



Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Isolationists in congress, and not all by any distortion of word meaning may be called appeasers, are demanding that the peace aims of the British be set forth clearly if American aid is to be furnished for their attainment. There is practical unanimity of sentiment favorable to Great Britain and none whatever for Hitler, his military clique or the ideology which governs them.

What the isolationists want to know—and what they will demand in the debates over President Roosevelt's recommendations—is a frank presentation of what is to follow

conclusion of the war in the event of Hitler's failure to subdue England; whether it is the purpose of the British to attempt restoration of the governments overthrown by Hitler and the re-establishing of national boundaries as they existed prior to the opening of hostilities.

Such an effort, it is authoritatively stated, would call for the employment of the full air and naval strength of the United States and for the use on European battlefields of at least six million men. The mere failure of Hitler to conquer England would not necessarily mean the military defeat of Germany, it is declared, and this latter Great Britain could not bring about alone.

What was accomplished by the congress recently adjourned in behalf of national defense has not been stated in press dispatches and no summary will be prepared for the reason that its significance will be minimized by further steps which will be taken by the congress now in session. There are, however, a few highlights to which attention may properly be called without pretense of covering the entire subject.

The defense program appropriation approved last September was for

\$5,133,169,277, from which were assigned sums for army, navy, airship construction, to provide manufacturing facilities, housing and all the minor items necessary to the carrying out of army and navy expansion. To this sum many supplemental appropriations were added in the concluding days of the session and more money was requested by President Roosevelt in his address to the session Monday of this week.

A further provision of the national defense act removed all limitations as to the enlisted strength of the regular army and as to the number of retired officers who may be called to active duty. This opens the doors to the creation of an armed force of whatever size President Roosevelt and the war department may desire or consider necessary for the protection of the United States or in the carrying on of whatever adventure may be undertaken.

Another provision confers authority to buy or take over land, buy or build such structures as may be needed and engage in the manufacture of munitions and implements of warfare on government account, or to finance private industry in such an undertaking under government supervision. Authority is also given to conduct research and experiments

along whatever lines may be declared to be in the interest of national defense.

Provisions of the law, approved last June, to prevent subversive activities also may be regarded as an essential part of the national defense program. These make it unlawful for any person to knowingly or willfully advocate, act, advise or teach the duty, necessity, desirability or propriety of overthrowing by force any government in the United States; to print or publish any matter having a similar purpose, or to organize or help organize any group or society who teach or advocate the overthrow by force of any government in the United States.

Despite the protestations of President Roosevelt that labor gains shall not be destroyed because of war emergency and that no social reforms shall be abandoned, the national defense act itself provides plainly and concisely the authority to require more than a 40-hour week of laborers and mechanics engaged in national defense activities.

There are many other provisions of the national defense act the enforcement of which, under a claim of emergency, will greatly surprise the public. Not all of them received even casual mention in press reports while the measure was being considered in congress. One thing may be taken for granted, however: Individual liberties will be restricted to an even greater degree than they were during world war No. 1, and the restoration of these liberties will constitute a harder problem when peace again comes to an embittered world.

LATE-HATCHED HENS USED

Roseburg.—J. E. Conn, a Douglas county poultryman who is cooperating in a turkey improvement project, is saving late hatched hens for use a breeding stock for next spring, reports J. Roland Parker, county agent. It is hoped that the late hatched birds will start laying later, which Conn finds desirable for his own work. Breeders who produce turkey eggs for market, on the other hand, sometimes encourage early laying by the use of artificial light.

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