

Washington, Sept. 6 (AS) .--War has superceded politics, at least for the time being, in the minds of official Washington. A dozen questions of vital national interest are being asked, and the answers are as various as the questions. All relate to the possibility or probability of the United States being drawn into the European mess, whether we want to go to war or not, to just what Were on the we can do to keep out of war, and how a great war in Europe would affect us if we were not participants.

Recent events have disclosed facts previously unknown to the torpedoed early whether involving us or not.

guard participated have disclosed equipped with lifeboats. that we are nowhere nearly as ready to fight as people had sup- pedoeing was made within an posed.

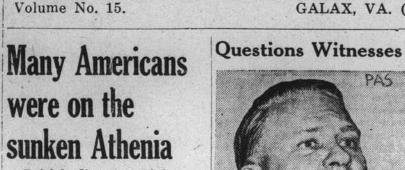
Serious Deficiencies

and has pointed out serious de-ficiencies in the military equip-ment both of the citizen soldiery Washington, D. C. Mr. Becaust the series of the soldiery Mr. Becaust the soldi and the regular army. We are and the regular army. We are short of mobile artillery, of anti-aircraft guns and of coast-defense artillery, according to high army "I'd like to point out," Early artillery, according to high army officers, some of whom are much said, "that according to official Drum

aware of the almost unanimous refugees. desire of the people of the United which might easily arise. While public and official sym- obvious horror at the White "keep your head," the Governor

pathy with the so-called democrac- House. When reporters, seeking asserted that Americans must be ies of Europe as against the dic- more information after Early had ever on the alert to prevent the as to be taken for granted, can that all?" Early replied: we avoid acts which could be interpreted as taking sides?

the conquest of the free nations by might quickly follow if any official action by our government retaliations might not take the form of direct war against the United States.



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-British liner, which was Monday public about the preparations (late Sunday E. S. T.) off which our Government has been the Hebrides, west of northmaking in anticipation of war, ern Scotland. It was understood that about 350 Americans were Much has been said and writ- aboard the liner. Practically all ten about the completeness of our aboard the ship, except those program of national defense, but killed by the actual explosion, the recent war games in which were rescued. The Athenia is the regular army and the national said to have been adequately

WASHINGTON, D. C. .. Announcement of the torman Martin Dies of the House Committee hour after an air raid signal had American activities, as he quesshocked London wide awake in tioned witnesses. the early morning of Britain's

The Chief of Staff, General second day at war. Stephen Early, secretary to Hugh A. Drum, has been out-spoken in his criticism of the President Roosevelt, said Sunday Governor Hoey unpreparedness and lack of train- night that the torpedoed Athenia ing of the national guard units, was "carrying" mostly Canadians

U.S. neutrality Mr. Roosevelt received an of--in the face of the Euro-

pean war, and urged North more outspoken than General information the ship had come "nefarious doctrines" from Glasgow to Liverpool and

"I point this out to show that stand for neutrality. Governor North Carolina, States to remain at peace, but in there was no possibility, according Hoey made his attack on "isms" States to remain at peace, but in to the official information, that in a speech at a state convention 51, looking very military in their raised as to whether that is pos- the ship was carrying any mu- of berbers held in Raleigh Monsible under certain circumstances nitions, or anything of that kind." day. Cautioning his listeners to The report was received with

tatorships is so well understood made his announcement asked "is European conflagration from spreading to this country. "It's (turn to page six, please) "Isn't that enough?" In case of a conflict resulting in In a momentous talk Sunday nightthe totalitarian governments, re-taliations against the United States President Roosevelt pledged his full

ficial action by our government could be given the color of un-friendliness to the victors. Such

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The CIVIC, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ALLEGHA

