

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

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THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE

Abstract of address of the Hon. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State to a joint meeting of Congress on November 16th., 1943.

The Moscow Conference is believed to have been an important step in the direction both of shortening the war and of making provision for the future. It has never been my fortune to attend an international conference at which there was greater determination on the part of all the participants to move forward in a spirit of mutual understanding and confidence. Important agreements were reached but there were no secret agreements, and none were suggested.

The attention of the Conference was centered upon the task of making sure that the nations upon whose armed forces and civilian efforts rests the main responsibility for defeating the enemy will, along with other peacefully-minded nations, continue to perform their full part in solving the numerous and vexatious problems of the future. From the outset, the dominant thought at the Conference was that, after the attainment of victory, cooperations among peace loving nations in support of certain paramount mutual interests will be almost as compelling in importance and necessity as it is today in support of the war effort.

To this end, the four governments declared that they "recognize the necessity of establishing at the earliest practicable date a general international organization, based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all peace-loving

states and open to membership by all such states, large and small." I should like to lay particular stress on this provision of the Declaration. The principle of sovereign equality of all peace-loving states, irrespective of size and strength, as partners in a future system of general security will be the foundation stone upon which the future international organization will be constructed. The adoption of this principle was particularly welcome to us. Nowhere has the conception of sovereign equality been applied more widely in recent years than in the American family of nations whose contribution to the common effort in wartime will now be followed by representation in building the institutions of peace. As the provisions of the four nation declaration are carried into effect there will no longer be need for spheres of influence, for alliances for balance of power or any other of the special arrangements through which, in the unhappy past, the nations strove to safeguard their security or to promote their interests.

The Conference also served as an occasion for a solemn public declaration by the heads of the three governments with regard to the perpetrators of the heinous and abominable crimes committed by the Nazi leaders against the harassed and persecuted inhabitants of occupied territories - against people of all races and religions, among whom Hitler has reserved for the Jews his most brutal wrath. Due punishment will be administered for all these crimes.

These were among the outstanding developments at the Moscow Conference. The intensive discussion, lasting two weeks, did not and was not intended to bring about the solution of all the problems that are before us. Much less could we anticipate the problems that are bound to arise from day to day and from year to year. There were other problems such, for example, as questions relating to boundaries, which must, by their very nature, be left in abeyance until the termination of hostilities. This is in accordance with the position maintained for some time by our Government.

The Conference thus launched a forward movement which, I am firmly convinced, will steadily extend in scope and effectiveness. Within the framework of that movement, in the atmosphere of mutual understanding and confidence which made possible its beginning in Moscow, many of the problems which are difficult today

will as time goes on undoubtedly become more possible of satisfactory solution through frank and friendly discussion. We of today shall be judged in the future by the manner in which we meet the unprecedented responsibilities that rest upon us - not alone in winning the war, but also in making certain that the opportunities for future peace and security shall not be lost. Only by carrying forward such a program with common determination and united national support can we expect, in the long range of the future, to avoid becoming victims of destructive forces of international anarchy which in the absence of organized international relations will rule the world. By the procedure of cooperation with other nations likewise intent upon security we can and will remain masters of our own fate.

N. Carolina Weekly War Journal

By - OLIVER CRAWLEY

Department of Information Office of Price Administration SHOES--Under a new ruling, customers must give dealers ration payment for shoes bought under lay-away or will-call orders within 30 days of the order. On special orders, they must give up ration coupons within 30 days of the time the shoes become available for delivery.

Formerly, the deadline for paying shoe ration stamps for shoes on these types of orders was the end of the current ration period. Now, with shoe stamps valid indefinitely, OPA had to set a specific time limit for ration payment. This continues the original purpose, which is to keep shoes from being taken out of circulation by customers who might select them and have them set aside until a new ration stamp becomes valid.

MORE STOVES AVAILABLE--Dealers and distributors of rationed stoves in Eastern North Carolina have been permitted to increase their inventories by OPA to meet the greater demand resulting from larger stove quotas assigned to local rationing boards.

SEED POTATO PRICES--To correct inequalities which existed last spring in seed potato prices, OPA has set maximum prices which were frozen last spring. Both "certified" and "war approved" seed potatoes are covered by OPA's action. The latter classification is

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new established by the War Food Administration in conjunction with state certification agencies.

FERTILIZER PRICES -- OPA has set dollars-and-cents top prices for every grade of mixed fertilizer whose manufacture and sale is permitted by the War Food Administration, but not changes of great importance are involved.

At the same time, OPA wiped out inequalities between various grades and between various sellers of fertilizer. In preparing its regulation, OPA representatives conducted nationwide consultations with fertilizer manufacturers to make sure that the new ceiling prices would be fair and equitable.

