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BIG NAVY BILLS FIND SUPPORT DESPITE CERTAIN HEZITATION; PLAN HAILED AS PEACE MOVE

War Unlikely If Democracies Can Gain Strength, Simms Says.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
Times Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—The greatest war appeasement move since the gathering of the nations at Versailles 19 years ago is in the making.

President Roosevelt's new \$800,000,000 armament program, the economic peace recommendations of Belgium's Premier Van Zeeland, our own Secretary Hull's trade-rival policy, and events in Europe and Asia are all converging toward a history-making showdown.

If disaster can be staved off another 20 months—through the summer of next year—some of the best informed statesmen on this and the other side of the Atlantic are hopeful the answer will be peace for a long time to come.

Germany, Italy and Japan are now believed to be somewhere near the peak of their military might. Two years hence it is thought they will be little if stronger than today. But the United States and Great Britain should be materially stronger, and France at least somewhat better prepared for war than now.

Arms Programs Hailed

Thus it is that both here and abroad Britain's \$7,500,000,000 armament program has long been hailed as a move for peace. President Roosevelt's message to Congress yesterday requesting large additional expenditures on the national defense is similarly regarded. The Hull-Van Zeeland plans are welcomed as dovetailing with both.

Germany is seen as the chief stumbling block. Italy numbers herself among the "haves," now that she is in possession of Ethiopia. Her chief desire of the moment is world recognition of this fact. Her flirtations with Germany and Japan are in large measure designed to scare Britain, France and the other nations into granting such recognition.

Germany is another matter. She is determined to regain her "place in the sun." She insists on expanding her frontiers in Europe—most likely at the expense of Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. The big job ahead of the peace promoters, therefore, is to find ways and means to satisfy Germany without her having to resort to war.

Economic Pact Proposed

It was with this in mind that Great Britain and France commissioned Premier Van Zeeland to undertake his long quest throughout Europe and America. The result was the report which he has just made public.

His proposal of an international pact of economic collaboration between Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy and the United States is really intended merely to break the ice between the three great democracies and the two great authoritarian states. If trade can be started flowing, currencies stabilized, raw materials made available and economic peace achieved among these five powers, M. Van Zeeland believes political peace with arms limitation will be possible on a world-wide European level.

Many Americans and even Japan may find it to her interest to come into the project. Evidence is multiplying that she is increasingly anxious over the way things are going in China. Her fear of Soviet Russia grows stronger daily.

MRS. GRIDLER TO SPEAK

Mrs. Frances Gridler was to give an illustrated talk on South America today at the Children's Museum.

Some Congressmen Ask for Clarification of Our Foreign Policy.

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disposition of most legislators to accept Mr. Roosevelt's estimate of what is needed to insure national safety. This attitude was most tersely epitomized by Senator Glass (D. Va.), who said: "They are all increasing their armaments. I reckon we'll have to do the same."

House members most directly concerned with the President's recommendations found that in addition to authorizing legislation the seven specific proposals in his message called for:

1. Additional funds for 1939 requirements of the Army, Chairman J. Buell Snyder (D. Pa.) of the House Military Appropriations Subcommittee, estimated the message called for about \$12,500,000 immediately and said it would be considered before the War Department's 1939 supply bill is reported.

2. Additional funds for the Navy, which already has been voted \$33,000,000 by the House, Chairman William B. Umstead (D. N. C.) of the House Naval Appropriations Subcommittee was unable to estimate the amount. He said the fund, whatever its amount, might be included in a forthcoming deficiency bill.

Much of the authorizing legislation recommended by Mr. Roosevelt already is in the hopper. Chairman Carl Vinson (D. Ga.) of the House Naval Affairs Committee, had a bill ready in his pocket when the Presidential messenger arrived at the Capitol. It called for a 20 per cent \$800,000,000 increase in the Navy's fighting strength. He plans to begin hearings on it Monday.

Two Antiprofitteering Bills in Congress

By HERBERT LITTLE
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—President Roosevelt's big-navy message has reopened for early action the difficult problem of enacting antiprofitteering legislation. A race between two rival antiprofitteering bills is in prospect as a result.

