

PANAMA CANAL IS DEFENSE KEY

Must Be Held Against Any Invader

Expect Lima Conference to Strengthen Plans To Defend Canal

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Lima, Peru (UP)—President Roosevelt's plan for "continental solidarity" on the question of hemispherical defense for the Americas centers

around the Panama canal.

With the canal adequately and properly defended, army and navy officials believe that the military and naval forces of the American republics now existing, building or contemplated for the near future, will be able adequately to defend this hemisphere from attack by any European or Asiatic power. They also believe that any such defense must be based upon maintenance of the canal in working order, and retention of the canal in the hands of a friendly power.

The area which most military and naval officials of the American republics believe would be first attacked in event of an attempted military or naval invasion of this continent from Europe or Asia, or a combination of powers on the two continents, lies in the neighborhood of the Isthmus of Panama. It includes all of Central America and Colombia and Venezuela on the South

American continent, and Cuba, in the Caribbean.

"Must" Defense Area
This is the area which military and naval strategists believe must be defended at all costs by common agreement among all the American republics.

The task of working out this common agreement is one of the most delicate before the delegates to the eighth Pan American conference. It involves so many sensitive national feelings, national traditions, ambitions and hopes, fears and suspicions, that bringing it out for general discussion is like handling a TNT bomb set for detonation at the slightest contact.

It appears unlikely that an attempt will be made to reduce any agreement for continental solidarity on hemispherical defense to an instrument or instruments in writing. It appears that the delegates believe the most that can be hoped for at this conference is an unwritten under-

standing, or a series of understandings among the various American republics, and that these understandings may serve as bases for later and more concrete steps to safeguard the national defense of all countries of this hemisphere.

To Help Colombia
One of the first of such steps would be to eradicate, insofar as is possible, the influence of non-American nations in the national defense forces of this hemisphere. Steps already have been taken to send U. S. military and naval missions to Colombia to assist in training the Colombian army and navy, and to assist in building up Colombian defenses.

Similar missions are on the ground in Peru and Brazil. Missions to other South or Central American republics are believed to be under active consideration.

A second step, it is believed, will be attempted in the form of agreements with Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and other nations having island possessions off the coast of South and Central America to establish "listening posts" on these islands. Such "listening posts" would be equipped with aircraft detectors and anti-aircraft guns. They would also be equipped with bases for aircraft for use in event of trouble threatened by any nation of this hemisphere from other continents, and they would serve as a "warning net" to the continent, both for approaching hostile warships and aircraft.

Credits Might Be Advanced
A third step would be the increase of the national defense forces compatible with the national economy of each individual country, with the possibility of material credits to one or two strategically situated governments for immediate expansion of its forces, in event those countries are not now financially in position to finance expenditures for such purposes at this time.

Such financial assistance may also be agreed upon for the development of air bases in strategically located islands, and for the "listening post" equipment. The posts would be garrisoned by troops of the nation to which the islands belong, but they would form an integral part of the warning net for the whole hemisphere.

The proposed arrangement is more of a hope than a definite plan now, although some fairly definite assurances are expected to have been given. The Colombian government is reported to have indicated its willingness to follow any plan of this nature which the United States may sponsor. It is believed the Panamanian and Venezuelan governments will fall into line unless there is serious objections from some of the other South American governments.

Vital Importance Stressed
For the time being the vital importance of keeping open the Panama canal and retaining it in friendly hands is being given the greatest emphasis, from the viewpoint of the national defense of every nation in the Americas. It is considered particularly vital to those countries having both Atlantic and Pacific, or Pacific and Gulf of Mexico coastlines.

The present guardians of the canal gave every indication while the United States delegation to the conference was enroute through the Canal Zone that they are alive both to their responsibilities and the dangers inherent from the European and Asiatic situations. The commanders of both the army and navy forces there voiced the need for more forces. The army force consists of about 100 airplanes. The navy forces consist of less than a score of vessels, including submarines, destroyers and old cruisers.

Army commanders have asked appropriations for additional housing for the troops, some of whom are living in tents and others in barracks little better than shacks. They have asked for funds for construction of roads leading out into Panamanian territory to sites designated for outposts, listening posts and anti-aircraft battery stations.

Wide Area Scouted
The naval commanders want more ships assigned to the area to help in the task of scouting and policing thousands of square miles of ocean adjacent to the canal.

Both the army and navy commanders say the only adequate protection for the canal is the power for certain detection of a hostile force while it is still several hundred miles distant from the canal; before a hostile fleet or airplane carriers can get near enough to the canal to launch its planes for an attack; before a hostile force can effect a landing on the continent near enough to the canal to use it as a base for raiding planes. Along with the detection forces, the canal guardians want a sufficient number of pursuit planes and bomb-

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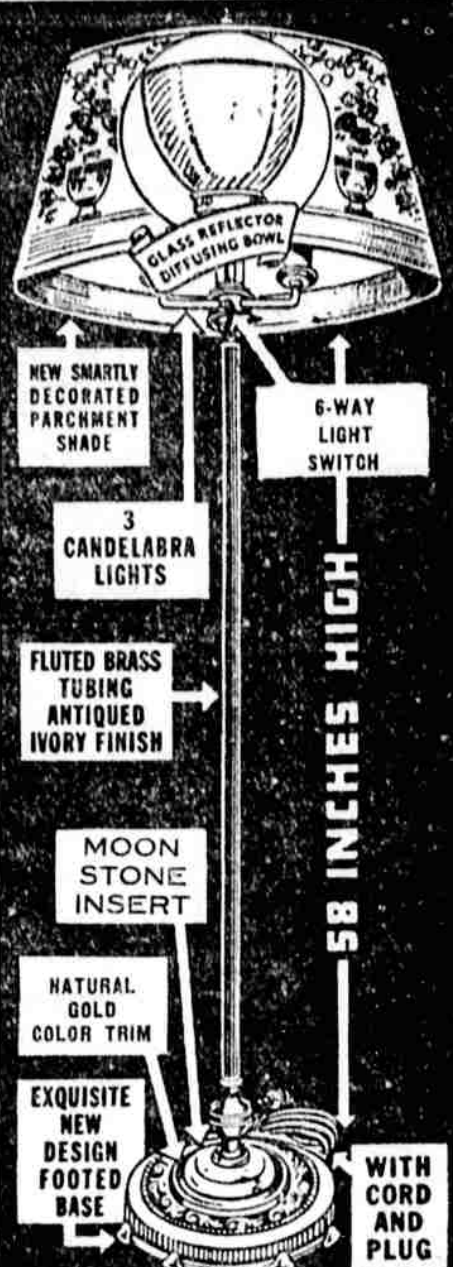
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