

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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NEW MONROE DOCTRINE TAXES FOR DEFENSE. NAVAL INCREASE WINS. TRAINING PILOTS. COMMUNISTS ON THE AIR. FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE. DEWEY AND TAFT AHEAD.

The uncertain situation in Europe, which means realization that the Allies may face defeat, brings forth a demand to implement the Monroe Doctrine in the sovereignty of islands and territories in the Western Hemisphere as a result of the war. Resolutions introduced in Congress put this Government on record as opposing such transfers from one non-American power to another. The measures have the approval of the State Department.

While passage of the declarations may make clear the position of the United States, the only instrumentation of the Monroe Doctrine which will count in the eyes of aggressor nations is the fighting strength of the United States. Consideration of the declaration now indicates that this Government wants to be on record that it will oppose with force, if necessary, any attempt of Germany to take over the possessions of The Netherlands, Great Britain or France as a result of the present struggle.

The chances are that the people of the United States will be given an opportunity to practice some form of self-sacrifice in order to assist in financing the defense program. President Roosevelt advocates a reduction of ten per cent in all Government spending not directly connected with defense and congressional leaders expressed dissatisfaction with the "super tax bills now pending which would produce about \$856,000,000.

Senators Byrd of Virginia and Tydings of Maryland advocate new taxation to strengthen the financial condition of the Treasury. Mr. Byrd would add a ten per cent increase in taxation to be made retroactive for incomes earned in 1939. Mr. Tydings urges that income levies be readjusted so that single men earning \$700 will contribute at least \$5.00 and married men under \$2,000 around \$10.00. He says, "The entire burden cannot be carried by the rich." The Maryland Senator would raise by taxation around \$2,500,000,000 a year to finance the defense program.

Indicative of the state of mind in Congress, the Senate last week, without discussion or dissent and in three minutes, passed the House bill authorizing a further outlay of \$654,902,270 to increase the fighting strength of the Navy by eleven per cent. Readers should understand that this is an authorization measure and not an appropriation bill, which will be necessary before the construction of the twenty-two new warships, twenty-two auxiliary vessels and 1,007 airplanes authorized in the bill can begin.

The Civilian Aeronautics Authority is working in close cooperation with the Army and Navy in training pilots, devoting itself largely to the first stage of military and naval training. It plans to give 45,000 student pilots primary training and 5,000 secondary training.

In addition, refresher courses are to be given about 5,000 solo pilots and will be offered to 25,000 students who have qualified under the civilian pilot-training program, but are not yet ready for secondary training, which is limited by the availability of faster planes. At least three thousand instructors will be qualified to train the pilots and some 5,000 commercial pilots and 7,000 private pilots will be given short refresher courses.

It is pointed out that the Army and Navy, in training combat fliers, has a four-course program and that CAA pilots who complete the secondary courses will still have to go through three of the military stages to qualify for combat flying. By June 30th, 9,000 students in 435 colleges, will have concluded a ground school course of 72-class hours and a primary flight training course of 35 to 50 hours.

In addition, 750 students in non-college units will complete similar courses. Under pressure of present emergencies, the CAA will expedite the program by compressing instructions which have been spread out over a school year into a four-months period. This will enable it to train 45,000 primary pilots instead of the 10,000 heretofore handled.

The three major broadcasting companies which presented the proceedings of the Communist National Convention in Madison Square Garden, a little more than a week ago, felt constrained to apologize to their audiences for the proceedings.

They explained that the present law requires that equal facilities be given to all legally qualified candidates. In other words, "equal facilities" require the broadcasters to give the candidates of the party receiving less than 100,000 votes the same time that they give the candidates of parties receiving respectively 27,476,500 and 24,000,000 votes.

Obviously, such legal requirement may be altered. While the pur-

pose in the minds of the authors of the legislation is commendable, in that they seek to prevent broadcasters from discriminating between political parties, it might be well to limit applications of the "equal facilities" provision to parties which poll not less than ten or twenty per cent of the total votes cast in the last previous election.

In view of possible future emergencies which confront the nation now, the people of the United States should understand that the defenses of the United States cannot depend upon volunteers for the Army but that the principle of selective service must be invoked immediately.

Our standing Army, plus the National Guards and Reserves, is small and it is essential for the nation to have a backlog of recruits which have had at least the basic training for war service. No nation facing a world in arms can risk its security upon the haphazard preparation that is involved in a volunteer system. By using the selective service method every population group will contribute its quota of recruits and the Government will be able to call into training such numbers as it may be able to handle at any time.

While we do not hesitate to advocate the principle of selective service in contrast to a volunteer method of obtaining recruits, it would be easy, under the selective service program, to classify the registered males and, perhaps, permit volunteers to come from selective groups whenever it is not necessary to mobilize or train the entire group.

With the Republican National Convention just around the corner, it is interesting to reveal the general opinion that unless there is a sudden shift, a first-ballot nomination is not probable. In the view of most observers, Thomas E. Dewey continues to be the leading candidate, with Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, close to him in delegate-strength.

First ballot votes will also be registered for Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, former President Herbert Hoover, Frank E. Gannett and Wendell L. Wilkie, Governor James of Pennsylvania, Governor Baldwin of Connecticut, Senator Mc Nary of Oregon, Hanford MacNeider of Iowa, Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, and Senator Capper of Kansas.

Present strategy indicates that opponents to the nomination of Mr. Dewey will work to prevent a nomination on an early ballot, which will be followed by a show of strength for Senator Taft. Should Dewey and Taft both fail to make the grade and the Convention becomes deadlocked, "dark horses" will flock to the front for trial runs. It should be understood that canvasses of supporters of the various candidates indicating the results outlined above is not conclusive and that no one can tell what will happen when the Convention actually assembles.

