

# LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

By Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent

## U. S. To Aid Soviet. "Beat Hitler" Main End. Russians Reluctant Allies.

Not long ago, the United States, like the British, regarded the Russians as almost equal enemies with Germany. Now that Hitler has attacked the Soviet, which is engaged in a desperate battle against Nazi armies, the two democracies find themselves on the "same team" with Russia. Naturally, there will be strains and stresses until the new condition adjusts itself.

So far as the United States is concerned, our policy has been announced by Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, speaking for the President. Mr. Welles made it plain that between a Communist dictatorship and a Nazi dictatorship, the people of this country make no distinction and have no choice.

Communism and Nazism he condemned as "intolerable" but nevertheless emphasized that the greatest task facing the world, including the United States, is the defeat of Hitler's attempt at world conquest. Mr. Welles asserted that the "treacherous attack upon Russia" disclosed the real purpose of Germany to acquire complete world domination.

Determined to resist the Nazi plan for "universal conquest, for the cruel and brutal enslavement of all peoples, and for the ultimate destruction of the remaining free democracies," which Hitler is desperately attempting to carry out, the United States takes a realistic position, accepting "any defense against Hitlerism, and rallying of the forces opposing Hitlerism, from whatever source these forces may spring," that will hasten the downfall of Germany and therefore "redound to the benefit of our own defense and security."

The attitudes of the British and American Governments are identical, it appears, in regarding Hitler as the main threat to world peace and security. Consequently, there will be cooperation with Russia in prosecuting the war.

Assistance rendered the Russians, however, will be based upon interest in keeping the Slavs fighting Germany. It will be given in spite of our inability to place much dependence upon the good faith of Stalin and his associates. Russia, it will be remembered, fights Germany, not through choice, but through necessity, and is a reluctant and somewhat unwilling ally.

### Seizure Bill Modified. Property Affected. Emergency Power

A modified version of the property seizure bill was submitted to the State Military Affairs Committee last week by Robert C. Patterson, under-Secretary of War, who promoted the original bill which aroused considerable opposition through the fear of legislators that it might adversely affect small manufacturers and give the Government authority to take over everything from "a man's watch" to the newspapers.

The original bill, prepared by some of the Dollar-a-Year Business men now serving the Government during the emergency, permitted the President, "in the interest of national defense," to take over "property of any kind or character" and to dispose of it "either temporarily or permanently."

The new version limits the use of the power to when the President finds it necessary to promote national defense or to overcome shortages and then limits the requisitioning to "military or naval equipment or munitions, or component parts thereof, of machinery, tools, or materials necessary to manufacture equipment or munitions."

Mr. Patterson gave to the senators an example of the need for such authority by saying that he had on his desk specifications and designs for an improved weapon which the War Department wished to build and experiment with, but the people controlling its price "want what my people say is a cost of one hundred per cent. above the production price." Weeks of bickering produced no results, because the War Department would not agree to the "exorbitant price." Passage of the property seizure bill would meet this and similar situations.

While no such measure would have been proposed in normal times, it is very necessary for the Government to have large powers in connection with promoting the defense program. Such powers are granted only for the emergency but, in order to meet the threat of totalitarian aggression, democratic governments must permit their officials to exercise temporary powers sufficient to cope with the grave perils which confront such governments.

In this country, as Mr. Willkie so intelligently points out, such powers must be vested in the elected officials of the nation. The emergency requires the use of vast power and nothing is to be gained by crippling the Government of the United States because one would have preferred a different administration.

### Food Famine News? Supply May Be Decided.

With German armies invading Russia and the prospect of a long war looming on the horizon, there is the possibility that the world may face a food shortage that might as-

sume famine proportions.

Already certain areas in western Europe, occupied by Nazi armies, are in need of food to take care of their populations. If destruction in the Ukraine means the loss of the wheat of that area it may come to pass, as suggested by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, that food reserves will be more important than munitions. The issue may resolve itself into "who can feed the people, the democracies or the dictatorships?"

American farmers, acting under their programs, have attempted to adjust supply to reasonably expected demand. The restrictions have been used to reduce burdensome surpluses but it should not be forgotten that the same machinery will assist our agriculturists to increase production when, and if, it becomes necessary.

### Chances Of Warfare. Danger In Two Oceans.

The foreign affairs of the United States have reached the danger-of-war point with at least three nations of the world, Germany, Italy and Japan.

The issue that confronts the people of this country is not whether they want war, or not, but whether they are prepared to adjust their position to the demands of the aggressive powers who are now intent upon augmenting their own power.

The German situation is grave and the beginning of armed clashes on the high seas seems to be only a question of weeks. Sooner or later, an American warship and a German submarine are going to get into an argument that guns will decide. After that, whenever the ships of the two nations meet there will be fireworks.

Our relationship toward Japan is just as dangerous. Here the question is how far the Japs will go in challenging American interests. This depends, in part, upon what Tokyo thinks about Germany's prospect of success in Hitler's vast scheme to dominate the earth. It is possible that renewed Japanese encroachments in the Far East will create a situation that will be as dangerous as the depredations of German U-boats.

## Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Celebrate Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

A most delightful time was enjoyed on June 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hunter when their friends and relatives gathered with them to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The entire lower floor of the home was tastefully decorated in feverfew, daisies and Queen Anne's lace, the color scheme of green and white being effectively carried out.

