

'MORTGAGING' OF AMERICAN DEFENSE EYED

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domestic production of arms, Mr. Roosevelt said that British orders were a good means of obtaining the necessary expansion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Secretary Hull was reported today to have told defense commissioners and other government officials that Great Britain probably would face a serious crisis next spring unless present delivery schedules of American war supplies were considerably increased.

Disclosure of the cabinet member's view followed an outright British request for financial assistance from the United States government. Details of the appeal were not made public.

Shipping Examined

Hull was understood to have urged all speed possible in producing arms, planes and other supplies. Similarly, it was learned that the shipping situation is being examined to determine whether additional merchant ships might be made available for rushing supplies to Britain.

Hull's statements were believed to be partially responsible for the comments of William S. Knudsen and other defense officials that greater speed is necessary in the defense program.

Two Problems

Knudsen, a member of the defense commission, yesterday described the production situation as one of "terrible urgency." That declaration and the British request for financial help put two formidable problems on President Roosevelt's desk.

As Mr. Roosevelt returned to the executive offices for the first full day after his two-week Caribbean trip, the belief grew in some quarters that some important action might be forthcoming.

"Something usually does happen when he comes back here," Secretary of Commerce Jones pointed out in explaining recently that decisions on financial help to Britain could not be reached because "the administration is away."

Not 'Loan'

Since armament aid to Britain depends on the speed of domestic defense production, the expectation was that this field of assistance would receive executive attention before the matter of financial support.

The fact that Britain had made

a formal request for financial aid was disclosed last night by an authoritative source. Few details were available on the nature of the request.

The request was understood to look toward assurances of future financial help in obtaining war supplies here. The British, it was indicated, seek a "line of credit," probably involving their security holdings and gold assets, rather than a straight loan. The word "loan" was not accurate for the request, official sources said.

Knudsen, defense commission production chief who has been dining the need for speed-up in recent utterances, reiterated in letters made public that a faster around-the-clock pace was "resolutely needed" for "the welfare of our country."

Longer Hours

Senator Austin of Vermont, acting republican leader, followed up Knudsen's comments today by advocating a readjustment of government contracts to finance a 6-day week for defense industries.

A consistent supporter of the British aid policy, Austin told newsmen it seemed obvious that industries would have to work longer than the prevailing 40-hour week if they were to overcome certain "bottle necks" hampering defense production.

Members of the Pennsylvania delegation in congress meanwhile received a request from the American Legion in their state for a congressional investigation of the "lag," "slowdown," and "necessity of industrial conflict" in defense preparations.

In and out of congress discussion of the latter question was assuming the proportions of a wide-open debate.

President William Green of the AFL in a speech last night rejected any charges that his organization had not been cooperating to the fullest, "giving service, patriotic service of the highest order, industrial service the like of which this country has never before seen."

Green Sees Duty

Although defending the right to strike and announcing unyielding federation opposition to any emergency effort to outlaw defense industry strikes, Green said his organization felt "a solemn duty" to avoid such walk-outs, and would abide by that belief.

Chairman Sumners (D-Texas) of the house judiciary committee, voicing his views on the floor yesterday, appealed for a united people "to win through the difficulties which now confront us."

The house also heard Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) attack Sidney Hillman, the defense commission's labor specialist.

Hoffman charged that Hillman considered it "more important that the demand of labor be met than it is that we have national defense."

'Greater Love Hath No Man'



When Ralph Corbett, Oakland, Calif., probation defaulter, went to jail for 60 days, Teddy, his toy bull terrier, began a vigil at the foot of City Hall stairs. A restaurant across the street fed him, a woman bought him a dog license, another supplied with a mat to sleep on, and friendly reporters occasionally sneaked him up to see his master. Coming from breakfast Sunday morning Teddy was run over. Friends took him to a veterinarian and now are trying to arrange parole for Corbett to do vigil at Teddy's bedside.

MEMBER GAIN POSTED HERE BY RED CROSS

Membership in the local Red Cross chapter now is 3922, surpassing the last years roll call by 800 members. This is the largest membership locally since World war days. Donations in excess of one dollar memberships have brought the total amount to \$5365 to date. Fredrick W. Hamilton, roll call chairman, stated in turning in his report today, several communities and firms have not reported.

Appreciation for the work of the local chapter personnel and volunteers in conducting the roll call was expressed by Earl B. Redman, chapter chairman at the regular board meeting. As a token of thanks and appreciation Hamilton was presented with a roll call pin for his excellent work in making this roll call a success.

