

Looking at WASHINGTON

India Warns U. N. Of War

Delegations to the United Nations were shocked the other day when India warned that troops might be sent into Pakistan unless the sister dominion stopped aiding Moslem raiders in Kashmir.

India accuses Pakistan of having armed scores of thousands of raiders and of having supplied bases for 100,000 more massed on the borders of the province. The Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, says that the country would be "justified in self-defense in attacking the Pakistan forces where the raiders are being trained and armed for an invasion of Kashmir.

It might be interesting to look into the facts behind the row. Before the transfer of power from Britain to India and Pakistan, the foreign relations of Kashmir were controlled by London. It seems that the predominant majority of the people of Kashmir are Moslems but that the ruler is a Hindu.

When conditions were unsettled, with towns and houses being burned, the Kashmir ruler appealed to India for military help, asking that his province be joined to India. The Indian Government's answer was to send troops and to promise a plebiscite once the state had been cleared of "invaders".

We have no idea what the people of Kashmir think in connection with their eventual attachment to India or Pakistan. We know, however, that the effort of a Hindu ruler to transfer a predominant Moslem population to a Hindu state, under the circumstances existing, was almost certain to invite a violent reaction in Pakistan. The Hindu Government of India, it seems, is ready to back up the Hindu ruler, just as the Moslems of Pakistan are anxious to back up the Moslem majority of Kashmir.

Once more, we call attention to the fact that the people of Pakistan and of India represent the same basic stock of the human race. They have slight racial differences but their rivalry and rioting stems from religious differences. In view of the absence of tolerance in the land of Mahatma Gandhi, it seems somewhat absurd

to assert, as some Indian leaders do, that what the Indian people will think of the United States depends upon the tolerance that we develop in this country.

Says "Loyalty Review" Will Be No "Witch Hunt"

This "program shall not degenerate into a witch-hunt," declares Chairman Seth W. Richardson of the new Loyalty Review Board.

At the same time, the chairman revealed that in most cases the Board will permit the accused to confront their accusers, to have the right of cross-examination for a disclosure of the sources of the evidence against them. However, an accused may be accompanied by an attorney.

Mr. Richardson makes no secret of the anxiety of the Board in connection with these limitations, recognizing that they give rise to serious questions in the mind of the general public. He states, however, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, upon which the Board must depend for investigative work, has insistently demanded that its work be kept in confidence. Therefore, the alternative confronting the Board was to yield to the FBI demand or else recommend the abandonment of the proposed loyalty program.

Need Hard-Biting Program To Check Inflationary Trend

With politicians in both parties playing for position and jockeying for advantage in the presidential contest ahead, the people of the nation look with some dismay upon advancing prices.

It is obvious that the only way to meet the inflationary threat, now rampant and possibly soon to be out of control, is to bring about a reduction in prices, profits and wages. Such a hard-biting program will not be attractive, when put into effect, but if it avoids a depression in the next few years will serve the interests of the people well.

President Truman, when the special session of Congress got underway, advanced a ten-point program to combat inflation. It involved attack upon high prices from various angles and was based apparently upon recommendations of the President's Council

of Economic Advisers.

The Republican Congress did not pass the Truman version of anti-inflation legislation but presented a bill which was blocked by Democrats, aided by twenty-six Republicans. Another measure, a trifle stronger, was passed, signed and denounced by the President.

Whether the regular session of Congress will produce legislation that will accomplish something positive about inflation is problematical, but there is a chance if the people at home will make a positive demand upon their representatives in Congress.

Americans Should Face Federal Fiscal Facts

Before long, the air will be filled with debate and discussion about the fiscal policies of the Government, with great emphasis upon tax reduction. It might be well to give our readers some facts about taxes and Federal expenditures.

Taking up the question of taxes, which means the money that the Government collects for its expenditures, we find that individual and corporate taxes are expected to provide seventy-one per cent of total revenues in the current fiscal year compared with only forty-nine per cent in 1939.

Referring back to 1939, we find that direct taxes on individuals amounted to \$1,392,000,000 and direct taxes on corporations totaled \$1,278,000,000. These totals increased considerably in the war years. In 1946, corporate taxes showed a considerable decline while individual tax totals dropped very slightly.

The year 1947 shows that direct taxes on individuals aggregated \$20,808,000,000, while direct taxes on corporations, which rose to \$16,399,000,000 in 1945, dropped to \$9,678,000,000 in 1947. It should be noted that elimination of the excess profits tax in the 1945 tax bill caused a decline in corporate tax collections because two-thirds of the sum collected in 1945 was represented by excess profits taxes.

