

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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JAPAN TESTING THE U. S. SERIOUS ISSUES AHEAD JAP ARMY MOVES ALONG BLOCKADE MARTINIQUE NAVAL BATTLE POSSIBLE HULL ASSERTS DOCTRINE DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS F. D. R. MISINTERPRETED UPHOLDS DEMOCRACY

Relations between the United States and Japan are evidently to become somewhat critical. Last week, "Down with America" signs were posted in Shanghai as Japanese soldiers alleged "mistreatment" of Japanese gendarmes arrested by U. S. Marines. Lenial by Marine officers that any mistreatment was accorded the Japanese, who pushed into the American zone against regulations, means nothing to the Japanese who seem to be seeking the basis for an "incident" against this country.

Japanese dissatisfaction with the policies of the United States is not of recent origin. Taking advantage of the world situation, the Japanese are shoving the French around and threatening serious military activity against Great Britain. Naturally, the Army of Japan is putting out feelers to see what kind of reaction will come from the United States.

With Japan intent upon ousting Western nations from the Far East, Tokyo is also concerned over the export licensing system covering certain war materials in this country. The Japanese fear that the system may be used to prevent their getting necessary war materials from the United States. In addition, the Japanese do not like the presence of the American battleship fleet at Hawaii.

It is entirely possible that the present furor will die down, but it is almost inevitable that, in the future, something like a showdown between Japan and the United States will occur in the Far East. Since the defeat of France, the French have practically given up their rights in Indo-China at the order of Japan.

British interests at Hong Kong are in peril because the Empire refuses to close the Burma route to China. Japan understands that Great Britain, fighting Germany in Europe, will not be able to move effectively in the Far East. This leaves only the United States to block the imperialistic program of Japan. The Japanese Army intends to test the firmness and resolution of the American Government by producing repeated periods of tense feeling. Should the United States waver in weakness, the expansionists will take it as a green light for the "full speed" signal.

Something of an international issue was created when British warships closed in upon the French island of Martinique, where it was suspected a French aircraft carrier, loaded with planes was waiting for a chance to slip across the Atlantic. The British denied that they were maintaining a blockade but an attempt on the part of the French warship to get to Europe would produce a naval engagement. One United States cruiser and a number of destroyers were standing by, maintaining the neutrality patrol, but taking no other part.

From the standpoint of international law, as it was understood when the European War began, the British would be entirely within their rights in any entanglement with French warships, but since the American republics have attempted to set up a 300-mile safety zone to prevent hostilities in this hemisphere, it seems probable that the British might prefer not to force an issue with American republics. This might cause British warships to follow French warships out of the safety zone before making any attack. Nevertheless, some observers believe that British warships will not miss an opportunity to capture or destroy hostile French vessels even if it becomes necessary to disregard the so-called safety zone.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull upon instructions from the President, reiterated the determination of this country to maintain the Monroe Doctrine, pronounced a policy of self-defense, which does not carry the slightest implication of hegemony on the part of the United States. This differentiates the famous American Doctrine from politics in "other geographical areas of the world," which are proclaimed as "similar" but are in reality pretexts for conquest, military occupations and complete economic and political domination by certain powers of other free and independent peoples.

It is very important that American citizens understand clearly the distinction made by Secretary Hull. Japan, in the Far East, proclaims that she is setting up an Asiatic "Monroe Doctrine." But, as the Secretary of State points out, the Japanese doctrine is being used for aggrandizement, the seizure of other territory and as the basis of complete domination over the entire region to the exclusion of other nations.

The Monroe Doctrine, in this hemisphere, does not attempt to oust other nations although it is asserted

to prevent the transfer of territory. A significant difference is to be found in the fact that the Monroe Doctrine does not assert, in behalf of the United States, any predominant interest in the economic and political life of this hemisphere. Other nations may enjoy commercial rights upon the same basis as that enjoyed by the United States.

Following the declaration of Secretary Hull, President Roosevelt suggested that Europe and Asia apply the principles of the Monroe Doctrine to their own territory. His utterance, as reported, cause some confusion because foreign observers believed that it might be used as a justification of the attempt of Germany and Japan to set up exclusive areas for their own benefit.

The President suggested that the nations of the various regions settle their disputes. He pointed out that this country would not countenance the seizure of territory within this hemisphere which should be a matter to be decided by all of the American republics. Similarly, he suggested that the disposition of French Indo-China should be decided among the Asiatic powers concerned.