Mrs. Howard Boyd, executive secretary, expresses enthusiasm for the dispatch with which the roll call was conducted under Chairman Fredrick Hamilton. She also extended her appreciation to all roll call workers and especially the committee chairman.

All persons who joined in the recent roll call are voting members and will be welcomed at the annual membership meeting which will be held in February.

MODERN COLUMBUS SEEKS TO SET UP NEW 'SHANGRILA'

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suggests a cooperative community where all residents would chip in to buy tractors, bulldozers and other land-clearing and cultivating equipment.

Satko admits his aims aren't altogether altruistic. "Most of all I want a school for my children," he admits. "There isn't one in the region now. Our closest neighbor is four miles away. It's 17 miles to the grocery store. If the community is established we could have our own school, a non-denominational church, stores and our own dock."

Satko said he was comparing his hoped-for community to Shangri-La in James Hilton's novel "Lost Horizon" because he wanted it to be a model society "where people will be happy" and because, like Shangri-La, it would be located in a virtually mountain-locked valley.

BOMB RAIDS

BERLIN, Dec. 17 (AP)—British air raiders killed 10 persons, injured 50 and inflicted damage with fire and explosive bombs in attacks on western and southern Germany last night while Nazi bombers heavily blasted two unnamed "important" cities in the British midlands, the Germans reported today.

SIAMESE WAR

HANOI, French Indo-China Dec. 17 (AP)—In a fresh flare-up of the undeclared border warfare between Thailand (Siam) and French Indo-China, the French declared that they had dropped three tons of bombs on three Thailand towns.

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WEATHER

Northern California — Unsettled and mild Tuesday night and Wednesday; probably rain Wednesday; moderate to fresh southwest wind off coast.

Oregon — Unsettled Tuesday night and Wednesday; occasional rain west and local rain or snow east portion; snows in Cascade range; warmer tonight, decreasing southeast to south wind off coast.

Extended forecast period December 17 to 21 for far western states; general rains indicated, with snows in higher mountains; probably terminating in southern districts towards close of period; normal temperature.

Property Sold — Byron Teed has purchased the Sarah Hutchins property at 622 Walnut avenue, the property being located between the Monarch service station and Anderson Auto Electric company. The sale was handled by the Howard Barnhisel agency.

Ladies Aid — The Mt. Laki Ladies Aid will meet Friday afternoon, December 20, at the home of Mrs. Farrell Hilyard. This will be the annual Christmas gift exchange. Members are asked to turn in all work possible.

VFW Party — The annual Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary Christmas party will be held Friday, December 20, at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the public library. All auxiliary members and post members as well as their children are cordially invited to attend. There will be a gift exchange among the auxiliary and stockings filled with good things and toys will be distributed among the children. The committee includes Grace Crump, Caroline Williams, Lillian Green, Florence Miller, Ella Mullins, Edmundo LaBarge and Laura Bacon.

Rebekah Club — The Rebekah Social club will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the IOOF hall. There will be election of officers and an exchange of Christmas gifts costing not more than 25c.

Shasta PTA — The Shasta PTA will hold its regular meeting at the school Wednesday evening, December 18, at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Harris will speak on the subject of "Your Child's Eyes." Other interesting numbers are also being planned for the program. Refreshments will be served and all parents are urged to attend.

Compeer's Club — Compeer's club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. O. Lohrey, 2144 Eberlein street, Wednesday at 2 p. m. The meeting will feature the club's regular Christmas program and gifts will be exchanged.

Extension Unit — The Henley-Midland extension unit will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Manning Thursday, December 19, at 10 a. m. All members are asked to bring table service. There will be a small charge for luncheon.

Gun Club — Election of officers was scheduled Tuesday night at a meeting of the Klamath Gun club, scheduled for 7:30 o'clock at the chamber of commerce.

Schoolmates — The Schoolmates club will hold its annual Christmas dinner with a tree and exchange of gifts Friday, December 20, at the home of Mrs. George Grizzle, 927 Jefferson street. Mrs. Grizzle will be assisted by Mrs. Georgina Sloan.

Christmas Party — Plans are being completed for the Legion's children's party to be given Friday, December 20, from 7 to 9 p. m. in the American Legion hall. All children up to 12 years of age are invited. There will be a regular Christmas tree, Santa Claus, and treats. For information, call Mrs. Hunter, 5907. The Junior Sons and Daughters will enjoy a party from 9 to 12 p. m. Friday evening, also in Legion hall. All national guardsmen and draftees, home for the holidays, are especially invited to attend the party. Dancing and refreshments are planned. Mrs. Ray Hallett, 3897, is general chairman.

