

Reopening Markets Is Trade Program's Aim, Hull Declares

Fears Economic Helplessness if Act Expires; Wallace Backs Him.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (U. P.)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today told the House Ways and Means Committee that if the reciprocal trade agreements act is junked, "we walk off in a dark corner" and sit down, utterly helpless to solve our economic problems."

Mr. Hull made the statement in reply to a new Republican attack on the program which—unless extended for three years as desired by the Administration—will expire June 12.

"The old days are gone forever," he said, "and we ought to turn over a new leaf."

"Why, every week other nations are negotiating trade agreements to obtain new trade or hold trade they have."

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In a statement prepared for delivery before the Committee, Mr. Wallace followed up with the assertion that opponents of the program are "apparently attempting to induce certain farm interests and certain labor interests to act as the shock troops in this campaign, so that they themselves can stay in the rear and come up in time to walk off once more with the major share of the booty."

Gearhart Challenges Hull

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Rep. Bertrand W. Gearhart (R. Cal.) took up the Republican attack today, challenging Mr. Hull's contention that the Smoot-Hawley tariff act of 1930 was a major cause of the depression.

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The Californian then sought to make the point that the farmer had not been "brought back to the high point of prosperity" he had enjoyed. "That question," Mr. Hull said, "assumes that we are having normal conditions. We have made real progress in attacking the terrific network of restrictions. If we could get more help at home we could make more progress."

The fact still remains that after five years of this program the farmer has not been brought back anywhere near the prosperity he had under protection," Mr. Gearhart asserted. "His share of the national income used to be \$12,000,000,000 and now is \$5,000,000,000."

"I am making the point," Mr. Hull said, "that the farmer is now better off than he was several years ago. We are hoping and insisting that prices should become better than that."

Mr. Gearhart also contended that the decline in foreign purchases in the early 1930's was due not so much to tariff restrictions as to the "decline in foreign purchasing power." Mr. Hull said that the decline in purchasing power all over the world was in part due to throttling restrictions placed on world trade by tariffs, quotas, exchange restrictions and similar mediums.

RETURNS FOR DOG, GETS PRISON TERM

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Johnny pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two to 14 years at the Carson City Prison.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE		
County	City	Total
1939	2	1
1940	0	0
Jan. 11		
Injured	38	
Dead	0	Accidents
Cases Convic-		Fines
Tried		
Speeding	1	1
Reckless driving	0	0
Failure to stop at		
through street	1	1
Disobeying traffic		
signal	2	2
Drunken driving	2	1
All others	10	10
Totals	16	21

MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana Bar Association, meetings, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, dinner, Claypool Hotel, 6 p. m.

Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions, convention, Hotel Severson, all day.

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Severson, noon.

Optimist Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Reserve Officers' Association, luncheon, Board of Trade, all day.

Christian Cathedral, annual meeting, 1550 Central Ave., 6:30 p. m.

Severin's, 6 p. m.

Indiana Motor Hotel and Taxicab Bureau, meeting, Hotel Severson, 10 a. m.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indiana Bar Association, meetings, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Congress in Brief

TODAY

Senate in recess.

Monopoly Committee continues investment banking investigation.

House votes on \$267,000,000 appropriation for national defense.

House Naval Affairs Committee continues hearing Admiral Stark on Navy appropriations.

House NLRB Committee calls more review attorneys.

YESTERDAY

House began consideration of \$267,197,908 national defense appropriation.

Senate approved numerous nominations, including Edison as Secretary of Navy. Judiciary subcommittee approved Murphy nomination to Supreme Court.

House received President's report on National Resources Planning Board.

House Naval Affairs Committee heard further testimony by Admiral Stark.

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23 Known Dead in Mine Blast



DIPLOMATS ACT WHEN WEATHER PUTS OFF WAR

New Lineups May Come by Spring With Balkans and Italy as Key Nations.

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France, the Scandinavias and the smaller neutrals of Western Europe are also anti-Communist.

