

Washington, Sept. 6 (AS).—War has superseded politics, at least for the time being, in the minds of official Washington.

Recent events have disclosed facts previously unknown to the public about the preparations which our Government has been making in anticipation of war.

The Chief of Staff, General Hugh A. Drum, has been outspoken in his criticism of the unpreparedness and lack of training of the national guard units.

Official Washington is fully aware of the almost unanimous desire of the people of the United States to remain at peace.

In case of a conflict resulting in the conquest of the free nations by the totalitarian governments.

Watch South America. In the opinion of many high officials a victory by Germany or Russia or Italy, or their combined forces.

The possibility that a victory by the Central Powers might result in the transfer of sovereignty over Canada is one which is also being given serious consideration here.

But the neutrality law as it stands, unamended, still leaves loopholes through which the Executive could favor one side.

Regardless of the question whether the United States may become involved in actual hostilities, the best informed officials in Washington hold that war would have serious effect upon this country's economic position.

Dies Committee Reports. A factor which may have an important bearing upon the question (turn to page three, please)

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Many Americans were on the sunken Athenia

—British liner, which was torpedoed early Monday (late Sunday E. S. T.) off the Hebrides, west of northern Scotland.

Stephen Early, secretary to President Roosevelt, said Sunday night that the torpedoed Athenia was "carrying" mostly Canadians and some Americans.

"I point this out to show that there was no possibility, according to the official information, that the ship was carrying any munitions, or anything of that kind."

In a momentous talk Sunday night—President Roosevelt pledged his full effort to keep the U. S. neutral

—in regard to the new European war that broke out Sunday when Great Britain and France declared war upon Germany.

The president made a remark which reminded many of his listeners of his efforts to revise the neutrality law in such a way as to scrap the arms embargo.

Mr. Roosevelt admonished the country, with an accompanying statement that America has had and will have the "best information in the world" upon which to rest its judgment.

He spoke, too, of the importance of "spiritual values." Almost everyone, regardless of creed, believes in "the spirit of the New Testament—a great teaching which opposes itself to the use of force, of armed force." (turn to page 6, please)

Questions Witnesses



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . Chairman Martin Dies of the House Committee investigating un-American activities, as he questioned witnesses.

Governor Hoey urged strict U. S. neutrality

—in the face of the European war, and urged North Carolinians to combat the "nefarious doctrines" of communism and nazism, and to support President Roosevelt's stand for neutrality.

Cautioning his listeners to "keep your head," the Governor asserted that Americans must be ever on the alert to prevent the European conflagration from spreading to this country.

Numbering one more than the senate membership, they made a military-looking body in the senate seats.

The neutrality law embargo was invoked Tuesday

—in Washington, D. C., by President Roosevelt. With an historic stream of proclamations and significant, but informal, statements, the president told the world of America's neutrality, clamped down the neutrality act's tight embargo on arms shipments to the belligerents and disclosed that:

Measures will be taken to combat propaganda aimed at the American form of government, espousing communism, dictatorships and the like, and to prevent the United States from becoming a center for the gathering of information useful to the belligerents.

In all, there were three proclamations, the first, in accordance with international law, notifying the interested nations that America would be officially neutral, the second invoking the arms ban of the neutrality law, and the third dealing with protective measures at the Panama Canal.

With cooperation from Nathan L. Yelton, State director of Public Assistance, and Dr. Roma S. Cheek, executive secretary of the State Commission for the Blind, along with figures in the Central (turn to page five, please)

Like most of the capitals of Europe, Raleigh

—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.

Into the historic Capitol, which has seen soldiers of four wars march past, the 51 new patrolmen marched Saturday morning to take the oath of office from Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell, to hear words of advice from high state officials.

Under his orders, they marched up to the senate chamber, filed in and took seats.

Even more military did they appear when Captain Farmer brought them to attention and ordered a regular military salute as Governor Hoey walked out after presenting the commissions, signed by himself and Secretary of State Eure.

At conclusion of the speeches, Governor Hoey shook hands with each patrolman as he handed him his commission.

Social Security act operations in Alleghany

—County have benefitted residents and communities in the county to the extent of \$39,450.00. These benefits have come about through the operation of the ten divisions of the Act, some parts of which have been active for more than three years.

