

### This Week In Washington

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Washington, D. C., Oct. 7 — On Monday, Oct. 2nd, the greatest deliberative body in the world—the United States Senate—began its consideration of the Neutrality Bill (H. J. Res. 306) reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations. After the measure was called up by Senator Key Pittman, (D), of Nevada, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, the Majority Leader, rose to make a few preliminary remarks.

While my analogy is not a particularly good one, in view of the seriousness of the issue, the Majority Leader's remarks were something like the instructions of a referee before the opening of a game. He asked the Senate to keep the debate on a high plane, that the discussion be kept free of personalities and implications as to motives and that all cooperate for a speedy disposal of the question. Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, the Minority Leader, then rose in his place across the aisle to state that the Republicans would cooperate, that all the Minority Senators asked was "opportunity for full and free discussion."

In the course of his preliminary remarks Senator Barkley said: "I am sure that all Senators, as well as all the people of the United States, appreciate the seriousness of the legislation we are about to take up for consideration. I think I am not exaggerating when I say that the discussion of the pending joint resolution during its consideration by the Senate may go down in history as one of the historic discussions of the Senate of the United States."

It is truly a momentous historic issue. A surprising number of people have journeyed to Washington in the hope of hearing some of the debate. The small Senate galleries, which seat only 100, cannot possibly accommodate the crowds that seek admission. Several hours before the Senate convenes each day at 12 noon the corridors leading to the galleries are lined with hopefuls. And each day the Senate Chamber itself is lined with Members of the House, some standing and some seated, along the back wall.

Under the rules of the Senate those who occupy the galleries are not permitted to make any manifestations of approval or disapproval of the floor debates. But on several occasions in the past week the Presiding Officer felt it necessary to admonish the galleries for bursts of applause. The whole atmosphere is so tense, the debate so earnest and the issue so serious that it is difficult for those listening to control their feelings, particularly when a Senator emphasizes an important point or makes a brilliant retort to

some question designed to disarm him.

Not only do the crowds that packed the Senate galleries and corridors and the unusually large volume of mail being received reflect the seriousness of the issue. It is reflected in the address thus far delivered. As a general rule Senators do not speak from a manuscript but rather express their thoughts extemporaneously from a few guiding notes. The Senatorial debate has customarily been a "rough and tumble" affair. To refuse to yield to another Senator for a question has been frowned upon and, in some instances resented.

On this issue, however, speeches are carefully prepared in advance and read, with the speaker departing from his manuscript only now and then. The Senators recognize that what they say makes an important chapter in our history. They realize their words will be quoted in various parts of the world and may cause repercussions. Each word is carefully chosen and in order to prevent any misunderstandings or erroneous interpretations of their respective views, the Senators have seen fit to write their address in advance of its delivery.

After the preliminary remarks by Senator Barkley and those of Senator McNary on the opening day, Senator Pittman proceeded to outline the bill and the administration's argument. He was followed by Senator William E. Borah, (R), of Idaho, the Ranking Minority Member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

During the coming weeks, as the debate progresses, I hope to be able to summarize the various arguments made on this issue, emphasizing the major points as I see them. I shall welcome reader suggestions or questions, and shall try, as best as I can, to contribute to public understanding of the question.

### Mrs. Bertha Damon Scheduled to Speak on College Series

The recent marriage of Marjorie Hillis, author of "Live Alone and Like It," has necessitated revision of the list of speakers for the Lake Forest college lecture series, which will open October 19. Since deciding that living alone is not entirely satisfactory, the widely known authoress has cancelled all speaking engagements in which she was to have talked on that subject. She had been booked to speak in Lake Forest on November 6.

President Herbert McComb Moore has announced that the college has had the good fortune to replace Miss Hillis with an equally good speaker, Bertha Damon, who wrote "Grandma Called It Carnal," a recent book which has had a phenomenal sale. Mrs. Damon is being hailed as one of the country's most delightful humorists. She will lecture at Lake Forest on Friday, November 3.

Mrs. Damon is the wife of Prof. Lindsay T. Damon, who recently retired as the head of the Brown university department of English. The Damons make their home at Alton, N. H., during most of the year and

spend the remainder on the Pacific coast at Berkeley, Calif., where Prof. Damon was for many years connected with the University of Southern California.

"Grandma Called It Carnal" was Mrs. Damon's first book. She says that she never got around to writing before because she was "too busy living." The book, which is universally acclaimed as one of the literary finds of the year, accurately describes, the author says, the manner in which she was reared and the spirit of the New England villages of her grandmother's time.

Mrs. Damon is descended from a long line of Puritan New Englanders and numbers among her forbears seven passengers on the Mayflower, including John and Priscilla Alden. She was born in Connecticut and reared in the village of North Stonefield, which is so vividly described in her book.

The other speakers to appear in the lecture series at Lake Forest college are scheduled as originally announced. Dr. James M. Hepbron, acting director of the Washington Criminal Justice association and managing director of the Baltimore Criminal Justice commission, will speak on problems of police administration, opening the series on Thursday, Oct. 19.

He will be followed by Mrs. Damon. The third speaker will be Vera Brittain, who wrote "Testament of Youth," "Thrice a Stranger," "Honourable Estate," and several other best sellers. She is an Englishwoman whose third American tour will include the stop at Lake Forest on Jan. 18.

Louis Adamic, Yugoslavian-born American author, will be presented on Feb. 21 to discuss his adopted country and its problems. He is famous for many books, among them "The Native's Return" and "My America."

The series will close on March 13 with Theos Bernard's description of his experiences as the first white man ever to live in the lamaseries and cities of Tibet. The lecture will be illustrated with colored motion pictures taken on his journey.

All of the lectures will be presented in the evening, and will be on a subscription basis.

### Mrs. Malcolm Vail to Head Committee for Local Red Cross

Jama B. Forgan, chairman of the Chicago Chapter, American Red Cross, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Malcolm D. Vail, 190 Lakewood place, Highland Park, as chairman, and Mrs. C. W. Cregier, 1909 Groveland avenue, as vice chairman of the Volunteer Production Committee of the Highland Park Red Cross unit.

Mrs. Vail and Mrs. Cregier will enroll a group of volunteer workers for the production of surgical dressings, garments and other articles for hospitals and welfare organizations and for shipment to European Red Cross societies.

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### Second Lecture in "Today's Consumer" Series Friday A. M.

The second lecture in the series "Today's Consumer," will be given this Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Highland Park Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Philip Johnson will talk on "Food—the Budget and the Menu." She will discuss sample budgets for household expenses, and show what percentage of the budget should be

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	\$2,491,603.60	Surplus	130,000.00
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Loans on Real Estate	83,862.11		\$ 463,137.58
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	\$1,183,007.29	Time Deposits	\$1,917,129.08
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