

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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STRICTER SPY LAWS OFFICIALS OUTLINE PLANS FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITY THE ARMY TAKES THE FIELD WHY SOLDIERS ARE NEEDED CONTRACTORS' WORRIES WHAT WILL JAPAN DO?

Federal, state and local officials conferred in the capital last week about measures to be taken in connection with law enforcement problems associated with national defense. The President, in a letter, suggested that Congress and the state legislatures enact additional laws to deal with "subversive activities, seditious acts and those things which might slow up or break down our common defense program. He emphasized that the task of law enforcement against internal enemies is one for trained officials and agencies to handle and not for vigilantes or "fussy and malicious busybodies."

Representatives from forty-two states heard Attorney-General Jackson and J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, emphasize the need of secrecy in counter-espionage work so that subversive elements will not be tipped off that they are under investigation. This, they asserted, represented far more effective preventive action than arrest and exposure of a plotter whose place would be taken by another person, unknown to officials.

Mr. Jackson pointed out that the new alien registration act was designed as much to protect the loyal alien as to detect the disloyal. He warned that "hateful treatment" may make "sullen enemies" of those who wish to be "good Americans," and opposed suggestions that employers discharge all aliens.

According to the Attorney-General, fifth column activities in this country take three forms. These are, first, open proselyting for alien beliefs; second, efforts to divide the people by sabotaging their morale and discrediting their leaders to prevent effective action or strong defense; and, finally, attempts to gain sympathy for foreign nations through fear of reprisals or promises of reward.

J. Edgar Hoover described the activities of his agency in fighting subversive forces and the difficulties of its task. He urged all communities to provide a maximum of protection for their public utilities picturing the chaos which would result from the shutting off of a city's water supply. He urged prompt action to bring local police departments up to date in training and equipment. He said the time is rapidly approaching, when, as a nation, we must choose between the welfare of the great masses of Americans and a few interlopers who hide behind the Bill of Rights while they undermine the nation.

With more than 300,000 National Guardsmen and Army Regulars concentrated in five maneuver areas, the Army is in the midst of its greatest peace-time military exercises. The newly-organized Armored Corps of the Army will not participate and only a small air force will take part in the maneuvers. The armored divisions are completing their organization and training and the air force is in the midst of its expansion program. It was thought best not to interrupt these processes.

The troop concentration this year has a peculiar significance demonstrating that the Government fully understands the importance of field training. For many years, the Army has had no sizeable formation of troops with which to experience the practical side of handling large bodies of men. Various units of the Army were stationed in certain areas but, until last May when a small field force of Regulars was concentrated, the Army in the words of General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, "had no Army."

Recruiting to increase the strength of the Regular Army to 375,000 by the end of this year is continuing at the rate of about 15,000 a month. This force, it is felt, is entirely inadequate to confront a major emergency, such as would result from a complete German victory over Great Britain.

The National Guard stands upon the threshold of a new future. With an authorized strength of about 16,000 officers and 235,000 enlisted men, it needs training and, in addition, new equipment and weapons. Moreover, some observers say that it needs reorganization to eliminate the influence of politics in certain State units. Some officers, it is said, enjoy political appointments and in some States, officers are selected by their men rather than on the basis of demonstrated ability. If the Guard is ordered to protracted active duty, it will be developed into a far stronger weapon for national defense.

The reader of this column may wonder why the United States is placing such emphasis upon the thorough training of soldiers which, in the past, we have not considered necessary. The answer is to be found in the precarious state of in-

ternational affairs, with military and naval officials recognizing that our safety from invasion will be jeopardized if anything happens to the British fleet.

Our present navy, while efficient, is not a match for possible combinations which may face us in the future. It will be from three to six years before the expanded Navy is completed and during this period a much larger army is necessary to safeguard the nation from the possibility of armed aggression in the Western Hemisphere.

Some of the delay in placing contracts for materials and equipment essential to national defense has been caused by the unwillingness of contractors to make expenditures for plant expansion without having assurance that these sums can be deducted from their taxable earnings.

The argument of the contractors is that if they spend money to expand production, solely to produce materials for national defense, the plant will be a loss when the orders for national defense materials end. Consequently, they want to be sure that these expenditures can be charged off during the operations connected with the defense contracts.

