

Neither Isolation Nor Intervention Is Hoover Advice

Chicago, Sept. 17.—(P)—Neither isolation nor intervention is a wise or possible course for the United States in dealing with the present war, former President Herbert Hoover believes.

"We must have impregnable defense," and "we must give the tools of defense to the democracies," he declared in a radio address last night. "We should reserve our strength that unexhausted we may give real aid to reconstruction and stabilizing of peace when Hitler collapses of his own overreaching."

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Troubled Before

"Twenty-five years ago and again today are not the only times we have been troubled by these eruptions of dictatorships in Europe."

"Some Americans have perhaps forgotten that we had a vigorous interventionist movement to join with England in combat with Napoleon. That interventionist movement was led by Fisher Ames a journalist of that day, one-time member of Congress, and said to have been prevented only by illness from becoming president of Harvard University. The leader against joining in war was one Thomas Jefferson."

"Fisher Ames thought Jefferson was reactionary and did not realize the modern forces. Ames insisted that Napoleon would dominate the world, including the United States. He was full of pungent phrases. I give a collection of them: 'I am sure we will be subjugated by Bonaparte.' 'Let no man in America deceive themselves. If Bonaparte prevails (in Europe) we will be his vassals.' 'We shall be reduced to slavery.' 'In case Europe accepts peace and chains we of the United States are ripe and rotten for servitude and tribute.' 'Britain fights our battles.' 'One single hope of security is the British Navy.' 'If Russia is disarmed how long will it be before England will be done for?' 'We are infatuated enough to think America is a hiding place for liberty.'"

"And Ames had some accomplishments in name-calling. Generally he felt Jefferson and Madison and Monroe were the Fifth Column of that day. He says of them, 'Our noisy liberty-men are eager for power and indifferent about the fall of our country.'"

"And in those times ours was a puny nation of less people than New York City today. Except for the Fisher Ames the Americans of that day were not scared."

A Program of Action

"As the situation stands today, we can sum up certain bases upon which American policies should be predicated:

"1. If we prepare we cannot be invaded nor our economic life be dangerously impaired."

"2. England can prevent invasion of her shores if we give her the tools, and even warships, without our sending our boys to death, either on ships or land."

"3. Hitler is on the way to be crushed by the vicious forces within his own regime."

"4. We have proved by bitter experience that it is a futility for us to try to impose freedom

and justice upon the world by war."

"5. The ideas and ideals of the West can grow and spread abroad by our demonstration in our own country. They will die in the world if the freedoms shall become weakened or die in America."

"6. To send our sons into this war must also be weighed in the scales of future America. Should we not weigh in this scale the dead and maimed? Should we not weigh the one-third of underfed, undernourished, underhoused, and undereducated Americans for another generation that will be inevitable? Should we not weigh the loss of our own freedoms?"

"And where do these facts, reasons and conclusions point?"

"What is the constructive policy for America? Is it isolation? Is it intervention? Neither is possible. Neither is wisdom."

"We must have impregnable defense. This defense must include the other 20 nations in the Western Hemisphere. That is not isolation."

"We must give the tools of defense to the democracies. That is not isolation."

Should Keep Strength

"We should reserve our strength that unexhausted we may give real aid to reconstruction and stabilizing of peace when Hitler collapses of his own overreaching. That is neither isolation nor intervention."

"We can do our greatest service to civilization by strengthening here in the Western Hemisphere free institutions and free men and women. That is not isolation. It is a service to all mankind."

"But to send our boys out to kill. That is intervention."

"We hear much urging to national unity. We could easily get unity."

"If we stopped calling names."

"If we directed our preparedness policies to the minimum interference with economic freedom."

"If we gave aid to democracies alone of Europe and Asia, and gave it generously."

"If we stopped provocative steps that may take our sons into war."

"If no war-like step be taken and no agreement be made that is not submitted to the Congress. If the Congress decides for war then we accept it."

"I believe real unity can be had among the American people in these proposals."

"Let us never forget we came over the ocean to this oasis of liberty. We extended this oasis greatly by mighty streams of freedom. They were dug and built by the toll of our fathers and defended with their blood. Are we now to march out into the desert of European war and see the wells of freedom dried up behind us?"

U. S. Now Convoing British Shipments Is Knox Disclosure

Washington, Sept. 17.—(P)—Secretary of the Navy Knox said today the United States fleet was using all methods, including convoys, to insure the arrival of lend-lease goods to Great Britain.

