

### Senator Johnson Scores Roosevelt-Churchill Accord

Offensive and Defensive Pact Between U. S., Britain Seen in Eight-Point Program

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Senator Hiram Johnson (R., Calif.) told the senate yesterday President Roosevelt's joint statement with Prime Minister Churchill of Anglo-American peace aims constituted "an offensive and defensive alliance between Great Britain and the United States."

Johnson made this statement in a stormy debate precipitated by a denial by Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the democratic leader, that the possibility of sending an American expeditionary force to help Britain invade Europe had been "discussed, intimated or even hinted at" at a conference between the president and congressional leaders yesterday.

Under questioning by Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.), Barkley said that so far as he knew no commitments involving the United States had been made at the historic conference between the president and Churchill at sea last week.

Commitment Seen  
Johnson interrupted to assert that he "took issue" with that statement.

"It is as plain as the nose on a man's face," the Californian said, that the sixth point of the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, expressing the hope that peace and liberty might be maintained in the world after the destruction of nazism, involved a commitment that might take this country into war.

That, he said, created an "offensive and defensive alliance" between the two countries.

"If you agree in a written instrument with a belligerent to express a hope of that character," Johnson shouted, shaking his finger at Barkley, "you have got to do what is necessary to back it up and you will have to take the force of the United States and take it into war."

Barkley said he disagreed.

Pledge Repudiated  
Senator Clark (D., Mo.) asserted the British press appeared to believe that definite commitments had been made on the part of the United States "for al-

most immediate entry of the United States into the war."  
"If any commitments were made upon a British battleship in the zone of war, then the president of the United States exceeded his constitutional authority," Clark went on, his voice ringing. (One of the meetings between the president and Churchill was held on the British battleship Prince of Wales.)

"I think it should be made known at this time to the entire world," Clark said, "that any action of the president or anyone else pledging the United States to participate in a war, was not the action of the United States government."

Barkley said that, contrary to some published reports, there had been no discussion in the white house conference of any alliance with Great Britain.

Printed Question Evaded  
Vandenberg broke in to ask whether it was true that the president had intimated to the conferees that he believed it would be necessary for Britain to invade the continent in order to crush nazism and for that reason felt that this would be a long war.

Barkley said it was not proper for him to quote the president. At one point Barkley asked Johnson whether he did not hope for the destruction of nazism and security and peace for all nations.

"Of course I hope so," Johnson replied. "I pray so, but, but, but—there are a lot of buts in this. You've got to do what is necessary to accomplish this pledge. You've got to take the force of the United States to carry that

out. How are you going to do it?"

Replying to his own question, the senator said the only way was "by war and that is what I object to. I object to going to war as an ally of Joseph Stalin."

"If?" Question Debated  
Clark asked Barkley if he thought it would have been an "act of war" if the Prince of Wales, a belligerent warship on the high seas, had been bombed while the president, two of his sons, the army chief of staff, the chief of naval operations and other American officials were aboard.

"Does the senator think," Clark asked, "that the president deliberately put himself in a position where an act of war might have been committed?"  
"If an enemy airplane or

enemy warship had bombed or destroyed the Prince of Wales while the president was aboard it, or had bombed or destroyed the Augusta, alongside it," Barkley replied, "it might have created a situation that would have excited the American people and caused some difficulty with a foreign power."

He added that the president was "willing to undergo the risk, if it was a risk" of boarding a belligerent warship in order to give to the world the joint declaration that grew out of the conference.

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