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

War Unlikely If Democracies
Can Gain Strength,
Simms Says.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (U.P.)—The greatest world 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 Zeveren, our own Secretary Hull's trade-in policy, and even Europe and Asia are all converging toward a history-making showdown.

If this 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 hoping 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, there will be little if any 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 heralded as a move for peace. President Roosevelt's message to Congress yesterday requiring large additional expenditures on the national defense is similarly regarded. The Hull-Van Zessell 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 colonies. Also she seems bent 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 Van Zessell 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 a genuine peace achieved among these five powers, Mr. Van Zessell believes political peace with arms limitation will be possible on a world-wide scale.

Many American and European leaders agree with him. 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 give an illustrated talk on South America today at the Children's Museum.

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 0			
Drunken Driving 1			
Others 5			

MEETINGS TODAY

Alliance, Francois, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon. National Tree Conference meeting, Clarendon Hotel, 2 p.m. Federal Hardware, luncheon, Hotel moon. W. & J. Sloane Co. meeting, Severin Hotel, Red Room, 1 p.m. Gamma, Eta Gamma, banquet, Hotel Washington, Association, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p.m.

BIRTHS

John, Muir Radford, at St. Francis. Howard, Evelyn Keller, at St. Francis. John, Pauline Keeling, at St. Francis. John, William, Georgia Lively, at Methodist. Edwin, Edna May, at 2366 English. Girls.

Russell, Eleanor Thomas, at Coleman. Louis, Ruth Ote, at City. John, Orrice, at Methodist. Ruth, Barbara, at Methodist. E. C. J. Josephine Ristow, at Methodist. David, Red, Barbara, C. Springer, at Methodist.

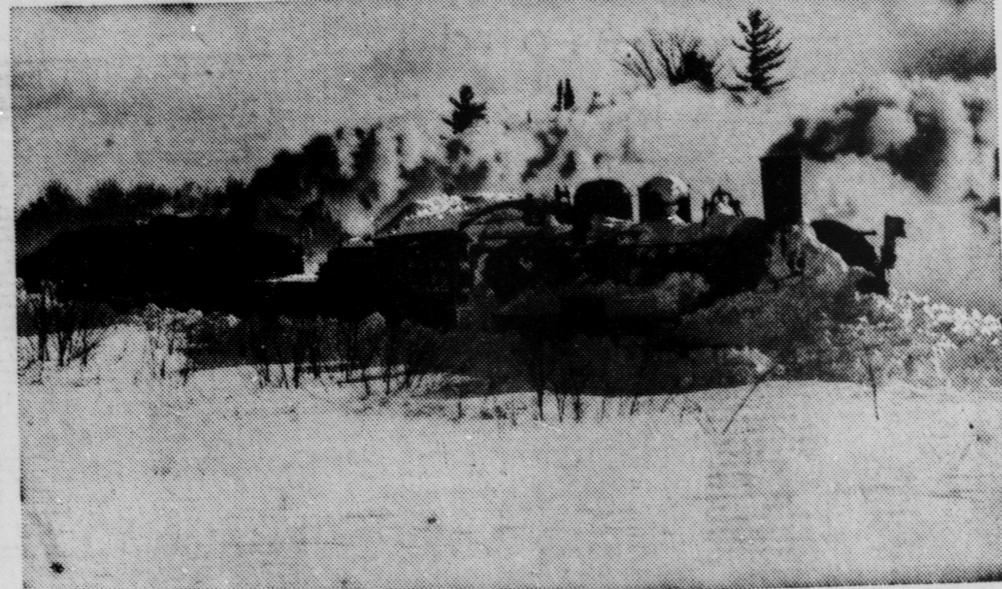
John, Anna Cooling, at Methodist. Clinton, Clara Johnson, at 1324 W. 32d. Harvey, Laura Hammond, at 3609 N. Adams. Raymond, Thelma, at 2162 N. Temple. John, Leila Shaw, at 3844 Ridgeview Drive.

DEATHS

David James Meeks, 39, at City, hypo- static pneumonia.

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Skis Better in Storm Than Snowplows



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 reparation 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 had been voted \$553,000,000 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 \$600,000,000 increase in the Navy's fighting strength. He plans to be hearings on it Monday.

Two Antiprofiteering 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 in peacetime a law against wartime profiteering. A race between two rival antiprofiteering plans is in progress.

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

The rival plans 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 had reported it favorably.

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

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 at Methodist Hospital. He was operated upon two months ago.

HULL REJECTS
LEAGUE'S PLANOrders Protest in Tokyo
Over Slapping of
Consul.

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China any indication that Mr. Allison has at any time been lacking 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 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 Government was advised of the 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, but 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. If the United States Government had not used its influence to co-operate, it was suggested, the strength might prove a strong one.

Delegates seemed inclined, if the United States showed active interest, to seek a means by which—outside the League—Governments might send munitions to China despite a Japanese blockade.

Conrad Todd Bender asked welfare societies to help the stricken families. He said the baby suffocated in bed beside its 17-year-old mother and 19-year-old father, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burdine.

Only two beds were in the home, Mr. Bender said. Mrs. Burdine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Correll, and the latter's 11 children also lived in the house and many of them had to sleep on the floor, the Corrells declared.

The families moved into the home last fall. They were Peru, Ind., natives. Neither Burdine nor Correll have found steady employment since then. Mrs. Correll gave birth to a son the day before Christmas and the suffocated child was born Jan. 4.

The case was brought here on a change of venue after Herman Borkman, 26, also accused of the slaying, was granted a separate trial in Marion County Criminal Court.

The three youths are charged with shooting and killing Edward Maze the night of Oct. 28, 1937, during a holdup.

'T' AID RETURNING TO CHINA

Lynan Hoover is to return early in February to China as a representative of the Indianapolis Y. M. C. A., local "Y" officials were notified today. Mr. Hoover has been on furlough for a year, after five years service in the Orient.

BEACON SPAN CANADA

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

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES AT 7 A.M.

Weather Bar, Temp. 30.20
Bismarck, N. D. Snow 30.20
Boston 30.04
Chicago 30.04
Cincinnati 30.24
Cleveland 30.38
Denver 30.38
Honolulu 30.33
Jacksonville, Fla. Clear 30.54
Los Angeles 30.40
Louisville 30.40
Minneapolis 30.40
New Orleans 30.38
New York 30.38
Phoenix 29.84
Portland, Ore. 30.20
Tampa, Fla. Clear 29.85
Portland, Ore. 30.45
San Antonio, Tex. 30.45
St. Louis 30.00
Tampa, Fla. Clear 29.90
Washington, D. C. Clear 30.40

POSTMUS 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. Overholts, 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 bombing Rebel 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 communiqué 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 communiqué said today that Dr. Leopold Taxis, Austrian Nazi leader, had been "formally accused and held for the state prosecutor, charged with high treason."

Dr. Taxis 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.

Dewey to Confer
With Green Day

Miami, Fla., Jan. 29 (U.P.)—James F. Dewey, Labor Department conciliator, 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.

Simultaneously, Labor's Non-Partisan League asked Congress to enact at once the Schwellenbach-Alien 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.

Russian War Zone
Creation Rumored

LONDON, Jan