

Washington Notes

"GREAT CONFIDENCE"

W. Averell Harriman, chief of the U. S. delegation to Moscow, reports "great confidence" in the Russian situation.

TANKS

Major-General Jacob L. Devers, commander of the Armored Force of the U. S. Army, says that there is an ample number of tanks on hand for all existing purposes and that if an urgent situation required immediate use of all tanks produced in this country, all units would be brought up to authorized strength in a very short time.

POLICE SCHOOLS

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting fifty-five two-day courses for the instruction of police officials in civilian defense work. The courses will be held at fifty-five cities, with the last ending on November 10th and 11th. The subjects will include wartime emergency duties, such as convoy work, the guarding of protected areas, utility surveys, black-out enforcement, action in case of grounded enemy aircraft, gas contamination, evacuation and looting problems, and similar matters.

PRICE CONTROL

The House Banking and Currency Committee, which has terminated hearings on price control legislation, is expected to report a bill to the House next week. The possibility exists that the committee will report a more comprehensive price-control bill than that asked for by the Administration.

COPPER

The use of copper in more than one hundred types of civilian articles will be restricted by forty per cent for the rest of this year and prohibited after January 1st, according to an order by the Division of Priorities of the O.P.M. It is expected to assure adequate copper supplies for defense needs and to avert a threatened shortage of 750,000 tons next year.

REGIONAL BUYING

The Army Quartermaster Corps announces that awards will be made to as many regions and to as many suppliers in each region as is possible in order to aid small business. Within reasonable limits, prices will not be the dominating factor in making awards. The Army recognizes that a wide distribution of defense orders will entail increased costs since small plants may be unfamiliar with and inadequately equipped to produce required items. Regional awards will be made from headquarters in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Jeffersonville, Ind., Chicago, St. Louis, San Antonio and San Francisco.

1,124 NAMES

Representative Dies, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, has given Attorney-Biddle a list of 1,124 names of Federal employes, alleged to be Communists or affiliates of subversive organizations. The Texas insists that Communists, fellow-travelers and sympathizers have "permeated the entire structure of the Federal Government."

MANOEUVERS

Army officials expect the large-scale exercises that will begin in the Carolina area on November 16th to correct some "glaring weaknesses" revealed during the recent Louisiana maneuvers. Lack of discipline during blackouts, lack of coordinated movements of troops on highways and an unhealthy disregard for airpower are some of the things that the Army expects to correct.

AIR WAR

Last week 200 "hostile" bombing planes simulated raids on cities in the Carolina and Georgia, theoretically operating from bases in the West Indies. A defensive force of 20,000 men and 200 pursuit planes was assigned by 20,000 civilians manning 1,200 observation posts, to report the movement of "enemy" aircraft.

DEFENSE

Although appropriations, contract authorizations and commitments total about \$28,000,000,000

for national defense, the Treasury has disbursed only \$16,188,467,712 through October 1st. The War Department got about \$3,000,000,000 and the Navy \$3,000,000,000. Last year's cost was \$28,000,000,000. In addition, the President disbursed \$150,000,000 and the agencies of administering the Selective Service Act came to \$28,000,000.

"JEEP"

The Army has adopted a standard light reconnaissance car which will be manufactured by the Willys-Overland Company and the Ford Motor Company. The Willys Company, which developed the "jeep," is turning over "complete drawings, licenses, patents and other manufacturing information without cost" to Ford.

U. S. O.

The United Services Organization's recreational buildings, to be constructed with money raised in a campaign last summer are scheduled for completion by December 15th. Altogether, 51 contracts have been let with most of the buildings located in the South where the largest number of troops is concentrated. Forty-four of the structures are Type-A, the largest to be built, measuring 100 by 90 feet.

NORWEGIAN SHIPS

The Norwegian Government has suggested that the United States, Great Britain and Norway pool their ships with each Government having voice in important decisions. Norwegian tonnage includes 536 ships of 4,798,164 tons being operated for British interests, and 188 ships of 678,186 tons operating for the United States.

BUY SOVIET GOLD

The United States has advanced \$30,000,000 to the Soviet Union against gold which Russia promises to deliver within the next six months. Previously, the Government had advanced \$10,000,000 under a similar arrangement and the Russians repaid the advance in sixty-five instead of the ninety days allowed.

THE ANSWERS

1. Supplies for the battle needs of 4,000,000 American troops and to meet "arsenal of democracy" demands from abroad.
2. Adolf Hitler.
3. 1939.
4. Henry L. Stimson, now Secretary of War.
5. In 1916; by the British in the Battle of the Somme.
6. The common cold.
7. The States' control voting qualifications.
8. A British medieval court, which ruled arbitrarily, secretly and without jury.
9. Paul Reynaud.
10. Illegal trade in rationed goods in Germany had occupied Europe.

RUSSIANS ADMIT KHAROV HAS FALLEN TO GERMANS

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growing stronger in wrath as the German people became warrier of war and the Soviet Union "has everything necessary for further resistance."

In Eastern Russia, far behind the present battle lines, Pravda went on, there are sufficient resources of all raw necessities of war—coal, iron ore, oil, lumber—and of food, as well as "powerful industrial plants which had been developed rapidly during the years of Stalin's five-year plan."

"We will last," the paper went on, "as long as it shall take to smash Hitlerite Germany, to destroy the brown pestilence."

And behind Russia's yet untapped reserves of men and materials, the paper went on, were "Great Britain and the United States with their immense material and manpower resources. The time will come when all of these will go into action."