War Refugees Expected To Land In Norfolk, Va. Key City In National

The Norfolk, Virginia, chapter of the American Red Cross is on the look-out for a shipload of American refugees fleeing the War Zone. Most of the larger liners will dock in New York or Boston, but many smaller freighters from the Mediterranean are expected to tie up in Norfolk.

The Tidewater city's chapter has been advised to mobilize its disaster relief corps to assist the Americans. So great has the disaster grown, dispatches from Europe indicate there is nothing comparable to it in the history of mankind.

Chairman of the Norfolk chapter said the organization is ready to go into service when needed.

Iceland, Now In The World Spotlight, Is Remarkable Nation

Do you think of little Iceland—in the international spotlight since the German occupation of Denmark, its "mother country"—as a barren and backward land tucked among the icebergs of the Arctic Circle? Many do. But contrary to this impression, Iceland has a livable climate, had trial by jury before England, and has a remarkably progressive court.

Auto Quiz No. 2



- Quit your skidding and give us the correct answer to this one: If your car starts to skid on a wet or icy pavement the best thing to do is to — (a) throw out the clutch and apply the brakes sharply. (b) leave the clutch in and apply the brakes carefully. (c) throw out the clutch and apply the brakes carefully. (d) shift into second gear and apply the hand brake.
- If, in spite of your precautions, you do go into a skid, you will keep cool, keep a firm grip on the wheel, and steer — (a) straight ahead. (b) in the direction you are skidding. (c) in the direction opposite to that in which you are skidding.
- You'll find that only one of these methods will enable you to cross slippery street car tracks or icy ruts without difficulty — (a) ease into the tracks or ruts, then speed up and gradually work your wheels out on the other side. (b) slow down and cross at a wide angle as possible. (c) slow down and cross in as nearly a parallel position as possible.

Answers on Page Six.

Annual 4-H Canning Rules And Awards Out

"For More and Better Canning in 1940" is the title of a folder announcing the 12th annual contest to which canning clubs of the State are now eligible through the acceptance of the state director of extension.

The folder shows a photo of last year's state canning champions taken while at the last December National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, to which they won trips, and gives detailed rules, awards and objectives of this year's competition. Club leaders may obtain copies through their county extension or club agent.

Two state winners pictured in the folder with their canning projects are credited with assisting 44 farm women in learning to use a pressure cooker and to can according to a budget. Such a plan adequately provides the family with the quantity and variety of foods necessary to carry through to the next season.

Recognition of outstanding girls in canning projects is provided in 1940 in three ways—gold medals for county winners, Club Congress trips for state winners, and to the top five of these each a \$200 scholarship, all again provided through the Kerr Glass corporation as an aid to better rural living.

Henry Hurdle Was Not Guilty In Theft Case

Henry Hurdle, a local grocery delivery boy, was falsely credited in this newspaper last week with a conviction in Recorder's Court last Tuesday.

Henry wishes his friends to know that he was found not guilty in the gasoline theft case in which Weldon Mebane, Highpockets Felton and Dick Parker, all Negroes, were found guilty and taxed with the costs of court.

The Perquimans Weekly gladly makes this correction.

"A third or a quarter of the people of the United States, potentially the wealthiest nation in the world, live at a lower level (measured in food, clothing, housing, education, medical attendance, etc.) than that of perhaps even single family in Iceland," Stefansson declares. Indeed, Iceland is a remarkable little country!

Weekly Market Report

POULTRY AND EGGS
Courtesy Division of Markets
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture

Eggs, per dozen—Henney whites, 14-18; henney browns, 14-18; current collections, 14-17.
Live Poultry, per lb.—Rocks, 12-16; reds, 12-16; mixed colors, 12-16; light breeds, 10-12; fryers, 18-20.

Minneapolis. — Permitted to go home to get \$15 to pay a speeding fine, Soren Sorenson declared, "I'll be right back." He was, too, in a few minutes, having been arrested for speeding on his way back to

NEW HOPE NEWS

Miss Fannie Lee Turner spent a few days last week in Elizabeth City visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Turner.

Jasper Sawyer, accompanied by his friends, John Sanders and Miss Patricia Bodie, of Colorado, who spent the past month with his mother, Mrs. Fattie Sawyer, has returned to Colorado. Mr. Sawyer had not been at home in twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robbins, of Elizabeth City, visited their mother, Mrs. Mattie Robbins, Sunday afternoon.

Vernon Robbins, of Norfolk, Va., visited his mother, Mrs. Mattie Robbins, Saturday.

Miss Celia Blanche Dail, a student at E. C. T. C., Greenville, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dail, for the summer.

Mrs. Mike Woodard, of Richmond, Va., is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Spivey.

Miss Rebecca Webb went to Wake Forest, where she will attend summer school, Wednesday. She was accompanied by her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Chappell, of Belvidere.

Mrs. W. E. Dail, Miss Celia Blanche Dail and little Miss Billy Dail visited Mrs. Dail's sister, Mrs. A. C. Boyce, near Edenton, Sunday.

Mrs. C. B. Goodman, who is attending summer school at Wilson, spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. Alphonso Chappell and her daughter, La Rue, of Belvidere, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Webb. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Chappell's sister, Miss Matt

Webb. Winman Spivey, U. S. N., stationed in Norfolk, Va., is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Spivey.
Robley Perry, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Perry.
Miss Vida Banks and Miss Mary Webb were in Elizabeth City attending the Potato Festival.

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