"I believe," the President said, "that there has come for the Congress to enact legislation aimed at the prevention of profiteering in time of war and the equalization of the burdens of possible war."

The rival bills are embodied in the Sheppard-Hill American Legion Bill in the House and the Connally bill in the Senate.

Chairman May (D. Ky.) of the House Military Affairs Committee said the Sheppard-Hill measure might be brought up in the House within three weeks. His committee has reported it favorably.

Senator Connally (D. Tex.) announced he would offer his 223-page measure as a rider to the new tax bill when the latter is sent to the Senate by the House.

80 Per Cent Tax Asked

The Connally bill is mostly a tax measure, proposing wartime surtaxes ranging up to 80 per cent. It also would authorize registration of industrial management, control of war resources (including the fixing of prices), and almost absolute control over stock and commodity exchanges and the issuance of securities.

The five-page Sheppard-Hill bill, on the other hand, would give the president complete control over industrial life at the outbreak of a war.

KERSHNER RECOVERING

Dr. Frederick D. Kershner, Butler University School of Religion dean, today was reported recovering from pneumonia. He was operated upon two months ago.

Skis Better in Storm Than Snowplows



HULL REJECTS LEAGUE'S PLAN

Orders Protest in Tokyo Over Slapping of Consul.

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China any indication that Mr. Allison has at any time been lacking in judgment or acted with indiscretion; it has received several reports indicating that he has had the confidence and co-operation of his Japanese official associates."

Japan Promises Probe of Incident

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Joseph C. Grew, United States Ambassador, made formal representations to the Foreign Office today over Wednesday's incident at Nanking, when a Japanese sentry slapped the face of John M. Allison of the United States Embassy staff at Nanking.

The Foreign Office promised a thorough investigation and a subsequent reply to the United States.

3 Powers Confer on Plan to Aid China

GENEVA, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—British, French, Russian and Chinese conferred today on a tentative plan to aid China against Japan—a plan in which they seek United States co-operation.

A meeting of the League of Nations council set for this morning was postponed until 10 o'clock this morning (Indianapolis Time) to permit further talks.

The tentative plan, agreed on last night in principle, was forwarded to London, Paris, Moscow and Hankow for approval of the Governments concerned. The American action taken, approval of Britain, Russia and China was regarded as assured and delegates were anxious mainly over the reply of Premier Camille Chautemps of France and any reaction that might be given by the United States.

Well informed sources said that no immediate reply was expected from Washington; that the first step was to receive the approval of the League Council at a meeting Monday. Nevertheless it was indicated that delegates did not want to make a final draft of their plan until they had heard from Washington.

It was indicated also that the strength of the plan to be submitted finally, would depend to a considerable extent on the American attitude. The United States might send munitions to China despite a Japanese blockade.

Wallace Implies Criticism of Plan

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Wallace's Farmer, of which Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace is editor, said in a front page editorial today that an increase in Army and Navy appropriations will diminish Federal agricultural payments.

PNEUMONIA VICTIM DRIVES 1600 MILES

BILOXI, Miss., Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Physicians fought today to save the life of Bob Ward, 32-year-old stunt driver, who died at a Minneapolis hospital and drove 1600 miles to his wife's bedside when he learned of the death of their 29-day-old son.

Mr. Ward, suffering from pneumonia, arrived here after 36 hours' continuous driving. He was still wearing a pneumonia jacket put on him by Minneapolis physicians. He was near exhaustion, and his condition was serious.

ARBITRATOR IS NAMED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Secretary of Labor Perkins today named Dean E. D. Dickinson of the University of California Law School as special arbitrator to adjust differences between the Longshoremen's Union and the San Francisco Waterfront Employees Association.

POSTUMOUS BABY LIVES

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Science today fought an apparently winning battle to keep life in the tiny body of a brown-eyed baby girl born 10 minutes after its mother, wife of a Greensboro coal miner, died on a Uniontown hospital bed.

FRICK ATTORNEY DIES

WOOSTER, O., Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Karl L. Overholt, former attorney for Henry C. Frick, of Pittsburgh, and in later years manager of the estates of Helen C. Frick, died here today after a month's illness. He was 60.

