

GIBSON HEADS AID-TO-ALLIES

Named White's Successor;
Douglas to Share in
Joint Leadership.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (U. P.).—The Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies embarked today on a new campaign for "all out" aid to Britain under the joint leadership of Ernest W. Gibson, former Republican Senator from Vermont, and Lewis W. Douglas, former Director of the Budget.

The committee's executive board last night named Mr. Gibson national chairman, succeeding William Allen White, Emporia, Kas., editor, who resigned after some members had criticized his "Yanks Are Not Coming" statement in which he opposed sending American convoys into the war zone.

Mr. Douglas, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, was named chairman of a national policy board, which will hold regular monthly meetings and will have "sovereign" rights in forming policies.

Mr. White was elected honorary chairman of the national committee and he remains a member of the executive committee, which last night reaffirmed its policy statement of last November 26 favoring all possible aid to Britain and the repeal of all laws restricting this aid. The committee also approved President Roosevelt's recent fireside chat on defense and his message to Congress on the state of the nation.

Mr. White said the election of Mr. Gibson "is a very fine selection and one which has my hearty support."

Citizenship for German Fought

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10 (U. P.).—The American citizenship application of Hands Diebel, German-born proprietor of the Ayres Book Store, was opposed in Federal Court yesterday on grounds he allegedly is being groomed to become western chief of the German-American Bund.

Neil H. Ness, a Dies Committee witness, John Schmidt, a former Army captain, and others brought witnesses and evidence to court to support their charges that Mr. Diebel seeks the Bund post vacated by Hermann Max Schwinn. Photographs were introduced at the hearing before Judge C. E. Beaumont showing Mr. Diebel, Mr. Schwinn and others at Bund meetings in the Deutscheshaus here. Mr. Diebel said he acted as usher.

He was dropped from the Bund in 1936, he said, because he was not an American citizen and he now belongs to the "prospective citizens" group.

This Is Charity in Paris



Fearful of the hardships winter will bring to French soldiers held in prison camps by the Germans, French school children are rounding up old clothes for the prisoners. Above, a collection crew is pictured making the rounds in Paris.

'Shoo' Australians Shout at Hungry Italians in Libya

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understood and offered to do any kind of work camp again later, I saw the Italians happily cooking and doing chores.

A London Cockney artilleryman, passing through lines of thousands of prisoners back toward Bardia, had exclaimed: "Gor! Looks like the Wembley Cup final!"—the great annual association football championship at Wembley Stadium, which attracts crowds of upward of 100,000 persons.

It will take many weeks to round up all prisoners. Some 35,000 of them are still trekking along the roads in groups up to 10,000. Others are to be seen moving back in trucks. All have anxious faces, pinched with hunger.

It was strange to see them, passing desert settlements in Libyan villages they had defended, their eyes caught by Fascist signboard slogans such as: "Mussolini is always right!" "From the Alps to the Pyramids!" "To us the victory!"

The Navy is aiding the Army by loading prisoners on ships and taking them down the coast.

For 100 miles, along the road to the British rear, a great cloud of dust marks the trail of thousands of captured Italian trucks, burning captured Italian gasoline, which are racing up to Tobruk with troops, munitions and food for the forces here.

I can hear British field guns firing at Tobruk's double circle of forts. The guns flash in the warm bright desert sunshine, and light the cloudy night sky with a war glow as, every few minutes, batteries of them open up and shatter the desert silence. The bombardment is increasing slowly but ceaselessly as fresh batteries arrive from Bardia.

In lulls between bursts of artillery fire I hear the rumble of light and cruiser tanks, tractors and trucks, hauling the new guns to the firing line.

Troop and supply trucks are arriving in great convoys. Tobruk's forts are in 16 main groups with six block houses in each.

The British guns have the range, but as was shown in the case of Bardia, whose easy capture still surprises the British command, it is difficult even for the heaviest guns to smash the defenses. Each casemate is dug deep into the soil and only the tips of its cannon are visible. In their sweep through Libya the British have captured dozens of new airbases in perfect condition from which Royal Air Force planes already are operating, only a short distance from their objectives.

CALL U. S. FULL ALLY OF BRITISH

Capital Diplomats Believe
America Will Do Whatever
Necessary to Win.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
Times Foreign Editor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Prime Minister Churchill's Pilgrims' dinner speech in London yesterday is regarded here as highly significant.

Whatever President Roosevelt may or may not have meant by his promise of all-out aid to Britain in his Fireside Chat and his message to Congress, the conviction in diplomatic quarters has now crystallized into this:

Whatever it takes to insure victory for Britain and her allies in the war against the Axis powers, the United States now stands pledged to give—even if eventually means armed intervention.

