

BRITAIN HELD TO BLAME IN ANY DAMAGES

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trality law they are prohibited from entering, the government of the United States will feel it necessary to examine carefully into all of the facts of the case and to make such further action as the results of such examination appear to make necessary or expedient.

"Meanwhile, I feel that I should inform your excellency that this government, for itself and its nationals, reserves all its rights and its rights in the matter and that it will be expected that compensation for losses and injuries resulting from the infraction of such rights will be made as a matter of course."

Hull's note replied to a British note of November 3, the text of which was not released. In it Britain reserved the right to take American vessels to control ports despite the combat area proclamation.

Hull commented the British note "is understood as undertaking to reserve a right of your government to divert American vessels to such bases, by force if necessary, acting, in that respect, without regard to the municipal law of the United States or the rights, obligations and liabilities of American vessels under that law."

America Advised to Save China From Japan in Talk To Klamath Rotary Club

America will regret it "beyond expression" if it does not do what it can to save China from Japan, Arthur Hugh, for 40 years a resident of China, told the members of the Rotary club and numerous guests in a talk at the Willard hotel Friday noon.

China, he said, is fighting both Japan and the United States, because the United States is furnishing the supplies and the money for Japan's aggressive war.

America, Hugh asserted, would not need to go to war to save China from the Japanese.

"All we would need to do would be to say to the world: 'We've fought this thing through and we're going to stand on the side of right and justice.' The Japanese morale would immediately dissolve, and China's would rise.

"We should stop giving Japan the supplies to fight China but we should prove our friendship to Japan, in other ways, so that the civilian population and the money power would get the upper hand over the Japanese army."

In proposing that the United States stop cooperation with Japan, Hugh said that the profit motive behind trade with Japan is the crux of the whole problem. He said that on that basis alone, and disregarding the moral issue, America would eventually gain millions in trade with a reconstructed China.

He reminded his listeners that "if America doesn't save China, Russia will. What will happen then you can guess for yourself."

Rugh asserted that the chances of China's being able to save herself have increased, but that she still faces a terrific struggle.

After the war, he said, there will remain the huge problem of reconstruction. He discussed the part the Christian colleges and universities of Japan, with which he is connected, are playing in developing the leadership for the reconstruction period.

"The biggest thing America could do would be to help furnish the Christian leadership for a fourth of the human race," said Rugh.

The speaker was introduced by his nephew, Dr. Charles V. Rugh, of Klamath Falls.



WHAT A FISH SEES—This "fish-eye" view of a man is on display at New York's Museum of Natural History, as one of several exhibits showing how the world looks through eyes of animals and fish. Note how stream distorts man.

Japanese People Not Certain Hard Won Advances in China Worth Huge War Expenditure

By REILMAN MORIN

TOKYO — (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The Japanese government is confident that it is achieving its aims in China, but many of the Japanese people are wondering whether it is worthwhile.

Japan has conquered more than one-third of China's population and area, including her richest provinces and most modern industrial centers, and Japanese leaders are confident of ultimate complete victory in the plan to establish "a new order in east Asia."

The Japanese people, however, worn with war, find their lot a heavy hardship for the present and they look into the future with foreboding.

Ordinarily stolid and uncomplaining, the people will tell, off the record, of their sacrifices for the successes the army has won in China. Many wonder whether the cost is equal to the gain.

There is hardly a neighborhood, a factory, an office which has not contributed its dead to the battlefields of China.

There is hardly an individual who has not felt the financial load weighing more and more heavily. Many are near the breaking point.

Today in Japan a 15 per cent tax makes a 10-cent cup of coffee cost 23 sen. If the bill in a restaurant reaches three yen, the customer pays more than four yen, including taxes.

Shortages are such that some products cannot be bought for any price. The gasoline ration for a taxi is two gallons a day. Medical supplies, aspirin and insulin particularly, are below the danger point.

Fuel is low. Railway cars are not heated this winter. Office buildings had no heat until after December 1. And then went on a ration that was half their consumption last year.

Gas inspectors recently visited every home in Tokyo, sealing one burner on each kitchen range. They left the warning that gas-using water heaters might be sealed before the end of the winter.

Cotton, wool, leather, metals and canned goods almost have disappeared from the market. There is a cigarette famine about every two months.

When you buy a carton of cigarettes the clerk removes the individual packages and keeps the carton. "I must send it back to the factory for re-packing," he says.

Official figures show an average increase in food costs of 130 per cent in the past 18 months, with rice up 35 per cent, fish 250 per cent and vegetables 200 per cent. Clothing costs are up an average of 280 per cent. Rents are 80 per cent higher, coal 100 per cent higher and charcoal, chief fuel for the masses, up 140 per cent.

Wages have lagged behind the price increases except in munitions and heavy industries fields, where they are high. The munitions boom brought thousands of people, hard pressed for a bare existence on farms, into cities, depressing wages not connected with the war and causing a short-

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NORTH CALIFORNIA GUARDS PRACTICE

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 5 (AP)—National guardsmen launched an attack early Thursday against an "enemy" entrenched in soggy country east of here.

Taken to the "front" in trucks, most of the 200 soldiers watched while scouts and patrols demonstrated technique.

National guard units from San Jose north to the Oregon border are taking part in the maneuvers, called in response to President Roosevelt's national defense proclamation.

HOTEL FIRE

BALTIMORE, Jan. 5 (AP)—A hundred guests, two of whom were overcome by thick smoke, were routed from their rooms by a

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NEW BREAK BOOSTS SUMP FLOOD AREA

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went out and land now under water in addition to the Steele holdings, includes 500 acres of grain land leased by William Hooper; 480 acres leased by J. H. Kandra Jr.; 200 acres of cleared land owned by A. L. "Fence" Crawford and farmed this year by the Steeles; some 120 acres leased to a rancher named Bush, and lands owned by Lewis Kandra and the US biological survey.

Heavy precipitation and a high wind recorded Wednesday night are said to have caused the break.

Steele said Friday afternoon he estimated his loss at \$50,000. He also said he would be unable to farm his land for another two years as it would take a year to build the dike back and an additional time to drain the land, and to build a barge to hold the drag line.

The water is now against the big reclamation dike although officials said they had no fear for the structure. The only low spot in the dike is said to be at the point where the bridge crosses the Hooper lease and known as the old A. W. Macken place. Willard Smith, assistant reclamation engineer, with other officials was checking the dike Friday.

Katherine Nelson Heads Committee

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—Mrs. Nan Wood Honeyman, state chairman of women's activities for the president's birthday ball and the campaign against infantile paralysis, named three county directors today.

Mrs. Katherine Nelson of Klamath Falls, will head the Klamath county committee, Mrs. David Wright, Salem, Marion county, and Mrs. George D. Hutchinson, La Grande, Union county.

BERNE Switzerland, Jan. 5 (AP)—German authorities today closed the Basel rail route through Switzerland to foreign travelers, muzzling a measure taken by the French at the beginning of the war.

Hereafter all foreigners must take the Zurich-Munich route instead of the Basel-Bleck Forest line which has been operated regularly since the war began within full sight of the French Maginot line across the Rhine.

There were reports that the closing of the line meant the Germans were preparing for some activity on the Swiss frontier.

PITCHERS RELEASED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5 (UP)—The San Francisco baseball club last night announced the unconditional releases of Lou Koupal and Bill Shores, veteran right-handed pitchers. The Seals have several young pitchers and anticipate getting two pitchers from the Boston Red Sox in the sale of Dominic DiMaggio and Larry Powell.

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