U. S. GUNBOAT UNDER FIRE IN HANKOW RAID

Japanese Cabinet Considers Foreign Interests in War Zone.

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were exploding firecrackers to conceal a severe shortage of ammunition.

Loyalists Offer To Curb Bombing

LONDON, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—The Spanish Loyalist Government today offered to abandon its new "eye-for-an-eye" campaign of bombardment of cities if the Rebels reciprocate.

The offer was announced officially at Barcelona, and the full terms of the offer were received here in a radio communique from Madrid.

It was reported from Barcelona that for several days the Rebels had not raided the city and that people were uneasy, believing that an even more severe campaign was coming. At the same time, it was added, there were totally unfounded rumors among the populace of an agreement by which towns more than 20 miles from the fighting fronts would no longer be bombed.

Austrians Arrest Nazi Leader

VIENNA, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—An official communique said today that Dr. Leopold Tavs, Austrian Nazi leader, had been "formally accused and held for the state prosecutor, charged with high treason."

Dr. Tavs was arrested Wednesday.

Rumanian Jews May Be Aided

GENEVA, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Britain, France and Rumania reached agreement today for dealing with the Rumanian Jewish problem.

The agreement provides for appointment of a committee composed of Britain, France and Iran (Persia) to study the problem and seek a solution for the League Council meeting in May.

Russian War Zone Creation Rumored

LONDON, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Press reports from Warsaw asserted today that Russia was forming a military zone on its western frontier, varying in width from six miles on the Estonian border to 30 miles on the Turkish border. Private advices from Moscow tended to agree.

M'NUTT WILL LEAVE MANILA ON TUESDAY

Scheduled to Arrive in U. S. Next Saturday.

Paul V. McNutt, Philippines High Commissioner, will leave Manila at 4 a. m. Tuesday for the United States, he has informed Frank McHale, new Democratic national committeeman from Indiana.

Traveling by trans-Pacific Clipper, he is due to arrive at San Francisco next Saturday morning.

Mr. McNutt plans to go directly to Washington to report to President Roosevelt on the situation in the Orient and then return to Indiana. He is scheduled to speak before the Democratic Editorial Association in Indianapolis Feb. 19.

Less Food Prolongs Span of Water Animal in Test.

BLOOMINGTON, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Experiments conducted by an Indiana University graduate indicated that man's life span may be extended by curtailing the amount of food he eats during his early years and regulating his diet thereafter, it was reported here today.

Prof. Arthur M. Banta, of Brown University, has been experimenting with Daphnia Longispina, a tiny freshwater animal, whose average life span is only 29 days.

By limiting its food supply during the early days of its life, the Daphnia lived 42 to 51 days, Prof. Banta explained.

"Limiting the food supply gave the creature less energy with which to 'burn' itself out," the professor said.

"One should not draw too close a parallel between longevity in the Daphnia and human beings," Prof. Banta said, "but it seems possible that the results of studies with lower animals may point the way to longer life for man."

Prof. Banta formerly lived at Greenwood.

TROY KINNEY DEAD; WAS NOTED ETCHER

CANAAN, Conn., Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Troy Kinney, 68, one of the country's foremost etchers, died at Gear Memorial Hospital today after an emergency operation.

He apparently was in good health until Thursday when he collapsed and was removed to the hospital.

BOB BURNS

Says: HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 29.—It looks like the days of the old-fashioned slave driver are over. The modern employer studies his men and puts 'em in a department best suited to their talents.

I had a cousin down home who got a job in a department store. He worked for a while like he would be a failure because he kept falling asleep. Finally the proprietor made the biggest asset in the store out of my cousin.

He put him behind the pajama counter and put a sign on him that said "Our pajamas are of such superior quality that even the man who sells 'em can't keep awake."

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RELIEF RED TAPE FOUGHT BY C. I. O.

Congress Asked to Vote Billion Dollar WPA Fund at Once.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Congressmen for Industrial Organization forces opened a drive today for less restriction on relief spending and asked Congress to vote immediately a one billion dollar deficiency appropriation for the Works Progress Administration.

