

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

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Washington, D. C.—What is the purpose of the President's \$800 million naval expansion program? Is it designed purely for defensive purposes, or is it a part of an undisclosed foreign policy contemplating the abandonment of the traditional American policy of isolation?

For over a week the Committee on Naval Affairs has been holding hearings on the bill to authorize this naval expansion. From every witness who has appeared before the committee I have endeavored to obtain information which would assist our people, as well as the Congress itself, in arriving at some definite conclusion as to what is intended. The people of the country are entitled to know whether there is any necessity for the expenditure. They are also entitled to know how the Administration would define "necessary because our present defense is wholly inadequate against a possible attack on the Western Hemisphere from a combination of powers."

While the evidence is by no means conclusive, yet there is at least circumstantial evidence to show that the President has in mind to have the navy serve as an "instrument of diplomacy" in the present crisis in the Far East. It may be that the President cannot say precisely what our foreign policy will be. But the events and statements of high officials of the Government point to the formation of a foreign policy, now only in the preliminary stages, which contemplates the abandonment of "isolation." While no one really knows, save perhaps the President himself, we seem to be moving toward a policy of "alliance" with Great Britain and possibly France in joint action for the enforcement of treaties broken by aggressor nations.

The question which is being raised by the American people is not so much what our foreign policy is today but rather what is in contemplation. The people want to know what occasions the demand for the increase in the size of our armaments. They want to know what foreign policy is in contemplation that this larger navy is intended to implement. They ask these questions because there is circumstantial evidence that something is in contemplation other than national defense. In the evidence presented to the Naval Affairs committee, there are, to be sure, certain statements that seem to indicate that a more "active" part in world affairs is intended.

In the first place, it has been pointed out repeatedly that the President has consistently refused to invoke the neutrality act. This has been interpreted by many to indicate that he does not believe we should completely withdraw from the Far Eastern crisis. It is then reasoned that the President must believe we should apply pressure to Japan in cooperation with other powers, particularly Great Britain,

to enforce Japanese treaty obligations.

In the second place, when Admiral Leahy was before the committee he made it clear it is the policy of the navy "to maintain the full fleet in one ocean," namely the Pacific. And he also made it clear that even with the proposed increase he did not think the fleet should be divided with one part in the Pacific and the other part in the Atlantic.

Moreover, during the course of his testimony the Admiral indicated that our traditional defense line in the Pacific has been extended to include Samoa, which is located about 2600 miles southwest of Hawaii. And this March the United States Fleet will go to Samoa for the first time in connection with the planned maneuvers.

Our people look at these facts and then call to mind that at Chicago the President intimated that he would be willing to "quarantine" an aggressor nation. We leave the Atlantic and look deeper into the Pacific. Naturally, our people are concerned. Naturally there are those who believe there is "an understanding" with Great Britain and that joint action in the Far Eastern situation is contemplated.

Joan Wickham Is Class President

Joan Wickham, who is attending Oberlin college, has been elected president of her class.

Joan was harpist with the high school band and orchestra for the past four years.

Broke his neck every day for a lawless living! The ten rules that make a polite dog! Those are the titles of two of the many interesting features appearing in the AMERICAN WEEKLY, the magazine distributed with next SUNDAY'S CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER.

Deerfield Rotarians in Attendance Race with Highland Park

Last week the secretary of the Deerfield Rotary club, Carl E. Bates, received a foxy letter from the neighboring city Rotary club at Highland Park, challenging them to an attendance contest. A special meeting of the directors was called and the challenge was accepted with a snappy answer and so the duel is on.

Visitors last week were Nafe Larson and Edward Menke of Highland Park; George Young of Glenco; Fred Rice of Wilmette; all Rotarians, and Roy Clavey, guest of C. E. Bates; and Henry Bucher of Northbrook, guest of Edward Carter.

E. B. Jordan had charge of the program last Thursday and today, W. K. Hout is in charge.

Raymond Dobbins has asked the Rotary members to give monthly talks on the various vocations followed by the Rotary members, for the Boy Scouts. It would mean giving one night in a year to the scouts.

