

Bailey Outlines Present Equipment Of Armed Forces

(By Josiah W. Bailey, United States Senator)

I have fully supported the President's standard of adding the "measure short of war," "short of war" I understand that he means measures that do not involve us as a belligerent in the war. This country is not prepared to do more than it is doing at the present time either with measures short of war or with war measures. Our country has a surplus of agricultural products and I am in favor of supplying these to the fullest extent as demand arises.

The following statement is submitted in order to inform those who are writing me as to the state of our National defense.

In The Air:
As to the airplane pilots, we have only 2,800 pilots in the army. We are planning to lift this to 7,000, but the training of pilots will require a great deal of time.

We have in the navy only 2,602 pilots. We are planning to lift this number to 16,000, but this will require a great deal of time.

As To Airplanes:
In the army, we have only 2,800 airplanes and less than 800 of these are up-to-date. We plan to lift the number to 8,000, but it requires a great deal of time to build a modern, fighting airplane. Less than 600 of these 2,800 airplanes are combat planes of fairly modern design, but they are lacking in armament equal to that of the German planes. The army

hopes soon to be receiving forty planes a month of the best type. Over against this, we should bear in mind that Germany today is said to be turning out 8,300 first line planes each month and proposes to step up her production to 6,000 per month.

In the navy, we have 1,765 airplanes. We are preparing to increase this number to 10,000. Of these 1,765 planes, only 1,387 are adequate for battle and we have ordered only 734 additional.

We are now producing about 450 first class training pursuit and bombing planes per month. The authorities hope that production may be gotten up to 800 a month by January, 1941.

We now have a capacity to produce 8,000 planes of all types per year. It is proposed that we shall increase this capacity to from 30,000 to 50,000 a year, but this will require a great deal of time in the assembling of material, expansion of plants and the production of the necessary machine tools, not to mention actual construction. The authorities do not hold out the hope that we can get the production up to 30,000 planes a year within twelve months.

The Navy:
As to the navy, we have, as the President said, probably the strongest navy in the world, but even so, our navy is sufficient to defend our shores on only one ocean front. It is now in the Pacific and we should be well aware that they may be needed for defense in the Pacific at any time as well as in the Atlantic. There are those who think that if we should be engaged in the Atlantic or in Europe, we would be attacked in the Pacific. We are proposing to increase our navy and the process is going on with the building of battleships, but the building of a battleship usually requires four years and sometimes longer. We will not have a two-ocean navy within several years.

The Army:
As for the army, we have in the regular army 298,500 men and officers. This is a small army. It is good as far as it goes, but it is wholly inadequate compared with the size of modern armies now engaged in war. We could not spare 75,000 men for war in Europe.

In addition, we have a National Guard of 251,000 men and officers. The National Guard is a strong organization. We have in the Reserves, men and officers, 192,000.

That is to say, in the Army, the National Guard and the Reserves, we have a total of available fighting force of less than 750,000 men and officers. Compare this with the regular army statement today that in the German line of battle in France there are two million men.

As To Equipment
As for tanks and combat cars, we have only 503.

As for anti-aircraft, we have only 463, hardly more than sufficient to defend two cities. It costs from \$40,000 to \$60,000 to build one anti-aircraft gun.

In field artillery, we have only 235 guns.

Of anti-tank guns, we have only 228.

Of semi-automatic rifles, we have only 40,000.

The foregoing will indicate that we are totally unprepared to engage in a war at this time.

For those who consider that we might send our civilian sons to Europe, let me say that the rule that it requires not less than six months of intensive training to make a good soldier of a civilian. In the World War, we called for recruits throughout the country, but they were not placed in the battle line until sixteen months after we had entered the war. That is to say we entered the war the first week in April, 1917, and our soldiers, other than those in the regular army, were not engaged in combat until July, 1918. Sixteen months were required to train and equip them, and we never did equip them, but depended upon the Allies.

If we propose now to send our sons, we should understand that we cannot prepare them for a field of battle within six months, and cannot equip them in less than a year.

The foregoing facts speak for themselves. I am without reservation for the whole program of National defense including that portion of it intended to get rid of the disloyal element in this country, and, of course, including the expansion of industry and plants with a view to producing the guns, the planes, the ships, the tanks and equipment that may be necessary. I do not think it prudent for this country to get into the war as a belligerent. We are utterly unprepared and one may look abroad and see for himself what it means to go into a modern warfare unprepared.

One should consider that the Allies are just as short in man power as they are in mechanical power. The newspapers report that on the Continent of Europe, they are out numbered more than two to one. I am opposed to sending our boys to fight in Europe.

I respect the views of those who are urging us to get into this war, but I am asking them to inform themselves on the subject of our

utter unpreparedness at present and our incapacity to be well prepared within twelve months. And I may add that I am hoping, and shall strive, that we may be spared involvement in this war as a belligerent. All of us must know what it means. If we do not, we can look abroad through the newspapers and see for ourselves, but under any circumstances I think it ought to be universally agreed that we cannot afford to get into the war now and that little or no good would be accomplished and we would certainly run the risk of indescribable evil.