Delegates to the United Mine Workers of America convention lobbied among Representatives and Senators for more relief after indicating they would endorse a third year extension of the President's 1940 if he desires one.

Simultaneously, Labor's Non-Partisan League asked Congress "to enact at once the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution, repealing the Woodrum 'red tape amendment' to the current WPA appropriation act, and to summon WPA and Labor representatives for information and then vote a deficiency appropriation for its work-relief program."

The Woodrum amendment requires the WPA to budget its funds so they will last a full year.

Dewey to Confer With Green Today

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 29 (U. P.).—James F. Dewey, Labor Department consultant, expected today to confer with President William Green of the American Federation of Labor in an 11th hour attempt to find some satisfactory basis for ending the labor schism.

Mr. Dewey was skeptical about the possibility of success, but he conferred by telephone with John L. Lewis, Committee for Industrial Organization chairman, now in Washington, before talking with Mr. Green.

Great pressure has been placed not only on the rival labor leaders, but also the Government, the desire for peace among the 7,300,000 members of the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. having been augmented by the demands of businessmen and industrial groups.

It was learned that several Congressmen who face re-election campaigns have sought to induce the Administration to "step in" to the struggle.

NATIONAL INCOME RISES DURING 1937

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—National income in 1937 totaled \$67,534,000,000, an increase of 5.5 per cent over the \$63,984,000,000 reported for 1936, but still 15 per cent below the peak of \$79,101,000,000 of 1929, the National Industrial Conference Board reported today.

The cost of living last year was 4.4 per cent higher than in 1936.

"Can't Serve 2 Masters"

"Industries are represented in such negotiations by their own specialists," he said. "They are paid to look after the industry's interests, which frequently conflict with that of the consuming public. They cannot be expected to serve two masters."

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HOLDING FIRMS BAN IS TERMED 'DEFLATIONARY'

Banks Would Be Forced to Call Loans, New Dealers Warned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Opposition to President Roosevelt's proposal to eliminate bank holding companies developed today within the Administration.

It was learned that a high fiscal official, who once was identified with private banking, warned an inter-departmental committee meeting at the Treasury that passage of such legislation would have a deflationary effect and slow up the President's recovery program.

This official, a public advocate of heavy Government spending to aid economic recovery, said that holding companies, facing extinction, would force their banks to call loans and buy the stock held by the holding firms. Thus, he explained, these banks would be required to reduce their capitalization.

Restriction Urged

As an alternative to elimination, the official proposed legislation which would restrict operations of existing bank holding firms. Under his plan, banks in a holding company group would not be permitted to carry accounts, or serve as correspondent banks for other units in the group. The banks would be prohibited from making loans on holding company securities.

The various agencies represented the meeting would undertake or continue individual studies of the holding company problem. When some general program is worked out, a report will be made to Senator Glass (D. Va.), chairman of the bank subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

Mr. Glass has prepared a measure providing for the extinction of bank holding companies over a five-year period, but he will delay its introduction pending the outcome of the conferences at the Treasury.

F. D. R.'s Advisers Apart On Business Policy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—New Deal business advisers today are engaged in a pulling and hauling contest for White House approval.

The victor will be decided after President Roosevelt's forthcoming monopoly message to Congress.

Two trusted White House advisers—Robert H. Jackson, Solicitor General-Designate, and Donald R. Richberg, former NRA General Counsel and Administrator, seem to be as far apart as the poles on their industrial planning philosophies.

Mr. Jackson told a Syracuse, N. Y., audience last night that he was skeptical of any industrial planning made in the presence of "observers or conferees representing the Government or with some kind of governmental representative, either participating in the decisions or approving them."

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IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County Deaths (To Date)

1938 15
1937 12

City Deaths (To Date)

1938 9
1937 10

(Jan. 28)

Accidents 3
Injured 2
Dead 0

Arrests 12
Speeding 1
Reckless Driving 1
Running Preferential Street 4
Running Red Light 1
Drunken Driving, 1
Others 5

MEETINGS TODAY

Alliance Française, luncheon. Hotel Washington.
National Shrine Tree Conference, meeting. National Shrine.
Federal Hardware & Implement, luncheon. Federal Hardware.
W. & S. S. Co., luncheon. Severin Hotel.
E. A. Gamma, banquet. Hotel Washington.
Gideon, luncheon. Gideon.
Washington, 7:30 p. m.