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BRITISH PLANE CHIEF REPORTS INVASION PLAN

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in England "in increasing flow—very, very many of them," Lord Beaverbrook said.

They are fine types of fighting planes, he added, and "some of them are equal to the best we produce here." He described the Curtiss P-40 as the equivalent of the British Spitfire in performance and speed.

By 1942, he declared, 26,000 American-built planes will have reached Britain.

Regarding Britain's own production, he said that in the months of August, September, October and November the output was double that of the same period last year.

Addition of a new type of fighter plane — the Whirlwind — to Britain's air forces was disclosed by Lord Beaverbrook.

"We have seized control of the air by day with our fighter squadrons and Hurricanes, Spitfires, Defiants and whirlwinds," he said.

The prime need, he said, is for more bombers. "That's where we want to see new records," he said. "So roll out the bombers."

Flu Epidemic Closes Portland School System

PORTLAND, Dec. 17 (UP)—An epidemic of influenza today forced the closing of the entire Portland public school system until January 6.

Superintendent Ralph E. Dugdale closed both grade and high schools after a conference with the school board. The Christmas vacation normally would begin Friday and last to January 6. Evening school also was closed.

There were 11,134 students and 169 teachers absent, mostly because of influenza, when a check was made today. This constituted 27 per cent of enrollment.

BOY SCOUTS SET COURT OF HONOR

Regular court of honor for Boy Scouts of Modoc area district council will be held at the Fremont school Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, it was announced at scout headquarters.

Dwight Gilchrist, scout executive, was attending to scout business Monday at Alturas, Calif., and Tuesday was visiting scout officials at Lakeview.

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 17 (UP)—Bombs, apparently dropped by a lone raider, hit a pub and sent a number of its occupants to hospitals, shattered windows in a nurses' home and some shops and a bus across a street in London last night.

Raiders harassed a town in northwest England for about an hour. Despite a heavy anti-aircraft barrage they dropped bombs, one of which hit a cinema in a working class district and caused fatalities.

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MINISTER'S SON WINS SCHOLARSHIP TO PHILADELPHIA

Alan Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Theodore Smith, has received word of his selection by the General Electric company to take its training course in engineering.

Young Smith is one of two Oregon State college students to receive this designation. He will go first to Philadelphia and later to Schenectady, the headquarters of the big company. He majored in mechanical engineering at the state college.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS HOLD JOINT MEET

Members of the boards of school districts Nos. 1 and 2, and the county unit, met for their first joint session in history at the high school Monday night to discuss matters of common interest.

Cooperation between the districts in matters of curriculum, administration, etc., was one of the topics discussed. The possibility of closer coordination, especially between the city elementary and high school district, was viewed as a result of the conference.

Dr. C. L. Huffaker of the school of education of the University of Oregon was present and participated in the discussion.

No definite action of any kind was taken but it was indicated further joint sessions may be held.

Portlander Hit by 3 Hit-Runners

PORTLAND, Dec. 17 (UP)—Three hit-run drivers who struck and critically injured Wesley Rout, 54, at almost the same instant, an then sped away without offering assistance, were sought today by Portland police.

The authorities offered rewards totaling \$75 for identification of the drivers. Witnesses told police one vehicle struck Rout, while he was crossing a street and tossed him into a second car. When rescuers started after him, a third vehicle ran over his prostrate body.

GUN CLUB BILLS ELECTION TONIGHT

Election of officers is scheduled as the most important business to come before the Klamath Gun club tonight (Tuesday) at the annual election meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:30 at the chamber of commerce.

All participating and associate members are expected to be present and all others interested in trapshooting are invited. New policies of the club and the program for 1941 will be discussed.

T. B. Watters, president, will preside.

OHIO BUILDING TOTAL WRECK; DOZEN INJURED

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the third floor. Before we knew it, we were in the basement. How we got there I don't know. They got me out from under a bed."

Koebbe operated a general appliance store on the first floor of the shattered building, located at Elder and Pleasant streets in the northern end of Cincinnati's downtown section. There were apartment entrances on each street.

Koebbe's body was found in basement wreckage. He was identified through cards and pictures on his person.

The body was recovered with difficulty, because of cave-ins of wreckage.

The injured included Raymond Roy, 36, his wife Bessie, 36, and their four children, Lawrence, 13; Robert, 11; Patsy, 2, and Donald Lee, 9, and Virginia Schelzer, 5, and her sister, Lillian, 13. Safety Patrolman Henry White, who was passing the scene in his police cruiser when the blast occurred, said: "It almost blew the car off the street."

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