

NATIONS SPEND SEVEN BILLIONS ON ARMAMENTS

By Joseph E. Sharkey
GENEVA (AP) — While the entire world is wobbling economically, the nations are spending annually about \$7,000,000,000 on armaments, say military experts who have been working for two years at the League of Nations.

The experts constitute one of the branches of the 'international disarmament conference.' They were instructed to find out whether it was feasible to establish a system of international publicity in connection with military budgets, and also whether it was possible to limit armaments by agreeing upon a limitation of armament budgets.

The committee believes budget publicity can be worked out, but that armament cuts through budget limitations are not practical.

Though the experts gathered from various countries have been wrestling with figures since the conference began in 1932, there never has been an outbreak of impatience by any delegate.

Hope 'Something Be Done'
They haven't gotten mad at one another as men sometimes will who are doomed to daily discussion of a disputatious subject. On the contrary, they established such a fine feeling of brotherhood that they formed a little club.

Apparently, the experts, staggered by the huge sums expended in preparation for or against war, found a fraternity based on the hope that "something will be done about it."

This amazingly long and detailed investigation which is now completed, revealed one or two other things. One was the seeming completeness of budgetary details furnished by the big powers. There were no evidences of attempts to conceal amounts expended for military purposes.

The military budgets of 61 states were examined and generally in the presence of a special expert sent by the country whose budget was under scrutiny. The committee examined 10,000 mimeographed pages of material which flowed in from all corners of the world in answer to 400 questions.

Prepare Model Budget
The committee decided that publicity for military budgets as a feature of the projected disarmament convention is feasible, provided all nations accept a standard form of budget. The committee has drawn up a model budget which will go to the conference, if it ever meets again.

Rocks were encountered in the attempt to cut armaments by limiting budgets. Several nations do not cotton to this yardstick of comparison.

The United States, which used to have a representative on the committee, believes that on account of the difference in costs in various countries (in the United States, soldiers and sailors are paid more than in other lands, for example) it is not practicable to compare armaments by comparing their costs.

Japan, Germany and Italy also are

of the opinion that budgetary limitation is not possible at this time. The total world military expense of \$7,000,000,000 as reckoned at today's average rate of exchange is based on the aggregate estimates for 1931. Panama, Haiti and Luxembourg told the committee they have no military budgets whatsoever — merely police budgets.

Here's Wealthy Man's Gift Tax Bill in New Law

Covering the so-called "depression years" here's what Mr. Constock has discovered:

"In 1929 Joe Schenck guaranteed \$10,000 for the P. G. A. championship in Los Angeles. Mr. Schenck was paid in full, the expenses of the tournament were covered and a substantial profit was made in addition."

"In 1930, at Fresh Meadow, they also made money over a \$10,000 guarantee."

"In 1931, at Providence, the gross gate was \$24,000. This was the largest gate of the year. The National Amateur drew \$13,000 in Chicago and the Open at Toledo \$20,000 that year."

"In 1930, at St. Paul, there was a slight loss and in 1932, at Milwaukee, a 15 per cent loss. The 1933 event, however, was not awarded until a month before it was held."

On Seasonal Basis
From talking with the professionals this season, I know many of them feel the national open champion should be decided on the basis of performances over a stretch of medal play tournaments. They do not suggest eliminating the present U. S. G. A. tournament, by any means, but they believe too much emphasis is put upon the winning of this single event and not enough on the scoring averages over the stretch of yearly play in all major scoring competition.

For instance, Johnny Goodman is the present holder of the Open title and Gene Sarazen is the P. G. A. champion but the professionals consider Paul Runyan the best player in the country.

Runyan's scoring average of 71.4 for 61 rounds of play during the past winter season tops all rivals and forms the basis of his rating among the brethren of the professional clan.

Neither Goodman nor Sarazen has been among the leaders in any competition since their 1932 tournament conquests. In fact both have been pretty well out of the picture so far as the winter season is concerned.

PARIS THERMOMETER
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"It's True, Boys, We're Engaged"



Norma Talmadge smiled but didn't "have a thing to say" when, as shown at right in upper photo, she arrived in New York after securing a Mexican divorce from Joseph Schenck. But George Jessel, stage and film comedian, was not so reticent. He is shown (right, below) as he emerged from his hotel suite to tell reporters, "It's true, boys, we're engaged." Jessel's cousin, Mrs. Robert Milford, met Norma at the train.

'Meteor' Losing Zip? Just Look At His Record

By Robert Walton
MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — Is the "Marquette Meteor" beginning to cool?

For two years Ralph Metcalfe has so consistently run all sprint competition into the ground that no one

disputed his accession to the sometimes loosely-applied title of "fastest human."

Now that he's on the home stretch of his three-year varsity career at Marquette university, track followers are wondering if he is nearing the end of his competitive trail.

Coach Conrad Jennings is one, though, who has no doubts as to his team captain's ability to carry on through national collegiate and national A. A. U. triumphs, even through the 1934 Olympiad at Berlin.

When some skeptics point to Metcalfe's double defeat at the hands of Burt Pearson of Canada in the 91st Highlanders' games, Jennings merely points to Ralph's superlative record. Neither Jennings nor Metcalfe has tried to dodge the Pearson feat. Ralph was "just licked" is the way both coach and athlete describe it.

But consider this record over a little more than two years, Jennings urges:

In 82 dashes Metcalfe has been beaten to the tape only seven times. Only two of these defeats occurred outdoors—both of them in the 1932 Olympiad—and in the 100 meters he was so close that he shared the record time created by Champion Eddie Tolan!

Pearson accounted for two of the five indoor defeats, and another was at the hands of a Marquette teammate and captain, Jack Tierney, in Metcalfe's first varsity start.

Of his 73 victories, 11 were scored in the century, 14 in the 100 meters, 12 in the 220 and 13 in the 300 meters—all told, 50 in standard outdoor sprints. Indoors he has won nine times at 40 yards, once at 50, 11 times at 60, three at 60 meters and once at 70 yards.

Besides all that, Metcalfe has equaled or bettered every standard-distance sprinting record in the book—has purged world records 17 times and shattered them in 13 races.

After reviewing that record Coach Jennings just smiles and insists he has no worries about Ralph's sprinting future.

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