BIRTHS

Boys
John, Muriel Rader, at St. Francis.
Howard, at St. Francis.
John, Pauline Keating, at St. Francis.
John, George, at St. Francis.
William, George, at St. Francis.
Edwin, Edna McKel, at 2366 E. 10th.

Girls
Russell, Eleanor Thomas, at Coleman.
Louis, Ruth Otis, at City.
John, Orville, at City.
Rudy, Esther Clapper, at Methodist.
E. C. J. Josephine, at Methodist.
David, Bea Glazier, at Methodist.
John, C. Barbara, C. Springer, at Methodist.
William, Anna Collins, at Methodist.
William, Clara Johnson, at 124 W. 32d.
Harvey, Laura Hammond, at 2889 N. Adams.
Rayman, Thelma Owen, at 2162 N. Tipton.
John, Lela Shaw, at 3844 Ridgeview Drive.

DEATHS

David James Meeks, 39, at City, hypodermic pneumonia.

Cyrus Taber, 78, at 516 Bell, chronic myocarditis.
Thomas R. Lavery, 74, at 601 N. Key-stone, chronic myocarditis.
Melvin Bracken, 3 months, at 419 Ketchikan, chronic myocarditis.
Maude Richardson, 66, at 429 W. Michigan, chronic myocarditis.
Rosebelle Schuler, 61, at City, uremia.
Dr. Kirk, 61, at 419 W. 13th, chronic myocarditis.
Robert, 3 days, at Methodist.
Cynthia, chronic hemorrhage.
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Mary Elizabeth Teague, 77, at 2233 S. Meridian, carcinoma.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

—United States Weather Bureau—
INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Rain probably tonight and tomorrow; warmer tonight; somewhat colder tomorrow.

Sunrise 6:36 | Sunset 5:00
TEMPERATURE
Jan. 29, 1937—
7 a. m. 31 | 1 p. m. 37

BAROMETER
7 a. m. 30.1
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. 0.0
Total precipitation 0.0
Deficiency 0.0

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana—Rain probable tonight and Sunday; turning to snow northwest portion Sunday; colder west and south-central portions Sunday.

Illinois—Rain probable tonight and Sunday; turning to snow central and north portions Sunday; rising temperature tonight; colder Sunday afternoon.

Lower Michigan—Snow tonight and Sunday; not so cold tonight and northeast portion Sunday.

Ohio—Cloudy and warmer tonight; rain or snow in extreme north portion tonight; rain or snow in north-central portion Sunday night and Sunday; colder extreme north portion Sunday.

Kentucky—Cloudy and warmer tonight; rain in east portion Sunday and beginning in west portion late tonight or Sunday; warmer in extreme east portion Sunday; much colder Monday and in west portion Sunday night.

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES AT 7 A. M.

Station Weather Bar. Temp.
Amarillo, Tex. Cloudy 36.20 8
Bismarck, D. S. Snow 30.20 8
Boston Cloudy 30.04 54
Chicago Cloudy 30.24 54
Cincinnati Cloudy 30.24 54
Cleveland, Ohio Cloudy 30.24 54
Denver Clear 30.24 54
Dodge City, Kas. Clear 30.24 54
Helena, Mont. Snow 30.24 54
Jacksonville, Fla. Clear 30.24 54
Kansas City, Mo. Clear 30.24 54
Little Rock, Ark. Cloudy 30.24 54
Los Angeles Clear 30.24 54
Miami, Fla. Clear 30.24 54
Minneapolis Clear 30.24 54
New Orleans Clear 30.24 54
New York Clear 30.24 54
Oklahoma City, Okla. Clear 30.24 54
Omaha, Neb. Clear 30.24 54
Pittsburgh Clear 30.24 54
Portland, Ore. Rain 30.24 54
San Antonio, Tex. Rain 30.24 54
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St. Louis Clear 30.24 54
Tampa, Fla. Clear 30.24 54
Washington, D. C. Clear 30.24 54

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