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Ho! A Carolinian Speaks

The most logical, the most patriotic, the most sensible speech yet made in the United States Senate on the lease-lend measure now before Congress, was delivered by Josiah William Bailey at Washington yesterday, in which the Senator said:

"The axis powers may regard this legislation as an act of war. But—listen—they do not attack because of provocation.

"My judgment is they will fight this country when they think they can whip us and not before. If we were as peaceful as lambs and as calm as doves—if we appease them with everything we have—they will not hesitate to attack us when they think the time is ready."

Continuing, Senator Bailey said: "I am advocating intervention with all its implications. I am not going to hedge."

"And", he concluded, while a great crowd packed the galleries, and he banged his desk:

"If anybody asks me what we are going to do if Germany and Japan declare war on us, I'll tell them **WE ARE GOING TO FIGHT TO THE LAST MAN, THE LAST DOLLAR AND THE LAST DROP OF BLOOD.** If President Roosevelt's British aid bill means war, **I AM READY TO GO.**"

The Danbury Reporter has never been more proud of this brilliant North Carolinian who speaks the words that so many skulking cowards and appeasers and isolationists in Congress need to hear, and words which by nobody else have been spoken. Words which are true to the honor and integrity of the American nation which will not yield or side-step to the threats of the murderers of Europe and Asia.

All honor to Bailey, a true descendant of George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson.

How nobly his sentiment and declaration contrast with the cringing, pusillanimous, cowardly, betraying Fifth Columnists like Burton K. Wheeler, Taft, Vandenberg, Nye, Clark, Lindbergh, etc., who would—through their policies of knuckling to Germany and its subversive actions in this country—lead the boys of America, through a criminal and tragic unpreparedness, to destruction, and with them the destruction of America.

AMERICA WANTS NO WAR, BUT—

America will fight before it will submit to the domination of any people in the world, or the prevention of our right to live and do business and prosper along the lines of trade and commerce and business as established for us by our forefathers.

The fall of Singapore, the great British naval and airplane base of the East that has for all time stood for the free passage of American ships with our manufactured products, our cotton, wheat, tobacco and gasoline to the markets of the East, would be a tragedy of the first magnitude for England and America.

When Japanese warships undertake to conquer Singapore they will be met not only by British warships but by the American battle-fleet in all of its power.

As long as liberty burns in the breasts of the English speaking peoples, the Lion and the Eagle will rule the waves.

Germany, Italy, and Japan realize this, and they are afraid.

THE SIDESTEP OF NORTH CAROLINA'S SYNTHETIC SENATOR

North Carolinians who believe in the glory and history and noble traditions of America, and who have always been found standing like a stone wall by the things that have made America great, are humiliated by the sudden about-face on national defense of our alleged Senator Bob Reynolds.

In this hour of the country's greatest peril, the disappointment occasioned by desertion of a leader might be poignant indeed.

Dispatches from Washington today state that Reynolds had, as a member of the foreign relations committee, previously been for the lease-lend bill, (with "reservations") he suddenly turned tail and joined the isolationist-appeaser-fifth column group led by Wheeler, Lindbergh, Nye, Vandenberg, Clark, Earl Browder, etc.

In a three-hours speech, Reynolds—the first Southern Senator to vote against the bill—gave his support to the friends of the Reich, and the enemies of the safety of the United States.

North Carolina does not endorse the stand of Reynolds, which is against the sincere and patriotic efforts of the President of the United States and repugnant to the judgment of the best minds of our civil and military leaders.

While his position is embarrassing, it is not surprising to those who recall that he was not in the lines when 140 thousands Americans died to save civilization and democracy in the last war. Now when the peril to our country is infinitely more, the fact that he is still keeping a weather eye to the tall timber does not occasion amazement.

With J. W. Bailey and Claude Pepper bearing the flag, and all the others south of the M.-D. marker, in serried ranks, may we be excused for leaving behind our synthetic Senator.

WHAT MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND AND ROUND ?

A dispatch from Singapore, apropos of the Jap threat to that far Eastern British base, tells of "an Australian imperial force of many thousands strong reaching the port," "the largest and most powerful reinforcement of men, guns and machines ever to arrive in a single convoy."

The dispatch goes on to say that "the calm of this great naval base was broken by a great uproar as gray vessels came alongside the docks, with the bronzed tigers yelling and screaming to the British regiment band to play "Roll Out the Barrell," and that the "medical corps was accompanied by pretty nurses."

What makes the world go round and round?

"NEGOTIATED PEACES"

Italy, establishing 800,000 troops on the border with Greece, notifies Greece to make peace with Mussolini; on the terms that Mussolini will dictate, else the Greeks will be smashed by the German mechanized divisions.

This of course means the destruction of the Greek nation and the hopeless enslavement of the Greeks.

The Greeks cannot fail to comply, notwithstanding their sacrifices and their total defeat of the Italian invaders of Greece and Albania.

And this is the kind of "negotiated peace" that Lindbergh and Wheeler would have Britain and America make with Hitler—a Hitler peace which may be spelt with six letters—CHAINS.

PRESERVE YOUR PESETAS

Professor in a western university stresses thrift and saving as an essential qualification for successful youth.

Andrew Carnegie—a Scot—was an outstanding apostle of parsimony. His theme for young men was "Save—save—save."

What for, specially, Andy never did say. It is a historical fact that his enormous accumulations dissipated when the flowers had faded.

We have sometimes wondered if the Steel Baron didn't have a hankering suspicion that asbestos—an affinity of his product—might not, somehow be used to protect the hoardings at last.

He couldn't conscientiously desert the interests he was leaving. The pain of it was too poignant.

But we are quite sure that the habit of intense saving has a much more spiritual value. A tightwad should go to Heaven when he dies because of his unselfishness. One who knows by commonsense logic how frail and uncertain is his tenure on life, to deny himself the pleasures of spending—the comforts, the luxuries, and all that sort of thing—in order that his successors—and their lawyers—may enjoy the fruits of his self-denial, should be handsomely rewarded in some way.

NOT QUITE SO BAD AS THAT.

We heard a radio divine in a morning "devotional" express himself about the conditions of this tragic day. He said:

"This is one of the most darkest and most saddest periods in the history of the world."

We had an idea things were gloomy and discouraging, but we never believed it was so bad as that.

TOBACCO MAY BE HIGH THIS FALL

In the lend-lease bill, as sponsored by President Roosevelt, which bill is now before congress and certain to pass by a huge majority—there is a provision that means big things for tobacco.

In this bill which pledges all-out help for England, is a requirement that the British must help the farmers of America by buying their needed foodstuffs and commodities, as far as practicable, from us. This the English have gladly promised to do.

Thus with our exports coming back, with restricted production as voted by our farmers and the natural curtailment of production by so many men going to camps and going to the various public works, the future of tobacco looks bright.

FILE YOUR REPORTER'S

The early history of Stokes as being deived out by Thomas S. Petree and published in the Reporter, is very valuable to those who care for their country's history. Every issue of the Reporter, if saved, will be valuable in the years to come.

A country without a pedigree, or not a background, is a nondescript desert where no one is proud to live except those nondescripts who cannot afford one and nineteen-hundredths of a cent per week for their county paper.

My-Go-Round says there is a cracking axis.