Now, let's turn our attention to the expenditures of the Government in the fiscal year 1947. The figures reveal \$14,451,000,000 spent on national defense, \$7,373,000,000 on veterans' services and benefits, \$4,957,000,000 on interest on the public debt and \$6,669,000,000 for international affairs and finance. Some \$2,000,000 each year is used in making tax refunds. This total of more than \$33,000,000,000 represents about eighty per cent of total expenditures of \$42,505,000,000.

The August estimate of Federal expenditures for the 1948 fiscal year was \$37,000,000,000, of which the four items previously referred to accounted for \$27,000,000,000. It should be obvious from these figures that if the budget of the Federal Government is to be slashed to any considerable degree, there must be heavy reductions in the four items listed.

Another observation should be made, we think, in connection with the financial situation of the Federal Government. Nothing but a start has been made in the reduction of the national debt. The cost of carrying the debt in the form of interest is estimated at \$5,125,000,000 for the present fiscal year.

The requirement for interest represents more money than the Federal Government spent in the fiscal year 1933 and should make it apparent to every American that unless the Government is prepared to repudiate its debt, taxation will not return to the old levels for many a year. Neither should we overlook the gross debt of the United States, which is now above \$230,000,000,000, with eighty per cent of it accumulating as a result of our late war effort.

Sellers' Market Cushions Sweeping Tariff Cuts

One of the most sweeping tariff reductions in the history of the United States went into effect on the first of the new year, but, due to peculiar circumstances, the change in our tariff structure is not expected to have any great effect upon our trade.

In this country, a seller's market is so strong that even industries usually sensitive to tariff reductions admit that they can absorb the "immediate" effect of the cuts. This includes the woolen textiles, chemicals, gloves, fancy leather, pottery and other industries. In addition, few foreign countries are now producing enough to increase their export volume to the United States and thus take advantage of the tariff reduction.

It is not considered likely that our imports will be increased very greatly by reciprocal concessions obtained from other countries. It is pointed out that most foreign countries are importing all they can pay for from the United States and, because of currency difficulties, many foreign countries are seeking ways to cut down on their purchases from the United States.

The general opinion among economic authorities is that there could not have been a better time to lower the tariff walls. The reaction in the United States is reported "unprecedentedly mild" and there is little reason to believe that the United States will have to take advantage of "escape clauses" in the treaty in case imports increase to threaten the economic life of an industry.

There is a special providence in the fall of a sparrow. If it now 'tis not to come; if it be not to come, it will be now; if it be not now, yet it will come; the readiness is all.

School Enrollment Expansion Is Planned

The Educational Board of the Hertford Methodist Church, planning a school enrollment expansion, met at the home of Mrs. Charles Skinner on Tuesday evening and discussed the 12-point plan of expansion. The Rev. D. L. Fouts, pastor, gave the outline of the expansion program.

Special services are planned in connection with the expansion program, the first of which was held last Sunday and the next will be held next Sunday.

Getting His Money's Worth
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List In January and Save the Penalty

Belvidere Township

CARROLL V. WARD, List Taker

January 10, 17, 24, 31.....The late E. L. Chappell's Store
January 15.....R. M. Baker's Store, Nicanor
January 22.....R. R. White's Store, Nicanor
January 28.....Willie Winslow's Store, Belvidere
Hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
All Other Days During January at Home

Bethel Township

ROY S. CHAPPELL, List Taker

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 30, 31.....J. C. Hobbs' Store
January 7, 14, 21, 28.....J. C. Hobbs' Store at Night
January 21.....Court House in Hertford
All Other Days In January at Home

Hertford Township

JOHN O. WHITE, List Taker

January 3, 10, 17.....At Court House in Hertford
January 10, 17.....At Court House in Hertford
January 17 through 31.....At Court House in Hertford
All Other Days In January at Home

New Hope Township

SETH LONG, List Taker

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.....Jackson's Store, New Hope
January 14.....Earl Russell's Store
January 28.....Perry's Store at Woodville
January 21.....J. B. Webb's Store, Durants Neck
All Other Days During January at Home

Parkville Township

RAYMOND STANTON, List Taker

January 10, 17.....At Chapanoke
January 24.....Jackson's Store
January 3, 10, 17, 24 through 31.....At Winfall
All Other Days In January at Home

Each farmer, owner or his agent, must come forward to report the acreage of each crop to be harvested, or has been harvested, on his own, or his tenant's farm of the year 1947, also the number of acres to be cultivated, lying out, number of bearing fruit trees, and tons of fertilizer used for all crops.

Prepare your lists now, and save time in listing, also avoid PENALTY for being delinquent after January 31st, 1948. This is required by the State Law. See Chapter 310, H. B. 45, Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1939.

J. W. WARD, Tax Supervisor
PERQUIMANS COUNTY, N. C.

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