"The escort of convoys by combatant ships is only one of many methods that can be used and are being used," the navy secretary told his press conference in reply to questions.

After disclosing for the first time that ships and planes of the Atlantic fleet were escorting cargoes on the north Atlantic, the secretary was questioned as to whether the United States was escorting ships to a point off Iceland and there turning them over to the British navy to complete their trans-Atlantic journey. Knox said he believed it "would be unwise and indiscreet to go further into details."

Northern California: Fair tonight and Thursday but fog on the coast; cooler in interior Thursday; gentle northwest wind off coast.

MYSTERY BLASTS SINK 3 SWEDISH DESTROYERS

DISASTER VISITS SHIPS AT ANCHOR NEAR STOCKHOLM

At Least 31 Known Dead—Oil Fires Rage About Scene—Motorship Sunk.

By the Associated Press

A series of mysterious explosions sank three Swedish destroyers riding at anchor off the east coast of neutral Sweden today, with first reports declaring at least 31 officers and crew members were killed.

Raging oil fires around the scene of the triple disaster, in Haarsjaerden fjord, south of Stockholm, seriously hampered rescue efforts.

Ambulances Rushed

All ambulances in Stockholm were rushed to the spot and the entire Swedish coastal fleet was assigned to pick up survivors.

A dispatch received in New York from the American-Swedish news exchange in Stockholm said that a boiler explosion aboard the destroyer Goteborg, one of the three sunken warships, caused the accident.

Swedish authorities said the explosions apparently started on one ship and sank all three one after the other.

Stockholm dispatches also reported the sinking of the new 9,050-ton Swedish motorship Yarrowa. The locale of the sinking was not given.

(An unidentified transport was reported in a DNB broadcast also to have been lost despite heroic efforts. The news agency said the 1,570-ton Swedish minelayer Klas Fleming was heavily damaged when mines aboard her exploded.

(The transport was said to have burned.)

Swedes Assailed

Coincidentally, the press of German-allied Finland bitterly assailed Swedish newspapers, declaring that through blind antagonism toward Germany they had lost sight of their own interests and were playing into the hands of Russia, Finland's foe.

The Swedish newspapers were accused of spreading rumors injurious to the Finnish cause.

BASEBALL

National

First game: R. H. E.
Philadelphia 0 3 2
Cincinnati 1 8 0
Melton and Livingston; Vandermere and Lombardi.

First game: R. H. E.
Boston 1 8 2
St. Louis 0 7 1
Earley, Johnson and Masi; Pollet and Mancuso.

Brooklyn 6 15 2
Pittsburgh 4 9 0
C. Davis, Hamlin and Owen; Franks; Heintzelman, Sewell and Lopez.

New York 3 10 2
Chicago 7 10 1
Kosko and Danning; V. Olson and McCullough.

American

Chicago 3 5 1
New York 5 8 3
E. Smith and C. Dickey; Chandler and W. Dickey, Silvestra.

Detroit 3 4 0
Philadelphia 2 7 3
Benton and Tebbetts; Marchildon, Vaughn and Wagner.

Cleveland 2 6 1
Boston 3 10 1
Bagby and Hegan; Dobson and Pytlak.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 17.—(P)—A heart attack while playing handball at the Y.M.C.A. claimed the life of Sam L. Nuddelman, 41 manager of an Astoria clothing store, last night.

RUSSIANS CLAIM HARD BLOW DEALT INVADING FORCES

Smashing Counter-Offensive On Central Front Hurls Nazis Back—10,000 Lost

By the Associated Press

Russia's armies today reported a smashing counter-offensive on the central front, 30 miles northeast of Smolensk, in which the Germans were hurled back westward with 10,000 killed and wounded after an eight-day battle.

The Soviet army newspaper Red Star said the fighting raged around Yartsevo, on the main highway between Smolensk and Moscow.

Other dispatches said the Russians, still pressing the attack, now were in a position to invest Smolensk.

Leningrad Eased

Soviet reports also declared that Red army troops defending Leningrad had recaptured a strategically important crossroads village lying at one of the approaches to the northern industrial city, thus wrecking German plans for a new thrust against Leningrad itself.

Lying 230 miles west of Moscow, Smolensk was captured by the Germans more than six weeks ago in the first head-long drive toward the Russian capital.

Adolf Hitler's high command today asserted that the German offensive was "developing into an operation of the greatest extent."

Beyond this general statement, the high command gave no details, but Nazi military dispatches said German panzer columns slashing across the steppes from the Dnieper river were threatening Russia's great Donets river industrial basin.

