

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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U. S. News For Europe. Breaks Nazi Monopoly.

The United States is attempting to broadcast news to the various countries of Europe in order to counteract the propaganda of the Axis news monopoly.

Germany's rigid control of all news reports and the Nazis ruthless suppression of all other sources of information give Hitler a decided advantage in the propaganda campaign now raging.

The people of conquered countries are permitted to secure information designed to assist Hitler's purposes. The severest penalty is inflicted upon individuals listening to foreign broadcasts and every effort is made to prevent the distribution of unbiased views in Europe.

Now, under the leadership of Col. William J. Donovan, coordinator of information, the United States is using short-wave radio to break into the Axis news monopoly in Europe and, also, to counteract Germany's propaganda campaign in Latin America.

Col. Donovan is in charge of the broadcasts to Europe and Nelson Rockefeller, coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, directs information activities in Latin America. Both agencies operate under the State supervision which outlines the policy to be followed in each major country.

The purpose of the broadcasts will be to present facts. Little time will be wasted on entertainment but every effort will be made to give listeners in foreign countries accurate information that cannot be obtained at home.

Japs Marking Time. U. S. Standing Firm.

There has been little improvement in Japanese-American relations since Prince Konoye sent his letter to President Roosevelt, indicating that Japanese statesmen understood that a crisis would develop immediately unless Japan called a halt to her ambitious program in the Far East.

While the Japanese have been relatively quiet for the past few weeks, there is every indication that Tokyo hopes to secure concessions through diplomatic efforts. There is little reason to believe that Japan has altered her fundamental plans for a "New Order" or that the United States has been fooled by diplomatic declarations from Tokyo.

The economic sanctions against Japan continues in force and, undoubtedly, the effect upon Japanese economy is becoming serious. The American military mission to China is openly attempting to assist the Chinese in their desperate defense against Japanese invaders. British, American and Dutch officials in the Far East continue to meet with regularity to discuss the threatening problems of the Far East.

Neither the United States nor Japan has given ground insofar as national policies are concerned. The threatened clash is a direct result of the head-on collision of these policies. Until one nation, or the other, yields decisively, the peace of the Pacific will be precarious, depending probably upon the outcome of the gigantic struggle between Germany and Russia.

The United States insists upon the policy of the "Open Door" in China which merely asserts that all nations

shall have equal commercial rights in regard to China. Having recognized the territorial integrity of China, the United States refuses to recognize Japan's conquests or to confirm Japan's claim for superior rights in the conquered areas.

The American position involves no special rights for this country but undertakes to protect admitted American rights in the Far East which will become extinct if Japan gains the dominant position that she seeks.

Peace Offer Expected. Rejection Certain.

Repeated Rumors of an impending peace offer from Berlin scheduled for delivery as soon as Germany can win a decisive victory over the Red Army find little or no response among the officials of the United States and Great Britain.

A peace offer from Germany would attempt to organize European production and prepare for a gigantic offensive, designed to crush Great Britain and to secure control of Africa.

Convinced that Hitler's European set-up cannot permanently endure unless the world is reorganized along Nazi economic lines, most experts consider permanent peace impossible unless Great Britain and the United States are prepared to accept Nazi domination of the world.

The attack upon Russia has given Germany a worthy opponent. The Nazi parade which began in Austria has been definitely checked in Russia. Hitler himself admits that he underestimated the extent of Russian reserves and, despite the conflict about losses, it is apparent from German statements that the Russians have inflicted heavy casualties upon the German Army.

Reports from Europe indicate that Germany is beginning to experience a shortage of manpower and the rising tide of rebellion in the occupied countries present the Nazis with another serious problem. If the Germans can score a signal triumph against Russia, it is obvious that a breathing spell, such as would be afforded by a temporary truce, would permit the Nazis to recuperate and reform for the next move in the march toward world control.

Wars Won In Shops. U. S. Supplies Decisive.

"Wars of today are won in the shops," declares William S. Knudsen, Director-General of the Office of Production Management, in urging the United States to produce "plenty of guns and tanks and planes and ships."

Mr. Knudsen calls attention to the "tremendous lead" that the Nazis have in the production of certain important war items and warns that they will continue to hold the lead for a long time "unless we step-up our present pace."

The emphasis upon production is not exaggerated. Hitler's threat to torpedo all ships of every nation carrying supplies to Great Britain is Germany's official admission that supplies from this country will turn the tide of the battle.

The United States, through the Lend-Lease bill enacted by Congress, and various utterances of President Roosevelt, has pledged the production of material and its delivery into the hands of the nations fighting Hitler. This means not only the production of guns and tanks and planes and

ships but their successful transportation into the present war areas.

Both Germany and the United States understand the vital significance of the successful delivery of munitions and implements of warfare. The war policy of Germany requires that the delivery be defeated. The policy of the United States insists that the deliveries be speeded. The conflict is inevitable.

The fact that the United States is following international law and that Germany is violating recognized rules is incidental because the Nazis have given abundant proof of their intention to do anything to advance their scheme of world mastery. Secretary Hull rightly refers to the torpedoing of American-owned tankers as an "act of lawlessness, piracy and attempted frightfulness."

The Neutrality Act, now the focus of bitter discussion in Washington, has failed to prevent the incidents it was intended to avert. Vessels have been torpedoed within the American neutrality zone, far from combat areas and there is the probability that the sinkings will increase in accordance with Hitler's proclaimed policy of torpedoing every ship that attempts to "help England."