The President's statement was relayed to the press by his secretary and the resulting misinterpretation seemed to arise because there was no accompanying explanation whether Asiatic countries, for example, in disposing of French Indo-China should be free from the domination of an aggressive military regime.

This observer is inclined to believe that the President's statement was not sufficiently explicit and that, in the near future, further explanation of the application of a Monroe Doctrine for Europe and Asia will be forthcoming.

President Roosevelt recently pointed out that there can be no compromise, even philosophical, between totalitarian and democratic processes of government. The President warned against ideological flirtation with the "corporate state as a substitute for democratic government or as a means of competing with totalitarian efficiency." He pointed out that the prescription for universal peace would include five "freedoms":

- (1) Freedom of information and knowledge and of the press.
- (2) Freedom of religion.
- (3) Freedom of expression.
- (4) Freedom from fear of attack and threat to territorial integrity.
- (5) Freedom from want, and the greatest possible cultural and commercial intercourse among nations.

Admitting that the "time lag" is intrinsic in a democratic system and that the corporate state moves more swiftly at times, the President pointed out that it centralizes supreme power in the hands of a few, imposing no restraint on them in regard to ideals which must be maintained. He said no nation should be in jeopardy of aerial bombardment from hostile and ambitious nations and stressed the necessity of disarmament in the reestablishment of world peace.

The President's request for almost \$5,000,000,000 supplementary defense funds, submitted to Congress last week, may not be the last word in regard to appropriations for national defense. What seemed adequate and complete a few months ago is now hopelessly out-of-date, in the President's opinion, and what happens in the future may make the present \$10,000,000,000 rearmament program insufficient for the complete protection of the United States.

The President's supplementary request included funds for the creation of a larger army, with adequate reserve material and supplies for another million men. Inasmuch as it will take the United States from two

PRIMARY AND RUN-OFF ELECTION COST PERQUIMANS COUNTY ABOUT \$560.00

Figures Broken Down To Show Cost in Different Townships BETHEL LOWEST

Single Race Runoff Billied at \$226.30; Second Primary Was Staged Alone Between Benton and McNider

Figures made recently available on the Democratic primaries reveal that the primary election and the runoff cost Perquimans County approximately \$560.00.

Broken down, the total shows that the first primary cost \$381.96, and the runoff, which made J. T. Benton high man over J. S. McNider in the race for county representative, cost \$226.30.

Broken down still further—into itemized units—the following shows where the \$560.00 went:

For both primaries in the different precincts, the salaries of registrars, judges and other election officials were billed as follows: New Hope, \$64.59; Hertford, \$87.15; Nicanor, \$65.56; Parkville, \$66.63; Bethel, \$61.74; Belvidere, \$67.68.

Ballots and advertising for both primaries were listed at \$41.00, while the board of elections was paid \$103.80.

The first primary, on May 25th, served to name five county commissioners—three of them incumbents; and narrowed the five-cornered race for representative down to Benton and McNider.

The runoff was staged entirely between Incumbent Benton and Challenger McNider. There was no State Ticket in the second primary when Wilkins P. Horton waived his right to a runoff with High Man J. M. Broughton for Governor.

to four years to enlarge its army, navy and air force to the limit now contemplated, it becomes evident, from the President's recommendation, that he is convinced that the United States, in the next few years, will face extremely dangerous world conditions.

Car Damaged In Sick Zone Crash On Market Street Saturday Night

A. W. Hefren's automobile was damaged to the extent of approximately \$100 in an accident in front of his house on Market Street last Saturday night.

The Hefren car was parked in front of the Hefren residence; a sick zone extends from Covert Garden to East Academy Street for the benefit of Mrs. T. R. Winslow, who lives just across the street.

A car driven by Lawrence Winslow of Hertford, came through the sick zone and crashed into the parked Hefren car, a Chrysler sedan.

In Recorder's Court Tuesday, Winslow was found guilty of reckless driving. He was ordered to pay the costs of court and to pay for the damages to Mr. Hefren's car.

BLIND, BUT DRIVES

Chicago.—Arrested on a minor traffic charge, Warren Odett, 58, blithely explained his lack of a driver's license by declaring that he was almost blind and received a blind pension from the State, and, therefore, he knew he couldn't get a driver's license and so hadn't applied for one.

