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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8—Hitler is scheming to answer Mr. Roosevelt's declaration of undying antagonism with a growling echo from the far east. Little Herr Echo's gumshoe diplomats were gliding through the foreign office corridors in Moscow and Tokyo before FDR's promise of ultimate "victory" over the dictatorships had died from the world's ear. They were at work in presumed secrecy to arrange a non-aggression pact between Russia and Japan, which would clear the way for the Japs to move threateningly further south toward Singapore.

The same sort of diplomatic coup was promoted in the Wilhelmstrasse quietly some months ago, but it did not jell then. Russia wanted too much territory, as her price. Nippon refused to meet it.

It is established German policy to use the thin and bent end of the axis in the far east threateningly against us, in order that we may be less inclined to part with our defensive weapons for Britain. The officially directed Nazi press openly commented that "Japan will take care of the United States," after Mr. Roosevelt's fireside chat.

The next break is, therefore, likely to develop there—if Hitler can arrange it.

DUBIOUS
 Some democratic congressmen seemed to stumble a bit in their comment on the president's message. Several republicans begged off entirely. When you find democrats hesitating to point with pride and republicans disinclined to view with alarm, you may know an unusual situation has arisen.

The answer seemed to be that few understood from Mr. Roosevelt's generalized terms, the full specific scope of what he had in mind. To the ear, the message sounded like a rewrite of the fireside chat, a collection of truths that have become established convictions in the minds of all Americans—dictatorships are odious, Britain should be aided, slackers must be put down. But it is one thing for people to say what they think of Hitler, and something far more significant for a president to proclaim these things as an official national aim. And when this aim is declared formally in connection with a program to establish democracy throughout the world, and coupled with comment about undeclared wars of the past U. S. history, you cannot blame legislators for wanting to stop to think for a day or two.

WORLD NEW DEAL
 To some it seemed Mr. Roosevelt proposed to enter upon a new world era, smashing old horizons of foreign policy, raising new conceptions of American responsibility for world management in the interest of democracy and peace—something like a world new deal.

This supposition may have been strengthened by what the legislators have heard in conversation among those American diplomats who are looking ahead toward the end of the war. For some time, the notion has been kicking around in the executive branch that British management of world affairs has been broken down by the war (chiefly through the new power of the submarine and airplane) and that a new world control, like "the moral order" of which Mr. Roosevelt spoke, must be undertaken under new directions.

This idea opens up impenetrable vistas, embodying possibly a large permanent standing army (2,000,000 to 3,000,000 men), a fleet such as the two ocean program would mark merely a beginning, a wholly different domestic economy, foreign trade concept, foreign policy.

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SIDE GLANCES



"Perfectly scandalous, isn't it? I wonder how much a dress like that would cost."

NEW DEFENSE BODY SET UP BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP)—President Roosevelt has formally established his new super defense board which immediately warned the nation everything in national life soon must be subordinated to the necessities of preparedness.

The board, to be known as the "office for production management," is composed of William S. Knudsen, director general; Sidney Hillman, associate director general; Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, and Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox.

It will have executive as well as policy-making powers.

Supersedes F. R. Board
 Mr. Roosevelt said the group would consult with him only when they disagreed on matters of vital policy. He emphasized the broad authority which the OPM will have, including power to take over private industrial plants which refuse to cooperate in the defense drive.

The board supersedes Mr. Roosevelt's chairmanless advisory defense commission. It is viewed as his answer to demands of critics in and out of congress that he establish one man control over defense production.

The agency was set up by presidential executive order, copies of which the president handed to correspondents along with an OPM statement pleading for national cooperation.

The statement said industrialists worried over the possible future effect of immediate expansion for rearmament must subordinate that concern. A desire for wartime profits must be sternly expressed, and thoughts of using the emergency for selfish advantage must be dismissed.

Labor Warned
 Labor was assured it will not be asked to make sacrifices which others are not called upon to share, but was warned against

seeking to "use its position improperly."
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Masterpiece-Yours In Needlepoint



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It'll Be a Long Pull

ANY way you look at it, the prospects for peace in this already war-weary world are pretty remote. They are made more so by the recent British and Greek successes, and the growing assistance to these allies from the United States. For these developments make an early Nazi-fascist complete victory unlikely, and in such a victory has lain the only real possibility for early cessation of hostilities.

