

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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Atlantic Patrol Based On Iceland May Lead To Clash.

The occupation of Iceland, together with orders issued by the President to American naval forces to "take all necessary steps" to insure safety of communications between the United States and strategic outposts, seems to indicate that the Government is following the policy enunciated by Secretary Knox, who recently told the Governors' conference that the time had come to use our Navy to clear the Atlantic of the German menace.

Secretary Knox pointed to our pledge to deliver material to Great Britain and insisted that the time had come to fulfill our obligations. He argued that while Hitler is assaulting Stalin, this country can clear the Atlantic and deliver, in safety, weapons our factories are producing, which will make certain the ultimate defeat of Nazi Germany.

It should not be overlooked that the waters around Iceland have been declared a war zone by German proclamation. Neither should we forget that authorized German spokesmen have insisted that German naval and aerial forces will sink all ships attempting to carry supplies to Great Britain. Thus, the policy of this country to give all necessary assistance to the British and the German declaration to sink such cargoes comes to a focus around the waters of Iceland.

The occupation of this island, some 700 miles from Great Britain and about 800 miles from Norway, together with naval action to insure safety of communications with continental America, will probably greatly decrease the burden the British Fleet is now carrying. Certainly, if cargo vessels can leave the United States and travel the 2,900 miles to Iceland under the protection of American naval patrols, the British will be able to concentrate their effective forces on the last leg of the dangerous trip, which will give increased protection to convoys bound for the British Isles.

In connection with the extension of the American naval patrol, one notes that an increasing number of newspaper columnists are taking it for granted that there has been an

extensive reinforcement of the Navy in the Atlantic. Presumably, some ships have been transferred from the Pacific Fleet in order to strengthen the Atlantic Fleet. There is a little chance that the Pacific has been reduced to a degree to invite Japanese aggression in the Southern Pacific, but the widened patrol of the Atlantic will probably increase the likelihood of a clash between our naval vessels and German warships. Anticipate Taxes. Buy New Ships. Save And Help.

The sale of defense bonds and stamps is underway at postoffices, banks and other institutions, but the Treasury Department will inaugurate a plan, on the first of next month, to permit taxpayers to meet the "unprecedented" 1942 tax bill through systematic savings over a period of months.

Recognizing that some citizens might hesitate to invest in defense bonds or stamps because of their expectation that the tax increases of next year will require all available funds, the Secretary of the Treasury has announced a "lay-away" plan, under which taxpayers may purchase interest-bearing tax anticipation notes from Federal Reserve Banks or by applications through their private banks.

When income tax payments are due next year, the taxpayer may attach the note, or notes, to his return and send them to the Collector of Internal Revenue. They will be counted as cash. In fact, the anticipation notes will bear interest.

The plan will not only serve the convenience of taxpayers, but will bring revenue into the Treasury as much as a year ahead of time. The notes will be in two series, ranging in denominations from \$25 to \$100,000, with interest payments at the rate of 1.92 to .48 per cent a year.

By means of these notes, taxpayers who anticipate that income tax payments will strain their current financial resources, will be able to effectively cooperate with the Government in the defense program. By the purchase of these anticipation notes, the taxpayer will pay his money to the Government long before the income taxes become due and will receive for his early payment some interest on the money advanced.

The anticipation notes apparently meet the suggestion that a plan be devised under which the taxpayer will be able to pay his taxes in installments. Instead of waiting until the total tax is due and then making deferred payments, subject to interest, the taxpayer is encouraged to anticipate a part of the taxes he will have to pay. The idea is good and should result in a source of considerable cash revenue to the Government. Aluminum Collection. Set For This Month.

Plans for the collection of used aluminum ware from the nation's housewives have been completed for the period between July 21 and 29th, inclusive.

The Office of Production Management says that waste material dealers, at a recent meeting in Washington, agreed not to make any profit out of the donations of aluminum which will be collected under the direction of local committee chairmen.

The aluminum will be sold directly to a smelter, having defense preference rating and the recognized waste dealers in communities collecting the scrap will prepare it under specifications and arrange for shipment to the smelter. The waste material dealer will be reimbursed for the actual labor or expense in handling.

When the material is accepted by the smelter, settlement will be made at prices fixed and the amount will be paid to the National Scrap Aluminum Fund. The proceeds will be devoted to civilian defense under plans to be announced later by Director Fiorella LaGuardia, Mayor of New York.

Affects Business. Shortage Certain. The idea that business and life will continue "as usual" when the United States becomes fully engaged in its mammoth defense program is fast disappearing. The public is

gradually understanding that many luxury and common items will not be available during the emergency and our habits and customs will be limited by the requirements of national defense.

Among the changes probable to occur, according to Conservation Chief McConnell, of the OPM, are: Corks will disappear from bottle tops and beverages may not appear in tins; Galvanized utensils will be less hardy and even silk stockings may become scarcer when more parachutes are required. The ingredients used in many cosmetics and creams may be needed for national defense and manufacturers will be urged to reduce the number of types they offer for sale in various lines.

This is not surprising and the American people will cheerfully cooperate with officials, accepting whatever temporary inconveniences may be necessary to insure the safety and security of this country.

