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PEACE OR WAR?

Which is it to be between the U. S. and Japan? Today's outlook is not bright for peace, but not necessarily a cause for pessimism. Keep up with developments through NEWS-REVIEW service.

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AMERICAN DESTROYER KEARNY TORPEDOED

Arming of Merchant Ships Voted by House

Neutrality Law Repeal Wins, 259-138

Roosevelt Authorized to Protect Sea Commerce From "Modern Pirates"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Voting soon after hearing of the torpedoing of the destroyer Kearny, the house gave overwhelming approval today to the arming of American merchant ships. The roll call vote on final passage was announced as 259 to 138. The legislation now goes to the senate.

Guns and gun crews, under the legislation, would be given the ships for their protection against what President Roosevelt has called "modern pirates."

Ignoring opponents' warnings that it was another long step toward war, the house vote to repeal the neutrality act provision prohibiting the arming of merchantmen engaged in commerce with any foreign nation.

The repealer also would authorize the president to arm such ships during the unlimited national emergency which he proclaimed last May 27 and, at the same time, the law which requires armed merchant vessels to be bonded in twice the amount of the value of both vessels and their crews.

"World Conspiracy Faced"

A New England republican, Representative Plumly of Vermont, told the house in the last hours of debate that the Kearny incident made it evident that the United States faced a "world conspiracy."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FROM the Pacific Coast eastward, cigarettes sell at varying prices.

In wicked Reno, they are 15 cents. In Salt Lake City, they jump to 17 cents. High water mark is reached, so far as this writer recalls, in Indiana, where the going price is 19 cents.

In Washington, the price varies all over the place—depending, maybe, on how they size you up. In the bigger hotels, they are 18 cents. Occasionally they will be 16. In the general run of business district tobacco stores, they are 15.

In a few cut rate drug stores they are two for a quarter.

WASHINGTON'S population is a hodge-podge, made up extensively of people from the back districts who have come to the national county seat to transact (or try to) necessary business that can't be transacted anywhere else. Add to these a heterogeneous mass of tourists and you get a set of customers with no firm and established ideas as to what prices ought to be.

So it isn't surprising that cigarette prices appear to be based on what the traffic will bear in each individual instance.

IN Canada, there are NO American cigarettes.

One would think they would be on sale at some prices or other. In Cuba, for example, where everyone is supposed to smoke fragrant Havana cigars, American cigarettes can be had for a price—a fat one.

But not in Canada. Up there, one smokes English cigarettes or a pipe. Or one doesn't smoke.

IT might be possible, of course, to sneak around in the back alleys and acquire them from

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PRO-AXIS MAN HEADS JAPAN'S GOVT.; RUSSIANS BREAK 2 NAZI SPEARHEADS

War Minister Tojo Named As Premier

Army, Navy Chiefs Will Form Cabinet; Japan Not To Retreat, Assertion

TOKYO, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito called on the army today to furnish the leadership of a new government which must cope with tremendous issues which the fallen Konoye cabinet admitted its inability to handle, chiefly critical relations with the United States and Soviet Russia.

Lieut. Gen. Elki Tojo, 56-year-old war minister in the retiring cabinet, was commanded to form the new government. He is a long-time admirer of the German army. His most recent active service was with the Kwantung army, Japan's most powerful garrison in Manchukuo facing Soviet Siberia. Four years ago he declared that "Japan must be prepared to fight China and Russia simultaneously."

Competent observers considered his appointment a victory for the axis, which has been pressing for more active Japanese support in the European war.

Tojo immediately took counsel with his fellow generals as to his choice of ministers. Few Japanese doubted they would be mostly generals and admirals.

Peace Effort Continues

His consultations had a background of press attacks on the United States, typified by the comment of Nichi Nichi, which declared there was "fundamental disagreement between Japan and the United States" and that "Japan is facing a rise or fall and a

RAF Hits Naples; Italy Strikes Back

ROME, Oct. 17.—(AP)—British planes bombed Naples early today, killing 12 persons and injuring 37, and starting fires which Italian officials declared were quickly extinguished.

Naples, a provincial capital of 925,000 population rising on volcanic hills from the Tyrrhenian seacoast, is a maritime and industrial center. Ships, railway equipment and motor cars are among its products.

The raid was announced by the high command, which also reported a counter-blow at sea.

An Italian torpedo boat sank a British submarine in the Mediterranean, it said, the second British underwater craft reported to have been sent to the bottom in two days.

Units of the Italian air force last night bombed Valetta harbor, naval base of Malta, the high command said, while British airmen struck at Bengasi, axis-held port of Libya.

RUHR AREA, CHANNEL PORTS RAIDED BY RAF

LONDON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—British bombers attacked Duisburg and other objectives in the Ruhr last night, an air ministry communique said today.

Docks at Dunkerque, Ostend and Calais also were attacked, it said.

Two aircraft were reported missing from the raids and two bombers of the coastal command were missing from operations yesterday off the Norwegian coast and last night near the Frisian islands.