In the north, Nazi armies were said to have unleashed a new drive to choke off rail supplies from Moscow feeding the Red armies defending Leningrad.

STORE STOCKS IN JACKSON COUNTY WORTH \$1,123,000

Valuation of merchandise in stores of Jackson county is placed at \$1,123,990 by the assessor's office in fixing the personal property valuations for 1941, all subject to tax levy. The valuation tops the list followed closely by movable machinery and equipment with \$1,094,630.

The statistics show there was an increase in both stock cattle and dairy cattle in the county the past year. Dairy cows number 8,769, an increase of 221 over 1940; stock cattle 16,206, an increase of 1,325. The dairy cow valuation is fixed at \$395,260; the stock cattle at \$327,330.

Sheep and goats number 12,889, with a valuation of \$37,260; swine 4,539, valuation \$21,260, and horses and mules total 2,928 with a valuation of \$109,130.

Improvements on U. S. lands are given a valuation of \$36,730; farm machinery equipment and implements are placed at \$260,550, and logging roads and equipment are given a valuation of \$84,060. Commercial used furniture is rated at \$183,380.

The poultry population is given as 19,786, with a valuation of \$7,740, fur bearing animals 204, \$3,670, with 2,023 hives of bees listed at \$4,090, and 74 dogs valuation \$960, whose owners desired them listed on the tax rolls.

Sergeant York Gives Signatures



Sergeant Alvin C. York (right) obliges with autographs for four Milwaukee girls, Ruth Gueltsch, Betty Maederer, Marion Dunst and Dorothy Malloy (L-R) before his speech on the eve of the American Legion convention at Milwaukee, Wis. The famed World War hero criticized Sen. Gerald P. Nye (R., N.D.) for his testimony in the motion picture investigation in Washington.

American Legion on Record For Neutrality Act Repeal

Milwaukee, Sept. 17.—(P)—The American Legion national convention went on record today favoring repeal of the American neutrality act and removal of the present geographical limitation on use of American troops.

Scrapping of the neutrality act was recommended by the convention's committee on foreign relations, while that concerning use of troops outside of

Pick New Orleans

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 17.—(P)—New Orleans today was assured the privilege of entertaining the 1942 American Legion convention when the only other candidate, Atlantic City, withdrew in favor of the southern city.

the nation's borders was proposed by the convention committee on national defense.

Both propositions carried by voice vote, great choruses of "aye" being shouted as Commander Milo Warner put the questions.

Another resolution adopted called for the defeat of Adolf Hitler "and all that he stands for and all diverting controversies should be subordinated to the main objective." The resolution "appealed for unity on this national objective."

A resolution advocating completion of two ocean navy program was adopted.

Milwaukee, Sept. 17.—(P)—Two candidates for the national presidency of the American Legion auxiliary were placed in nomination today. The election will be held tomorrow.

Mrs. P. I. Dixon, of Americus, Ga., was nominated by Mrs. H. B. Ritchie, of Athens, Ga. Her opponent, Mrs. Mark W. Merrill, of Scituate, Mass., was nominated by Mrs. Franklin Lee Bishop, of Boston.

Wheeler Granted Portland Rostrum

Portland, Sept. 17.—(P)—Portland granted yesterday of its civic auditorium for a speech by Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana here next Monday.

Previously denied the building, the America First committee protested to the city council members said last week's vote was unofficial, and turned the matter over to Commissioner Kenneth L. Cooper.

He granted the hall's use.

COUNCIL DECREES 4TH AND CENTRAL THROUGH STREETS

The city council last night adopted the recommendation of its public safety committee by approving a resolution making Fourth street a stop street from the west line of North Oakdale avenue to the west line of Riverside avenue, excepting Central avenue.

On recommendation of the public safety committee, the council also embodied in the resolution a provision making Central avenue a stop street from the north line of Sixth street to the north line of Edwards street.

The city superintendent was directed to erect the necessary markers to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

Cars Must Stop

The action makes it necessary for cars to stop before entering Fourth street beginning at and including North Oakdale avenue and extending eastward to, but not including Riverside avenue. Central avenue being excepted.

Cars on Fourth street already must stop before entering Riverside avenue, a state highway.

The same action makes it necessary for cars north of Sixth street to stop before entering Edwards street. Thus Fourth street traffic must stop at Central avenue. Traffic at Sixth and Central is now controlled by lights.

It was indicated that the aim of making Central avenue a through street was to permit an even flow of traffic along Central and Court street to the Pacific highway, this through route being deemed of vast importance should the proposed army cantonment be established here.