I have heard this, not from one but from several widely different sources. The United States has committed itself far too explicitly to back out now. Britain and her associates, of course, will put everything they have into the fight.

But if that does not suffice, the United States will come through with the rest, whatever that may turn out to be. Such is the current conception here.

Halifax Mission Stressed

That, it is believed, is why Mr. Churchill yesterday laid so much emphasis on Lord Halifax's forthcoming mission as ambassador to the United States.

The Prime Minister paralleled the recent utterances of President Roosevelt to link the destinies of the peoples of the English-speaking world and pin his hope of victory on the United States.

Alone, he said, Britain might fight her way through to some kind of a truce. But only a truce. Without the cooperation of the United States and the Empire, the conflict would inevitably be renewed "on worse terms" later on.

"But the chance of setting the march of mankind clearly and surely along the high roads of human progress would be lost and might never return."

Dovetails with F. D. R. View

This dovetails with President Roosevelt's own declaration that America's future is "overwhelmingly" in the struggle; that our national defense, therefore, must be "all-inclusive," and that this country will never submit to "the new order of tyranny."

Thus, it is pointed out, what might be called the war aims of Britain and the peace aims of the United States—as announced by the Prime Minister and the President within 72 hours of each other—are fundamentally identical.

Mr. Churchill called for continuing Anglo-American co-operation to forestall a truce before the dictators are destroyed, while Mr. Roosevelt pledged the all-out aid of this country until the final victory for democracy is achieved.

The combined effect of these pronouncements is widely regarded here as the equivalent of an alliance, the parties to which have pledged themselves not to make a separate peace until the common foe is vanquished.

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MUCK POCKETS IN ROAD 31 REMOVED

For years muck pockets have been causing trouble on heavily-traveled Road 31, about five miles west of Tipton and just north of the Road 28 junction.

Small sections of the road would "drop down" causing the pavement to "break." Highway repair crews would fix the break but it wouldn't be long until the same thing would happen again.

Three months ago the State Highway Department decided to fix the road so that it would "last for a life-time." They drove long strips of wood and steel into the muck, capped them and then paved over them. Between 600 and 700 feet of the road was "fixed" in this manner.

Yesterday, the road which had been closed for the work, was opened again for traffic and Highway Commission officials predicted that there will be no more trouble from muck pockets.

With the lifting of the Road 31 detour, only 12 were left in effect on the state highway system. They are:

Ind. 2—From U. S. 20 east, 7 miles over U. S. 20 and county oil mat.
Ind. 3—From U. S. 20 north, 7 miles over Ind. 109 and county gravel.
Ind. 24—East of Fairmount, 2 1/2 miles over county gravel; east of Portland, 2 1/2 miles over city street and stone.
Ind. 31—From U. S. 20 to East Gary, 4 miles over county oil mat.
Ind. 33—From Tipton Ind. 330 to Bennettsville, 20 miles over roads 330, 109 and 111.
Ind. 44—West of Princeton, 6 miles over county gravel, concrete and U. S. 41.
Ind. 45—From Owensville to Princeton, 15 miles over roads 168 and 41.
Ind. 108—Just south of Wolf Lake, 1 1/4 miles over county road.
Ind. 218—From Ind. 303 to Ind. 1, 8 1/2 miles over Ind. 303, county gravel and Ind. 1.
Ind. 403—From 2 miles northeast of Speed to junction Road 3, near Charles-town, 4 1/2 miles over county gravel and Ind. 3.
Ind. 456—East of Petersburg, 2 miles over Ind. 61 and county gravel.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY RELIEF CORPS 44

Mrs. Lata Vie has been installed as president of the Maj. Robert Anderson Relief Corps 44.

Other officers installed by Mrs. Lillian Stephens and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, ceremony officers, were: Stella Rariden, senior vice president; Mrs. Hazel Spacke, junior vice president; Mrs. Grace Hoffmeyer, secretary; Mrs. Nelle Pfeiffer, treasurer; Mrs. Nellie Priller, chaplain; Mrs. Maud Clayton, conductor; Mrs. Grace Van Sickle, assistant conductor; Mrs. Evelyn Kosaveach, guard; Mrs. Anna Starr, assistant guard; Mrs. Clara Bell Bottorff, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Mary Heley, press correspondent; Mrs. Heneviele Bernier, musician; Mesdames Cora Summers, Lizzie Helms, Dora Hays and Ruth Trinkle, color bearers; Mrs. Clayton, director of junior clubs.

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