

## LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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### U-Boat Offensive. Sinking U. S. Ships. Real Battle On.

The situation in the Atlantic Ocean requires that all people of the United States understand what has occurred between the United States and Germany to bring about the present undeclared war.

The first act of warfare in the Atlantic Ocean, affecting the United States, occurred in the South Atlantic on May 21, when a German submarine, after hailing the freighter Robin Moor, flying the American flag, deliberately sunk the American ship.

The people of this country knew nothing of the loss of the Robin Moor for almost a month. The survivors drifted in life boats for a long time before being rescued by two ships, one bound for South America and the other for South Africa. The lives on board the Robin Moor were thus imperiled after their ship had been destroyed.

The German attack upon the Robin Moor was wilful, wanton and in intentional disregard of the rights of the United States. It came two months after Congress passed the Lease-Lend Act and long before the U. S. Navy in the Atlantic received the President's "Shoot on Sight" order. The ship was in no war zone when attacked and its destruction was in violation of international law and of agreements voluntarily made by Germany in regard to naval warfare.

The destruction of the Robin Moor was effective notice that Hitler was ready to go far beyond his threat to sink ships of any nation going to Great Britain. It tipped off the Nazi determination to destroy the vessels of this country, unless they were serving the interests of Germany. The attack has been followed by a continuous succession of similar events, culminating in the torpedoing of the Destroyer Reuben James with great loss of life to American sailors.

The American people should not be misled by the fact that some of our

vessels have been attacked in waters around Iceland. Having established a base upon the island, deemed necessary for this nation to supply its forces in Iceland, Hitler's attack upon ships going to Iceland served notice that the United States can take no action, even in establishing its own defenses, unless they are approved by Hitler. Otherwise German U-boats and airplanes will make ruthless and illegal attacks.

No single incident has produced the present undeclared warfare. It is the result of Germany's determined effort to control the waters of the Atlantic and to prohibit American vessels from using the high seas. The United States has the choice of asserting its rights or surrendering to Hitler.

If we give in to his pressure in the Atlantic, it will not be long before our activity in the Pacific will be denounced as a threat to Japan, an ally of Germany. Again, the United States would face the choice of accepting the challenge or making an abject surrender.

We are not for war, but we do not think that it can be prevented by any policy of cowardly surrender or that the United States can secure peace by yielding its rights to arrogant aggression of nations that have the avowed purpose of attaining national ambitions by the use of force. The only choice for the United States today, in the Atlantic, is to resist or surrender.

### Finland's Dilemma. U. S. Seeks Peace. Soviet Being Repaid.

The sympathy of the people of the United States went out in unbounded measure to the Finns when that country was resisting the attack of Soviet Russia but the present offensive of the Finns against Russian territory has been the cause of a strong hint from this Government that it would like to see Finland take affirmative action on an offer of peace made by the Soviet Union last August.

Reports from Finland indicate that the people of the little nation find

difficulty in understanding the changing sentiment in the United States. The Finns apparently do not realize that the one objective of the United States today is to encompass the defeat of Hitler without the participation of American soldiers and that the contingent participation of Finnish troops in the German campaign in Russia diminishes the chances of success that exists for American policy.

Obviously, Americans should recognize the difficult position in which the Finns find themselves at this time. Taking advantage of the German attack upon Russia, the Finns advanced against Soviet forces in order to recapture territory taken from Finland by Russia after Germany's attack upon Poland.

This objective, the recapture of Finnish territory, was undoubtedly approved by Americans generally, but, because of the larger implications involved, the United States was, and is, anxious to conclude hostilities between Finland and Russia. Consequently, in August, the Government of the United States notified Finland that the Soviet Union was ready to discuss peace on the basis of territorial compensation to Finland.

Having entered the struggle at the same time that Germany attacked Russia, the impression has gone abroad that Finland is an ally of Germany. The Finns deny this and insist that their war aims are set but that they cannot, for strategic reasons, permit the Russians to know the limit of their objectives. It should be understood, of course, that any attempt on the part of Finland to conclude its war against Russia will probably cause Germany to take drastic action against the tiny democracy.

Whatever the motive that inspired Russia to attack Finland, the Soviet Union is now paying for its mistake. It is now anxious to liquidate the Finnish situation and if this is impossible, there is the chance that the Finns will find themselves involved in hostilities with Great Britain, a former and natural friend.

