

NAM Warned Balancing Exports and Imports Vital to U.S. Economy

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—The United States must balance its exports and imports in big time or lose the objectives gained through spending billions of dollars for foreign aid, the National Association of Manufacturers was told today.

Curtis E. Calder, chairman of Electric Bond and Share company, a public utility holding company, said in a prepared address that he believes the United States will be forced to discontinue large scale foreign aid after 1952.

He said it is obvious "we cannot continue, indefinitely, to pour our national wealth and substance in unrequited exports."

And, he added, a workable solution toward closing the foreign trade gap must be found before the European recovery program is terminated.

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Must Win

The same session heard Paul G. Hoffman, economic cooperation administrator, tell the 3000 industrialists and businessmen that the Cold War in Europe must be won.

The alternative?

"At best," he said in a prepared speech, "we will have to become a garrison state on a war footing, with the return of controls, allocations, rationing and all the rest of the war set-up."

The first of three days of conferences at the Waldorf-Astoria opened with discussion of America's problems in foreign trade. It was sparked by Calder, who heads the NAM's international relations committee.

Calder listed three alternatives in the effort to balance exports and imports—substantial reduction of exports; a material increase in foreign investments; a large scale expansion of imports.

The expansion of imports, Calder said, appeared most compatible with our world role as a creditor nation, but he added the foreign trade gap might be bridged ultimately by a combination of the three.

A substantial reduction in exports, he said, might create serious repercussions in the domestic economy of the United States.

Expansion of private loans and investments abroad would be only a partial solution, he said, because the investments would have to be serviced and additional dollars would be needed for this purpose.

The increase of imports, he said,

might adversely affect some elements of industry and agriculture at home.

But, he added, imports are recognized as a means for drawing upon the productivity of other lands and a necessity of assuring our national defense.

Stockpiling

Stockpiling of strategic materials, Calder suggested, might be considered as a national defense measure and a means of bolstering depleted mineral reserves.

He said, too, there is a growing concern over the future of our economic system, which, he added, is increasingly burdened by heavy taxation, inflated costs and the increasing interference of government in our economic affairs.

Economic Cooperation Administrator Hoffman spoke of the cost of foreign aid—approximately \$15,000,000,000 from start to finish.

But Hoffman compared the cost with the 350 to 380 billion dollars World War II cost the United States and asked that the \$15,000,000,000 be measured against the goal—"the kind of peace under which free men can live."

Big Loss

If we lose the Cold War, Hoffman said, it means huge deficits. Instead of the \$13,000,000,000 we now contemplate spending annually on defense, he said, our budget for that purpose would be possibly doubled.

Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, speaking on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, pledged a savings in the cost of operating his department.

He said the \$15,000,000,000 budget of 1949-50 for his department will be reduced in 1950-51 to \$13,000,000,000.

And, he added in a prepared address, the reduction will be made without any lessening in the nation's state of preparedness.

"Our defenses will be appreciably improved," he said. "There will be more efficiency."

He promised America will be ready for "any future four-o'clock-in-the-morning attack."

Walter Chamblin Jr., NAM vice president in charge of its Washington office, shifted from the theme of preparedness and foreign trade to urge the nation's businessmen to get into public affairs if they wished to save the private enterprise system.

"If you do not interest yourself in matters of politics and legislation," he said in a prepared speech, "then the vast properties which you own will be managed and directed by those who neither understand nor care about them."

He told the manufacturers the Southern democratic-republican leaders estimate a chance of about 12 senators and 30 house members in next year's election will give President Truman control of congress.

And these groups contend, he added, this is a slim margin between a free and controlled economy—"in other words attainment by the Trumanites of the 'welfare state'."

Annual Legion Conference Scheduled Here Saturday

Klamath Post No. 8, American Legion and auxiliary, will host groups to department officers and visiting Legionnaires Saturday for the annual district conference at Memorial hall.

Samuel M. Bows of Grants Pass, first veteran of World War II to serve as state commander of the American Legion in Oregon, will head a group of state officers including Clyde Dickey, department vice commander; Tom Collins, department adjutant, a representative from the department service office and chairmen of committees.

Convention Study

Bows said the conference would hear of policies and action resulting from the national convention in Philadelphia and the recent conference of commanders and adjutants at Indianapolis.

Mrs. Sadie Graham of Corvallis, state president of the auxiliary, will head a group at a separate conference in the afternoon. Assisting will be Mrs. Myrtle Krueger of The Dalles, vice president, and Mrs. Mae Whitcomb, department secretary.

Both sessions will close with a dinner at Legion hall at 7 p. m. Short addresses will be given by both Commander Bows and President Graham.

Fred Hellbronner is district commander in charge of local arrangements. Paul Steinke, commander of the local post, has issued a cordial invitation to all Legionnaires in the area to attend the conference. Other posts in the section include Merrill, Malin, Lakeview and Bly.

Identically as he lit a match to look into the darkened closet.

Her husband, who said he expects to be furloughed from his job at a chemical firm next week, looked ruefully at the damage when he got home later. But no more ruefully than Ronald and the other children, Kay, 12, Daniel Jr., 11, Wayne, 9, and Bruce, 3.



FACING TRAGIC DILEMMA—Mrs. Jack Ault of Seattle, Wash., (above) holds her son, Dean, 2, for whom a specialist has said the choice is blindness or death. Dean is bandaged for an eye already removed. The doctor says cancer has reached the other eye and should be removed to save Dean's life.

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Yule Tragedy; Youngster In The Dog House

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 7 (AP)—For weeks Daniel Clemens and his wife, Helen, bought Christmas presents for their five children and hid them in a bedroom closet.

Monday, one of the children, four-year-old Ronald, went scouting through the house—trying to find what Santa Claus was planning to bring him.

Suddenly, the child ran from the house to his mother as she was hanging out some clothes in the back yard.

"Fire, mommy," screamed Ronald. Mrs. Clemens summoned firemen who extinguished a blaze in the bedroom closet where the Christmas presents had been stored. The presents, however, were a total loss.

The mother told firemen she believed Ronald started the fire accidentally as he lit a match to look into the darkened closet.

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BLOCK ISLAND, R. I., Dec. 7 (AP)—Aroused year-round residents of this popular summer resort island have made it possible for Dr. Lorenzo Orlando to stay on as the only resident physician here.

Dr. Orlando announced last week he would have to leave the island—12 miles off the mainland—although he didn't want to. He gave as reasons small fees, high rent and lack of equipment.

Two hundred of the island's 300 residents met in Odd Fellows hall Monday night. The town council was meeting in a library nearby.

The citizens' meeting began warming up after about an hour's discussion.

Shouts of "Let's go get the town council members and bring them here" and "Where's the X-ray that could have saved my husband's life?" rang through the hall.

A committee was appointed to tell the council that the island wanted you to come over and answer some questions.

The council came—and heard the residents say emphatically: "We do not want our doctor to leave."

Finally the council voted to purchase \$4000 worth of equipment immediately for the doctor's office.

The islanders issued a call for a special town meeting within ten days to ease the burden of the \$1200 annual rental the doctor pays for his home and office.

As the folks filed out, Dr. Orlando shook hands with each of them. In

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a choked voice he said: "I wanted to stay. I love this island."

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