

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 are obliged to turn over a new leaf."

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

He said he was conducting the trade program in a manner to "reopen new markets and preserve the markets we already have."

Wallace Assails Foes

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, who is scheduled to follow Mr. Hull as a witness in favor of the embattled farm program, declared that its opponents are "preparing for another tariff grab like those of 1922 and 1930."

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 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

"There is always a certain amount of excitement for the farmers in talk about raising tariffs high enough to shut out competitive imports entirely," Wallace said. "There is no doubt that the Smoot-Hawley tariff act of 1930 was a major cause of the depression."

Mr. Hull said it led to "bitter retaliation" against our trade by foreign countries, "and a collapse in prices" both abroad and in the United States.

Denies Conditions Normal

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 hasn't 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 it 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 they are."

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 great part due to throttling restrictions placed on world trade by tariffs, quotas, exchange restrictions and similar mediums.

RETURNS FOR DOG, GETS PRISON TERM

ELKO, Nev., Jan. 12 (U. P.).—Indian Sammy Johnny, who shot and killed his big mongrel sheep dog that he is going to prison today.

Sheriff C. A. Harper said that the Indian, charged with stealing saddles from his dead man's gulch cabin if he had not returned the dog, Harper and deputies approached the cabin and Johnny ran toward the surrounding hills, but he returned when he found his dog could not follow him in the deep snow.

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

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 NRE Committee calls more review attorneys.

YESTERDAY

House began consideration of \$267,197,968 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.

U. S. ANNUITY PLAN FAVORED

Wagner Says Security Board Approves in Principle Low-Cost Policies.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (U. P.).—The Social Security Board has approved in principle a proposal that labor interest in the Social Security program would be designed to sell low-cost insurance policies. Senator Robert F. Wagner (D. N. Y.) announced today.

Mr. Wagner, who is chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, drafting such legislation and will introduce it in Congress soon.

\$100 a Month Maximum

The plan, to supplement existing benefits provided by the social security program, would be designed to meet demands for insurance annuities among low-income groups. Mr. Wagner would have the Government sell the policies at postoffice in the same manner that baby bonds now are sold.

As now planned, the annuities would be paid for in lump sum annual payments or by installment plan. They would be designed to return to the owner, in 20 or 25 years, a maximum of \$100 a month.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt's proposal to slash the Work Projects Administration's budget for the 1941 fiscal year to \$1,000,000,000 was headed for Congressional trouble. Senator Wagner said he would consult WPA Commissioner F. C. Harrington and National Youth Administration Director Aubrey Williams on proposed relief appropriations because "they might be too low."

Although he indicated that he would reserve judgment on the adequacy of the proposed WPA proposal, Mr. Wagner was confident that the NYA's 1941 budget of \$83,000,000—\$12,000,000 less than this year—was too low.

May Seek Super-Cruisers

Senators James F. Murray (D. Mont.) and Dennis Chavez (D. N. M.) also thought that the projected \$400,000,000 cut in WPA appropriations might be ill advised in view of prevailing economic conditions.

Over in the House, Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, told the Naval Affairs Committee that the Navy may ask Congress next week for authority to build new type, super-cruisers capable of meeting on better than even terms the famed German pocket battleships.

Mr. Stark offered no explanation of the Navy's desire to build the new heavy-gunned cruisers.

However, informed Congressional circles said it was obvious that the proposed warships were designed to counter the threat of the speedy commerce raiders of the Graf Spee class.

Mr. Stark said the Navy desired to build cruisers larger than 10,000 tons and believed specific Congressional authority might be needed for this purpose. He said the Navy was considering arming the super-cruisers with 14-inch guns.

CONTRACTORS FINED

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 12 (U. P.).—Federal District Judge Wayne G. Borah today fined the New Orleans chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association \$3500 and 26 members of the association \$1000 each when they pleaded guilty to violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. The court action was an outcome of the Federal Government's investigation of building trades monopolies.

MEETINGS TODAY

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

Indiana Judges' Association, dinner, Claypool Hotel, 8 p. m.

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

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Severn, noon.

Optimist Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Leaves Officers' Association, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Board of Trade, annual meeting, 1559 Central Ave., 6:30 p. m.

American Chemical Society, dinner, Hotel Severn, 8 p. m.

Indiana State Bar Association, dinner, meeting, Hotel Severn, 10 a. m.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

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

23 Known Dead in Mine Blast



Rescue workers change clothes at mine rescue station at Bartley, W. Va., where 91 men were trapped in an explosion Wednesday.

FEAR 68 OTHERS HAVE PERISHED

'Men Didn't Have a Chance To Move From Tracks,' State Inspector Says.

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covered today was not made immediately. Three section foremen were among those believed dead. They were G. L. Spence, 43, foreman in No. 6 heading, father of five children; Lee Hall, 43, foreman in fourth left, father of two, and Alonzo Barnett, 37, foreman in third right, father of four.

Outside the mine tipple, hundreds of relatives and neighbors stood in the cold, damp air. The news that the bodies had been found brought tears to most of them. There was a hush as all waited for identification of the victims to be made.

