

WALTER EDGE INTERPRETS PEACE POLICY

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WALTER E. EDGE, AUG. 10 (P)
Walter E. Edge, of New York, who said that his views on international cooperation are those of President Roosevelt, today interpreted the phrase "peace forces" in the republican program as embracing "everybody" from an editorial to a 16-point statement by Edge that regarded the use of force as "all inclusive" beyond Dewey's own publications.

Edge, who once criticized the use of force as "weak" and "un-American," issued the statement yesterday after a long conference with Dewey. A press release said that Dewey had agreed.

Edge declared that Dewey favored a strong organization to deal with any future threat to world peace and to summon into action every resource needed to preserve peace.

"Government," Edge said, "is determined that active means shall be brought to bear to assure that any future threat to the peace of the world will be promptly stamped out by international action."

On the economic side, Governor Dewey feels that we must work with other nations to promote monetary stability, a wider international exchange of goods and services, and other commercial and economic progress in the world that the underlying causes may be guarded against."

Edge said of Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City, democratic state leader, that "we have given Hague some body and we have him on the ropes. He'll get the count of 10 November."

Small Grass Fires Extinguished Here

Four small fires brought the fire department out Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Early Wednesday afternoon they were sent to 1904 Vine to put out a grass fire, and they were called again at 4:26 to put out another grass fire at Bly Street.

Wednesday night at 10:45 a fire in a dampport at 938 Wall Street caused some damage in a room occupied by Hazel Metzger.

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Pilots Brief for Home Front 'Mission'



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Bound for the U S A after a year fighting Japs in the south Pacific, fighter pilots of Air Group 24 aboard an Independence class carrier stage a burlesque briefing for their next mission. Against a blackboard spotted with comely "maps," recognition-silhouettes of objectives, and a list of the "enemy's" strategic strongholds, their Air Combat Intelligence officer gives short refresher courses to eager, but out-of-practice fighters.

Correspondent Reports Death of Premier Blum

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (P)—Konstantin Simonov, correspondent for the army newspaper Red Star, made public today a story that indicated former Premier Leon Blum of France had died at the nazis' death factory near Lublin.

Simonov's story of Hitler's biggest enterprise dedicated to the destruction of life said hundreds of thousands of persons, principally Jews, were systematically and methodically killed there since the winter of 1941.

The correspondent said the "extermination camp" consisted of death fields with scientific crematoriums and a system of gallowes which Blum was forced to help build.

(A dispatch July 6 from Iran, Spain, said it was understood that Blum and former Minister of Interior Georges Mandel were held in a chateau in central Ger-

many. Lublin, in pre-war south-eastern Poland, was captured by the Russians, July 24.)

Interviewing two Lublin engineers who reported they saw Blum at the death factory in May of last year, Simonov got this story:

"You know who that man is?" asked a Lublin Jew who knew one of the engineers, indicating an elderly man dragging some planks. "He is Leon Blum."

The engineer said there happened to be no gestapo men about at the moment so he stopped the old man and asked: "Are you Leon Blum?"

"Yes," said the old man. "I am Leon Blum."

"The prime minister of France?"

"Yes," the prime minister of France.

The engineer asked the man how he got to Lublin.

"With the last group of French prisoners," he replied wearily.

"Why did you not try to save yourself there at home? Was it impossible?"

"I do not know," the man replied. "Perhaps I could not. I decided to share the fate of my people."

Tears rolled down the man's cheeks as he shuffled off with his planks at the appearance of two storm troopers. He stumbled with his load and fell. Some one helped him up. He moved on.

A week later the two engineers returned to camp and met the man who had introduced them to Blum. They asked where he was.

The man lifted his hand towards the sky.

"There," he replied, "where we will all be soon."

Service Men and Women Home on Leave

Pvt. Ervin Parker from Columbus, O. Here until August 11.

FO Melvin Miller from Douglas, Ariz. Here until August 29.

R. L. D. H. Ferguson from the South Pacific. Here until September 6.

Taft Scores War Worker Benefit Program For Postwar

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (P)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) today criticized as "fundamentally wrong" what he said were attempts by sponsors of the Murray-Kilgore demobilization bill to provide post-war benefits to war workers on a par with those provided for soldiers and sailors.

"I cannot see a parallel between soldiers and sailors serving at \$50 a month and others receiving high wages in war industry," Taft told the senate in urging defeat of the CIO-supported measure under which discharged war workers would receive up to \$5 a week in unemployment compensation.

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Nelson Requests Chiefs To Decide on Reduction

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (P)—Top commanders of the army and navy were face-to-face today with an unprecedented request from Production Chief Donald M. Nelson that they take a look at munitions stockpiles and decide whether the army should not cut production in some items.

Nelson made the challenge by pulling a controversial, suppressed report on army ordnance out of a pigeonhole and sending it to the joint chiefs of staff—Admiral Leahy, General Marshall, Admiral King, and General Arnold.

He issued a statement last night saying he did it "so they can determine whether the adequacy of certain army stocks is such that modification of some procurement programs may be advisable."

Meantime the senate war investigating committee showed an interest in the suppressed document, Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) saying he thought the committee ought to see it. He asked congressional lawyers to look into the matter.

Nelson, as chairman of the war production board, has no power to decide army needs, and it was the first time he had made a public issue out of that question.

The report, prepared by two WPB statisticians, had been withheld by their superior, Stacy May, director of WPB's bureau of planning and statistics, after the army, although admitting that the supply of some items was plentiful, had protested that the conclusions of the report might obscure critical needs for certain weapons.

No Celebration Of Birthday For Hoover This Year

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 10 (P)—There'll be no celebration for former president Herbert Hoover's 70th birthday today.

Instead, said Hoover, he will be on a train bound for Los Angeles after a visit here and in

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Asked last night for a birthday interview, Hoover declined, saying, "I'm all tied up this evening, and besides, there is no interest in that sort of thing."

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