

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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House Vote Close On Service Extension. F. D. R. Faced Defeat

The entire foreign policy of the President barely escaped disastrous complications when the House passed the bill extending Army services by the narrowest possible margin.

The legislation, already approved by the Senate, 45 to 30, extended the twelve months' term of selectees and National Guardsmen by eighteen additional months. In the House, 118 Democrats and 21 Republicans supported the measure recommended by the Chief-of-Staff of the Army and 65 Democrats, 133 Republicans and 4 minor party members voted against the legislation.

The foreign policy of the Administration is based upon the fundamental presumption that the Western Hemisphere, if not actually imperiled, is so acutely threatened by possible developments abroad, that the United States must prepare itself for active defense against probable aggression.

General George C. Marshal, Chief-of-Staff of the Army, had asked Congress for a lengthening of the term of service, maintaining that the new army of 1,531,000 would be disrupted by the discharge of drafted men and that a "national disaster" might ensue. His request was backed by President Roosevelt, who sent a special message to Congress.

There were two chief arguments used against the proposal: (1) The assertion that the country is not in such grave danger and that the Administration paints too black a picture of our future prospects; and (2) that the men in service expected to serve only one year and that to extend their time would be to break a "contract" with them.

The close vote in the House, while expected to some extent, was viewed as a warning to the President that the people of this country do not yet thoroughly appreciate the gravity of the international situation. The almost even division of the House, despite strenuous efforts to convince representatives that the nation's defense required extension of service, was attributed to: (1) The desire of some Republicans to make a political issue, the opposition party voting more than six to one against extension; (2) The belief of some representatives that the security of this country has been improved by the developments in Russia; (3) the inevitable pressure from relatives and men in service, anxious to get back home, and the inexorable political rule that the House, whose members face the electorate every two years, is inclined to be wary.

Vichy Goes Nazi. Danger To U. S.
Unrestrained French collaboration with Germany raises serious problems for the United States in regard to the relations of this country and the Vichy Government of Marshal Petain.

Implications behind the French announcement involves the situation in Africa, especially the control of Dakar, and the disposition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere. Of course, the French Government will insist that it retains control of its colonial empire, but, by virtue of the "understanding" with Germany, it is feared that French possessions will become the equivalent of German-controlled colonies.

The decision of the Vichy Government follows a diplomatic contest which has been underway for more than a year. Since the fall of France, certain French elements have advocated full-fledged collaboration with Hitler in the hope of salvaging a sphere of influence for France.

Germany has continued to exert pressure on the Vichy Government in order to secure concessions of military value in connection with the war against Great Britain.

The United States, represented at Vichy by Admiral Leahy, has applied full diplomatic pressure to prevent a French plunge into Adolph Hitler's "New Order" in Europe.

Now that the Vichy Government has proclaimed its intention of cooperating with Germany, it is obvious, that future developments may transform the cooperation into the abject subservience of a conquered state. This, it seems, is likely and carries the possibility that Germany will eventually acquire complete control of the entire French colonial empire.

Crisis In Far East. Shooting May Begin. Japan Calls U. S. Hand.

The situation in the Far East has about reached the stage where the United States should get ready for "business" on a large scale, or else candidly admit defeat by the Japanese, withdraw entirely from the Far

East and abandon the diplomatic positions which have been taken since 1931.

When Japan seized Manchukuo, the United States announced that it would not recognize the altered status of the regions seized by force. Having gotten by with that grab, the Japanese have steadily and persistently carried out a program of aggression against the territory of neighboring countries.

The United States has diplomatically denounced every aggressive step including the encroachment of the Japanese upon our commercial rights, which have been disregarded with complete immunity.

Our attitude has been well known to the Tokyo statesmen, as they planned the use of force to secure control of the Far East, regardless of international law, treaties and the natural rights of other nations.

Having pursued such a policy with considerable success for more than ten years, it is obvious that Japan is inclined to continue her advances in the Pacific. Past experience convinces the Tokyo Government that the United States will do little more than make a diplomatic protest and reserve its rights. If this is all, Tokyo will be grateful.

Even economic restrictions will be accepted by the Japanese, who are confident that they can overcome such disadvantages and perhaps reverse them against the United States by acquiring control of vital raw materials in the South Pacific. Diplomatic displeasure and economic restrictions are expected by Japan and her policy has been planned with these in mind.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who recently returned to Washington after a period of recuperation, insists that our difficulties with Japan will be settled only on a basis of the Fourteen Points he enunciated in July, 1917. These require Japan to adjure "the use of force" as a national policy and to submit problems to "peaceful negotiation and argument" under international law.

The Fourteen Points laid the basis for Japanese-American negotiations, providing for "equality" of commercial rights in the Far East, which would compel Japan to re-open the doors which have been closed in China. The Japanese have shown no desire whatever to deal with the United States upon the basis of the pre-war system that rested, in theory, upon the observance of treaty obligations.