Like most of the capitals of Europe, Raleigh

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Chair-

investigating un-

-capital of North Carolina, echoed Saturday to the tramp of feet marching to war. But the feet whose

steps resounded from Raleigh pavements were marching to a war of a different kind than the feet marching in European capitals. They were the 102 feet of 51 new state highway patrolmen, marching to war on death and

injury on North Carolina's highways. Among them was E. C. Maazel, 9-year-old conductor from Hawthorne, Sparta, who is one Los Angeles, leading the National of the nine new patrolmen from Music Camp Orchestra. The con-Northwestern North Carolina. R. cert was given here by the Na-Northwestern North Carolina. R. cert was given here by the Na-H. Biggs, of Ashe, and W. L. tional Music Camp of Inter- A Sparta man who Lancaster, of Surry, were also in lochen, Mich.

the group. Into the historic Capitol, which W. Luther Ferrell march past, the 51 new patrolmen marched Saturday morning to take the oath of office from Associate Justice A. A. F. Sea- Will head the well, to hear words of advice from high state officials.

eleventh district Then, after receiving their commissions, one by one personally Carolinians to combat the from Governor Hoey, they marchof ed out again to be assigned to

Official Washington is fully was bound for Canada bringing communism and naziism, and to their gleaming new cars and to support President Roosevelt's enter the service of the state of In charge of the detachment of

new grey uniforms, grey cam-

paign hats and Sam Browne belts, was the man in command of the first patrol of 28 men ten years ago, Captain C. D. Farmer, now commandant of the eastern di-

vision. up to the senate chamber, filed County. in and took seats.

Numbering one more than the were: W. B. Austin Ashe County, and Winfield Blackwell, Forsyth awarded him the championship, be sought of preventing economic military-looking body in the sen- County. Other executive com- one of the most coveted in rifle- and financial disturbances detriate seats.

yer.

Even more military did they Johnston, Ashe County, and W. P. "I shoot for the fun of shoot- tions. appear when Captain Farmer Sandridge, Jr., Fortsyth County. ing, and I don't want anything I The date for the conference brought them to attention and After the group convened at don't deserve," Jones told match was not disclosed, but it was re-



Col. Roscoe Turner sped to his third triumph Tuesday -in the 300-mile Thompson tro- issued Tuesday phy classic in the annual Cleveland air races. Turner immediate-

twin wasp, 282.536 miles an hour for a convincing victory over six other pilots. Shortly after the start he

thought he had cut a pylon and rounded it again, but made up this handicap to finish more than ten miles ahead of Tony Levier, Montebello, Calif., over the 10mile closed course. Pylon trouble cost him two previous Thomp-



last Thursday, August 31, in -of the North Carolina Camp Perry, Ohio, and the re-Bar, Inc., he having been cipient of a personal letter of send out the invitations. elected at the second annual commendation from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. meeting of the organization

held Saturday, September 2, at Greystone Inn, Roaring Gap. Mr. Ferrell is a Winston-Salem lawgreatest field in rifle history,

Alleghany County, and Robert M. Gambill, Sparta, was elected sec- ord. retary and treasurer. George Cheek, Sparta, was elected a his own protest. On the 1,000- preserve neutrality, and what member of the executive com- yard range he declared the haze measures could be taken to pre-

mittee members named were: Ira dom.

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Invitations were

OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY

land air races. Turner immediate-ly declared the race was the last of his 12-year competive arrow of his 12-year competive career. The swashbuckling flier gunned —with the blessing of the his big aluminum Turner-Laird, United States government, powered by a Pratt and Whitney to all the American republics to attend a conference designed to preserve peace in the

Western Hemisphere, maintain normal trade and prevent financial disturbances on this continent as a result of Europe's war. It was learned at the State Department in Washington that

the Panamanian government was sending out the invitations in the name of itself, the United States, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Cuba and Mexico.

The State Department disclosed that a number of South American governments had suggested that there should be some consultation in line with the declaration of Pan-American solidarity which was approved by the international conference at Lima, Peru, last year.

It was decided, however, to wait until an actual declaration of war before arranging such a consultation.

