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WAR SEEMS TO BE GETTING NEARER

News commentators, since Sunday, have been hinting dire things for the peace of the world. Especially was this so with Fulton Lewis Jr., Monday, when he told about the emergency message which was delivered to Congress Wednesday, to decide, among other things, about aid to Italy if that country should pitch tent with the communistic regime in elections set for April.

Certainly, Walter Winchell placed the blame on James Byrnes in his work with the Moscow conference; with congress in its failure to provide a plan of universal military training instead of complete de-mobilization following the last war.

The coup in Czecho-Slovakia, as well as Russia's action in Finland, do not indicate that Russia wants peace. Her economy is geared for war—and she wants war before the prostrated countries of Europe can gain balance and be able to defend themselves.

Inroads have been made by communists in France. The proposed union of western Europe will be a farce unless France remains in the democratic column. At the moment that seems far away.

If these United States cling to the policy of the past—to hold off until the other fellow strikes the first blow, then this country will find itself rocking on its heels, groggy from the punch, and with no time to arm and protect itself.

The Pilot is not a war-monger. However, it is against the "peace-at-any-price" attitude taken by so many members of congress, who are so blind that they will not see.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

People who heard Walter Winchell broadcast Sunday evening learned that "all is not well" in official circles of this government in relation to Russia which is making Hitler-like moves in Europe with an eye on world domination.

Secret agreements made during the war when Russia was ally of the United States are blamed for the present predicament of the world, said Winchell, who asserted that this country

will likely be surprised any morning with bombing raids.

While many will discredit Winchell's assertions as those of a sensationalist, the world knows that all is not well. People of this area are aware that officers have been re-called to active duty with the navy and air forces. Renewed efforts were started about a year ago on manufacture of the atomic bomb.

And why all this loyalty checking of government officials which has made columns of copy for the newspapers the past many months? Behind all this is an effort to prevent the same movement which has enveloped Czecho-Slovakia, Poland and many of the Balkan states, and which is being forced slowly onto Italy and Finland at the present time.

Why the long hours spent by congress on the Marshall plan vote? Certainly party lines were forgotten in this session and only the old-time isolationists were found voting against the measure which is designed to help the weaker nations throw off the impending spread of Communism.

Further proof that all is not well may be seen in the columns of the papers all over the country, trying to induce enlistments in the army. Several of these have been carried in the columns

of the Pilot in the past.

It will be little surprise to me, in the next few weeks to learn that a peace time conscription will be inaugurated, under the heading of universal military training. Many will object to this movement, saying that it will ruin the present tottering economy of this nation.

Objectors... to... any... movement which would strengthen our defenses or ability to mobilize and strike in a week or so should recall Pearl Harbor when congress debated "the necessity".

This column is not written to scare anyone. It is, however, the readers right to learn as much as possible, the actual conditions which shape our lives at present. This, Pilot readers, is how things seem from where I sit.



By Harris Elsworth

The accelerated Russian drive for the control of Europe, the Marshall Plan legislation and the Presidential politics are the three hot subjects here now—and in the order listed.

The communist take-over of Czecho-Slovakia was of paramount importance in the present international situation mostly for the reason that the Russian government pulled off its mask of benignity and advanced with cold steel. Czecho-Slovakia has been considered a Russian satellite since the war ended. That country has never been considered one of the countries to be counted among the Western democracies. It is not one of the 16 nations in the Marshall plan. It is not, therefore, of particular importance in a news sense that Czecho-Slovakia remain in the Russian orbit. The important fact is that Russia has now revealed that she is not interested in having a closely knit family of self-governing nations around her. The communists want absolute control over all of the people in their sphere of "influence".

The free government of Italy is the next one marked for destruction. With the Russians take-over of Italy, it is guessed here that we will be unceremoniously ushered out of Triests and Berlin. Italy, therefore, becomes the crisis area. The communist drive there is to win the government by a "legal" election April 18th. In my opinion, formed after a visit there last fall, the people of Italy will not of their own free will, vote a communistic government into power. They can, and possibly will, be intimidated by the armed and fairly well organized communist minority. After all, not many years ago Mussolini's "Black Shirts" took over without much difficulty.

The one glimmer of hope in the whole terrifying and confusing situation is that the people of Europe now know that to "play ball" with the Russians means going under Russian dictatorship—and the people of Europe have already suffered much at the hands of dictators. They surely will resist to the extent that they are able to do so.

What effect the developments in Europe will have on Congressional action on the Marshall plan remains to be seen. I have just talked with several prominent members of the House representing different areas. Their answers to my inquiry regarding the outcome of the Marshall plan bill in the House were about equally divided. Some believed we should wait and see—and per-

haps reduce the amount. Others think we should put on full speed now and pass the authorization and the appropriation in maximum amount.

Under the head of presidential politics, I can report the following: Dewey supporters were pleased with the election results in New Hampshire. Stassen supporters feel he showed splendid strength there. McArthur boosters are beginning to organize, and I have seen some McArthur lapel buttons. The ranks of the democrats are, temporarily, at least, pretty well shot to pieces so far as the presidential elec-

tion is concerned.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kerns quite ill the first of the week with flu. with Mrs. Kerns confined to bed.

Sheriff R. G. Sabin, W. S. ley, Harry Moorehouse, Gardner and Mr. Phipps, of Beach were present here Saturday afternoon at the county committee meeting of Boy Scouts. Mr. Sabin and Mr. Gardner on the county committee and the others are the local teammen of Gold Beach team.

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210 lb. Thick Butt Shingles, Green, Black, Forest Green	Slate, 55 lb., 45 lb.
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Kraft Paper	Deadening Felt
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