HOME AND GARDEN CLUB MEETS ON FRIDAY NIGHT

The Hertford Home and Garden Club met on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Carlton Cannon with Mrs. L. S. White as assistant hostess.

During the business session plans were made for the club party, which will be held Friday evening. The club also decided to make 18 boys' shirts for the Red Cross. Miss Maness gave a very interesting talk on the selection of furniture.

After the business session, a social hour was enjoyed with the hostesses

serving a delicious sweet course.

Those present were: Miss Maness, Mesdames E. L. Reed, Hurley Hoffer, Wilson Reed, Seymour Chappell, William Landing, J. S. McNider, Z. A. Harris, Mark Hathaway, V. A. Holden, Josiah Elliott, B. T. Wood, Norman Elliott, Reginald Tucker, L. S. White, Carlton Cannon and William Tucker, and Mrs. Hampton.

Durants Neck Woman's Club Seeks Aid For

The Durants Neck Woman's Club, in an effort to raise money for the financing of the Durants Neck Community Building, is requesting residents of the New Hope Township to contribute one dollar each toward payment for the building. Several persons residing in the

township have already contributed to the fund, according to Mrs. Elmer Banks, president of the Durants Neck Woman's Club, who requests that others who wish to give toward the fund see any of the following people: W. E. Dail, Mrs. W. W. Spencer, Mrs. Ervin Turner, Mrs. Carson Stallings, Steve Perry, or Mrs. Elmer Banks.



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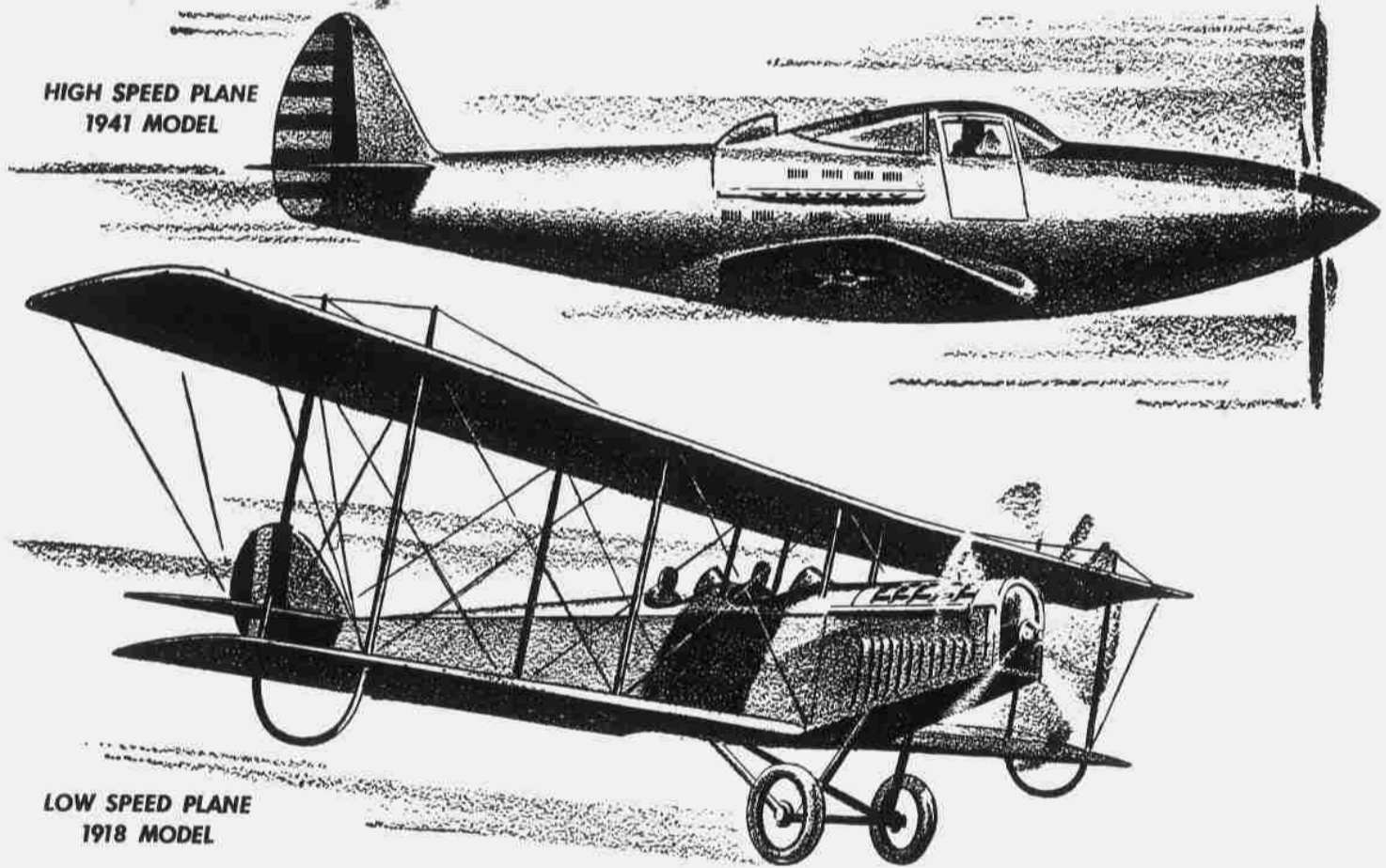
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