All U. S. Merchant Ships Ordered To Quit Japanese, Chinese Waters

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Authoritative quarters indicated today that all American merchant ships had been ordered out of Japanese and Chinese waters because of what the navy called "the situation in the Pacific."

Ships in the rest of the Pacific would not be affected, it was indicated.

The navy, reported by Manila sources to have ordered the ships to proceed to the nearest American or British port, took this official position:

"In view of the present situation in the Pacific, the navy department has no comment to make."

The number of American ships in Japanese and Chinese waters was said to be "small," with a "considerable" number of American ships operating in the rest of the Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Marine circles here reported all American ships headed for oriental waters were ordered by the navy to return to Honolulu, most strongly fortified port in the world.

There was no indication of how many ships were affected.

Marine men said ships on their way to Philippine waters were the ones primarily affected. No ships have gone to Japan in recent months and few have gone to China.

Ships on the Australian run, which ply south and east of oriental waters, were understood to be free from the order. For some time all ships leaving for Australia have departed without any announcement of the date of sailing and have been listed in shipping reports only as "a vessel."

Up to today there was no secrecy about sailing to Manila. But general commercial shipping to Philippine waters has fallen greatly, while army and navy sailings have increased.

Naval authorities said all American ships in oriental waters had been ordered to proceed to the nearest American or British port.

The American President lines, principal operator in the Orient, insisted it had received no such order.

The Matson line, whose ships operate to Hawaiian and Australian waters, apparently was not affected.

AFL Raps Communism, But Vows Aid to Russia

SEATTLE, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President William Green today surveyed 10 days of discussion on economic, international and inter-union issues in the American Federation of Labor's 61st convention and commented:

"The outstanding feature of the meeting was the height to which the membership rose in its declaration of support for the nation's national defense effort and for aid to Britain and her allies."

The convention adjourned last night after a withering blast against communism as an administrative creed and a propaganda vehicle, but vowing support of the move to assist Russia in its fight against Nazi Germany because of military self-interest.

The resolution declared a Stalin victory over Europe's nations would be as disastrous to free institutions as a Hitler victory.

Mothers' "Chain-Gang" Protects Children



Climaxing a city-wide movement to force Los Angeles officials to station guards at school intersections for protection of their children, a group of indignant mothers and grandmothers formed themselves into a human chain to block a street and make it safe for youngsters. Police are shown asking the mothers to allow autos to pass.

Last-Ditch Fight Enters Sixteenth Day

Moscow's Danger Still Great, However; Odessa Set Afire, Abandoned

(By the Associated Press)

On the Russo-German war front, the titanic battle for Moscow raged into its 16th day with undiminished fury.

Soviet dispatches reported that stubbornly fighting Red army troops had broken two German spearheads thrust into the key sectors of Vyazma, 125 miles west of Moscow, and Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of the Russian capital.

While conceding that the danger was still extreme, the Russians nevertheless declared that the German onslaught on the approaches of Moscow had been slowed as Soviet defense armies of Marshal Timoshenko massed in front of the capital for a last-ditch stand.

Berlin reports said that Nazi troops slashing at Moscow's outer defenses—only 60 miles away at some points—had captured an important industrial section south of the U. S. S. R. capital and seized a power station which supplied the Moscow industrial region.

Authoritative quarters in London said the British military mission in Moscow was "on the move," and members of the Soviet government itself were reported moving to the interior city of Kazan, 450 miles east of Moscow.

Two Saved After Boat Upsets in Umpqua Bay

REEDSPORT, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Coast guardsmen, standing by after sighting distress signals, rescued two fishermen from their capsized boat inside the mouth of the Umpqua river yesterday.

The boat was drifting helplessly, its motor dead. As the coast guard boat came alongside a breaker overturned the fishing boat, throwing Russell Sachau, San Francisco, and Fred Berwert, Winchester bay, into the water.

New Arrest Made In Golf Star Murder Case

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Raymond Baxter, golf course tender at the Lexington Country club, was arrested today on a murder warrant in the gunslaying of golf star Marion Miley and her mother, County Patrol Chief J. W. McCord announced.

City Police Chief Austin B. Price reported that the 27-year-old club employee had been implicated in the crime by Thomas C. Penney, 32, who has confessed participation and named Robert H. Anderson, 36, as his accomplice.

He declined to reveal the role ascribed to Baxter in the case by police, who have been tight-lipped about reports that an "inside man" helped the killers enter the clubhouse on a robbery attempt.

Property Seizure Bill Signed by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed into law legislation which would authorize him to requisition supplies, equipment and machinery needed for the national defense.

In order to requisition any material, the president must first determine that there is an immediate need which will "not admit of delay or resort to any other source of supply."

The law also requires a finding that "all other means of obtaining the use of the property for the defense of the United States upon fair and reasonable terms have been exhausted."

Pasture-Slash Burning Permits Not Now Needed

Permits to burn pasture and slashing no longer are required, it was announced today by Fred Southwick, supervising warden of the Douglas Forest Protective association. Mr. Southwick reports he was advised today that Governor Sprague had issued a proclamation lifting the requirement that all burning be done under permit and that until further notice no authorization for such burning will be required.