Several of the American republics decided to ask Panama to

Emphasis was placed in wellinformed circles upon the fact Master Gunner Sergeant Thom- that the conference was not like-

Instead it was suggested, views 2,032 entrants, in the 30-calibre, would be exchanged as to the Floyd Crouse, Sparta, was nam-ed a vice president representing 2,032 entrants, in the 30-calibre, would be exchanged as to the 30-shot President's match, with a best means of preserving peace on score of 147, equalling the rec- this continent, the steps which

different governments may be Jones won the big event over planning to take in an effort to Under his orders, they marched p to the senate chamber, filed member of the executive com-county. member of the executive com-mittee representing Alleghany caused his official scorer to give serve normal trade. Steps to see him one more point than he act-that other interests are not Other vice presidents named ually deserved on one shot, but prejudiced also would be considmental to inter-American rela-

-in regard to the new European war that broke as Governor Hoey walked out a Governor Hoey walked out R. A. Doughton, Sparta, welcom-

—in regard to the new European war that broke out Sunday when Great Britain and France declared war upon Germany. Pleading that of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. The second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. The second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state contract of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state contract of State European war upon Germany. (Internal provide the second state contract of State European war upon Germany.) (Internal provide the second state contract of State European state contract of State European state of State European state contract of State European state contract of State European state contract of State European state of In the declaration of Panat 200, 600 and 1,000 yards. (turn to page 5, please)



Watch South America

or Russia or Italy, or their com-

bined forces, over France and as it remains within my power Great Britain, would be followed by attempts to colonize or even assert territorial authority over blackout of peace in the United parts of South America. In that States." case the United States would be obliged under its treaty obliga- mark which reminded many of tions and the historic Monroe Doc- his listeners of his efforts to remight be necessary, any such in-vasion of any part of America. The possibility that a victory come our neutrolity and the days to vasion of any part of America. "I trust that in the days to The possibility that a victory come our neutrality can be made

by the Central Powers might re- a true neutrality," he asserted. sult in the transfer of sovereignty He did not say anything about an historic stream of proclaover Canada is one which is also a special session of congress to over Canada is one which is also revise the law, although he is informal, statements, the presi-being given serious consideration generally expected to call such a dent told the world of America's here.

What sort of acts might be in-terpreted as giving aid to one side as against the other nobody Roosevelt admonished the country, arms shipments to the belliger-What sort of acts might be in- session. side as against the other nobody can foretell, since nobody can be sure that truth and honesty will here the "thest information in the second to be filled by increase". Social Security govern the decisions and acts of have the "best information in the are soon to be filled by increassome of the great powers. Re- world" upon which to rest its ing the personnel of the navy, cent European events indicate the judgment."

The reason which actuated appeal: Congress in refusing to amend the Neutrality Act to accord with ate economic effect of this new A flotilla of World War dethe President's desire was the war on our nation, but I do say stroyers will be reconditioned and belief that, if so amended, it that no American has the moral recommissioned to take up the belief that, if so amended, it that no American has the moral recommissioned to take up the dramatic task of patrolling Ameri-would lead to our lending sup-port to one side which was denied either of his fellow citizen or of the men, women and children who to the other side, and so would the men, women and children who are living and dying in the midst in the scene of violations of neutral fits have come about through the instruction of the men work of the men work of the men work of the men work of the scene of violations of neutral fits have come about through the men work of the scene of violations of neutral the men work of volvement in war.

of war in Europe." Much attention centered upon But the neutrality law as it stands, unamended, still leaves boopholes through which the Exe-sanship and selfishness be ad-American form of government, years, it is estimated by Chair-

can ports and territorial waters It was easy, he continued, for coming a center for the gathering by belligerent submarines or arm-ed merchant vessels, and to pro- and say that conflict so far away ligerents.

by beligerent submarines or arm-magaze such rules, and to pro-tions as may be necessary to the provision of the second invoking the arms bas-rations, the metrality have a fair proportion of inder-the provision of the provision