The Medford Traffic Safety Council had recommended that "warning" signs be erected at fourth street intersections. This recommendation was made after years of study of the Fourth street traffic problem and after a traffic safety council meeting last week disclosed that the public was seriously concerned over the rising number of accidents here.

War Bulletins

London, Sept. 17.—(P)—The Royal air force attacked a power plant at Masingarbe, near Bethune in northern France, in a heavy raid this afternoon in which it lost eight planes, it was learned authoritatively tonight.

The attack was one of a series of raids made throughout the day on northern France by British planes.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—(P)—German bombing planes sank two Russian transport ships and damaged a battleship yesterday DNB announced to night. Eleven transport ships and freighters also were damaged, the agency said.

4 LOCAL WOMEN HURT IN SMASHUP SOUTH OF PHOENIX

Mrs. Henrietta Young, Mrs. Roy V. Martin, Mrs. J. O. N. Poling Hospitalized.

Severely but apparently not seriously injured, three valley women were confined in Community hospital today and a fourth was released to return to her home after receiving treatment for hurts she and the others suffered when their car left the highway a mile south of Phoenix about 8:15 last night, overturned in a ditch and came to rest on its side against a telephone pole.

Confined in the hospital were Mrs. Henrietta Young, 73, of Jacksonville, who suffered a chest injury the full extent of which hadn't yet been determined, and a broken nose; her daughter, Mrs. Roy V. Martin, 46, also of Jacksonville, who sustained bruises and lacerations of the forehead, and Mrs. J. O. N. Poling, 45, of Phoenix, who suffered a badly broken left arm.

Mrs. W. H. Arnold of Route 1, Medford, after being treated for surface bruises and minor cuts, was released to return to her home. The others, according to their attending physician, were apparently not critically injured.

Returning From Meet

The women, according to state police, were returning to their homes after attending a religious meeting in Merrill, Ore. The car, operated by Mrs. Martin, suddenly left the road and tumbled into a ditch on the east side of the highway, turned over and smashed against the telephone pole.

George Davis, driver for the Perl ambulance which removed the victims to the hospital, quoted Mrs. Martin as explaining "something suddenly happened to the car, but whether it was the steering gear at fault or a blowout I don't know." The machine was badly wrecked.

A. E. Allen, Phoenix fire chief, was the first at the scene of the mishap, and notified the state police and the ambulance.

Professor Stafford of Oregon Faculty Summoned by Death

Eugene, Ore., Sept. 17.—(P)—O. F. Stafford, 68, member of the University of Oregon faculty for 41 years and a citizen who had served his home community in many capacities outside his campus duties, died this morning. He had been in ill health for some time.

Mr. Stafford came to the university in 1900 as instructor in chemistry. In later years he was named dean of the lower division and service department which office he held in addition to his chemistry professorship and head of the chemistry department.

Only two weeks ago, Mr. Stafford was retired from active school duties at the meeting of the state board of higher education.

He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Miriam Stafford Hamilton; and two sons, Howard and John E. Stafford.

Oregon Firemen To Enjoy Trout Dinner

Bend, Ore., Sept. 17.—(P)—Oregon firemen journeyed to Elk Lake in the Cascade range today for a trout dinner. They will conclude their annual convention with business sessions here tonight.

The state's fire chiefs, also meeting here, were told of London's war-time fire-fighting methods yesterday by a London constable.

Radio Highlights

By the Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)

Tonight, talks—NBC-Blue 5, Sen. C. W. Tobey on "International Policies"; CBS 6:15 Sen. Francis MacDonnell of Irish parliament on "Ireland and the war." CBS 8:05, New York Defense Ball.

Thursday, the war—8 MBS; 9:45 NBC; 10 MBS; 11:55 CBS. MBS; 12:35 p. m., NBC-Blue; 2 CBS; 2:25 NBC-Red; 2:45 CBS, NBC-Blue.

American Legion convention—MBS, 7:30 a. m., auxiliary program; 10:45 a. m., election of officers. NBC-Blue—2 m., New Commander; CBS; 2:15, New and Retiring Commanders... Army Maneuvers—CBS 12:30, NBC-Blue, 12:45, MBS 2:30.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Flags waving in observance of Constitution day, Frank Hull thinking they were for the weekend rodeo.

Gasman Harold Wilson trying to convince Copco Seth Bullis it was a discarded electric lamp that caused the fire in the trash burner behind the gas company.