THE GASOLINE PROBLEM

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Roanoke News presents today the first of four articles prepared in cooperation with the Department of Information of the Office of Price Administration on the gasoline situation as it affects civilian rationing. The articles are based on authoritative information summarized from official reports by five government agencies dealing with the gasoline problem and are presented so the public may know the true facts.

Civilian motorists need not expect to "drive as usual" as long as the war lasts.

This prediction, drawn from data compiled by five government agencies, is made plain in a frank and authoritative summary of facts on civilian gasoline supply and presented by OPA to give the public a clear and comprehensive picture of the gasoline situation. Because of the need of keeping certain military secrets, this has not always been possible in the past.

For one thing, OPA's summary disclosed that the sinking of 14 tankers bound for North Africa was responsible for last winter's fuel oil and gasoline shortage in the eastern area. This gasoline was vital to the Mediterranean campaign which had reached a critical stage and replacement had to be found and shipped at once.

The only supplies within quick reach were the Atlantic coast stocks built up for civilian use. The government had the alternative of taking these stocks for immediate overseas shipment, and thereby causing a severe shortage for civilians, or to seek replacements farther afield and to run grave risk of disaster in North Africa. It decided on the former

and thus the fuel oil and gas which eastern motorists did without arrived in time to contribute to victory.

"Such sudden military demands and withdrawals will occur again" OPA's summary declared, "but facts concerning them can not always be made available to the public. There may be more U-boat sinkings and swift adjustments may have to be made as they were last winter."

The drain on American gasoline supplies is increasing, the summary discloses candidly, and the basic shortage is certain to become more acute as the war goes on.

VICTORY GARDENS

Uncle Sam is asking that the number of Victory Gardens be increased to 22 million in 1944, or 2 million more gardens than this year. It is estimated that Victory Gardens produced 8 million tons of food in 1943.

ROTONONE

Rotenone can be used for the control of any insect attacking the home garden and also for cat-tle, crabs and lice, says the W. F. A.

PROTEIN MEAL

War Food Administrator Marvin Jones has announced a proposed order, effective January 1st, designed to bring about a better distribution of protein meal among livestock and poultry feeders, and feed mixers.

SAVE

"Take all you want, but eat all you take" is the slogan of the Clean Platters. Watch that garbage can, say the home economists.

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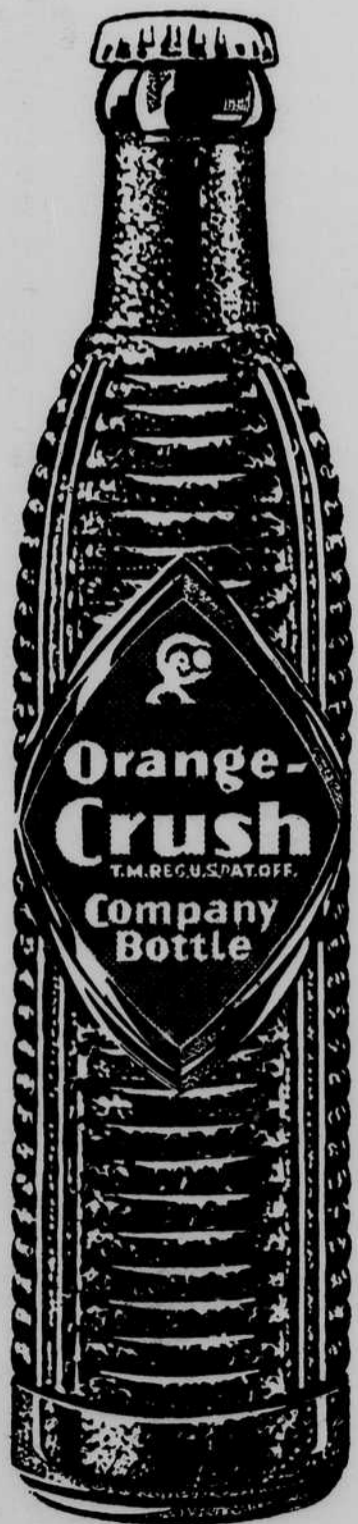
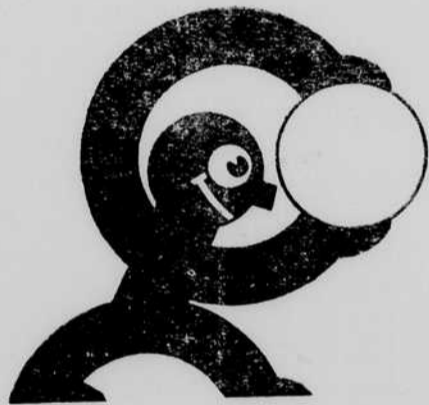
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