The situation in the Far East, as Japan comes under complete mobilization, is such that hostilities may begin almost any day. There is only one way for the United States to avoid a show of arms with Japan. To have what the Japanese call "peace" in the Far East, this country must surrender its diplomatic position, give up its treaty rights and acquiesce in complete Japanese control of the Far Eastern areas. If we are ready, as a nation, to do this in the interest of peace, we can undoubtedly appease the Japanese for a time.

If the United States is not ready for a complete surrender in the Far East, the best chance of preserving peace is to be found, we think, by making unmistakable to Tokyo our determination to meet aggressive action with counter-action. The Japanese have egged our relationship to the point where in the Far East the United States must put up, or shut up.

Japanese action indicates that the Tokyo statesmen have a suspicion that if Japan applies proper pressure, the United States will shut up. If Tokyo is mistaken, and we think it is, the shooting is apt to begin in the Far East without further notice.

CHAPANOKE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Clifton, Mrs. Henry Simpson, her son, Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Patrick were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Lewis on Monday.

Mrs. Mollie Trueblood and son, Tim, spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., with Mrs. Trueblood's son, Davis Trueblood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy and family spent Thursday in Norfolk.

Mrs. Daisy Perry and Mrs. John Symons were in Elizabeth City Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bell, Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Curtis Wilson attended services at Sawyer's Creek Baptist Church on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Hallett Owens, of Elizabeth City, spent Thursday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Herman C. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott and children have returned home after spending two weeks at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deal spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wood, of Craddock, Va., spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis.

Mrs. Jim Lane visited her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Byrum, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Talmadge Lewis and Miss Beulah Bogue attended Farm and Home Week at State College, Raleigh, during the first week in August.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson was in Elizabeth

City on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. David White, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. C. White.

Calvin Wilson spent Sunday afternoon in Hertford.

Carey Quincy spent the week-end with home-folks.

J. C. Wilson was in Elizabeth City Saturday.

Mrs. Kate Jackson is spending a few days with friends in Portsmouth. Mrs. John Asbell and children spent Tuesday morning with Mrs. Earle Wilder.

PINEY WOODS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chappell, their children, Mary and Milton, Miss Mary Lamb, C. J. Raper and daughter, Miss Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Chappell, Mrs. Raymond Dail, W. C. Chappell, Miss Margaret Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. James Rountree, Oliver Chappell, Miss Beulah Mae Byrum, Miss Mattie Saunders and Mrs. Mamie Lane attended Friends Yearly Meeting at Woodland, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ward and children, Marjorie and Bobby, of Elizabeth City, visited Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Raper Monday morning.

Mrs. W. D. Perry, of Bethel, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chappell.

W. W. Chappell continues very ill. Mrs. Laura Ward has returned home after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Jenkins, at Potocasi.

BRIGHT JEWELS MEET

The Bright Jewels Missionary Society of Up River Friends Church met with Lizzie Winslow on Saturday afternoon, August 16th.

The following program was rendered:

Duet, Margaret and Thelma White. Devotionals, Marie Hughes.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll was called.

Esther Winslow read a poem. The lesson, "Bright (Sky Tomorrow)," was given by Lizzie Winslow.

Duet—"The Shepherd of Love."

Refreshing lemonade and cookies were served.

Those present were: Betty Lou Eason, Lizzie Winslow, Lela Winslow, Mary Love Winslow, Marie Rountree, Esther Winslow, Marjorie Rebecca White, Thelma White, and Marie Hughes, of Hertford.

Clean Up Or Close Up Campaign Endorsed

The beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign, which has resulted in the elimination of 183 undesirable retail outlets, has been endorsed by two State groups.

The State Association of County Commissioners, at its annual convention at Wrightsville Beach, adopted a resolution endorsing the campaign and expressing the commissioners' appreciation for cooperation shown in ridding communities of objectionable outlets.

The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, at its conventions in Elizabeth City and Manteo, commended

the campaign and expressed its appreciation "for the cooperation of State Director Edgar H. Bain and members of his staff."

The endorsement of the "clean up or close up" campaign by these two groups is timely in view of the fact that approximately four-fifths of the committee's clean-up activities are with the sheriffs and commissioners.

Governor J. M. Broughton, during a speech before the sheriffs' meeting, also commented favorably on the work of the North Carolina committee.

Coroner Terms Negro Drowning As Accidental

West Obey, Negro, of Baltimore, Maryland, drowned in the Perquimans River last Thursday afternoon. His body was not recovered until around midnight.

Obey, who was about 30 years old, was in bathing with several other Negroes at Knowles Landing, near the Railroad bridge, when he got into deep water and drowned before help could reach him. It was reported that he failed to come up after going

under the first time.

Local citizens, Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens and members of the Coast Guard aided in locating the body after a search of several hours.

Dr. C. A. Davenport, county coroner, declared the cause of the Negro's death to be accidental drowning.

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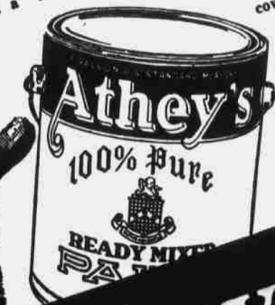
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