

PROBE REVEALS DEMAND FOR U. S. DEFENSE HURRY

"You Can't Have Cake and Eat It, Too," Rep. Vinson Warns House Group.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (U. P.)—The trend of the House Naval Affairs Committee's investigation of rearmament lags today indicated increasing Congressional temper to compel drastic curtailment of peace-time production in favor of an all-out defense effort.

Committee Chairman Carl Vinson ended an initial discussion by committee and Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of naval aeronautics, about effects of such a restrictive program with these words:

Proud of U. S. Planes

"I don't need an expert to tell me you can't have your cake and eat it. When there is a limited supply of skilled labor, you can't parcel it out to all industry and still rush the defense program to the fullest extent."

Admiral Towers testified that the latest American naval planes are second to none and predicted that the U. S. naval air strength will far out-distance that of the Axis powers this year.

He declared that a naval air mission which recently returned from Great Britain reported that the latest American fighters surpass British fighters in fire power.

Marshall Asks Support

Two high administrative leaders—Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, and William S. Knudsen, director general of the new super defense agency—meanwhile appealed for co-operation of the nation and industry for acceleration of the armament drive.

In a radio interview last night, Gen. Marshall reported that an Army "worthy of America" is on the way but warned that "whole-hearted support" is essential to the defense program is to prove successful.

Mr. Knudsen told a closed meeting of manufacturers of machine tools, considered one of the major "bottlenecks" of the defense program, that they had done a "stupendous job" but that "a stupendous job" was essential to keep industry at work on defense orders.

The A. F. of L. building and construction trades department adopted a resolution calling for "no strikes" on defense projects and settlement of labor disputes by arbitration.

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Baden-Powell, Boy Scout Founder, Dies; Famed as Soldier, Author and Sculptor

NAIROBI, Kenya, Jan. 8 (U. P.)—Lieut. Gen. Lord Baden-Powell, 83, founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides and one of the most famous soldiers and military intelligence operatives of modern times, died today at his home at Nyeri.

Funeral services were announced for tomorrow.

Imperial Scout headquarters in London announced that Scouts throughout the world would attend a synchronized remembrance service either Jan. 12 or Jan. 19.

Lord Baden-Powell was a soldier, sportsman, author, sculptor, and the defender of Mafeking from the Boer War in one of the proudest actions in recent British history.

London reported that the last message Boy Scout headquarters had received from their chief scout was a Christmas card which arrived last week.

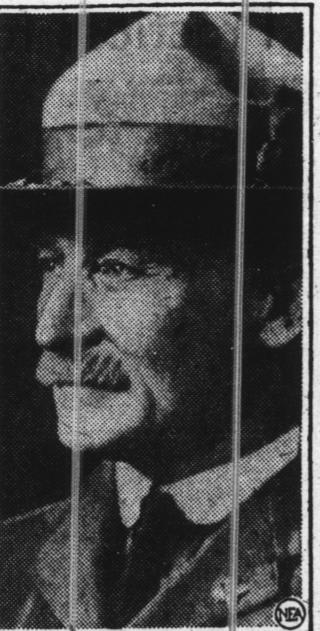
The card was drawn and lettered by Lord Baden-Powell. It included a caricature of Hitler with the note: "We owe him a status. He has done more than any other man ever did to consolidate our nation at home and abroad."

The card told the Scouts: "Stick it out. Play up to the Scouts' slogan. Sleeves up and with tails up go to it and win the war."

A descendant of Pocahontas, Lord Baden-Powell had been world famous for many years for his many exploits.

His greatest was his defense of Mafeking. Britain had been dispirited over its lack of progress against the Boers, when news reached London of the sturdy stand of a small British force against an overwhelming superior Boer force.

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Lord Baden-Powell . . . Cold daring went with his strong sense of humor.

Baden-Powell, lieutenant colonel of the crack 5th Dragon Guards, found himself with a mixed force of 1000 men at the iron-veldt, surrounded by Boers through whose lines it was impossible to make a break.

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War Moves Today

By J. W. T. MASON
United Press War Expert

German newspaper comment on President Roosevelt's message to Congress reveals a changed attitude toward American aid to Britain.

Hitherto it has been maintained in Berlin that American assistance would be too late to affect the outcome of the war but now the German press criticizes the Presidential request for Congressional action as an act prolonging the war and postponing peace. The German Government is thus preparing

the people for indefinite continuation of the struggle.

It is certain, however, that before the war began the German General Staff must have taken into consideration the United

Command especially prides itself on its realism.

Thus, the pre-war sentiment of America being known for what it was, there can be no reason for Hitler's advisers failing to inform him that America would probably try to aid Great Britain by supplying munitions, if a conflict in Europe arose. That this advice was given seems beyond any doubt.

Just as the German High Command looked to Rumania and Russia for supplies with which to fight the war both in the field and economically, so they knew Great Britain would look to the United States. Only, it was believed in Berlin that blitzkrieg tactics would end the war before American aid would be effective.