PINEY WOODS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Chappell and son, Vernon, of Rich Square, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Chappell and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Raper.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Trivette visited Mrs. E. N. Chappell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Raper spent Monday in Elizabeth City and visited Mrs. Will Raper and Thomas Chappell, patients at Albemarle Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ward and sons have returned to their home in Chicago, Ill., after spending a week with his mother, Mrs. Laura Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ward and sons, Miss Agnes Ward and John Ward visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chappell Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Chappell visited his father, T. S. Chappell at Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Perry, of near Bethel, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chappell, Sunday.

Mrs. Fronie Lamb called on Mr. and Mrs. Purvis Chappell Sunday afternoon.

CROSS ROADS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hollowell and children left today (Thursday) for their home at Vanleet, Miss., after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott visited Mrs. W. H. Winborne and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Forehand Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lawrence, of Corapeake, visited Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Byrum Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Gordon Blow, of Edenton, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell.

Ray Hollowell, of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell.

Jimmie Woodell, of Raleigh, spent the week-end with the A. S. Bush family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott spent Wednesday with Mrs. Elliott's mother, Mrs. Fannie B. Knight, in Tarboro.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Corprew, of St. Brides, Va., and Thomas Corprew spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Corprew.

Roy Byrum, who has been clerking for A. S. Bush, has accepted a position in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. W. A. Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Perry and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Jr., Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. R. Parker, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Frank Caldwell and her little daughter, Dolly, of Clinton, visited Mrs. Z. W. Evans Thursday afternoon.

George Blanchard, of Suffolk, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Blanchard.

Mrs. W. A. Perry visited Mrs. Z. W. Evans Monday morning.

Mrs. Jack Brown, of Bethel, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

H. C. Nixon. Miss Marguerite Anbell is visiting friends in Greenville.

Miss Esther Evans has returned from a visit with Mrs. T. P. Brinn, in Hertford.

Chowan Woman's Club will hold an all-day picnic at Cross Roads on Wednesday, July 24. Plans are now being perfected to make the day an enjoyable one.

Mrs. H. C. Nixon, who has been very ill, is now improving.

Mrs. Z. W. Evans, Misses Marguerite Etta and Beatrice Wilson Evans visited relatives in Elizabeth City and Hertford Sunday.

George Goodwin, Jr., of Washington, D. C., spent a few days last week with his father, George E. Goodwin, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Byrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hollowell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hollowell, Miss Orene Hollowell and R. H. Hollowell spent Saturday at Oregon Inlet.

Miss Esther Elliott has returned to her home at Aulander, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hollowell and daughter, of Edenton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell.

Mr. Noble, R. H. Hollowell, Edward Hollowell and Ray Hollowell attended the ball game in Hertford Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Goodwin, of near Edenton, was the week-end guest of Miss Margaret White Byrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hollowell and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell visited Mrs. Gordon Blow, in Edenton, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. E. L. Winslow and Miss Eleanor Winslow visited Mrs. R. H. Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Evans and sons and Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott spent Sunday afternoon in Suffolk.

David Ward, of near Edenton, is visiting in the R. H. Hollowell home. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hollowell and children and Mr. and Mrs. R. H.

Hollowell spent Wednesday at Ocean View, Va.

Miss Sarah Winborne left Saturday for Wagram to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Shaw. She expects to return today (Thursday) and will be accompanied home by Mrs. Shaw and her daughter, Anne Winborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hollowell, of Portsmouth, Va., were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hollowell Saturday evening.

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TAYLOR THEATRE

EDENTON, N. C.
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Friday, July 19—
John Wayne, Claire Trevor, Roy Rogers, Walter Pidgeon and Gabby Hayes in
"THE DARK COMMAND"

Saturday, July 20—
Wild Bill Elliott in
"The Man From Tumbleweed"

Monday and Tuesday, July 22-23—
James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan in
"THE MORTAL STORM"

Wednesday, July 24—
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Auto Quiz No. 5



1. Liars sometimes figure but figures don't lie, and the figures say that if your car is involved in an accident the chances are that it will be found to have - (a) defective brakes. (b) a punctured or blown tire. (c) defective steering mechanism. (d) no apparent defects. (e) defective headlights. (f) faulty tail light.
2. One of the following age groups contributes much more than its share of automobile drivers involved in fatal accidents - (a) under 18 years. (b) 18 to 24 years. (c) 25 to 34 years. (d) 35 years and over.
3. If you happen to come upon the scene of an accident and find someone injured, it is your duty to take the injured person in your car and rush him to the nearest hospital. True (—) or False (—)?

Answers on Page Six.