

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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KNOX FOR ACTION

Knox For Action. Critics Attack Him. Says "Use Navy Now."
Secretary of the Navy Knox, speaking before the annual Conference of Governors, recently declared, "The time to use our Navy is at hand," and insisted, "We can insure, beyond a shadow of doubt, the defeat of that pagan force and insure victory for a Christian civilization."

The Naval Secretary, formerly the publisher of a Chicago daily newspaper, considered the clash between the German and Russian armies a "God-given chance to determine the outcome of this world-wide struggle," recounted the pledge of the President that supplies would be delivered to the British and insisted that "now is the time to fulfill that pledge."

The outspoken demand of the Secretary was immediately denounced by some congressman and Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, one of the Isolationist leaders, said Mr. Knox should resign or be thrown out of office. Certainly, the Secretary of the Navy was engaged in some frank speaking. He was advocating the aggressive execution of the national policy declared by the passage of the Lease-Lend Act.

While there may be many to disagree with the wisdom of his advice, the Secretary of the Navy, as a member of the Cabinet wears no muzzle and has as much right to express his views as any Isolationist Senator. To speak out in open fashion, advocating a national policy, is the right of any Governmental official. This should not be confused with action which violates the law of the land.

The Secretary of the Navy has a full right to express his views, regardless of the displeasure of his critics, but he has no right to take official acts in violation of the laws of this country. So far we have not heard of any overt acts on the part of the Secretary of the nation which have been in violation of law. **Helping Russia. Nazi Force and Peril. To Whip Germany.**

There is some danger that the antipathy of some Americans to Communism will lead them into the great error of attempting to prevent the United States from giving prompt assistance to the Soviet Army now engaged in a desperate struggle with the Nazi Army.

To understand the situation, the American citizen should recall that Hitler has undertaken the subjugation of all of Europe and, in the opinion of intelligent observers, plans the conquest of the world. Regardless of one's destination of the ideals of Nazi Germany, or of Soviet Russia, it is obvious that the menace to the peace of the world, in the past few years, has been Germany, not Russia.

Despite the furore that has been observed in this country about the Bunds and Reds, there is little indication that either Germany or Russia were making startling headway in advancing their ideas in the United States. The Nazi system, backed by the German military

Peach Crop Is Largest Since Season Of 1931

The peach crop now being harvested in North Carolina totals an estimated 2,430,000 bushels, and Lewis P. Watson, Extension horticulturist of N. C. State College, says it is the largest crop since 1931. The 1940 peach production in the State was 1,344,000 bushels.

"The peaches in the Sandhills section are of good quality for the most part," Watson declared, "and there will be no better fruit buy on the market this year than peaches. If the growers are to receive a fair price for their crop, it will be necessary for consumption of peaches to rise considerably over normal consumption. Before we ask people in other states to eat more peaches, we certainly should do our part at home."

The latest fruit situation report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicates a crop of 20,840,000 bushels in the 10 "early" states, all of which will be selling peaches during the next six weeks. This is nearly 50 percent larger than last year's crop.

Miss Mary E. Thomas, Extension nutritionist, points out that peaches—either fresh or canned—supply certain food materials that the body requires for health and growth. "Fruits are an excellent source of sugar for energy needs of the body," she declared, "and they also stimulate the appetite and aid digestion."

"They are a principal source of Vitamin C, which protects against scurvy and is essential for the healthy condition of teeth and gums. Serve peaches fresh, canned, dried, steamed, stewed or cooked in combination with other foods," she suggests.

Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Extension canning specialist, points out that recipes for making preserves and peach pickles are contained in Extension Circular No. 113, "Jelly, Preserves, Jam, and Pickle." This publication is available free upon request to the Agricultural Editor, N. C. State College, Raleigh.

forces, is dangerous; the Red revolution, backed by no armed attack, is no danger to a free America.
In Europe, the enemies of Germany are fighting the Nazi military power which is the menace of democracy. Whether the foes of Hitler believe alike, either in religion or social philosophy, they are working together in a common cause that serves mankind. It would be foolish for any one of them to choose this moment for name-calling, derision and abuse.

No sensible American fears that, if Hitler is defeated, the United States will be endangered by Joseph Stalin, or his Red army. Every citizen of this country, including the Isolationists, fully understand that this nation is arming today for only one purpose, to assure its safety from the future danger that a victorious Germany will invade this hemisphere. **Aluminum Headache. Senators Critical. Metal Supply Short.**

An admitted shortage of at least 600,000,000 pounds in capacity and an increasing demand for aluminum is one of the serious aspects of our defense program. The situation was investigated by a special Senate Committee which brought to light the serious shortage of aluminum and the admission that the country does not have the present capacity to overcome the deficiency. The senators recommended that all available power be put to work producing aluminum.

Shortly afterwards, the Office of Production Management announced locations of eight new aluminum plants to produce the additional 500,000,000 pounds yearly. This will increase the nation's capacity to 1,400,000,000 annually, which is about the estimated production of Germany by 1943.

The recommendations were based on a report by the Federal Power Commission and the Power Section of the Office of Production Management and were made after a nationwide survey of power supplies for aluminum and after consultation with the Department of the Interior, the Tennessee Valley Authority and public and private agencies.

