

BULLITT WARNING ECHOES IN SENATE

Army Curtails Training Plans for Fall as Arguments Continue; Tydings Calls for Men as Well as Materials for Defense Program.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—"The dictators are convinced that all democracies will always be too late."

Ambassador William Bullitt's words echoed somberly through the Senate Chamber as another day's debate on military training began.

The debate started 12 days ago but only six of the 12 have been working days. On the others the Senate took time off. It is two months and three weeks since the need for compulsory training was first presented to Congress and the country.

And already the Army has had to curtail its training plans for this fall—if there is to be any training. The end of the debate is not in sight and the pace of the Senate has not quickened.

"America is in danger," said Mr. Bullitt.

"It is my conviction, drawn from my own experience and from the information in the hands of our Government in Washington that the United States is in as great peril today as was France a year ago. And I believe that unless we act now, decisively, to meet the threat, we shall be too late."



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Senators Burton K. Wheeler and Bennett Champ Clark and others—who oppose conscription—jeered at this warning; said it approached treason; and for good measure, informed the Senate and the country that Ambassador Bullitt had at one time been married to a woman who was—at one time—married to John Reed, one of the first American Communists.

The "great debate" droned on at that level.

Go Back to Webster

Senator Wheeler denounced war. Daniel Webster's speech against conscription in 1814 was read again. William Jennings Bryan's opposition to preparedness was cited. There was a sharp debate over the fighting qualities of the French soldier. Senator Lynn Frazier invoked the Constitution and Declaration of Independence as the surest safeguard of American liberties.

If the Senator thinks that constitutes defense, let him order 10,000 copies of each and send them to the soldiers of invading armies, letting them know it's unconstitutional to invade this country," snapped Senator Millard Tydings.

At intervals the debate halted while the Senate laid aside conscription and acted on other, unobjectionable bills. There was a long lapse into politics when Senator John A. Danaher took the floor to denounce Secretary Harold Ickes for possession of valuable collectors' stamps, and Senator James F. Byrnes replied to him.

Mothers Group Stands By

Outside in the corridors "Mothers of America" stormed around any Senators who left the chamber, demanding their votes against the training bill and shouting that their boys would be turned over to Sidney Hillman to train. Sidney Hillman has no connection with the Army, Navy or any other military branch of the service. His office on the Defense Commission has for work with mobilizing manpower for the

in the factories and other vital spots back of the lines. Inside in the galleries, Senate rules against applause were defied again and again. It was a tense and emotional crowd in the galleries and warnings failed to frighten them. All shades of opinion got applause. The galleries were against war, against exempting religious students, against letting the defense burden fall on poor men.

Tydings Cheered

Significantly, one of the loudest outbreaks was reserved for Senator Tydings, who warned "we can't be for defense and against defense at the same time. It would be foolish to provide all these materials for defense and not provide men. You can't make a soldier in 60 or 90 days."

For instance, a machine gunner must learn how to operate his gun in complete darkness. If the gun jams he must know from the position of the handle, without any light at all, what is wrong with it and how to fix it.

"I am somewhat ashamed of my country that the desire today seems to be to buy preparedness rather than sacrifice for it."

UNIVERSAL CLUB ON THIRD WEEK'S TOUR

Members of the Universal Club were to be taken for a proxy tour of the Black Hills, Yellowstone National Park, Florida and Mexico, at the luncheon today at the Columbia Club.

Conductor of the "tour" is Earl S. Blessing of the Capitol Book Store, who returned from his vacation trip with some excellent movies. This will be the third travel presented before the club this month. Two weeks ago, Ike Riley showed movies in color of his trip to Mexico. Last Tuesday, Horace R. Riggs of the Crane Co. presented movies of a trip to Miami.

Just for a change of pace, the club has designated next week's meeting "story telling day." Prizes will be offered both for the biggest fish tale and the biggest fish (proof demanded) caught by a member this summer.

U. S. PLANS 100-DAY PLANE FUEL SUPPLY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (U. P.).—The Army and Navy are co-operating to establish a 100-day underground reserve supply of aviation gasoline, it was learned today.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox told a Senate appropriations subcommittee on the \$5,000,000,000 supplemental defense bill that the project has been recommended "very earnestly" by the National Defense Commission.

The project, Navy officials said, has been discussed with President Roosevelt and has received his approval.



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