

CONSUL MUST DESCRIBED AS STRONG MOVE

By FRED VANDERSCHMIDT

Mr. Roosevelt's decision to close the German consulates and tourist-propaganda agencies in this country on the ground that their activities have been inimical to our welfare presents a challenge, in some ways the strongest since Sir Neville Henderson delivered Britain's two-hour ultimatum to the Wilhelmstrasse on September 3, 1939.

The step was taken with full knowledge that Germany has the right, (almost) under normal international procedure, the obligation, to take precisely similar retaliation against United States consulates in the territory she controls or against United States nationals whom the nazis may deem to be engaged in semi-official trade, travel or information services.

In speculation on Hitler's reaction, however, one must remember that accepted international procedure, such as the severance of diplomatic relations in the calm and traditional manner, is not the Hitler way.

One must also take note of the fact that the German public up to this morning does not even know the bare facts of the case and certainly has not been prepared for a diplomatic break with the United States, much less a state of war. An abrupt diplomatic break, on Germany's initiative and unpreceded by elaborate explanation and internal propaganda, would be a stunning blow to German morale and an admission of German aggressive intent.

If Hitler follows the pattern he has cut out for himself, we may expect another reichstag speech in which the Roosevelt administration will be comprehensively damned for unreasoning war-making and Germany completely whitewashed, plus a thunderous press campaign against the United States which will climb to new heights of venom. Not until then—if the pattern is followed—is Germany's complete reprisal likely to be revealed, although preliminary action is possible as a face-saving device.

The case of the Robin Moor and the freezing of axis credits and, of course, be credited as integral parts of the present German-American picture. Authorized nazi spokesmen have talked up belligerently on the Robin Moor (not foreign, not German, consumption) and have declared "we will shoot whenever any ship with contraband sails for England." The reaction on the credit freezing was far more cautious; instead, the Germans pushed Italy to the front and let Mussolini take retaliatory action. Washington has so far ignored this obvious man-

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cover and the consulate-closing order of Sunday night did not take in the axis partner.

Kiwanis Plans to Conduct Programs For Oregon Youth

ATLANTA, Ga., June 18 (P)—Programs for youth to be conducted throughout Washington and Oregon were planned today at the 25th annual convention of Kiwanis International.

The health work will include clinics, hospitalization, prevention, supplying food, clothing, school supplies, orthopedic appliances, etc. Churches and schools will be asked to cooperate, said Arthur S. Cory of Chehalis, district governor.

N. A. Broeren of Portland, chairman of the Pacific Northwest district underprivileged child committee. Leonard Osbourne, Vancouver, B.C.; Rev. Carl Ekas, Seattle; John A. Thomson, Renton; Dr. Leslie Anderson, Elmer; Dr. T. J. McCain, Omak; Horace Turner, Spokane; Dean L. Wallace, Dayton; George Lennox, Oregon City, and Dr. C. H. Paske, Medford, are members.

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FROZEN FUNDS IN U. S. TOTAL SEVEN BILLION

By IRVING PERLMETER

WASHINGTON, June 18 (P)—John W. Pehle, the treasury department's controller for foreign funds, estimated Tuesday that some \$2,500,000,000 in cash and other assets were affected by President Roosevelt's order "freezing" the holdings of Germany, Italy and other continental European nations in the United States.

Previous freezing orders had put \$4,500,000,000 of foreign assets under his control, making the total of restricted foreign funds here approximately \$7,000,000,000. An inventory is being taken to determine the exact amount.

Pehle was unable to say just how much of the new frozen funds belonged to Germany and Italy, but other sources indicated that probably most of the \$2,500,000,000 caught by last Saturday's order belonged to Switzerland and other countries.

To ferret out reportedly large sums hidden under "dummy" names by the axis, however, he revealed that Erwin May, former treasury attaché in Berlin, has been appointed to head a special investigating staff.

May's sleuths will operate mostly in New York. Here in Washington, Pehle is building up a staff of accountants, foreign exchange experts and others to scrutinize applications for the use of frozen funds. The staff now numbers 175 and is growing rapidly, already occupying three floors of a well-known Washington hotel (Raleigh).

Pehle, himself, who has been literally eating and sleeping with his \$7,000,000,000 business the last few days, is a 32-year-old lawyer from Omaha, Neb., with a salary of \$8000 a year. His title is "assistant to the secretary of the treasury in charge of the division of foreign funds."

Most of the staff slept on cots in their offices the first two nights after President Roosevelt signed the order last Saturday. They were busy mostly sending telegrams and answering long distance telephone calls to advise bankers of what to do with European accounts.