Now that the United States has planned an embargo on the export of American aviation outside the Western Hemisphere and that Japan, through her Ambassador, has made formal representation against it, the stage is set for the future development of the disturbed relations between the two countries. Various incidents in China and in the Far East have put the two nations into positions so far apart that a composition of differences will be very difficult. It is generally believed that Japan depends, to a large extent, upon the United States for necessary petroleum and that precipitated action in the Far East if the ban becomes tight and effective, will follow.

MARY TOWE CIRCLE MEETS

Misses Hilda and Grace Knowles were hostesses to the Mary Towe Circle of the Hertford Methodist Church on Monday evening. Miss Jeannette Fields was in charge of a very interesting program with Miss Ruth Davenport and Miss Mary Towe taking part on the program. During the business session routine business was discussed. During the social hour the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

Those present were: Miss Ruth Davenport, Mrs. Morgan Walker, Mrs. Edgar Fields, Miss Mary Towe, Miss Patricia Stephens, Mrs. Henry Clay Sullivan, Miss Mary Elizabeth Fields, Miss Ruth Elliott, Miss Jeannette Fields, Miss Dorcas Knowles, Miss Mary Fields, Misses Grace and Hilda Knowles.

BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. G. W. Barbee delightfully entertained her bridge club on Thursday evening. Two tables were arranged for playing. After several progressions Miss Mary Sumner was presented high score prize, with consolation going to Miss Helen Morgan. Those playing included Mrs. C. R. Holmes, Mrs. J. R. Futrell, Mrs. T. L. Jessup, Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, Mrs. G. G. Dixon, of Ayden, Miss Helen Morgan, Miss Mary Sumner and Mrs. Barbee. A delightful sweet course was served.

Who Knows?

1. What is the difference between a vaccine and a serum?
2. What percentage of men volunteered in the World War?
3. Of what are synthetic automobile tires made?
4. How many people have been added to the Soviet through annexations in the past year?
5. What is the authorized size of the United States Army?
6. How many conferences has Secretary Hull attended in South America?
7. Who is the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee?
8. What Southern States voted for Hoover in 1928?
9. How many American cities have populations of over 500,000?
10. What is the population of the British Isles?

THE ANSWERS

1. A vaccine prevents contracting a disease; a serum is used in treatment of the disease.
2. Less than one-third.
3. Petroleum.
4. About 28,000,000.
5. 375,000 men.
6. Three: Montevideo in 1933; Buenos Aires in 1936 and Lima in 1938.
7. Edward J. Flynn, of New York.
8. Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia.
9. Fourteen.
10. Excluding Ireland, but including North Ireland, 46,213,000.

Auto Quiz No. 7



1. When ascending a steep hill, you'll save wear and tear on your motor as well as your nerves if you shift into second when your speed is reduced to about — (a) eight miles an hour (b) twelve miles an hour. (c) fifteen miles an hour. (d) twenty miles an hour.
2. And you may even save your life if, in descending a very steep hill, you have your gears in — (a) neutral (b) third. (c) first. (d) the same gear you would use to get up the hill!
3. One highball or cocktail, or two glasses of beer, will not impair one's driving ability. True (—) or False (—)

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PINEY WOODS NEWS

Harry Chappell is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Chappell.

Mrs. Hattie Jordan, of Ryland, and Mrs. Edward Hitt, of Richmond, Va., visited Mrs. Shelton Chappell on Wednesday.

Mrs. N. D. Chappell, Mrs. Purvis Chappell, Misses Agnes Ward and Margaret Raper visited Mrs. E. N. Chappell on Friday.

Mrs. Ida White was the guest of Mrs. W. W. Chappell Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Chappell, their son, Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Raper and daughters, Misses Margaret and Mary Lina, spent Sunday at Rich Square with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chappell and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Mitchell.

Miss Hyra Chappell spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Chappell, of New Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Chappell, Mrs. William Adams and son, Billy, and Frank Darden, of Edenton, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chappell Sunday afternoon.

Tailor Representative To Be At Blanchard's On August 20th

Frank Ferrel, well-known in this community as the special representative of the Kahn Tailoring Company will again visit the Blanchard Department Store on August 20.

Mr. Ferrel has been coming to Hertford for the past six years, serving men of this section with the latest styles in men's tailoring. He is known for his ability as a designer of clothing as well as tailoring.

