BAILEY STRESSES LACK OF DEFENSE

Says Military Preparation Chief National Aim; Cites Present Equipment.

Washington — Warning the American people of the dangers of becoming involved in Europe's war, Senator Josiah W. Bailey recently declared the major task of the United tates is bolstering its present inadequate defenses.

In a statement summarizing in detail the armed equipment of the United States, the North Carolinian advocated all possible aid to the Allies short of war.

"From the outset, I have faithfully supported the President's foreign policy and also his national defense program," Bailey stated. "I have and am now upholding him in his polcy of opposing aggressor nations with all means and 'measures short of war' ".

He emphasized that this country already is doing all that it can do for England and France without declaring war on their enemies

"And we could have done much more had England and France for equipment sooner."

Senator Bailey urged that those who advocate our entry in war consider what participation would mean in the unprepared condition of the United States.

"Let them look abroad and see what it means to get into a war without abundance of modern equipment," he said, adding that he was definitely opposed to sending man-power out of the hemisphere no matter how excellent the preparation.

To back up his statement of the conditions of preparedness in this country, Senator Bailey introduced a detailed study of what the United States now has to enforce its foreign policies. This study revealed the following conditions:

In the air: We have only 2,800 pilots in the Army. We are planning to lift this to 7,000, but the training will require a good deal of time. In the Navy we have 2,602 pilots — a number to be increased to 16,000.

"The Army has 2,800 planes with less than 800 up to date; 8,000 more to be built; less than 600 of the 2,800 are modern fighting planes. The army hopes to be receiving 40 planes a month of the best types soon, but it is to be borne in mind that Germany reputedly has 3,300 planes hitting the front lines by the month.

"The Navy has 1,765 planes, with 10,000 to be built. Of the 1,765 planes. 1,367 are adequate for battle. Only 734 have actually been ordered.

"We are producing 450 first-class training pursuit and bombing planes per month. Authorities hope for 800 a month by January. Our present 8,000 a year capacity is to be speeded up to from 35,000 to 50,000, but little hope is seen for this within less than a year.

"2. The Navy: We have the best navy in the world in all probability, but our coastlines demand that we have one many times stronger — and ship construction, especially battleships, is a matter of usually three or four years.A of usually three or four years. A two-ocean navy is several years away.

"3. The Army: Consists of 298,500 regulars. It is good but small, and only 75,000 are fully equipped with modern facilities. In addition, the National Guard holds 251,000 men and a reserve corps of 192,000—which is strong second line body of trained men. But the total combined, or 750.000 men, compares meagerly with the Nazi war machine of millions.

"4. Equipment: We have 503 tanks; only 463 anti-aircraft guns, enough to defend two cities, and it costs between 40 and 60 thousand dollars to build one of these guns.

"We have 235 field artillery guns; 228 anti-tank guns; 40,000 semi-automatic rifles, probably this much equipment is lost on European battlefields by the day."

Banks Half Billion

Mrs. Essie Ept, in charge of Ohio's gasoline revenues, has deposited $540,316,659 to the state's credit since 1926. This great sum was collected in dimes, nickels and pennies. It took a lot of 'em—but Mrs. Ept didn't mind.

WAR

Italy's entrance into the war endangers not only an important market for U. S. farm products but the source of many farm specialties for which there has always been a good market here.

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Home Gardens Show Sizeable Expansion Now

Raleigh, June 19 — Judging from the appearance and size of home gardens this year, pantries in rural North Carolina homes this fall and winter will be stocked with an abundance of canned fruits and vegetables, according to John W. Goodman, assistant director of the N. C. State College Extension service.

Evidently realizing that they face the prospects of slim profits from cotton and tobacco this year, farm families have given serious consideration to the suggestions of Extension workers and have redoubled their efforts to produce good gardens.

Not only have these families devoted more area to gardens, Godoman said, but they have planted a wider assortment of vegetables. This will assure a greater variety in the diet. That part of the garden not used for current needs is being preserved for fall and winter use.

In most home demonstration clubs at the present time, canning has come to the fore as a major project. Home agents of the Extension Service are instructing farm women members in the latest and most scientific methods of canning and preserving surplus foods.

Likewise, Goodman said, these agents are giving instruction to 4-H club girls in saving fruits and vegetables. Many of the club girls have taken food conservation as their project for the year.

Greater than usual interest in home gardens was stimulated this year by a new AAA provision which provides a small payment for planting and cultivating a garden. The provisions specifies a minimum of ten vegetables on at least one-tenth of an acre during the year.

The latest available figure from the U. S. Department of Agriculture showed North Carolina well in front of other states in the value of vegetables produced in home gardens.

YANKS SLOGAN BUTTONS COME UNDER BAN

Harrisburg, Pa. — The wearing of buttons lettered "The Yanks are not coming", is taboo today for 4,000 employees of the Pennsylvania Unemployment compensation commission division.

Lewis G. Hines, Secretary of Labor and Industry, asserted the slogan was "conceived by Communists" and the buttons were distributed by Communist Front Organization.

Mr. Hines did not specify what Pennsylvania localities were involved but warned he would take action in any office where the buttons were found.

ASSERTS LOYALTY WITH $500 DEPOSIT

Great Neck, N. Y. — Louis Uhlemann, a baker, placed a big sign across his show window. It said, "I have been accused of 'fifth column' activities and of being pro-Nazi and many other false stories have ben circulated about me.

"I am a loyal American and believe in everything this country stands for.

"I have placed on deposit with the Great Neck Trust the sum of $500 to be paid to the Amercan Red Cross upon presentation of any evidence whatsoever to the contrary."

BRITISH

In response to the British government's campaign for increased home food production, more than 2,000,000 acres of grassland have been plowed under and are now being planted to food crops.

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