BURNING LEAVES FATAL

Jersey City, N. J.—While burning a pile of leaves in the yard of her home, the clothing of Miss Emma Michael, 78, became ignited. She died the following day in a hospital.

Looking at Washington

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changes in the Act, asked only for the immediate repeal of Section 6, which barred the arming of American merchantmen. While the President suggested that Congress give consideration of revision of other sections, which, he said, were "crippling" the Government's effort to furnish aid to the nations fighting the Axis aggressors, the Chief Executive did not demand immediate consideration.

The general impression is that the President attempted to avoid an all-out battle on the Neutrality Act, which, he had been advised, would be precipitated by an effort to repeal the prohibitions against American ships calling at belligerent ports and entering combat areas. Congressional leaders, somewhat impressed by the isolationist sentiment in some sections of the country, said that outright repeal might not win in the House and that a long fight would develop in the Senate, or that the legislative aim might be secured by such a close vote as to weaken the prestige of this Government abroad.

The three Republican Senators, however, took the initiative after the House, by a vote of 269 to 138, had passed the ship-arming resolution. Their action was followed almost immediately by a similar amendment, introduced by three administration stalwarts—Senators Lee of Oklahoma, Goheen of Rhode Island and Pepper of Florida—asking the repeal of Sections 2 and 3 of the existing act, which forbids American vessels to call at belligerent ports or traverse combat zones.

The maneuvers of the Republican Senators emphasizes the split within the Republican party over questions of international policy and follows closely along the line of action advocated by Wendell L. Willkie who has consistently and aggressively given enthusiastic and unlimited support to the present foreign policy of the Government but with the criticism that the Administration is not moving fast and efficiently in the defense of this country.

Alfred M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee in 1936 continues his vigorous attack upon the President's policies, insisting that the "politics and disorganization within the White House" is obstructing maximum production of war equipment. Mr. Landon says that a small group "are using the nation's defense emergency as a smoke-screen for their attempt to build a collective state," with the small business man being the first victim in order to concentrate economic power in a few hands in order to make it easier to proceed with the establishment of a collective state.

While poles of public opinion indicate that many Republicans, if not a majority, are behind the foreign policies of the nation, the record of the Party in Congress indicates that Congressmen are either playing politics, as they see the situation, or that a majority of them are in accord with Mr. Landon and the isolationists rather than Mr. Willkie.

Upon repeated occasions, including the vote in the House on the repeal of the prohibitions against arming merchant ships, the majority of the Republicans voting were on record against proposals to implement the national policy of bringing about the defeat of Hitler and his Axis satellites.

NEW "INCIDENTS" OUR SHIPS ATTACKED

The incidents that occur in the Atlantic Ocean, where German torpedoes have attacked American merchant ships, and also U. S. warships, can be avoided only if the United States acquiesces in the order of Hitler to keep our ships out of the way of his U-boats and airplanes.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull says that the incidents come about

through the known and confirmed effort of Hitler to get control of the seas as well as the continent through which he is passing.

All nations have been notified to keep all ships out of an area 100 by 100 miles, covering a large part of the North Atlantic. Any ship found in the area will be sunk without warning and without trace, according to the German blockade warning.

Mr. Hull points out that Hitler seeks to drive other countries off the high seas by intimidating or frightening them and that this is a part of his plan of conquest by force.

It may be said in passing that the German blockade is entirely illegal, according to the accepted international law. The tactics of German submarines are also in violation of an international agreement, accepted by Germany some years ago, regulating submarine warfare.

Of course ships carrying contraband are subject to seizure but the definition of contraband has been widely extended during the First World War and the present struggle. So far as we know, the United States has never officially accepted either the British or German definition of contraband.

While American merchant ships are not permitted, under the neutrality legislation, to carry supplies to belligerent ports, there is nothing in international law to prohibit such trade. The proclamation of Germany, setting up a blockade of Great Britain, does not conform to international law, but the U-boats and airplanes seek to discover and destroy all ships carrying supplies to the British. This is the avowed purpose of Hitler, in his effort to starve out the British Isles.

The conflict between Germany and the United States in the Atlantic arises from the German determination to cut off all supplies to Great Britain and the equally determined decision of this country to provide the supplies. Neither nation is expected to recede from its present position. The result will be numerous incidents, such as those which have already occurred—and, possibly, the sinking of German raiders and the destruction of German warplanes by the American forces operating on the Atlantic.

Some speculation results from the present situation, with many persons wondering when Germany—or the United States will declare war as a result of the incidents. Apparently, neither country intends to make such a declaration, both apparently preparing to shoot it out on the present basis rather than to become involved in a full-fledged war.


The Germans insist that they are fighting the British and that the ships from other nations should stay away from the prohibited area. Americans insist that they are defending the rights of this country on the high seas against the piratical acts of a gang of international highwaymen.

Public reaction in the United States due to the loss of life that occurred as a result of the submarine attack upon the Destroyer Kearny has been amazingly calm. It was much the same when the Japanese bombed the Panay in Chinese waters.


There are quite a few Americans who take the view that ships of this country, including warships, assume certain risks when they go into belligerent areas and that if they are attacked, they are, to some extent, to blame for the incident.

Others, apparently in the minority, believe that the assault upon an American warship, involving loss of American lives, should be met by prompt retaliatory action and that the nation should assert its sovereign rights upon the high seas.

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Sarah J. Phillips,
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