Remember the date and pay him a visit.

Timely Questions On Farm Answered

Question: What is the most economical and satisfactory ration for swine?

Answer: There is no one best ration for it is possible to increase the net returns by selecting, carefully

each season the particular combination of feeds that will make a well-balanced, efficient ration at the minimum cost. A more or less standard ration that produces good results consists of corn, tankage or fish meal, and a general mixture. This ration can often be made more economical by substituting a cheaper source of protein supplement for part of the tankage. Barley or wheat, when cheap enough, can also replace corn and 10 percent of finely ground, bright green leafy legume hay added to the protein supplement will improve the ration if there is a Vitamin "A" deficiency.

Question: What causes the milk from my cow to separate into three parts after it is churned—the clabber at the bottom, the water in the middle, and the cream on top with not much butter at all?

Answer: Such difficulty in handling milk often happens in extremely hot weather. It is usually no fault of the cow or her feed. If you will place the milk immediately after milking under the coldest water available and keep the milk and cream cold by changing the water occasionally, it should help to remedy this trouble. It is best not to place it in the refrigerator or ice

box until after cooling the milk in water. It is also important to give the milk utensils an extra good scalding, using baking soda in the hot water, to kill bacteria in warm weather.

Question: How can I "save" my hay if it happens to rain on it while in the field?

Answer: If rain falls on freshly cut hay, there will be little damage, provided good curing weather follows. Half-cured or well-cured hay will be discolored, but will not mold if rain comes before it is raked up. The greatest damage is done to hay in the windrow, or in loose irregular piles. Such hay should be spread out as soon as the weather will permit. Well coked hay will stand considerable rain; but should it be wet through, spread it out.

BOMB SCARE RUINS SUIT CASE

Passaic, N. J.—Becoming frightened when a man failed to return for a suitcase left with her, a woman called police, who suspecting a bomb, soaked the case in oil before opening it. Then the owner, Emanuel Loeb, New York insecticide salesman, rushed in to open the bag and reveal its insect-killing equipment. The suitcase was a total loss.

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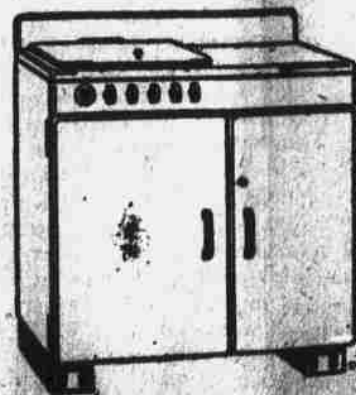
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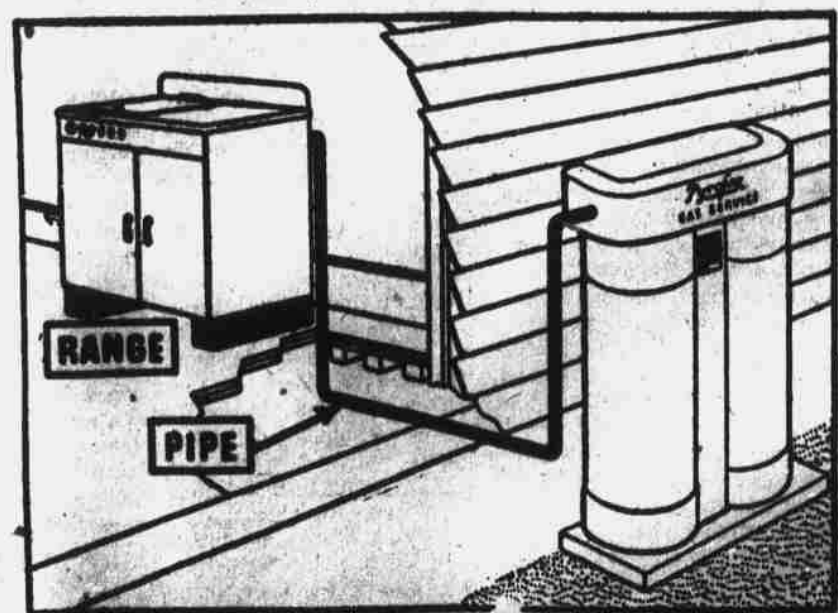


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