressure groups" and the establishment of "trade barriers on state borders that would tend to

set what he termed 'new threats



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President Praised in Capital For Judicial Appointments

WASHINGTON-By Ray Tucker SOMETIMES President Roos evelt exhibits positive streaks of executive genius. And he has ra rely shone in better light, in the opinion of his opponents at Was hington, than in the current controversy over the appointment of federal judges.

The unnecessary and nonsensi- | he reached an agreement Virginia judge came at a particu- State that dated back to 1870. mation that another federal jurist changed his tone toward is also involved. The Roberts af- lini completely-the first fair demonstrated, all too plainly, coming in 1931 on the issue that the men who sit in judgment child education. upon us are picked for political reasons-because they are responsive to politicians-not because they are stainless individuals.

But then, in filling several vacancies, the President named men whose ability and integrity cannot questioned. More important still, he disregarded the political advice of such key Democrats as Senate Leader Barkley and Joe Guffey, the Pennsylvania poobbah. Now the President has a perfect 'out" in the Glass imbroglio, namely: If he affronts "Dear Alben and "Joe," he certainly has a right to tell the antagonistic Virginia Senators where to get off.

NO. 1-Several prominent citi- the next. zens recently offered to finance The present Secretary of State, fields of agricultural activity. Cordell Hull's 1940 presidential Cardinal Pacelli, has campaign. They figured they were oughly in agreement with Pius XI's of the Dairymen's League Federabacking a winner because all pri- ideas. Insiders rate him a lead- tion, declared "The country rises or vate and public polls show him far ing possibility for the Papacy him- falls with the income of farmers. in the lead—and they wanted to self, though by no means a cer- Nothing agriculture does to inget in on the ground floor.

for their offer but told them to foreign relations. keep the change. He explained that the country's foreign policy challenged - overnight, and that a forceful figure in national nobody could tell whether the man well as Pennsylvania politics. in charge (that is, himself) would a 100 per cent New Dealer, be a bum or a hero tomorrow. He stood high in the good graces on probation for several years to Democratic organization. come. Therefore he dare not protertains them.

Hull looks like the best bet to Court of Appeals last week show-Democratic leaders, despite age. He seems to have the edge on his closest rivals-Messrs. Garner and Farley-and he refuses recognize openly the rift between himself and FDR, now rapidly approaching the chilly relationship that existed between Wilson and Lansing in the closing days. Pro vided he keeps the ship of state on an even and peaceful keel for the

had the House voted secretly. The Democratic conservatives out of Ten traps is the maximum that explanation is that the 300-odd the party is headed for oblivion. members favoring continuation did not dare antagonize constituents. has been packed against Mr. Dies. Nipponese influence into close ordinarily in Pennsylvania because Hereafter there will be three mem- proximity to the Philippines and of the rarity of the species. witnesses' charges. He will not be Tokyo's further expansion will be permitted to fill the committee directed towards penetration of the Declares Dividend record with insinuations and in- rich Dutch possessions in that part | New York (AP)-Chrysler Corp. nuendo against prominent Ameri- of the world. It drives a wedge reported Tuesday a sharp recovery cans. They will not constitute a between the British fortress of in earning power during the last majority-it's a seven-man com- Hongkong which has become com- three months of 1938 and directors mittee—but their minority protests pletely isolated by the fall of Can- ordered a distribution of \$1 a share

will be vocal and vehement. realizes that this committee was rect access to sources of rubber business on the downgrade, no divia chief factor in staging Nov. 8th's and other tropical produce—so dend was declared. Republican upset. Leaders open- badly needed by itself and its toy describe the new \$100,000 appro- talitarian allies. priation for the investigation as a Hainan was the southernmost Democratic contribution to the part of China. It measures 160 Food-Hunting priation for the investigation as a | Hainan was the southernmost GOP's 1940 war chest. But if pos- miles in length with an average sible, the administration bosses width of 90 miles. Hainan's total

hand tricks.

asked Mr. Garner to take a card, like Malaya find suitable climatic and to mark it so that it could be conditions. For the time being, if identified later. Looking straight will be Nippon's Key West-its make the nation 48 separate at "the boss," and with a roguish most southerly outpost. smile on his lips, Mr. Garner | While the British and French wrote an "x" on the card and said: shed rivers of blood over the Asia-"I always vote the straight Dem- tic possessions, Japanese occupaocratic ticket."

