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The wide variety of Drew Pearson's and Bob Allen's news sources has been demonstrated many times in past years, but never so strikingly as in recent weeks, when the Merry-Go-Round team scored important news beats in fields ranging from diplomacy to high business circles, Republican leaders, and the Roosevelt Administration.

One of the most important of these occurred on December 9, when almost every newspaper in the United States featured the liberal program of the National Association of Manufacturers. For the first time since the New Deal, the Manufacturers adopted a moderately liberal program and urged cooperation with government and labor. One month and nine days previously -- on November 1 -- The Merry-Go-Round revealed the retirement of the Association's reactionary lobbyist, James A. Emery, and reported a "secret decision by NAM leaders to present a less diehard front toward liberal business and social legislation.

"This does not mean that the industrial lions are ready to lie down in amity with the New Deal lambs", The Merry-Go-Round went on, "but they have come to the conclusion that there is no percentage in persisting in an irreconcilable attitude toward the regime....They are going to try being friendly and see if they can't tame the New Deal tiger that way."

On December 10 President Roosevelt announced that he was willing Hyde Park to the American people as a repository for his private papers, together with an endowment to finance the program.

Nine months earlier, on March 16, The Washington Merry-Go-Round had given a very clear indication of what was in the President's mind. It reported that "One use President Roosevelt is considering for the money from the advance publication of parts of his books and magazine and newspaper articles was to start an endowment for a national repository for the private papers of American statesmen. Details of the project are still being worked out. It is not as simple as it would seem....Whether the repository contemplated by the President would be an independent institution with its own building and staff, or an adjunct of the library is a delicate question."

As early as June 27 The Merry-Go-Round forecast that Attorney General Cummings would retire from the Justice Department to practice law in New York. Cummings announced his retirement in November.

On December 5 and 6 metropolitan dailies featured the news that Representative Joseph Martin of Massachusetts would be the next Republican leader of the House. On November 17, two weeks before this, The Merry-Go-Round prophesied that the new GOP House leader "will be Representative Joseph Martin, Jr., of North Attleboro, Mass. There are other aspirants for the office, notably James Wadsworth of New York, but Martin has the election clinched. He already has received pledges of 85 per cent of sitting Republicans and over 60 per cent of incoming members."

Biggest news throughout the country during the past week has been the Nazi-Fascist influence in South America and U.S. attempts to check it at the Lima Conference. So it is interesting to note that as early as January 25, 1938, nearly one year ago, Pearson and Allen reported, "It doesn't pay to minimize reports of increasing Fascist influence in Latin America. Actually the situation is worse than appears on the surface." Then were given specific details regarding Italian sales of munitions to Nicaragua, Ecuador, and Paraguay.

Again on January 30, The Merry-Go-Round made this significant statement: "You are likely to see the Administration take some move in the near future to check the increasing tide of Fascism in South America. If this continues, Nazi-Fascist countries will have secured a complete grip on certain areas in South America." Then continued details of the Fascist penetration of Peru, scene of the present Pan-American Conference.

It is only in the last week or so that these same details have been aired by other writers.

Sincerely,

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