Hearings before the Senate Committee brought forth some serious charges. Secretary Ickes bluntly asserted that the Aluminum Company of America was seeking to maintain its monopoly with little regard to the nation's need for the vital metal which it produces. He charged the company with "recalcitrance" in cooperating with the defense program and blamed the present shortage upon its optimistic claims about production.

Subsequently, officials of the Aluminum Company pointed out that it had already doubled and would soon treble its 1938 output and was spending more than \$200,000,000 of its own money and has offered all of its technical resources to the Government. Requests for additional electric power were denied and officials failed to designate power and locations for requested plant expansions.

The Senate Committee's report, submitted by Senator Mead, concluded that the Aluminum Company "had convinced the Office of Production Management of the adequacy of the supply in order to avoid the possibility that anyone else would go into a field which they had for so many years successfully monopolized."

The Committee said the OPM admitted it had no real plans for the production of the 600,000,000 pounds needed and that the OPM has "not only not encouraged, but actually has discouraged research and experimentation in the use of alternative processes for the production of aluminum from low-grade bauxite or other sources such as alunite."

Naval Reserves Now Open To Negroes

Lieutenant Commander Herbert G. Chandler in charge of Navy Recruiting for Virginia and West Virginia, announces that the Naval Reserve is now open to Negroes.

Negroes between the ages of 17 and 36 are now being enlisted in Class V-6, U. S. Naval Reserve to serve during the National emergency.

Experienced men who have been waiters, butlers, bellboys, busboys, laundry employees, cooks and domestic servants can be enlisted in the Naval Reserve with pay from \$36 to \$84 per month. Inexperienced men will start at \$21 per month.

Brides Too?
Bride—Dear, what is the true definition of a groom?
Hubby—Why, a groom is a man who takes care of dumb animals.

TRAGIC FOLLY OF AN AGED PRINCESS
Revealing how an aging noblewoman is now rummaging in garbage cans of Paris for food after \$100,000,000 had been spent in six years. Read this unusual true life story in the July 30th issue of

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DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. What is a U. S. Defense Savings Bond?

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Q. Why should I buy Defense Bonds?

A. Because money talks. To dictators it speaks defiance. To friends of freedom, it says, "Here's my hand!"

Note:—To purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write for information to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Trucks Play Part In National Economy

As solid as bedrock itself in the national business picture is the manufacture and sale of motor trucks, for a surprisingly large percentage of the national income is interdependent with dependable truck transportation, in the opinion of W. E. Fish, manager of Chevrolet's commercial car department.

"A thoroughly prosaic side of our business, yet one that annually merits increased attention, is the turnover of the used truck," Mr. Fish points out. "Chevrolet dealers in 1940 retailed 218,632 used trucks. Setting an average price of \$275 upon these hard-working units, this represents a 'sideline' business source for the dealer amounting to roughly 65 millions of dollars."

"Each year, with the greater value and longer life being built into our trucks, used truck values increase, and today, when such vast quantities of materials, supplies, and finished products must be transported from source to outlet, the old army slogan 'keep 'em rolling' applies equally well to highway transport."

"When you consider that more than 4,000,000 trucks are registered in this country; that some 48,000 American communities depend entirely upon the truck for import and export of goods; that more than four million persons are employed in truck transport—virtually a tenth of all the workers in the country; that fully 25 per cent of all trucks are required by the farmer . . . you begin to grasp the scope of the truck's role in American life today."

"With the increased emphasis upon production of all materials, from food to factory products, it is apparent that the truck is destined to play an increasingly vital part in the national economy. Used trucks, with the thousands of miles they offer at minimum cost, are destined to come into their own."

"In addition to providing satisfactory commercial transportation for many individuals and concerns whose capital position might not justify expenditures for new equipment, used trucks afford additional 'peak-business' load facilities for some of the largest of our transport equipment buyers," Mr. Fish adds.

"Such businesses as department

stores with their Christmas rush and florists with the heavy Easter season business are frequent purchasers of rebuilt trucks to augment their transport equipment for seasonal business."

Ample supplies of parts for maintenance and repair of these earlier model trucks are available, Mr. Fish points out.

Chevrolet terms its reconitioned used trucks "renewed moneymakers," for much of the original value has been rebuilt into them and all afford thousands of miles of service. Dealers currently are offering unusual used truck values, he said, because of increased truck sales during the past six months with a consequent higher rate of trade-in.

WHITESTON NEWS

Miss Miriam Lane of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Martha Lane of Charlotte, were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane.

Miss Elisabeth Caddy, of Hertford, and George Baker, U. S. Coast Guard, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lane.

Margaret Ann White of Sunbury, is spending this week with Marjorie and Thelma White.

Mrs. Ann Winslow and son, Donald, of Norfolk, Va., spent July Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker.

Guests of Mrs. Verna Winslow on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Winslow and daughter, Jeanne, Mr. and Mrs. Leverette Winslow and son, Ronald, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Vann

Spivey and daughter, of Hickory, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stallings and family.

Clarence Winslow is spending this week in Norfolk, Va., with his brother, Floyd Winslow.

Miss Johnnie White, who is attending summer school at E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Winslow.

Mrs. Roy Lane and son, Jesse Roy, of New Bern, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. DeWitt Winslow, recently.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott, of Chapanoke, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Wednesday, July 2nd. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

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