Three of the dead taken from the mine yesterday were identified as Charles Moffett, Roy Hyatt, 32, a motorman, and Roy Evans, 41, a motorman. The other body was too mutilated to be recognized.

The 91 miners trapped ranged in ages from 19 to 63. Nearly all were family men, with an average of four children each. Some had seven or eight children.

Every effort was made to sustain the hopes of the wives and mothers, some of whom had scarcely left the enclosure, roped off for them 1000 yards from the mine shaft, in 40 hours.

Disagreeing with Mr. Chatfield, W. J. German, general superintendent of the Pocahontas Fuel Co. of Pocahontas, Va., said that "some of the men have a good chance to get out alive."

"Their chance is better than in any other explosion I've worked in in this field," he said.

German believed that since the mine had been rock-dusted two days before the explosion, the heat from the blast would not have carried to all sections. He said they would have been shocked from the air compression, but that if the poison gases did not reach them, there should be enough air in their sections to sustain them.

The coal company announced that it would provide relief, including food and clothing, for families of any miners killed.

John Metavich, 22-year-old miner, received word from Bartley, W. Va., today that his father, Andrew, also a miner, was not in the mine there in which 68 men still were trapped today following an explosion Wednesday. John is living temporarily at Wheeler City Mission.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST — Fair and considerably colder tonight; lowest temperature 16 to 18 degrees; tomorrow increasing cloudiness, snow by Sunday.

Sunrise 7:06 | Sunset 4:41

TEMPERATURE — Jan. 12, 1939 — 6 a. m. 29 | 3 p. m. 35

BAROMETER TODAY — 6:30 a. m. 29.95

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. .02

Total precipitation since Jan. 1. 1.00

Deficiency since Jan. 1. 1.00

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana — Fair and considerably colder tonight; tomorrow fair followed by snow by Sunday, except snow or rain in extreme south portion.

Illinois — Fair tonight, colder except in northwest portion; increasing cloudiness tomorrow followed by snow at night and on Sunday, except rain or snow in extreme south portion; somewhat warmer tomorrow except along Lake Michigan.

Lower Michigan — Generally fair tonight and tomorrow except local cloudiness; much colder tonight.

Ohio — Fair and colder tonight; tomorrow increasing cloudiness followed by rain or snow tomorrow night and in south portion tomorrow afternoon.

Kentucky — Mostly cloudy and colder with light rain in extreme east portion tonight; tomorrow cloudy with rain in south and rain or snow in north portion.



Here is the scene of the tragedy. Bartley is a small village in southern West Virginia near the Virginia border.

ECUADOR CRUSHES AIR FORCE REVOLT

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Jan. 11 (U. P.).—A Government manifesto today asserted that a revolt by the air force in connection with the Presidential election had been suppressed.

State police during the night killed three persons and wounded about 40 others when they fired into crowds demonstrating in the streets.

The air force rebelled in support of former President Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra, who was trailing the leading candidate in the presidential election, Dr. Carlos A. Arroyo Del Rio, of the Liberal Radical Party. The manifesto said the revolt had failed because aid expected by the air force from Carabineros and some army units had failed to materialize.

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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 Scandinavians and the smaller neutrals of Western Europe are also anti-Communist.

Thus there 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 storms are impeding Germany's supply of raw materials, it was indicated.

The Moscow radio, in a broadcast picked up here last night, reported that a severe storm 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 European Russia of people freezing to death, that 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.)

Supplies of Coal Dwindle in Germany

BERLIN, Jan. 12 (U. P.).—Severe cold caused increased suffering in Germany today because of the strict rationing of coal.

Supplies of coal were dwindling, because canal boats were ice-bound. At first only poorer people suffered, but today big apartment houses in the prosperous west end of Berlin were feeling the cold.

Landlords had to close down furnaces, and such families as could installed electric heaters or tried to build small emergency fireplaces in their apartments.

Beer halls and similar places, in some instances, had to close down because of lack of fuel, and outdoor vegetable markets closed.

Parachute Troops Reported Dropped By Russians Behind Finnish Lines

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 12 (U. P.).—The newspaper Berlingske Tidende reported today that Russian troops were being dropped in parachutes behind Finnish lines on the Karelian Isthmus.

The newspaper said the Russians were trying new thrusts in the Salla sector of central Finland and near Petsamo, Finland's Arctic port.

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 2000 guns, had been concentrated against the Mannerheim defense line.

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 parachutes were descending.)

A telephone message from Aabo to Stockholm reported that Russian airplanes raided Aabo, with an air alarm lasting from 11 a. m. until 4 p. m. One woman was injured but none was reported killed.

Two houses were set afire and six were destroyed by bombs. Several others were damaged.

Twenty Russian planes appeared over the town. Finnish anti-aircraft guns shot down at least one, officials 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.

2000 Cannon Massed

A social Demokraten Dispatch reported that the Russians now had at least 350,000 men and 2000 cannon massed in the Karelian Peninsula facing the Finnish Mannerheim Line.

Berlingske Tidende, in a dispatch from the Finnish northeastern front, quoted a Finnish colonel as saying that when the Russians appealed 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 war, and that they had shot some of their political commissars during their retreat through the forests. Russian prisoners who were offered the chance of returning to Russia declined, the colonel was quoted as saying.