Miss Frances Maness greeted the guests at the door and introduced them to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunter and Mrs. Donald O. Taber.

At the living room door Mrs. J. B. Bannight registered the guests and Miss Lillian Rae Perry received the gifts and ushered the guests into the living room where the gifts were displayed. In the living room Mrs. W. E. Madre had each person write a good wish in the bride's book.

Miss Eleanor Hunter invited the guests into the dining room where the dining table, covered with an exquisite lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of summer flowers, attracted much attention. Mrs. T. E. Madre, assisted by Miss Jo Hunter, presided over the punch bowl and served toasted pecans, cookies, mints and sandwiches.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunter and Mrs. Donald O. Taber, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Perry, Mrs. J. B. Bannight, Catherine Perry, Mrs. Jones Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Chappell, Miss Lillian Rae Perry, Mrs. T. B. Walters, Miss Attie E. Bray, Mrs. Mary E. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ainsley, Mrs. Amelia Sawyer, Miss Frances Maness, Mrs. Crafton Mathews, Crafton Mathews, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Bundy, Miss Eleanor Hunter, Mrs. F. T. Mathews, Miss Jo Hunter, Miss Lois Hope Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hunter, Ralph Hunter, Clifton Hunter, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Madre, Mrs. T. B. Layden, Miss Velma Layden, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Onley, Bettie Jo Bolt, W. J. Ellis, J. C. Blanchard, Mrs. W. H. Onley, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams, Myrtle Gordon Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Lane, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mathews.

### Prescribing For Himself

The Druggist—Sorry, son, but we are just out of castor oil. I can let you have something else that will do just as well.

Bobbie—Don't you think chocolate nut bars would do me as much good?

## THIS BUSINESS OF Living

BY SUSAN THAYER



## TOWARD "EVEN GREATER OPPORTUNITY"

Drive out along "the river road" some evening soon or follow the "old turnpike," widened and paved now but the same road your great grandparents knew. The country looks the same. The corn in even rows is growing tall as it has in early summer ever since you can remember. The meadows are almost ready for cutting and Snivley's grove is being groomed for the 4th of July picnic.

Stop a moment in the soft summer evening. Turn off the motor and listen and look and breathe the country air. Here are comfortingly familiar sounds and sights and smells—all peaceful. You can almost make yourself believe that nothing unusual is happening to the world and that wars and rumors of wars are some terrible nightmare.

Then a great plane roars overhead breaking in on your reverie. A line of trucks rumbles by and you drive on. You go a little way and see the outlines of a great factory that wasn't there last summer. Still further on you see the lights of an old plant that is working now 24 hours a day. You are brought face to face with the knowledge that things aren't the same. Something tremendous is happening in America as she builds the armaments necessary to defend our chosen way of life.

Our skill as mechanics . . . our genius for mass production . . . our vast resources have made up the world's greatest industrial nation. But until now we have never really "done our stuff." We have never gone "all out" for any one production job.

World events have changed all that and are making us go to work in earnest. Before long we're going to discover what the greatest industrial nation in the world can do when it devotes itself to the building of planes and tanks and guns and ammunition. We're going to learn at long last what our capacity for production really is.

Eventually, after the emergency is over and there is no longer any necessity for producing the implements of war we will be left with the equipment and organization for producing a greater amount of peacetime goods than we have ever dreamed was possible. This frightens many people and the exchangeover from defense to peacetime productivity will be difficult. But already industrial leaders are getting ready for

this time of readjustment and laying plans for manufacturing more of the good things of life and for getting them to more people than ever before.

If we cling to our system of free private enterprise we will be able to adjust in an American way to the post emergency period. Then by using our production facilities, expanded by this defense effort, for turning out an even greater quantity of peacetime commodities, our already high standard of living can become even higher and there can be still greater opportunities for every individual in this great, free land.

## CHAPANOKE NEWS

Miss Sallie Bell Jones has returned to her home at Sligo, after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bell. Clayton White spent Friday in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White, of Hertford, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mamie White. Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Curtis Wilson spent Tuesday in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Mollie Trueblood and Mrs. Tillie Russell were visiting friends.

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in Elizabeth City Saturday evening.

Mrs. M. B. Brothers and daughters, Misses Grace and Elsie, spent Friday with Mrs. C. S. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Garrett and family spent last week at Nags Head.

Master Jack Symons had his tonsils removed Tuesday.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Asbell regret that they moved to Okisko the first of July.

Misses Susie Mae Wilson and Mary Burgess Layden spent Tuesday in Hertford.

Mrs. P. L. Whitehead and Miss Al Whitehead were visiting friends in Elizabeth City Sunday.

Frank Wilson and Ed Hughes, of Elizabeth City, were here on business Saturday.

Mrs. Jesse Hurdle and son, Mather, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Hurdle's brother, Marvin Hurdle, in Elizabeth City.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilder and

small son spent Sunday in Chowan County with Mrs. Wilder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. White.

Mrs. Melvin Boyce spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Tom Deal.

Miss Ruth Roberts Wilson, who is with the Standard Life Insurance Co., of Greensboro, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Mrs. Roy Branch and small son, of Norfolk, Va., are spending several days with Mrs. P. L. Griffin.

Rev. W. I. Johnson, new pastor of Woodville Baptist Church, was visiting in the home of Mrs. J. C. Wilson on Thursday afternoon.

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