Bees Resent Star's Hives-Hamster's

HOLLYWOOD, June 18 (P)—Irene Rich went to a bee—and learned so much it hurt.

The screen and radio star, who recently went in for bees as a hobby, forgot to smoke out her honey factories before going to work on the hives with a hammer.

The bees reminded her—and stingingly. Miss Rich, with 30 reminders of her carelessness, spent a day in bed with a temperature of 102 degrees.

Milk Control Repeal Sought

SALEM, June 18 (P)—Opponents of the state milk control law filed a preliminary repeal petition here yesterday.

They must obtain 25,385 signatures by July 2, 1942, in order to place the measure on the ballot next year. A similar measure was defeated at the last general election.



Lieutenant Robert Walton, above, first pilot of the army bomber which crashed last week in Panama and killed Walton and three others, was a brother of Mrs. Muriel Kramer of 2417 Dorsey street, Klamath Falls. Walton, graduated from Randolph Field, Tex., last year, was a resident of Live Oak, Calif.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL ORDERS DELAYED

Klamath Falls motorists need not anticipate traffic lights for several months to come, according to information received here by City Engineer E. A. Thomas, who announced Tuesday contractors had run into difficulty in the delivery of needed materials from the east.

Factories which normally supply the materials on brief notice, are now swamped with defense orders and these must be handled before anything else, the engineer was advised. It will be at least three months before delivery may be expected in the city, and work on the signals will take an equally long period.

Raver Hits Double Shipment of Metal

GEARHART, Ore., June 18 (P)—Aluminum companies, seeking Bonneville power in the future, will have to promise to construct Pacific northwest fabricating plants, Administrator Paul J. Raver said yesterday.

He told delegates to the Northwest Savings and Loan association convention that it was "perfectly ridiculous" to manufacture pig aluminum on the west coast, ship it east for rolling and shaping and then return it to Pacific coast airplane factories.

Raver predicted the northwest would become the center of the light metals industry of this nation, and that expansion would reduce the price of aluminum, magnesium and beryllium.

Oregon Lioness Officers Named

BAKER, June 18 (P)—Mrs. Oscar Shepherd, Grants Pass, was elected president of the Oregon Lions club auxiliary at a closing convention session here yesterday.

Other officers: Mrs. George Leslie, Tigard, first vice president; Mrs. Wilbur Jones, Albany, second vice president; Mrs. O. L. Adey, Enterprise, third vice president; Mrs. L. L. Colville, Grants Pass, secretary treasurer. All were installed.

ALASKA ROAD WORK URGED FOR DEFENSE

SEATTLE, June 18 (P)—Returned from Alaska with a report that Russia had established military bases with German technical aid "at Alaska's back door," Rep. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said Tuesday he would recommend immediate creation of a joint international highway authority to direct construction of an arterial to the northern territory.

Magnuson, chairman of the international highway commission, presided at a meeting of the body in Alaska and surveyed the proposed northern routes of the highway.

He said in an interview the purpose of an authority would be to cut through red tape of slow-moving government agencies. He said an authority, created by joint United States and Canadian action, directly have the power to proceed with its task. He said he would suggest it to the state department on his return to Washington Friday.

Magnuson said he was advised while in the north that four of the known Russian bases are located on the Kamchatka peninsula, only a few hours' flight from Alaska.

One combined air and submarine base is at Bering island, only 280 miles from the most westerly of the Aleutian islands, he said. He was advised that some of the Russian bases were built with the Russ engineers' advice.

"We've got to stop considering Alaska as merely an outpost and consider it an integral part of the United States," the congressman asserted. "More than that, we've got to recognize it as a key to continental defense."

"All of Alaska is within easier

flight range of planes from Siberian bases, and much of it is within shorter range of planes based in northern Japan, than it is for planes in the United States.

"Of course we have our planes in Alaska already, but our big problem is in getting supplies to the territory."

LUMBER MILL TO RISE AT ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 18 (P)—The Coast Bay Lumber company today announced plans to establish a lumber remanufacturing and shipping plant at Roseburg to employ from 150 to 200 men.

Cooperation has been pledged by the Roseburg city council,

which will donate a group of city-owned lots to be used as a part of the extensive site. The property to be used for loading docks will include a portion of the Southern Pacific company yards formerly occupied by the S. P. car repair department. Adjacent land, which will be acquired from private owners, will be occupied by a planing mill, dry kilns and sorting sheds. The company reports that the plant will be used for shipping timber cut in the Coast range area. It also is planned to remanufacture lumber purchased from small independent mills in Douglas county.

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