There still exists a common bond and the chance of a "united front." Germany would be in the enemy camp as long as she is allied with Russia.

The most recent development in the "stop Russia" campaign came from Gen. Franco, whose anti-Communist Government in Spain was set up with the support of Italy and Germany.

Gen. Franco, according to Italian sources, has authorized the dispatch to Finland of important war material left behind by the Italians at the close of the Spanish civil war. It includes modern airplanes, tanks, armored cars, artillery and trucks.

Further, he is reported to have advised Pope Pius that he is willing to collaborate in any effort to restore peace in Europe which will end the danger of Communist penetration.

Thus spring may see radical changes in the war situation as it stands today.

Record Cold Wave Sweeping Europe

London, Jan. 12 (U. P.)—Storms and record cold in central and eastern Europe have paralyzed Russia's Black Sea ports, as well as frozen the Danube delta, and Denmark's "great belt" channel in the Baltic is threatened by ice, reports said today.

More effectively than any naval blockade, the cold and storms are impeding Germany's supply of raw materials.

The Moscow radio, in a broadcast picked up here last night, reported that ice was still moving in the Black Sea had paralyzed all navigation. No ship had left a Russian Black Sea port since Tuesday, the broadcast said; wireless stations were receiving distress signals and two Russian ships, a freighter and a tanker, had been fighting their way to port for three days in the teeth of a gale.

The temperature at Moscow had reached a record low of 40 degrees below zero.

German wireless newscasts picked up at New York said there were numerous reports from all over Europe of people freezing to death as all rivers were frozen and that even Odessa harbor in the Black Sea was in danger of becoming ice bound. Port traffic was being kept open by means of ice breakers, it was said.

Russian airplanes were reported dropping provisions for their troops on the Salla Arctic Circle front, suggesting that the Finns had disrupted Russian communications as they had done on the Suomussalmi front before their recent big victory.

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Parachute Troops Reported Dropped By Russians Behind Finnish Lines

Stalin on Phone

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 12 (U. P.)—The National Tidende

reported today that Josef Stalin, dictator of Russia, was in constant communication with his Army staff on the Karelian Isthmus.

Long-range guns were reported to have resumed shelling Viborg, Finland's second city, and it was reported that about 20 Russian divisions, each of 20,000 men and 200 guns, had been concentrated against the Mannerheim defense line.

the war, and that they had shot

some of their political commissars

during their retreat through the woods.

The Finns, however, had arrived there.

In the Danish company, it was

said, were a well-known painter as

captain, the students, workmen,

engineers and Danish veterans of

the French Foreign Legion.

Russian Planes Drop Food

(In Stockholm, the newspaper Tidningen reported from Helsinki that 50 Russians had been dropped in parachutes behind the Finnish lines and that all had been killed by Finnish sharpshooters while their parades were descending.)

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Berlingske Tidende, in a dispatch

from the Finnish northeastern front, quoted a Finnish colonel as

saying that when the Russians approached to their headquarters by short wave radio for reinforcements during the recent battle of Suomussalmi, headquarters radioed back:

"We demand that you advance and gain the victory." Finally, however, the Finnish officer said, "a few companies" of reinforcements were dispatched.

This officer was quoted as alleging that Russian prisoners had said they were glad they were out of

The German plane, members of

the crew said, machine-gunned and sank the trawler's small boat containing three members of the crew who were attempting to leave the trawler.

BERLIN, Jan. 12 (U. P.)—The official news agency said today that German planes brought home important observations from yesterday's flight over the British Isles, where communiqué said they sank three patrol boats, a merchant ship and a British pursuit plane.

A British attack on the German air base on the island of Sylt was without result, the communiqué said.

PARIS, Jan. 12 (U. P.)—French pursuit planes shot down a German

reconnaissance plane during the course of two aerial flights over eastern France yesterday, military informants said today. The bringing down of two German planes had been reported officially yesterday.

BRITISH AGAIN FIRE ON GERMAN PLANES

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The crew of the Granta