

FINNS CONVINCED NAZIS WILL LOSE, OVERHAUL POLICY

Acceptable Peace With Russia Early Hope—Would Retain Independence.

By Jack Fleischer
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Stockholm, Sept. 16.—(U.P.)—Finland, convinced of Germany's eventual defeat, is trying to reorient its foreign policies with a view of obtaining an acceptable peace with Russia as soon as possible.

The government soon will attempt, if it has not already done so, to contact Moscow indirectly to learn the general Russian terms. If indirect contact fails to produce the desired results, there is at least a 50-50 chance that Finland will make some direct gesture.

These conclusions are based on conversations I had with persons, official and unofficial, of all political shades during a 10-day visit to Helsinki.

Head Men Talk
Among those with whom I talked off-the-record were President Risto Rytty, Premier Edvin Linkomies, Foreign Minister

Henrik Ramsay, Defense Minister Gen. Rudolf Walden, Finance Minister Vainio Tanner and former Prime Minister J. K. Paasikivi, as well as leading members of the opposition and other well-informed personalities.

How successful Finland will be in its efforts to win a separate peace is another matter. Whether its shift in foreign policy will go far enough and rapidly enough to suit Russia is an open question.

The government has been proceeding cautiously, partly because of possible German reaction and partly because of British and American reluctance to give Finland any guarantees.

However, a small but articulate opposition has arisen in Finland during the past three months, adopting the attitude that Finland and Russia must make peace eventually, it contends that Russian terms at this time, even though perhaps not what desired, would be less harsh than when the Russian position improves even more.

Action Pressed
The opposition's demand that the government cease its "do-nothing" tactics and immediately exhaust all possibilities to learn Russian terms may lead to a change in the cabinet to facilitate negotiations.

But even the opposition does not propose accepting a peace that might end Finnish independence and security. I heard many times in Helsinki that the Finns would prefer to be destroyed on the battlefield than indirectly controlled by Russia.

The Finns are willing to make some concessions and certain circles favor going rather far in the belief that corrections might be worked out at the final general peace conference. Significantly, the Finns to a surprising degree no longer emphasize so strongly the two obstacles which up to mid-summer they held to be insurmountable, firstly, the withdrawal of six to seven divisions of German troops, and secondly, the obtaining of food from other than German or Axis-controlled countries.

Look to Allies
Most Finns believed solutions can be found if the Allies are willing to give Finland some support, particularly economic. Many official quarters openly expressed the wish that the Americans would help solve the problem of ridding Finland of German troops by landing at Petsamo in northern Norway.

The Finns unquestionably now would welcome any friendly sign from the United States and Britain, but it must be remembered that until the second half of this year they felt their interests lay primarily with Germany.

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CUSTOMER GETS NO SALES TALK IN LONDON SHOP

By James McGlinchey
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London—(U.P.)—One of the most refreshing things about shopping in British stores is that the sales clerks do not try to sell you everything in sight. If anything, they're more inclined to discourage sales.

I went with Walter Cronkite, a fellow UP correspondent, to one of London's biggest department stores to buy some shirts. Cronkite: "Do you have any shirts with tab collars, size 14½?"

Clerk: "No, all we have except utility shirts are a few here, and they're all size 16 or so—much too large for you," pointing to an array of shirts displayed beneath the glass counter. The clerk went to another part of the counter, returned and said, "No, we haven't any your size."

Cronkite persisted, "Are you sure?" The clerk said, "Well, maybe." He dived into the original display and came up with a bunch of shirts the right size. Whereupon Cronkite bought two just to spite the clerk.

Then we went upstairs to the music department, where we found a hep cat girl at the record counter playing a hot Artie Shaw recording.

"What is it?" we asked her. She said, "It's some French name. I will give you the number of the record."

She wrote down the number and gave it to us and we started to walk away. With delayed reaction she asked, "Did you want to buy it?"

We answered, "No, we just wanted the number so we could buy it somewhere else."

She said, "Oh, that's all right." Then there was the American woman correspondent who went into a shop to buy a hat. At home the salesladies always say, "Madam, it couldn't be better if it were made for you." But not here. The clerk told the reporter, "Madam, it's just not your type. It doesn't look right on you."

The lady got kind of peeved and asked, "Do you mind if I buy it?"

The clerk came back with, "It's up to you. I wouldn't buy it, but then you're the one who has to wear it." The same girl reporter helped out the Red Cross in buying books for a certain air base. She went into a store in Cambridge and asked the clerk, "Do you have Alice in Wonderland?" He answered, "I'm afraid so."

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FARMER LEADERS ASSURED AGAINST SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Washington, Sept. 16.—(U.P.)—Leaders of three big farm organizations said today after a conference with President Roosevelt they had been assured that the government would not undertake a "general consumer subsidy program" in its effort to roll back food prices.

The full-dress discussion of general agriculture problems came in a conference to which the president had summoned Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, and Food Administrator Marvin Jones.

The three farm organization leaders who talked after the conference said they had opposed the idea of a general consumer subsidy plan as a means of holding down food prices. They received assurances from the president and his top economic advisers that no such program would be undertaken, they said.

The three leaders were Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Albert Goss, master of the National Grange, and Ezra T. Benson, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

TRAFFIC COP ON HIGH
Los Angeles, Cal. (U.P.)—Traffic jams after the war at such events as football and baseball games will be handled from helicopters with orders and instructions to the motorists coming from a radio voice, according to Louis F. Soster, expert in such matters. Such planes are already being constructed, he states, ready to be turned over for civilian use as soon as the war ends.

RABBIT LITTER 19
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William Walter Kuhn, above, 26 seaman first class, of Mamaroneck, N. Y., is shown as he faced a charge of murder after death of Nadesse Lawrence, 26-year-old night club dancer, who died of a broken neck after being knocked down on a downtown San Francisco street. Kuhn, married and the father of a 4-year-old boy, is a veteran of four Pacific battles.

OPA BOARD HEAD CITED IN PLOT

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 16.—(U.P.)—Peter M. Kennedy, vice-chairman of the New Haven war price and rationing board, was arrested today on a bench warrant charging conspiracy to flood the east with millions of counterfeit sugar, gasoline and shoe rationing coupons.

Kennedy, a prominent realtor, was taken in custody as the fifth suspect in what authorities said was one of the biggest counterfeiting plots uncovered since the rationing program began.

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