The blitzkrieg, however, did not have sustaining power. Thus far it has failed to gain air mastery over the British Isles. Instead of the war being short and swift, with Germany attaining quick domination over all enemies, it has become indeterminate.

A long war cannot have been wholly dismissed from German calcu-

lations. Yet, however, the Nazi chiefs examined that possibility, they could not have evaluated realization of the eventual importance of American aid to Britain, once the blitzkrieg failed.

That is the situation now facing them. They have not yet come to a conclusion with the war materials, the advice may have originated with the German General Staff. To interpret America's present action as provocative was not anticipated in the German High Command.

When German newspapers urge the people not to become "provoked" by the stimulus being given to American production of war materials, the advice may have originated with the German General Staff. To interpret America's present action as provocative was not anticipated in the German High Command.

If that were so, it would belittle German military intelligence. Rather, Hitler's confidence has gone wrong.

New forms of strategy must now be forthcoming in Berlin, applicable to a long war. They cannot have been fully prepared in advance, but to some extent they must have been.

What they will be, especially with Hitler in such a dubious presentament, cannot be known until the coming months reveal their nature.

However, they will probably involve new factors of caution and will not be wholly offensive. A German defensive indeed, may already be in the making.

Immigrant Boys Make Good

For all practical purposes responsibility for converting America's economy from a peace-time basis to war-time emergency basis has been delegated to a single head, Mr. Roosevelt, as his press conference yesterday, is "Krueger-Hillman."

That was his answer to questions seeking to learn why he had not vested ultimate executive power in defense equipment.

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Since last June he has been chairman of the National Defense Advisory Commission which OPM supersedes but does not entirely replace.

Mr. Hillman also emigrated to the United States at 20. He came from Lithuania and since then has been an active labor leader in the clothing industry. He was vice president of the C. I. O. and president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Paradoxically, both Mr. Knudsen and Mr. Hillman's native countries are victims of the war in Europe. Denmark is now under the "protection" of Germany and Lithuania was taken over by Russia after its war with Finland.

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EX-CLASSMATE GIVES BLOOD TO ALLERDICE SR.

Transfusion Made Possible
By Herman W. Kothe;
Mother, Son Buried.

A former schoolmate at the University of Michigan last night gave a blood transfusion to David Allerdice Sr. and today at Methodist Hospital physicians said Mr. Allerdice now has a "fighting chance to pull through."

Mr. Allerdice was critically burned early Sunday morning when a fire swept his apartment home at 3617 Washington Blvd. and took the lives of his wife, Cornelia, and son, Anthony, 2.

The blood donor last night was Herman W. Kothe, attorney, living at 4130 N. Illinois St. Mr. Kothe also brought his 18-year-old son, Herman Jr., to the hospital and the two of them gave two and one-half pints of blood in what doctors term a "mammoth" transfusion.

Fellow Graduates

Mr. Allerdice and Mr. Kothe went to different high schools in Indianapolis but they became well acquainted at Michigan, both graduating in the class of 1919.

They frequently returned to the campus together to attend class reunions and football games. Mr. Allerdice was an all-American there, famous for his punting and place-kicking.

When Mr. Allerdice was taken to the hospital Sunday, he was given two "ordinary" transfusions by Kenneth and Gilbert Ogle, brothers and brokers.

Physicians said Mr. Allerdice received burns over about one-third of his body, a condition often fatal.

His son, David Jr., who also was burned trying to rescue his family, is in the hospital, too, but he is out of danger now, doctors said.

Mother, Son Buried

This morning Mrs. Allerdice and Anthony were buried in Crown Hill Cemetery after a double funeral service at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

They were trapped in the back room of the apartment and died shortly after being removed by firemen.

Meantime, police, firemen and the coroner's office continued an investigation into the causes of the fire.

Bernard Lynch, chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau, is making a special investigation into the fire, two city detectives have been assigned to the case and a neighbor of the Allerdice family has testified at a coroner's hearing.

Chief Lynch said it would be three or four days before his complete report would be ready. He said his investigation thus far has tended to discount earlier theories that the fire started from a wax candle or Christmas tree in the sun parlor.

Immediately back of the sun parlor is a living room with a fireplace and Chief Lynch thinks the blaze may have been caused either from the fireplace or from defective electrical wiring.

Neighor Testifies

City Detective Lawrence McLaughlin said during his investigation no one could remember having seen a screen in front of the fireplace but that a pile of cord wood nearby was not burned up.

J. J. Rosenstein, who lives in the first floor apartment, testified yesterday at a coroner's hearing but could give few details of the incident. He said he was awakened by people running about upstairs.

Then Mr. Rosenstein testified, he heard someone shout "fire," and that he then got up, dressed and went outside.

HINT MORE DEFENSE
WORK FOR INDIANA

Governor Townsend and his secretary, Tristram Coffin, returned from Washington today with hints of further defense program expansion in the state.

Announcement, they said, will be made in Washington soon of further developments at the Charlestown powder plant and of a huge expansion program to be initiated at an Indiana plant already working on defense equipment.

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