Deerfield P.-T.A. Honors Founders

Two skits by high school young people of the Dramatic and Garrick clubs, under the direction of Miss Elyse Rinkenberger, were given at the Deerfield Grammar school on Friday afternoon at the February meeting of the Deerfield P.-T.A. Eight took parts in the presentation of "Maid in Distress" and "Tag," which were very capably done.

Mrs. Harry Muhle, a past president, read the account of the founding of the local P.-T.A. from the "History of Deerfield" by Marie Ward Reichelt, who incidentally was one of the founders of the P.-T.A. and one of its early presidents. The local association was founded in January, 1910, in the two room wooden school, which stood on the site of the present brick building.

At the very first program, Mrs. Irving Rehm presented a list of books suitable for children; Mrs.

Reichelt and Dr. C. Johnston Davis talked on proper school lunches; and Rev. J. Bosold assailed the uncovered drinking water pail and one drinking cup, standing in a corner of the school room. First officers of the P.-T.A. were: president, Mrs. J. P. Schneider; vice president, Mrs. J. A. Reichelt Jr.; secretary, Mrs. Harold Flower; treasurer, Mrs. George Pettis.

Past presidents of the association are: Mrs. J. P. Schneider, Mrs. J. A. Reichelt Jr., Mrs. Richard Supple, Miss Josephine Woodman, Mrs. Oscar Beecham, Mrs. John Stryker, Mrs. H. G. Cazal, Mrs. R. A. Nelson, Mrs. Julian Smith, Mrs. E. A. Wood, Mrs. C. E. Piper, Mrs. Lewis Ashman, Mrs. Harry Muhle, Mrs. Leslie Brand.

Mrs. Leslie Brand, the president, announced that the state president, Mrs. Arthur R. William, of Bloomington, who is the former Gertrude Nevins of Highland Park, will be the speaker at the April meeting of the group.

Lecture Committee Is Organized by Real Estate Board

Estate Board will hold its regular round table and business meeting next Monday, February 21 in the library of the Georgian hotel at 6:15 p.m.

A Lecture committee has been formed by the board for furnishing speakers for addresses to Parent-Teachers associations, women's clubs, men's clubs, chambers of commerce or other similar organizations on matters pertaining to real estate, housing zoning, and other related subjects.

Anyone desiring a speaker should communicate with Mr. Robert Wyatt of Wyatt and Coons in Glenview. Hempstead Lyons Publicity Chairman.

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Deerfield Auxiliary Sponsors Talks for School Children

Seventh and eighth grade pupils of four local schools, Holy Cross, Wilmet, Bannockburn, and Deerfield, have been enjoying a series of talks on government during the past few weeks.

For the third consecutive year, Deerfield unit No. 738, American Legion Auxiliary, is sponsoring this project in connection with its Americanism program. To date, Attorney George McGaughey, representing Village President C. M. Willman, has discussed Village Government; County Clerk Russ Alford has explained the work of his office; and Mr. Edward R. Seese has addressed the pupils on School Government, and the value of high school training. During the following weeks, the unit expects to present State's Attorney Charles E. Mason; Circuit Clerk L. J. Wilmet; Chief Deputy Sheriff Thomas E. Kennedy (exhibit of law enforcing equipment and talk); and County Judge Perry

L. Persons. The eighth grade pupils of all four schools were escorted on a tour of the County Court House, and attended a naturalization hearing in Judge Dady's courtroom in December, 1937, as guests of the local Auxiliary unit. Consequently, the addresses presented at this time are of particular interest and value.

Mme. Louise Speaks in Girl's Assembly

Modern hair styles will be demonstrated by Madame Louise, of the DeLee university of Beauty Culture, at the Girls club assembly on Friday, Feb. 18 at the Highland Park high school.

Madame Louise will demonstrate the hair styles on some of the girls. All girls who are interested in serving as models should put their names in Miss Morgan's box as soon as possible.

Modern make-up technique will also be demonstrated if there is time.

The public is cordially invited to a FREE LECTURE on Christian Science Friday Evening, February 18, 1938, at 8 P. M. by Louise Knight Wheatley Cook, C.S.B. of Kansas City, Missouri. Elm Place School Auditorium, Sheridan Road and Elm Place Highland Park, Illinois. Mrs. Cook is a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church - The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. First Church of Christ, Scientist Highland Park, Illinois

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