Americans face Europe's havoc with "national unity," In the opinion of many high the chief executive solemnly promised the nation his officials a victory by Germany utmost effort to keep the country neutral. "As long

The neutrality law embargo was The president made a re-

mations and significant, but

neutrality, clamped down the neuhis commission.

now at only 85 per cent of peace-time strength, and augmenting act operations To all this, he attached this time strength, and augmenting

the defensive garrison at the

rights by belligerent warships. Measures will be taken to com- the Act, some parts of which have cutive could favor one side. The law gives the President the right to restrict the use of Ameri. Can ports and the inter." Sanship and selfishness be ad-be the thought that national unity be the thought that underlies all others." American form of government, espousing communism, dictator-ships and the like, and to prevent the United States from be- Commission.

in Alleghany

In words of advice given the North Carolina State Bar, Inc., new patrolmen by Governor Hoey, Revenue Commissioner Maxwell, State Treasurer Lohnson Sarre, tive to the work being conducted State Treasurer Johnson, Secre-tary of State Eure, Attorney-

The group paused for one min-General McMullan, State Highway Counsel Ross, courtesy and carefulness were emphasized. Particu- W. M. Hendren, A. F. Sams and larly were they admonished by Commissioner Maxwell, in direct charge of the patrol to observe Moses Shapiro, who died since the organization last met in an-nual session. Moses Shapiro, who died since

the regulations which they en-force upon the public and to ed Harold McKeithan, Judge G. -in Washington, D. C., by refrain from criticizing the courts H. Hastings and Spruill Thorn-President Roosevelt. With action upon the persons they hail ton as a committee to draft let-Chamberlain, in London, of the momentous decision was into court. ters to the families of the deceas-

ed, expressing the appreciation of At conclusion of the speeches, Governor Hoey shock hands with the group for the contribution each made to the legal profession and its sorrow at their passing. Members of the each patrolman as he handed him

In a short talk Fred Hutchins, of the program of the North Carolina Bar, Inc.

Fred Sutton, president of the North Carolina Bar Association, set forth the high standards of citizenship the group should encourage.

"May I admonish you," he said, tauga and Caldwell counties, "that it is our duty, expected of will hold their annual meet-

our locality. . ."

Retiring officers are: Ira T. will be held.

Ed Cannon, secretary of the

In fulfillment of pledges to Poland-Great Britain and France went to war with Germany Sunday as Hitler failed

-to heed ultimatums given him by both Great Britain and France to withdraw his troops from Poland and assure them of further non-aggres-

followed quickly by a series of fast-moving acts to place

the nation on a war-time basis. The announcement came 15 minutes after the expiration of an 11 p. m. (5 a. m. E. S. T.) ultimatum to the German Nazi government to withdraw its troops from invaded Polanda

France joined her old ally just five minutes after her own 5 p. m. (11 a. m. EST) deadline passed without a reply from German -of Alleghany, Ashe, Wa- Chancellor Adolf Hitter.

After several days of anxious waiting by the nations of the us as evidenced by years of ex- ing on Saturday, September world and a rapid but fruitless -County have benefitted perience to be among the leaders of our communities on those con-9, at the Court House in Lenoir. many and England last week in structive measures which benefit Business of the cooperative will the search for peace. Hitler sent every man, woman and child in be discussed, and the annual elec- his armies smashing across the tion of the Board of Directors Polish border Friday.

"The German army will con-Johnston, president; W. P. San-dridge, Grant Bauguess and Car-lyle Higgins, vice presidents; G. H. Hastings, councillor; W. Luth-the board:

dering his troops to "meet force Alleghany - C. G. Collins, Sparta; Van Miller, Laurel with force."

George Cheek, members of the Sparta; van miller, Dauter In a weary voice that some-executive committee, and Spruill Thornton, secretary and treas-urer. Ashe—J. C. Goodman, West D. Hurt Nathans

years, it is estimated by Chair-man Charles G. Powell, of the State Employment Compensation Commission.

Usually Unemployment Compensation is the larger of the ten

