

MUSSOLINI, HITLER SECRET MILLIONAIRES

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Kings, even ex-kings have fabulous fortunes. So have dictators. The only difference, it seems, is that while the riches of monarchs and royal families are of common knowledge, the proportions of dictators' financial assets are little known. Two of the world's greatest "iron men" today—Mussolini and Hitler—are secret millionaires, according to a correspondent of the London Daily Herald.

While II Duce's annual salary as Premier of Italy is only \$5,250 and he does not draw any salary for his other cabinet positions, he has other sources of income. He owns the newspaper *Popolo d'Italia*, which has a vast circulation and high advertising rates. He has large farms. His are the highest paid articles in Italian journalism. His speeches, which are printed and bound in book form, sell like hot cakes. From these inexhaustible sources of revenue is being salted away a private fortune worthy of the founder of the Roman Empire.

The Nazi Reichfuhrer's income compares favorably with his Italian colleague. Hitler is in fact contented with his private earnings and does not

draw his \$20,000 pay. He is a partner in the publishing house of the Nazi party, the Franz Eber Verlag. This makes the two dictators about even in so far as publishing income is concerned. In addition, there have already been sold more than two and a half million copies of the German edition of his *Mein Kampf*, which were disposed of at prices varying from 7 to 12 marks. Millions could have easily been obtained from the royalties accruing from the huge sale. Moreover, royalties will ever be piling up as every newly-married German couple must buy a copy of the masterpiece. Besides the royalties from the German edition, there are those from translations. So far the *Mein Kampf* has been translated and published in the United States, England, Denmark, Italy, Hungary, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, and Sweden. There is also an Arabic translation.

No fairly accurate estimates of Hitler's and Mussolini's fortunes can be made, but international observers agreed they have enough for the proverbial rainy day.

Local Sweepstake Has New Manager

Due to the resignation of Hon. Antonio Mansueto as manager for the Charity Sweepstake Office for the Visayas and Mindanao, Mr. Eleuterio Villarosa has succeeded the vacant post. The new manager has taken his job since the beginning of

this month. Prior to the appointment of Mr. Villarosa as the successor of Hon. Mansueto, he has been connected in the Sweepstake Office with splendid records. The new manager hails from Carcar in this province.

THE POPULAR FRONT'S AIMS

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Of late news items have appeared in the papers concerning the activities of the Popular Front which show a lack of understanding of the character and objectives of this movement. The Popular Front movement has originated in France, but has since been adopted in several countries. These movements are generally coalitions of the democratic, liberal and progressive group against the forces of reaction, privilege and dictatorship. In terms of the local political situation, the Popular Front is an alliance of the various opposition and minority groups organized present solid front against the reactionary policies and fascist tendencies of the two major parties' coalition government.

The Popular Front has adopted a program or platform which sets forth its aims and objectives. This platform declares that the Popular Front is primarily for immediate, absolute and complete independence. This declaration, as contrasted with the provisions of the Tydings-McDuffie Law regarding eventual independence, reveals that the groups forming the Popular Front will not be received by any so called independence plan which at the same time tends to perpetuate the control of American monopoly of capital over the economic life of the islands. They want a real not only a formal independence, which would enable the Philippine government to pursue its independent policies in the political and economic field as well as in foreign relations without domination or controlling influence of any foreign interest.

For thus only can the Filipino people achieve real freedom to direct and shape their national life and destiny.

The next concern of the Popular Front, according to its program is the betterment of the condition of the masses, especially the workers and tenants. In this connection, in its program, the Popular Front states that "it will strive for the extension of public works, the popular education, higher wages, equitable taxation with graduated increase of income tax, improvement of the standard of living of the workers, social security, old-age pension, strict enforcement of the workers' compensation law, unemployment insurance and relief, strict regulation and eventual government ownership of public utilities and care of destitute children in public institutions"

Lastly, the Popular Front will strive to preserve and safeguard the democratic rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and "shall oppose laws and measures tending to abridge the exercise of civil rights such as freedom of the press, academic freedom and freedom of assembly.

The objectives which have been stated constitute the basic points of the program of the Popular Front. The program is, however, much more comprehensive for it aims extension of popular suffrage, complete equality between men and women, greater protection and opportunities for the youth of the land, introduction of the jury system and abolition of capital punishment. (Continued on page 18)

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