

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, May 1—The developments resulting from Germany's seizure of Denmark, its invasion of Norway and threats against Sweden, coupled with the possibility of the German capture of Holland and with it the immensely wealthy Dutch East Indies, have brought the war and its possible effects upon the United States back to the forefront of political discussion.

The United States is not going to get into or take any part in this war to save anybody else's property, under any circumstances. That can be set down as fixed and definite. If Germany and Japan, or either of them, can seize the Dutch East Indies, the United States, as official Washington views the situation today, will not make a move to stop them.

For that matter, we probably would not make a move to stop the seizure of the Philippines by

These Three Young Ladies Have Free Tickets Waiting



If the three young ladies pictured above will kindly call at The Tribune office in person they will be given two free theatre tickets each, good for admission to the Elk and Lyric. The photos were made by The Tribune photographer last Saturday afternoon. Three more photos, made at the same time, will be published in next week's paper. Watch for them.

Japan. The Philippines asked us for their freedom and we gave it to them a few years ago, with only a few slender strings attached. Washington, with its ear to the ground, does not hear even a whisper of a public demand that we ought to go to war with anybody to save the Philippines. The same goes for our assumed interest in China. Nobody

who represents any important body of public sentiment believes that there is any justification now or likely to be in the future for getting into a scrap with Japan.

Yet the war talk will not down. It is becoming more apparent every day that there is a genuine war propaganda movement under way and doing some effective work in the national capital. Just why anybody either wants this country to go to war, or wants to scare the American people into the belief that somebody is going to make war on us is not easy to see at first glance. It takes a bit of digging in the inner labyrinth of politics to find even a plausible reason.

War Talk Originators
There is a belief strongly held by the most audacious and irresponsible group of New Deal favorites that if the situation can be made to look as if this country was in danger, the people will rise and call upon the only man who, these war propagandists will tell them, can possibly save us. That sort of talk is said to be very pleasant to Mr. Roosevelt's ears.

It is always flattering to any head of a Government to be told that he is the one man who can save his country. Not all of them believe it—in fact, most of them know it isn't so. But it is hard to avoid looking pleased when somebody hands you that line of banana oil.

Many of the shrewd observers here, who have been saying that Mr. Roosevelt is inclining again toward the idea of running for a third term, say that those reports originate with people who have observed his pleased smile when such a suggestion is made. Those better versed in the intricacies of Administration politics continue to believe that the President has made up his mind not to take the third term nomination which would be his for the asking.

These same people, however, are a little concerned with the war-like tone of his utterances in regard to possible invasion of the American sphere of influence in the Western hemisphere by Germany. Some of the veteran observers think that if there was anything in Mr. Roosevelt's remarks indicating that he expected or wanted this country to take part in the war, he had scraped the excuse pretty thin.

Third-Term Talk Increases
It is noticeable, however, that third-term talk not only in Washington but elsewhere throughout the country began to increase among Democrats very shortly after Mr. Dewey had demonstrated to the Republican voters and the rest of the country that he would be a mighty hard man to beat if his party should nominate him in June.

Washington has stopped referring to Tom Dewey as the "panty-waist" candidate, and is measuring his chances with those of Bob Taft, the only other Republican contestant still out in front. The undercover skulduggery of national politics is already at work to try to kill off both Taft and Dewey.

None of the "big money interests" who have financed Presidential campaigns in the past, wants either of these men. Neither will stand hitched or take orders. So the scheme seems to be to try to develop a deadlock on the convention floor, where it will be impossible for either Dewey or Taft to get a majority, and the convention will be forced to pick a dark horse. Rather, the idea is to have the dark horse already picked and hidden in a stall under the convention stage, ready to be trotted out on a moment's notice.

That is the time-tried way in which politics has been played in the past. Whether it will succeed this time is another question. The general run of voters are going to have more to say at this convention than the machine

he would make a pretty poor candidate.
The latest bit of Washington gossip, which may have some bearing on Presidential intentions, is the rumor that Mrs. Roosevelt has taken a house in Southern California and expects to live there from next spring on. But, on the other hand, she has just signed a new five-year contract for her daily newspaper feature at a price which only the wife of a President could possibly get.

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