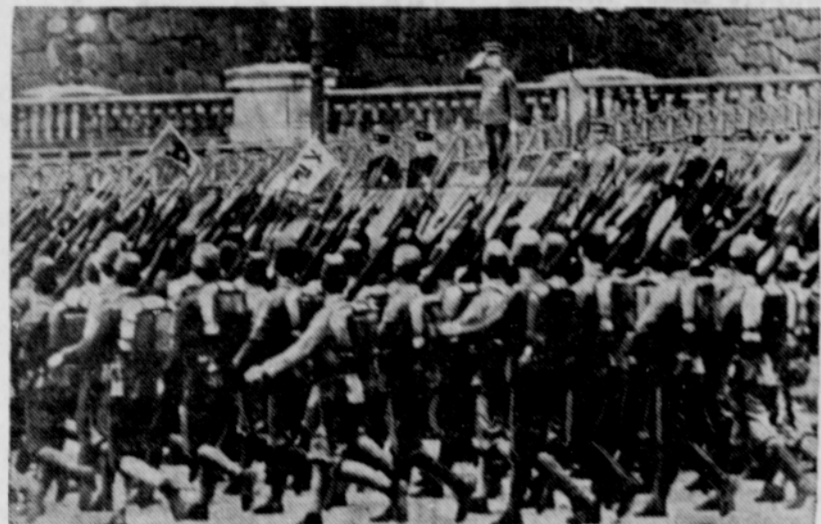


WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

Closing of German Consulates in U. S., And 'Freezing' of Axis Financial Assets Strain American-Nazi Diplomatic Ties; Hitler Offers New Problems to Russia

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.) (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)



While the world watches the military and naval battles of Europe and the Middle East attention is diverted from the possible battleground in the Pacific. But Japanese military training goes on nonetheless. In the above photo, Emperor Hirohito of Japan is shown reviewing his troops during an imperial inspection which featured an anniversary celebration of the nation's youth training schools.

FDR: Cracks Down

The President of the United States, frankly hostile to the Axis, "cracked down" following the sinking of the Robin Moor by a German submarine in the South Atlantic, and announced the "freezing" of all Axis funds in this country.

It was considered a matter of course that the Italian and German governments would do likewise, and while any sort of guess as to the amount was impossible, some sources estimated that the freezing, if carried out on both sides, would be about "even Stephen" financially, with perhaps \$400,000,000 involved on each side.

More important, it meant that all business dealings between Italy and Germany and the United States were instantly at an end.

The reason the estimated sum was so small, state department officials revealed, was that during the past two years most Americans have liquidated their interests in Axis countries, and vice versa.

Financial experts said that the order does not necessarily mean that foreign countries cannot get their money out of this country, but that in order to do so, they must get a license for the withdrawal from the treasury.

If it is admitted that the Germans are paying out funds for sabotage in the United States, they will have a hard time getting such money, for the treasury can keep a check on the funds, and see that it is spent for the purposes intended, such as paying the upkeep of the German embassy, etc.

The fact that all 46 persons on board the Robin Moor were eventually reported rescued somewhat tempered public opinion on this "incident."

NAZIS AND U. S.: Consulates Out

Following the U. S. "freezing" of all Axis financial assets in the United States came another move by the federal government which strained American-German relationships to the breaking point.

This was the order from the state department closing all Nazi consulates in the United States. German propaganda offices—the German Library of Information, the German railway and tourist agencies and Transocean News Service—were also ordered closed in the same order.

All German nationals connected with the consular offices and these propaganda agencies were ordered to leave the country. Embassy officials and employees of DNB, the official German news agency, were not affected by the order.

While these first moves did not actually constitute a complete rupture of relationships between the two countries it pointed toward a policy of "action—not words" with respect to the U. S. attitude toward the Nazis. Reasons given by the state department for the action were general in nature but they mentioned "improper" and "unwarranted" activities "inimical to the welfare of this country."

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the news

Vichy—The Germans have released thousands of French prisoners of war, giving them freedom to return home to all who have three minor children or three minor brothers.

Berlin—Auto bodies can be made of artificial resin, an "ersatz" for steel. One body, tested on a mountainside, turned turtle 20 times without damage, it was claimed.

RUSSIA: Heavy Strain

The stress of German demands on Russia was such that it appeared Stalin's hold on his country was cracking, if not actually broken, and his policy of appeasement of the Nazi demands found the army forces strongly opposed to the dictator.

Whether this would end in the long-expected military break between Germany and Russia, a feeling that was heightened by the announcement that 120 German divisions were massed on the Russian frontier, or whether it would simply result as in the past, in a terrific Russian blood-letting from within, was hard to foresee.

The analyst, seeking to ferret out the genesis of this troop-massing, perforce had to go back to Churchill's warning, when he was trying to interest Russia and Turkey in active assistance just before the start of hostilities in Greece. Churchill put Russia and Turkey on notice that "they would be next" when the Nazis got through with Greece.

Nobody else, thus far, at least, had been next. Then, too, there was the broad hint dropped by Goebbels, German ace propagandist, that Germany would need the Ukrainian wheat for a long war against Britain. Churchill also had warned Russia that the Ukrainian wheat-fields would be the next objective.

Another possible objective of the massing against Russia was the need of a sure and well-fortified line through Russia down into Syria, also the possibility that a sufficient threat against Russia might break up the Russian-Turkish alliance and allow the Nazis to press upon Turkey their demand for free passage of troops.