> **NEW YORK** By JAMES M'MULLIN

ticular will be decided in the elec-

tion of the next Pope. The Church has pursued a policy of vigorous antagonism to the dictators under Pius XI. There are some influential members of the College of Cardinals who privately feel that a propitiatory attitude would serve the interests of the Church better in the long run. The big question is whether they will be strong enough to elect one of their own number to the Papacy. Mussolini will certainly throw his weight in their scales, for whatever it may be worth. Pope Pius XI himself once prov-

ed a master of conciliation, when

cal clash between himself and Car- Mussolini in 1929 which ended the ter Glass over the naming of a long conflict between Church and larly unfortunate time. The fed-eral judiciary was then—and still was recognized as a temporal sov-eral judiciary was then—and still was recognized as a temporal sov-eral judiciary was then—and still was recognized as a temporal sov-eral judiciary was then—and still was recognized as a temporal sovis-under a cloud because of the ereign and ceased to be "the pris-Manton resignation and the inti- oner of the Vatican." But he later

> POTENT-Pius XI's hostility to the dictatorships became increasingly fervent and outspoken after Hitler came to power in Germany, a reasonably stable price level." and especially after creation of the Rome-Berlin axis. His stand had manager of the Grange League the warm support of very substan- Federation Exchange, said "Farmtial element in the Church hierarchy, especially of the so-called "Irish School." Most American Catholic leaders were privately in man or woman can put their hands accord with it.

> can has a strong State Depart- into areas of operation where they ment, which tends to preserve con- formerly hired things done. tinuity of policy. Papal Secretaries of State usually carry over the only thing for farmers to do, as from one Papal administration to individuals and cooperatives, is to

been tainty. In any case, he is sure to crease income is selfish. Anything But the Secretary of State was have a potent influence in shaping done a raise farm prices will bencagey and canny. He thanked them | the future course of the Vatican's | efit the consumer."

OBLIVION-Less than two years might be discredited-or at least ago, Senator Joseph F. Guffey was realizes, as does every smart politi- the White House and his word was co, that he and his policies will be usually law in the Pennsylvania

President Roosevelt's appoint claim his presidential ambitions at ment of Francis Biddle, former the present moment, though he en- chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, to the Third Circuit s ed plainly how the mighty fallen. Guffey tried hard to sell his pet candidate for this post, Judge burgh, to the White House. didn't get half way to first base. His meek acceptance of the snub implied determine the total value of crops." in the selection of Biddle made it clear that he is aware of the weakness of his position. He is not too Pennsylvania Beaver popular among his colleagues and the Senate would only have laugh. Season Opens Today ed if he had attempted to make | Harrisburg (AP)-The beaver has an issue of his Senatorial patron- been a mite too busy in at least age prerogatives as Glass and eight counties of the common-Byrd did on the appointment of wealth recently and the game com-BRAKES - House leaders are Judge Roberts.

Cold-shouldered by the Presi- do something about it. once threatened to read leading na and Wayne Counties.

LESSON - Japanese occupation The new committee, however, of the Island of Hainan extends structive to forests, he is protected ton and the French forces in Indo- to common stockholders. The administration, belatedly, China. Finally, it gives Japan di- A year ago at this time, with

will keep Mr. Dies under control. population is estimated at three Pheasants million of whom two million are STRAIGHT - When Vicepresi- Chinese immigrants and one million dent Garner threw his annual din-ner for President Roosevelt, he civilized savages Resides with her ner for President Roosevelt, he civilized savages. Besides rubber, had a famous magician as chief Hainan cultivates sugar on the entertainer. Both heads of the regular plantation system. The government revel in sleight-of- island is one of the few districts of China where strictly equatorial During the evening the magician produce of the type grown in places

tion of Hainan as well as that of Canton was accomplished with amazing ease. The failure of London and Paris to stem the tide, QUESTION-Issues of great im- New York insiders say, should be portance to the world in general a powerful lesson for the guidance and the Catholic Church in par- of future American foreign policy. Copyright, 1939

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In a symposium on "How Present "Government should no limit the ability of the individual farmer to adapt his farming to local conditions and should not hand cap these cooperatives which already are doing good service.

"GOVERNMENT should help farmers to help themselves through research and education and through helping to establish and maintain H. E. Babcock, former general ers have to stop increases in real

"Almost anything an able bodied to today pays better than farming," It should be noted that the Vati- he asserted. "Farmers must move "Until we get a higher price level, enter more and more processes and

thor- FRED H. SEXAUER, president

Prof. Helen Canon, of the university's College of Home Economics. believed that, with earning reduced, "farm families must improve themselves in other than financial ways and open up creative resources of F. A. Fearon, professor of prices

and statistics, doubted 1939 business activity would reach the peak of 1937. Saying purchasing power of farm income has declined 10 per cent since 1937 and textile and automobile production are low." he declared: "Construction m much better. . . I doubt if the volume of building will be sufficient to carry the total of business ity to the peak of 1937." He asserted farm income would not be raised by cutting production because "production does little to

mission decided Tuesday night to

may be set. The bag limit for the

season is three. Even though the beaver is de-

be seen while driving the agh the rural sections here are the flocks of pheasants walking on the top crust of snow through the fields and roads in search of food. The birds are unusually tame and drivers often have to slow up to allow the birds to cross the

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