As to matters of strategy, what articles may be sold, what shall be reserved for domestic defense, how far the United States may wisely be committed in a situation so grave, I consider that great deference must be given the expert authorities, the staffs of the army and navy. They know a great deal more than we do, and they are experts.

Bordeaux Report Petain Says French Have Ceased Battle

Bordeaux, France.—(By CBS short-wave facilities).—Marshal Philippe Petain, new premier, announced today that France had given up the fight against Germany.

Petaim said he had communicated with the German high command during the night, immediately after taking office from Paul Reynaud, who had been pledged to a finish fight.

France, he said, had communicated with the German high command in an attempt to effect an honorable cessation of hostilities.

As soon as he had taken office, Petaim met with his colleagues under President Albert Lebrun. Immediately thereafter, Paul Baudouin, the new foreign minister, gave a secret communication to Jose Felix de Lequericay Erquiza, Spanish ambassador, for his old friend Generalissimo Francisco Franco, the Spanish nationalist leader and friend of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. This communication, it was indicated, asked Franco to convey a message to the German high command asking for peace.

The French high command had already issued its morning communique when Petaim, the 84-year-old hero of Verdun, made a radio speech of hardly two minutes for the French nation, announcing that he had contacted France's ancient enemy, now in Paris and at the final French defense line on the Loire. The Maginot Line had been smashed, surrounded.

It was with this in mind that the aged soldier told his people that he, in office to do his tragic task, had given up the fight for France.

Tallinn Report Reds March Into Latvia And Estonia

Stockholm.—Tallinn, Tartu and other large towns in Estonia were occupied today by Soviet troops who marched in shortly after the government accepted Moscow's ultimatum. Latvia was also entered by the Soviet soldiers. (The Berlin radio said Riga, Latvia's capital, was occupied.)

Tallinn, Estonia.—Soviet Russian troops crossed into Estonia and Latvia at 6 a. m. today (Sunday midnight, e. s. t.) to establish new garrisons in accordance with Moscow's week-end demands accepted by the little Baltic nations.

Towns and areas may be occupied by the Red army which were not involved in the mutual assistance agreements effected last year.

London.—Great Britain, its empire and its national life at stake, faced Germany and Italy alone today with the threat of an imminent German invasion and the possibility that the French fleet, second most powerful in Europe, might be turned against it.

It was disclosed now that a French surrender had been expected, that French military leaders had decided long ago that the German blitzkrieg could not be stopped until the United States and Britain gave aid on a scale which proved impossible.

It was disclosed that there had been an agreement between Britain and France that, if French resistance on the continent became impossible, the French would carry on with its air force and its navy and the resources of the French Empire as a government in exile.

Today, when Marshal Philippe Petaim announced that France had asked for German peace terms, it was not even known what would happen to the fleet, and whether France's naval bases in the Mediterranean basin would be turned over to Germany.

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Unpreparedness Is Blamed On Trojan Jackasses' In U. S.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 14.—James H. R. Cromwell, former U. S. minister to Canada, said today America was unprepared for war because of "Trojan jackasses" that stalk the halls of Congress.

"These Trojan jackasses in our Senate and House of Representatives," said Cromwell at a press conference, "lulled our people to sleep for years with their consistent statements that the United States had no interest in what was going on in Europe."

"These Trojan jackasses, who have refused American help of any kind to the Allies are responsible for our present unprepared condition, both material and mental. President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull gave them the inside information as to what was going on in Europe a year ago, but they continued to mislead the people."

Cromwell, who is now the Democratic candidate for U. S. senator from New Jersey, declined to name the so-called "Trojan jackasses," but said most of them were high-standing members of the Senate

and House. Asked whether he thought these men were "sincere" in their convictions that the United States should keep strictly aloof from European affairs, Cromwell said: "They are either fools or knaves." Cromwell said he didn't believe Hitler's forces would invade the United States in case of European victory, but that, rather, Germany would "put the economic squeeze on us."

He expressed belief that if the British government had to flee to Canada there would be a "tacit coalition" of the British and United States governments, with the British defending the Western hemisphere in the Atlantic and the United States fleet in the Pacific.

"If the British fleet escapes to this continent intact," said Cromwell, "The Nazis could not invade us."

Butcher's Love Song

I never sausage eyes as thine.
And if you'll butcher hands in mine,
And liver 'round me every day,
We'll seek some han-let far away,
And meat life's frown with love's
caress,
And cleaver road to happiness.
—Cokesbury Pl.

County Singing At Courthouse On Thursday, July 4th

All Singers Invited To Attend All-Day Singing Held Semi-Annually

Regular semi-annual meeting of the Wilkes County Singers association will be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Thursday, July 4, beginning at ten a. m., according to an announcement issued by J. A. Gilliam, chairman, and Wm. A. Stroud, secretary.

The announcement said: "All singers are urgently requested to attend and take part in this singing, and those who like to hear good singing are also invited. In case we have more than can comfortably be seated in the courthouse, we have arrangements for installation of a new amplifier in order to accommodate all who will attend."

Letters of invitation to the singing have been mailed to many singing class leaders but officials point out that some may have been overlooked and that all sing-

ers are invited, regardless of whether or not they have received a written invitation.

Mandy's Men

Says Mandy:
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"Ah wants theft insurance
For mah man, John Day.
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