With a hostile Turkey and Russia to the north, Hitler's generals would be naturally hesitant in trying an air-borne invasion of Syria to help the French there, and to create a land base for attack against Suez. The typical strong groundwork necessary for a major German offensive would demand dealing with Russia and Turkey first.

There was just one more important angle, which might precipitate fighting, however brief, with Russia. Rumania wanted Bessarabia back, and the position of the German legions was such that this might be the primary objective, to force Russian abandonment of Bessarabian territory.

BILLION: For Bombers

Belief amounting almost to a certainty by U. S. war tacticians that a huge air armada, assuring Britain or this country mastery of the air was the surest method of winning the war for the democracies was evidenced when the RFC announced a plan to provide a billion dollars to produce 500 big bombers a month.

The RFC was given additional powers in a new law signed by the President also permitting it to have augmented borrowing capacity with no strings attached, provided it was for defense purposes.

This organization had already spent \$1,500,000,000 for defense, half a billion for factories, more than that for tin and copper and other defense materials, \$200,000,000 for rubber and \$200,000,000 for miscellaneous purchases of material.



Washington, D. C. GOOD NEIGHBOR CO-OPERATION

The United States is getting much better co-operation from some of our South American neighbors than has leaked out to the public.

When Portugal protested to the United States against Roosevelt's fireside chat hinting the seizure of the Azores, the Brazilian government immediately got in touch with the U. S. state department. The Portuguese had sent the Brazilians a copy of their protest, and Brazil asked us what reply we were going to make.

Ambassador Caffery in Rio de Janeiro immediately showed Foreign Minister Aranha a summary of our proposed reply, and Aranha volunteered to send Portugal exactly the same answer—telling them it was vital to the safety of the Western hemisphere that the Azores be in friendly hands, and that Brazil could not afford to see the islands taken by the Axis.

This message was sent; which means that Brazil will co-operate with the United States if and when the time comes to occupy the Azores.

Argentina also has been more cooperative than ever despite the die-hard efforts of our Rocky Mountain congressmen to prevent the importation of Argentine canned beef. Argentine sentiment is overwhelmingly anti-Hitler and pro-Roosevelt. The Argentines are much stronger for Roosevelt than for the United States, and have their fingers crossed as to what may happen after Roosevelt leaves office.

Dakar and Robin Moor. For approximately one month, however, all White House advisers have agreed that the Azores were far less important than Dakar and the coast of West Africa. That is what makes the sinking of the Robin Moor by a Nazi submarine so doubly significant.

Despite the menace of Dakar, presidential advisers have been worried as to what we should do about it. To take Dakar from the French and to hold it against all comers would require more men than the 50,000 in the U. S. marine corps. It would require an expeditionary force from the regular army.

And while such troops are available, the bottoms to transport them are something else again. Once before, the British urged us not to get mixed up in the South Atlantic because it would divert our navy from the all-important North Atlantic.

The sinking of the Robin Moor, however, has played directly into the hands of those who have been urging the President to adopt the strongest policy in the South Atlantic and, if necessary, land troops on the bulge of Africa.

CATHEDRAL OF AGRICULTURE

Paul H. Appleby, diminutive, didactic undersecretary of agriculture, made a flying trip to Nebraska the other day which had some interesting inside background.

Purpose of the trip was to set up what some agricultural hands call a "Cathedral of Agriculture" in Lincoln, Neb. What Appleby was working on was a plan to pool all of the different federal agricultural agencies under one roof and under one director at Lincoln.

These were to include the AAA, Rural Electrification administration, soil conservation, farm security, extension service, farm debt adjustment, and so on. The plan was to make the state of Nebraska a guinea pig to test the idea. All of these different farm representatives would then report to one director in Lincoln rather than to Washington.

However, the proposed Nebraska director was Cal Ward, regional supervisor of farm security. And although working for a Democratic administration, he is branded as a staunch Republican. His selection therefore caused opposition from various federal farm representatives in Nebraska who didn't want to join any "Cathedral of Agriculture" under Cal Ward.

Chief objector was Fred Wallace, chairman of the Nebraska AAA, and it was to bring him into line that Appleby flew out to Nebraska.

Appleby had first ordered Wallace to Washington. But Wallace refused. Even after Appleby flew out to see him, he could not make Wallace budge. "I'm interested in an agricultural program, not a lot of bureaucracy," Wallace said.

Appleby stayed an extra day, finally flew back to Washington. His "Cathedral of Agriculture" for Nebraska definitely side-tracked.

Note—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has been looking around to find a new berth for his undersecretary—outside of the agriculture department.

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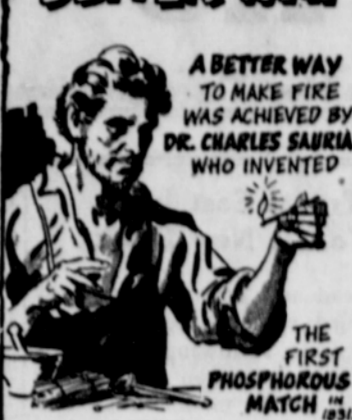
"Right, sir."

"Then throw open the portals! The hour has come!"

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"Please, mister," said a tiny voice, "can we both come in on this free pass?"

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