Farm Bureau Meet At Greenville Next Friday, July 25th

The North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, under the leadership of J. E. Winslow, Greenville, President, and R. Flake Shaw, Greensboro, Secretary, is calling four district meetings in four different cities of North Carolina to discuss with the farmers of this state the vital questions facing North Carolina Agriculture as a result of present unstabilized conditions throughout the world. The discussions will be under the supervision of Walter L. Randolph, President of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, and an expert on the cotton problems of the south. Mr. Randolph was one of the leaders in the congressional fight for 85 percent parity. In addition to Mr. Randolph, J. B. Hutson, President of the Commodity Credit Corporation and perhaps the best informed man in the United States on flue-cured tobacco, will address the Greenville meeting; and Ben Kilgore, Executive Secretary of the Kentucky Farm Bureau and James Thigpen of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, will address the Asheville and Greensboro meetings. Final plans have not been made for the Gastonia meeting. However, Mr. Shaw states that I. W. Duggan, director of the Southern Region, has been invited to discuss the cotton situation.

President Winslow and Secretary Shaw state that these meetings are being called for the following purposes:

1. To explain Farm Bureau Parity Loan Legislation recently passed by Congress and the benefits each individual farmer will receive from this new legislation.
2. To plan organized movement throughout the state to get this temporary parity legislation made permanent.
3. To inaugurate a campaign for parity loan benefits to producers of non-basic crops like truck crops, vegetables, etc.

Dates and places of these meetings are as follows:

- Asheville, July 22nd, 10 A. M., Assembly Room, Court House.
- Greensboro, July 23rd, 10 A. M., Beasemer High School Building.
- Gastonia, July 24th, 10 A. M., Memorial Hall.
- Greenville, July 25th, College Auditorium (Hour undetermined.)

The North Carolina Farm Bureau, says Secretary Shaw, is very proud of its record in cooperation with the American Farm Bureau in sponsoring the recent parity loan legislation in Congress which will mean \$25,000,000 additional money to our growers of tobacco, cotton, peanuts, and wheat, and we are anxious to explain all details of this new legislation to the farmers of the state, particularly just how each individual farmer will benefit therefrom.

We hope, therefore, that we will have a representative attendance from every county at the district meeting most convenient for the counties to attend.

Then, in addition we hope to work out a common agreed upon plan for getting behind a movement to make the above legislation permanent instead of for only one year as the present law reads.

Still another reason for the district meetings, stated Secretary Shaw, is that we want some action now that will extend the parity loan benefits to non-basic crops like truck crops, vegetables, etc.

We, therefore, urge every county to send a delegation of farmers from every community in the state.

WE DO COMMERCIAL JOB PRINTING TRAGEDY UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

An intensely interesting article revealing a strange tragedy of the Frozen North in which Eskimos marched to their death thinking the end of the world was near. One of many features in the July 27th issue of

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Rules of the Road

Police and Fire Vehicles

Section 119.—Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina:—(a) Upon the approach of any police or fire department vehicle giving audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right hand edge or curb, clear of any intersection of highways, and shall stop and remain in such position unless otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer until the police or fire department vehicle shall have passed.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle other than one on official business to follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than one block or to drive into or park such vehicle within one block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

In other words, when a police car or fire truck approaches you with its bell or siren sounding, pull over to the right as far as you can and stop and wait for it to pass. If you are following a fire truck, stay at least a block behind it and park your vehicle at least a block away from where the fire apparatus stops.

HOME AND GARDEN CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The Hertford Home and Garden Club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mark Hathaway with Mrs. George Fields as assistant hostess. Each member was received at the door and had a flower pinned on. The president, Mrs. E. L. Reed, called the meeting to order. "America, The Beautiful" was sung and the Collect was repeated. Members united in offering prayer. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and called the roll, each member answering with the name of a choice flower and telling something about it.

Miss Maness gave an interesting talk on the care of various flowers. She also discussed insect control.

Mrs. Mark Hathaway, club chairman for Red Cross work, reported

What Possible Harm? "I'm sorry, madam," said the attendant at the movie, "but you can't take that dog into the theatre."

"How absurd," protested the woman. "What harm can pictures do a little dog like this?"

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that 12 garments had been made and turned over by the club.

Mrs. W. D. Landing was awarded first prize and Mrs. Riddick Chappell, second prize, for having made the most improvement in their yards.

After other business discussions, an interesting flower contest was conducted by Mrs. George Fields, with Mrs. Cecil Winslow and Mrs. Wm. T. Elliott winning the prizes. Dainty refreshments carrying out

the Independence Day motif were served to the following: Miss Frances Maness, Mrs. E. L. Reed, Mrs. W. D. Landing, Mrs. H. C. Barcliff, Mrs. C. M. Harrell, Mrs. Wm. T. Elliott, Mrs. J. S. McNider, Mrs. W. N. Tucker, Mrs. H. C. Hoffer, Mrs. Riddick Chappell, Mrs. B. T. Wood, Mrs. Cecil Winslow, Mrs. Josiah Elliott, Mrs. J. W. Hampton, Mrs. George Fields, Mrs. Mark Hathaway and Mrs. N. H. Medlin.

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