Romantic Life Of Harvester Executive Ends



Harold F. McCormick

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Harold Fowler McCormick, 69, chairman of the board of the International Harvester Co., whose marital career attracted wide attention, died here of cerebral hemorrhage Thursday. He is survived by his third wife, less than half his age, whom he married in 1938 after she nursed him through a severe illness.

McCormick's first wife was a daughter of the late John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, from whom he was divorced after 26 years. His second wife was Mrs. Ganna Walska, glamorous Polish singer. Divorce followed after ten years.

McCormick was sued for \$1,500,000 breach of promise after his divorce from his second wife and for \$2,000,000 after his marriage to his third. The first suit was said to have been settled for \$65,000; the second is pending.

Four children were born to McCormick and his first wife.

Warship, On North Atlantic Patrol, Able to Proceed Under Own Power; No Casualties

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The United States destroyer Kearny was torpedoed in the North Atlantic today, the navy announced, but survived the attack with no reported casualties and was able to proceed under her own power.

On patrol duty in an area where the navy has orders to "capture or destroy" axis-controlled submarines or surface raiders, the year-old destroyer was torpedoed at a point about 350 miles south and west of Iceland.

Lieutenant Commander A. L. Danis was the commander. News of the torpedoing came as the house prepared to vote on repeal of the neutrality act's ban on arming United States merchantmen.

"Victory Program" At Huge Expense Looms for U. S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, it was learned authoritatively today, has ordered the army, navy and office of production management to draft and study a "victory program" involving expenditures of up to \$50,000,000,000 annually for American defense and aid to Britain and other countries.

The program, based on matching Germany's intensive diversion of its national income to war production, is still in the formative stage and no definite decisions have yet been reached, official sources said. They added that it was being drafted so that the administration could judge just how drastic the diversion of national income must be to "achieve victory," as they put it.

By next year, the national income is expected to exceed \$100,000,000,000 and a \$50,000,000,000 budget would mean that half of the national income would be diverted to defense purposes. While no accurate figures are available, Germany's war effort is believed to be costing over half of its national income.

In terms of present budgets, the tentative "victory program" would approximately double federal expenditures. The budget bureau has estimated that federal cost in the current fiscal year will be \$24,000,000,000.

The studies so far do not show where the money would come from. Even with the steepest taxes in history, recently enacted, the highest federal revenue in sight, according to officials, is about \$15,000,000,000 a year. Presumably the "victory program" if adopted would mean even greater taxes and borrowing on gigantic scale.

The Atlantic fleet extended its protection to all friendly shipping

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Roseburg Airport Improvement Work To Continue During Winter; Runway, Extended Culvert Principal Phases

Work on the Roseburg airport will continue throughout the winter, although it is expected the main runway will be available for emergency use within about 60 days, according to Jack Dawson, WPA superintendent in charge of the construction. The U. S. army is cooperating with the WPA on the project and is reported to have added to the original allotment of funds in order that the work may be speeded to the earliest possible completion.

Efforts now are being made to complete grading of a runway 150 feet in width and 3800 feet in length, Mr. Dawson reports. This runway will be given an 8-inch surface of base rock, and then will be topped with a 2-inch coat of fine rock, over which there will eventually be laid a 2-inch oil mat. Oiling, however, probably will not be undertaken until spring, but it is proposed to provide a macadam surface for use during the winter season.

A strip 175 feet wide is being graded on each side of the main, 150-foot runway, making a total of 500 feet in the width of the graded surface.

Culvert Extended

A concrete culvert 520 feet in length will handle the water of

The news brought a prompt demand from Senator Pepper (D., Fla.) that the navy retaliate "with two sinkings for each assault" and a comment by Representative Cox (D., Ga.) that if the Germans are guilty, "it is probably the incident for which we have been waiting."

Senator Nye (R., N. D.), critic of administration policies, said that "when the navy operates under the shooting orders that the president has given, we ought not to be surprised when these things occur. I wouldn't let this mean war, so far as I am concerned."

Senator Bridges (R., N. H.) called the torpedoing "an open act of defiance by Hitler."

"This presents a wholly different problem than attacks made upon our merchant ships and further complicates the problem we face," Bridges said. "When American naval vessels are attacked there should certainly be no hesitancy about the arming of our merchant ships."

President Roosevelt asserted that the torpedoing was clearly in the American defense zone.

The chief executive declined, however, to discuss the incident in detail, saying he would leave that to the navy department.

In Greer Attack Area.

The Kearny, completed only last year, is one of the navy's newest destroyers.

Armed with the standard 5-inch gun battery carried by ships of her class, the Kearny is 341 feet long, has a 35-foot beam and displacement of 1,630 tons.

The position given for the torpedo attack was the same general area where the destroyer Greer was attacked unsuccessfully by a submarine more than a month ago.

It was the first torpedoing since President Roosevelt's speech of September 11 which gave the fleet its shoot-on-sight orders and barred all "defensive waters" of the United States to axis war craft.

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