No doubt most of the readers of this column feel with the writer that a Nazi-dictated peace is worse than no peace, and look hopefully to the day when Germany and Italy will be knocked out or will yield on their knees to the British and their allies. They hope that the Greek and British successes in repulsing Italian offensives, and thereafter taking the offensive themselves, mean the turning point in the war.

That may be so, but it may be a long distance from the turning point to the end of the fight. The fact the Germans have been unable to beat down Britain is evidence that it will take a long time, should the British take the offensive against Germany, to break the Nazi throtthold on the continent.

There has been much wishful thinking about rebellion and revolution inside Germany. There has been much wishful thinking about some Russian move against the Nazis. Thus far, however, there has been little or no concrete evidence on which to predict any such developments.

The situation at present is that the Germans hold the balance of strength, but are unable to deliver a knockout blow to their foes, the British. The latter have withstood terrific punishment with excellent morale; they have been bolstered by recent successes in the Balkans and Africa, and by increasing moral and material aid from the U. S. In other words, the pro-Nazi balance has been partially offset, and this process may continue until the British hold the greater power. But even with the balance in their favor, the British will have plenty of trouble in bringing the war to a victorious finish; there can be no real hope for that in the immediate future.

It all means that the world is going to be on a war-time basis for a long time to come. Here in America, where we are ponderously getting ready for something, it is well to plan for the long pull.

Rear-End Smashes

THE recent epidemic of rear-end accidents on slick pavements is probably due largely to two things: the tendency to follow other cars too closely, and the fact that on snowy roads cars that stop are kept in the travel lanes because the drivers fear to drive off onto snow-covered shoulders.

Narrative reports on the accident blanks filled out at the sheriff's office and police station frequently tell how a car stopped on the highway and a following driver suddenly found himself confronted with the stopped car and no surface underneath on which brakes were effective.

The measures to be taken to avoid accidents of this nature are quite obvious. For one thing, do not drive as closely behind other cars as you do in the summer when it is possible to stop quickly on a dry surface. For another, know what is behind you when you prepare to stop for windshield scraping or some other reason, and do not pull up suddenly in front of a following car. If you can, keep going until you find a place where you can get off the traveling portion of the highway.

Marshall Pleads for U. S. Support in Arms Drive
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, last night appealed to the nation for its "whole-hearted support" to make the rearmament drive successful, and said an army "worthy of America" is on the way.

He said in a radio interview the army has "an adequate supply" of materials for training purposes that could be used effectively in combat but a pressing shortage of munitions exists because of the years of public indifference to questions of national defense.

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dent's speech probably will be to drag this talk into the open.

DYNAMITE
 To those who noted a slight restraint in the applause of congress in comparison with previous similar occasions, let it be said that this, too, obviously represented lack of understanding rather than lack of approval. As one southern democrat put it in the cloakroom:

"It is hard to get enthusiastic when you are playing with dynamite."
 The real comment will come when Mr. Roosevelt gets down to details.

acquired the Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia "all his territorial demands in Europe would be at an end." His violation of this, and many other promises, is proof positive that his word is absolutely worthless.

The "Portland Oregonian" in an admirable editorial says in part: "Such capacity for self pity (as Hitler has) verges on lunacy, and it may be indeed, as many suppose, that our world is shaken by the whim of a madman."
 In spite of this we have some among us who still think it makes no difference who wins the desperate struggle taking place in Europe, and that it is none of our business. Some of these people intentionally or merely thoughtlessly, do the very things which Hitler and his fellow outlaw want them to do, in order to create discord. If ever we needed unity it is now, in order to make a supreme effort to re-arm and give all possible aid to Great Britain.

If England is victorious, the untold suffering and fear prevailing in Europe will end. People will be able to return once again to their happy homes, which have been so ruthlessly outraged.

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Telling The Editor

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Brutal and Inhuman

LANGELL VALLEY (To the Editor)—An air raid took place over Liverpool (England) the other day. After the fire and smoke had cleared away, among the massacred were Mr. and Mrs. Mathers and their family, Joan (12), Joyce (10), Pat (8), Peter (6), David (4), a little baby 12 months old being the only survivor.

As we know this is only one instance of hundreds of civilian deaths in England today as the result of air-raids.

The late Prime Minister Chamberlain foresaw the tragedy which would befall Europe when at Munich he made superhuman efforts to appease and satisfy Hitler. To such ends did he go that it was mistaken as a sign of weakness on England's part. Chamberlain took Hitler at his word, that when he had

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