Usually Unemployment Compensation is the larger of the ten items, especially in counties that have a fair proportion of industrial and commercial organizations, but in Alleghany, which is largely agricultural and rural, Unemployment Compensation, or job insurance, is the second item and accounts for nearly one-third of the total.

Mr. Irwin was notified Monday of his appointment, and was requested to report for duty immediately.

Conducts Concert



NEW YORK CITY . . . Lorin Maazel, 9-year-old conductor from Los Angeles, leading the National Music Camp Orchestra.

W. Luther Ferrell will head the eleventh district

—of the North Carolina Bar, Inc., he having been elected at the second annual meeting of the organization held Saturday, September 2, at Greystone Inn, Roaring Gap.

Other vice presidents named were: W. B. Austin, Ashe County, and Winfield Blackwell, Forsyth County.

The group paused for one minute as a tribute of respect to W. M. Hendren, A. F. Sams and Moses Shapiro, who died since the organization last met in annual session.

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Retiring officers are: Ira T. Johnston, president; W. P. Sandridge, Grant Bauguess and Carlyle Higgins, vice presidents; G. H. Hastings, councillor; W. Luther Ferrell, W. B. Austin and George Cheek, members of the executive committee, and Spruill Thornton, secretary and treasurer.

Walter M. Irwin was sworn in as a U. S. Deputy Marshal

—in Greensboro, Tuesday morning, September 5. Mr. Irwin is a former Sheriff of Alleghany County, having been succeeded by the present incumbent, Sheriff DeWitt T. Bryan.

Col. Roscoe Turner sped to his third triumph Tuesday

—in the 300-mile Thompson trophy classic in the annual Cleveland air races. Turner immediately declared the race was the last of his 12-year competitive career.

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 10-mile closed course.

—of service as a U. S. Marine was the winner of the national rifle matches last Thursday, August 31, in Camp Perry, Ohio, and the recipient of a personal letter of commendation from President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Master Gunner Sergeant Thomas J. Jones, Sparta, a "devil dog" for 24 years, defeated the greatest field in rifle history, 2,032 entrants, in the 30-calibre, 30-shot President's match, with a score of 147, equalling the record.

Jones won the big event over his own protest. On the 1,000-yard range he declared the haze caused his official scorer to give him one more point than he actually deserved on one shot, but match officials overruled him and awarded him the championship, one of the most coveted in rifle-dom.

"I shoot for the fun of shooting, and I don't want anything I don't deserve," Jones told match officials. Jones has been a top-flight gunner for more than 20 years, and previously had won practically every major 30-calibre title. Thursday's match was fired at 200, 600 and 1,000 yards.

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-aggression intentions.

Members of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation

—of Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Caldwell counties, will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, September 9, at the Court House in Lenoir.

Ashe—J. C. Goodman, West Jefferson; A. B. Hurt, Nathans Creek; E. E. L. Plummer, Crumpler, and G. B. Price, Clifton.

Watauga—Avery Green, Meat Camp; Clarence Newton, Shulls Mills; Clyde Perry, Sugar Grove, and C. M. Watson, Deep Gap.

Invitations were issued Tuesday night by Panama

—with the blessing of the United States government, to all the American republics to attend a conference designed to preserve peace in the Western Hemisphere.

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.

Several of the American republics decided to ask Panama to send out the invitations.

Emphasis was placed in well-informed circles upon the fact that the conference was not likely to consider military and naval matters.

The date for the conference was not disclosed, but it was reported that some countries had suggested late this month.

In the declaration of Pan-American solidarity which was adopted at the Lima conference, (turn to page 5, please)

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 Poland.

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 Chancellor Adolf Hitler.

After several days of anxious waiting by the nations of the world and a rapid but fruitless exchange of notes between Germany and England last week in the search for peace, Hitler sent his armies smashing across the Polish border Friday.

"The German army will conduct a fight for honor and the right to the life of the resurrected German people with firm determination," said Hitler in ordering his troops to "meet force with force."

Prime Minister Chamberlain immediately formed a new wartime government which took in former Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden as dominions secretary and which included Winston Churchill as first lord of the admiralty.