A company of Danish infantry was formed at Helsinki yesterday, it was reported, from among the volunteers who 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.

Thirty per cent of those in the company were Danish Reserve officers and non-commissioned officers, it was said. A second contingent of Danish volunteers were reported to be on the way.

A national Tidende dispatch reported that Mauri Norma, Finnish Olympic gymnast, and P. H. Salmi, a leading Finnish high jumper, had been killed in action.

Finns Report Russia Is Using Dreaded GPU

By HUBERT UEXKUELL United Press Staff Correspondent

FINNISH MID-FINLAND ARMY HEADQUARTERS, ROVANIEMI, Jan. 12.—Crack troops of the Russian secret police, the dreaded GPU, have been in action on the Suomussalmi front in a vain attempt to retrieve the disaster to three Russian divisions, Finnish sources said today.

Finns believed that GPU men, or other selected Russian troops, had been thrown also into the Salla front, above the Arctic Circle, where another big Russian force is reported in difficulties.

On the Arctic Petsamo front, according to fragmentary reports, Russian troops took advantage of a sudden rise in temperature to try to regain some of the territory they had lost in recent fighting. It was

Stalin on Phone

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 12 (U. P.).—The National Tidende here reported today that Josef Stalin, dictator of Russia, was in constant communication with his Army staff on the Karelian Isthmus and was personally directing some of the operations against Finnish lines.

reported that all attacks so far had failed.

Finnish officers who took part in the last phase of the battle which resulted in the destruction of the 44th Russian infantry division on GPU shock troops were thrown into the fight, among other reinforcements, trying to rescue the 44th.

The GPU men, the Finns said, could be distinguished by their better outfits—for instance leather boots instead of felt ones, and sheepskin coats—and also by better fighting spirit.

The GPU units seemed much better trained and much higher spirited than ordinary Russian troops, who, according to the Finns, in some instances seemed not to have their whole hearts in the fighting.

BRITISH AGAIN FIRE ON GERMAN PLANES

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today. The crew of the Granta was rescued.

The Keynes was attacked twice and one airplane made five direct hits on it. Seventeen members of the crew, including a wounded radi operator, were landed today.

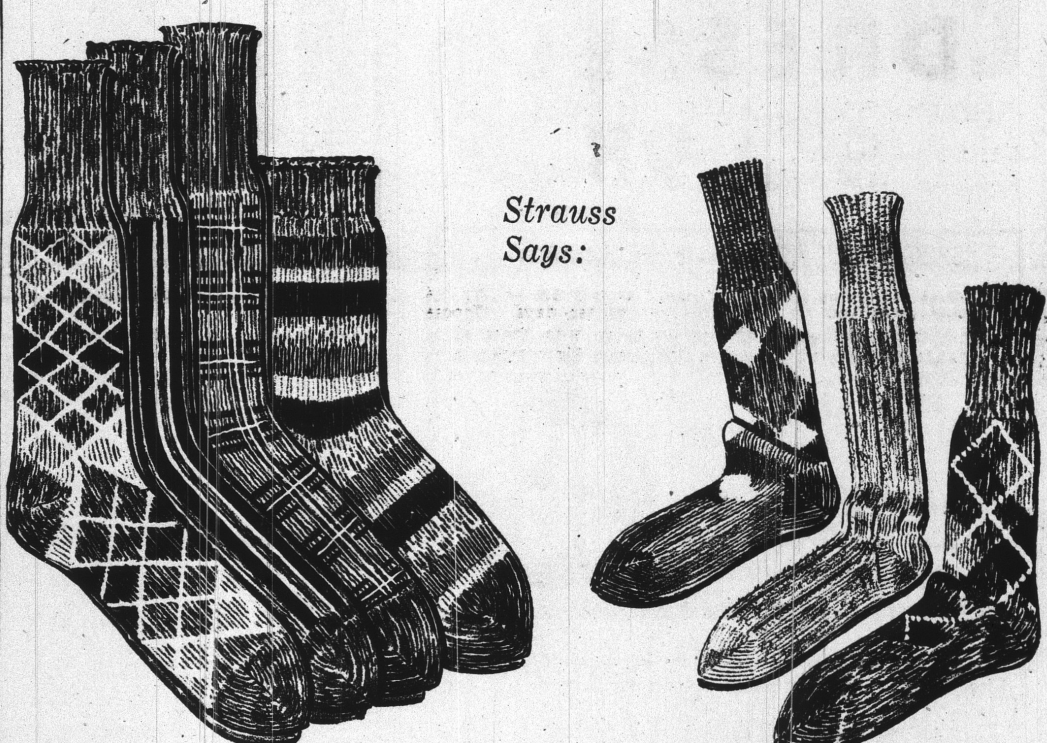
The trawler Star of Scotland, which had been bombed and machine-gunned by a German plane off the Shetland Islands, reached port with two dead and two wounded.

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.

PARIS, Jan. 12 (U. P.).—The official news agency said today that German planes brought home important observations from yesterday's flights over the British Isles, where a 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.

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