Obviously, so long as Finland was engaged in recapturing territory taken from her by Russia, there was justification in Finnish action. Now, with this objective largely attained, continued Finnish participation makes the democratic nation an active ally of Germany and an impediment to the defeat of Hitler.

### Jap Crisis Ahead? Tokyo Opportunist. U. S. Stands Firm.

Relations between the United States and Japan are to reach a crisis on November 15th, when the extraordinary session of the Japanese Diet assembles, according to reports from Tokyo.

While the implied warning may constitute Japanese pressure upon the United States for concessions in order to prevent Japan from positive action, there is much evidence that the Japanese Government is preparing the people of the Empire for an inevitable clash in the Pacific.

The Japanese intimate that there is a time-limit to their patience and that the United States must abandon its objections to Japanese objectives or face the possibility that Japan will actively join the Axis group in the prosecution of war. The Japanese press does not bite its tongue, insisting that the United States must give up its policy of encirclement and abandon economic sanctions against Japan.

The United States is pictured as a nation motivated by a warlike purpose and, of course, Japan is presented as the champion of a New Order which is to include world peace.

Regardless of the absurdity of the Japanese official position, the people of the United States should not underestimate the threat that exists in the Far East. With our Navy divided between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and, excepting only battleship strength, the Japanese Navy is numerically stronger than that of this country. Every cruiser, destroyer and submarine in the Atlantic increases the marginal superiority of the Japanese fleet.

It has been noticeable that the Japanese attitude toward the United States in the Pacific fluctuates with the success or failure of German campaigns in Europe. When the Germans are sweeping their foes before them, Tokyo talks boldly, but when the war psychology turns against Germany, the Japanese begin to speak more peacefully. Obviously, the Japanese are watching world events very closely and intend to alter their policy to fit any opportunity that presents itself.

That the United States will find it impossible to meet the Japanese demands is obvious to anyone who understands the course of Japanese conduct in recent years.

The price that Japan demands for peace in the Pacific includes the abandonment of China, the recognition of Manchukuo, recognition of Japanese superior rights in the Far East, and the end of encirclement and the abandonment of economic restrictions. Should the United States attempt to buy peace at this price, there is no reason to suspect that Japan would be satisfied and every reason to expect additional Japanese demands.

### Farmers Not Expected To Donate Scrap Metal

Although farmers are asked to sell their scrap metal as a service to the Nation rather than as a way of making money, they are not expected to give it away, says Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Price ceilings have been set for iron and steel scrap by the Government as a means of preventing profiteering and keeping down the cost of defense. For a farmer to know what a fair price would be locally, he must know the prices paid at primary points, the differentials between these points and his area, and he must understand how the metal is handled.

Dr. Schaub explained that scrap collected by dealers must be "prepared." Different kinds of scrap have different uses, and, therefore, must be sorted and graded by experienced men.

Then it must be put in a form convenient for shipping and handling at the mill. For example, bulky scrap is compressed into bales, and heavy awkward shapes are cut by torches and shares into materials that can be banded and shipped. The average cost of this preparation is \$2.50 per gross ton (2,240 pounds).

The Office of Price Administration has established that the maximum price of unprepared scrap is the maximum price for the corresponding grade of prepared scrap minus \$2.50 per gross ton.

Farms have long been one of the most important sources of scrap supplies, the Extension director pointed out. It is especially important now, he went on, that the flow of scrap from farms be increased to the highest possible point.

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### Funeral Services For A. J. Broughton

Funeral services for A. J. Broughton, 66, were held Saturday, November 1st, at Kenly, North Carolina. Interment was made in the Kenty Cemetery with members of the Masonic Lodge in charge.

He was a native of Perquimans County, having been born December 27, 1875.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eva High Broughton of Kenly; two sons, John Sutton Broughton of Kansas City, Mo., and Philip Ray Broughton of Kenly; eight brothers, Charlie and

Sam Broughton of Dunn, John and Harry Broughton of Hertford, Julian and Jesse Broughton of Detroit, Mich., Louis Broughton of Savannah, Ga., and Sidney Broughton of Augusta, Ga.; and three sisters, Mrs. J. C. Stinson and Mrs. T. E. Harrell of Edenton, and Mrs. Milton Dail of Hertford.

### COW FOUND UPSTAIRS

Bergen, N. Y.—After reporting one of her cows lost, probably stolen during a rainstorm, Mrs. Irene Merrill found the cow upstairs in the hay mow of the barn. She believes the cow, frightened by the storm, had climbed the barn stairs.

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