

# THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Mar. 7.—With one exception the Administration's program of National Defense is moving through Congress with almost as much speed and ease as the President's New Deal measures moved four or five years ago.

The House of Representatives turned down the proposal to establish a naval base on the Island of Guam in mid-Pacific, but otherwise there has been such complete bipartisan support of the Army and Navy program as to indicate that Senators and Representatives believe that the folks back home are worried about the condition of world affairs and don't want the United States to be caught unprepared as we were when matters came to the climax of war in 1917.

At the same time, Congress is trying to be careful about making warlike gestures in the direction of any particular nation, though there have been several speeches by irresponsible members of both Houses which, if taken seriously, might easily stir up bad feeling abroad.

Fear of giving too much offense to Japan is the reason behind the refusal to make naval improvements in Guam. That little island was allotted to the United States by the Treaty of Versailles, at the same time that Japan was given several smaller islands not too far away.

Both nations are forbidden by the terms of the Treaty to fortify their island possessions. Whether dredging the harbor of Guam to accommodate a few battleships, or building a dry dock or a repair shop for ships, making the island a naval base, would violate the Treaty of Versailles nobody on Capitol Hill is quite sure, but the point on which the Guam improvement plan was defeated was that it could and probably would be interpreted by Japan as a threatening gesture.

To Restore Confidence  
Apart from war prevention measures, the clear purpose of the Administration now appears to be to restore the confidence of business that there will be no more experiments by the Government of a kind to frighten investors. Numerous signs point to a real desire to encourage business in the hope that the wheels of industry can be started revolving at something like their former speed.

The ending of the controversy between the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Commonwealth & Southern electric power interests is one of these signs. T.V.A. finally bought out Commonwealth for eighty million dollars, regarded as a fair price by all concerned, and the President announced that there would be no more Government competition with private power companies. The hope is that this assurance will open the pockets of investors who would like to put several billions into utility improvements.

The question of taxes on corporate earnings and capital gains is still holding investors back, however. The President gave notice that the Administration would propose no new taxes, and Secretary Morgenthau, for the Treasury, reiterated that assurance.

Tax Matters Studied  
It remains to be seen, however, how far the Administration will cooperate in eliminating some of the tax measures now on the statute books, which business interests regard as handicapping investment. The committees of both Senate and House in charge of tax matters are giving a great deal of study to the proposals for the elimination of the tax on corporate surpluses entirely, and the reduction of the capital gains tax law in such a way that if an investor takes a heavy risk and earns a profit proportionate to the risk, he will be permitted to keep a fair share of his profit.

The man of the moment in Washington is Harry Hopkins, the new Secretary of Commerce, former head of W.P.A. Mr. Hopkins is making a good impression upon business men who have to do business with his department, and is strengthening the Business Advisory Board.  
In his first public utterance since his appointment Mr. Hopkins

took a conciliatory attitude toward business. He announced a policy of no general rise in Federal taxes and the amendment of the tax laws to "freeze the necessary flow of capital"; Government aid in breaking the log-jam of private investment in the fields of utilities, railroads and housing; the need of tolerance and fairness in relations between labor and employers; an increased national income to provide jobs in private industry for those now employed; assistance for small business; and a larger share of the national income for the farmer.

Presidential Possibility  
In informed political circles here, the voice of Harry Hopkins is being regarded as the voice of President Roosevelt. The belief is growing steadily that Mr. Hopkins is the President's personal selection as his successor in the White House, and that he was put in the Department of Commerce because in that position he could talk to business men and build himself up as a figure to be seriously considered as of Presidential caliber.  
Until his latest appointment Mr. Hopkins had never had business experience or many contacts with business. His whole career has been that of a social worker. Personally, Mr. Hopkins impresses almost everybody who comes in contact with him as a man of sincerity and decided personal charm.

How far he will be able to add to that impression the belief that he has a sound, broad view of economic problems especially as they affect business remains to be seen.

### MRS. SALLIE FLEMING ALFORD DIES IN RICHMOND

Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Fleming Alford, 62, of Richmond, Va., were conducted Friday, Feb. 17, by the Rev. E. M. Carter from the Christian Church in Youngsville, with interment in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Alford was born in Vance County and was reared by her foster parents, the late Joseph Warren Duke and Octavia Harris Duke of Youngsville. She was the widow of the late Eugene T. Alford, of Youngsville, where the family lived until her husband's death fourteen years ago.  
She then moved to Richmond, Va., with her three daughters, Josephine, Mary Fleming and Annie Lynn, who reside in Richmond. She is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews, of Virginia and North Carolina.

### LOUISBURG TRIUMPHS ON LAST-HALF SPURT

Trailing by 27-14 at half-time, the Louisburg Young Men's Club rallied in the second half and defeated Castalia community basketball team, 55-50, in a basketball game here.

Bill Lancaster caged 17 points to lead Louisburg, Troutman, with 14, and R. Lancaster, with 13, vied for runner-up honors. Leaders for Castalia were P. Overby and Collins, each with 15.

There are two sides to most questions, and no bottom.

## SIXTH PRIZE WINNER Clemson Wins Conference Title



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SEMIFINALS  
Maryland 53, State 29, Clemson 49, Davidson 33.

FINALS  
Clemson 39, Maryland 27.

Clemson's Tigers are basketball champions of the Southern Conference—for the first time.

The boys from South Carolina, who almost didn't get in the tournament field, won the title by defeating Maryland's second-seeded Old Liners, 39-27. Saturday night before 4,000 fans in Memorial Auditorium, in Raleigh.

The contest closed out a four-day meet which opened with 11 teams, three more than the usual field in the annual tournament. Coach Joe Davis' Clemson Tigers pulled into a .500 percentage just before tournament-picking time, and this enabled them to squeeze into the 11-team field.

But there was no "squeezing in" Saturday night—the South Carolinians thumped the favored Old Liner 39-27. It was a real battle all the way, but the outcome hardly was in doubt after the classy Clemsons put on a nine-point

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WELL, BOB, I NEVER DID EITHER UNTIL I BEGAN USING A GOOD FERTILIZER.

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YES, I USED TO THINK SO, TOO, BUT YOU NEED THE RIGHT FERTILIZER TO MAKE REAL MONEY THESE DAYS.

WELL, I'VE ALWAYS BOUGHT THE CHEAPEST—BECAUSE I ALWAYS SAY THEY'RE ALL THE SAME.

WELL, I MIGHT-AS WELL TRY S-D NOTHING ELSE HAS SEEMED TO HELP.

DO THAT, BOB, AND I'LL BET YOU DO AS WELL AS I DO.

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