

BIG EUROPEAN CAPITALS SKEPTICAL OF U. S. PEACE MOVE

Smaller Neutrals Wait Welles' Trip With Vague Hope

War Pushed Amid Fears Balkans and Near East Will Be Involved.

FEAR WELLES MIGHT BECOME 2D 'COL. HOUSE'

Critics of European Peace Trip See U. S. on Way To War Involvement.

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for sound and liberal commercial policies which would be designed to reverse present tendencies toward economic totalitarianism.

Some of the Congressmen who approve see in the Roosevelt peace moves the seeds of a "league of neutral nations." Others frankly opposed any move, however, to set up a neutral bloc.

State Department officials would not admit they were working on such an ambitious plan. But the apparent objectives of a neutral bloc would correspond with Mr. Hull's repeated declarations that plans must be laid now to assist in the eventual restoration of world peace on a sound and lasting basis."

Bullitt Arrives Home

Before Mr. Welles leaves, it is believed that the President will confer with Joseph P. Kennedy and William C. Bullitt, Mr. Roosevelt's leading ambassadors in Europe.

Mr. Bullitt arrived here yesterday by clipper plane from his post in Paris for the announced purpose of giving a routine report to the State Department. Mr. Kennedy has been in this country since before Christmas but is expected to return to his London post before Mr. Welles' arrival.

Minton in Cheering Section

So, with the idea that Mr. Welles is merely to gather information, his mission is cheered by such Senators as Robert F. Wagner, Claude Pepper, William H. King, Sherman Minton, Theodore E. Green, Wallace H. White Jr., and Elbert Thomas.

Then there are the cagier ones who decline comment — including the President's Senate leader, Alben W. Barkley.

The Democratic isolationist leader, Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri, and the Senate's only anti-isolationist, Senator Hiram Johnson of California, are alarmed.

They cannot understand why, with Secretary Hull emphasizing that the talks with neutrals do not involve war conditions, it is necessary for Mr. Welles to have his confidential sessions with the belligerents instead of the neutrals.

"Peace talks with neutrals are all right," says Senator Clark. "But I'm opposed to roving ambassadors and another Col. House, which led up to war before."

London Is Skeptical

"We ought to mind our own business," says Senator Johnson.

Opposition to a special roving diplomat is based on the theory that our regular ambassadors are better reporters than our own capitals than any rover — unless the rover is to get the belligerents together on a Roosevelt plan, a Chamberlain plan, or some other.

The guess in London is that it is not a Roosevelt peace plan, but a Roosevelt plan to delay peace negotiations until the Allies are ready.

London's refusal to take seriously the announcement of neutral peace talk is not surprising in view of Mr. Hull's statement only a few days ago that he saw no prospects of any early peace.

Germany has made peace moves. So have neutral Holland and Belgium. But the Allies oppose peace negotiations now.

Putting two and two together from the Welles mission and the Hull announcement of peace talks with neutrals, it might be assumed that President Roosevelt is siding with the neutral and German favor of peace now, and that Mr. Welles is going to put heat on the Allies. But that natural assumption is probably 100 per cent wrong.

Every major move by the President to date, including abolition of the arms embargo, has been probably a short of arm participation in the war. There is no evidence of any change in that policy.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE

County City Total

1939 2 4 6

1940 3 4 7

Feb. 9—

Injured 4 Arrests 8

Dead 0 Accidents 14

FRIDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convic- Fines

Tried Tents Paid

Speeding 0 0 \$00

Reckless driving 1 1 0

Failure to stop at through street 0 0 0

Disobeying traffic signal 1 1 3

Drunken driving 4 2 20

All others 17 10 8

Totals 23 14 31

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MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana National Guard Association, annual dinner, Clarendon Hotel, 5 p. m.

Indiana Nurses' Association, Hotel Washington, noon.

Indiana Motor Car Association, Hotel Bevier, night.

BIRTHS

Boys

Emmanuel, Dorothy, Higgins, at City.

James, Dorothy, Spillington, at St. Vincent's.

Clarence, Dorothy, Brooks, at Methodist.

Clarence, Alfred, Alexander, at St. Luke's.

Nathaniel, Roxie, Cage, at 907 S. Pennsylvania.

Stratton, Eddie, Eads, at 842 Birch.

Carleton, Eddie, Boller, at 1321 W.

Allen, Eddie, Alexander, at 1321 W.

Bessie, Davis, at 451 Ames.

Jack, Ruby, Dehart, at 417 E. Ohio.

Charles, Helen Powell, at 311 Torbeck, Gothic, Shadelia, at 354 W. W. Donald, Wanda Cash, at 322 N. Bell.

Marie, Girls

Indiana, Helen, at Coleman.

Herbert, Ruth Gray, at City.

Vincent, Jerry, Florence Research, at St. Vincent's.

Emily, Goldie, Adelman, at St. Vincent's.

Joseph, Merian, Strocher, at Methodist.

Joseph, Nellie, Summers, at 1003 N. Vanover, Ruby, Bridgewater, at 1731 Radford.

James, Ruth Dale, at 201 Linton.

Paul, Gladys Davis, at 619 Locke.

Kenneth, Mary, Fraher, at 117 E. 17th.

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