

"They Say"

"Now is the time to work for peace while we are at peace. . . The issue of our involvement comes more and more to the front every day." Those are the words of Rush D. Holt, who realizes that members of the senate and house finally determine whether we go to war.

Headlines in the Washington Post to this effect drew the remarks: "Britain Growing Impatient Over Neutrality of America."

Senator Pat McCarran quotes the New Ulm (Minn.) Daily Journal, "The last war taught us that we can destroy democracy by war but we cannot save it by war."

"The struggle in Europe today is a fight for raw products, supplies and commercial trade. Democracy, unfortunately, has little to do with it one way or another," the Journal continues, pointing to the German Weimer republic, which received no English help.

The path to war is traced through the repeal of the arms embargo, speeches of unneutral diplomats, and the more recent campaign to repeal the Johnson act to loan money to the Allies. It concludes, "The American people walked into the last war step by step, just as we are walking into this one. We are following the same war pattern this time as though it is a fever."

The present Panama Canal is serviceable for commercial purposes until 1960. But it is not adequate for defense purposes, the navy department has decided. The department's plan is to add to the width of some ships by blisters, which are protrusions on the side to render main parts immune to torpedo attack.

All our ships can go through the canal at present, but some British ships can't, according to a statement made by Elmer Thomas, senator from Oklahoma.

The new set of locks, in reality almost a new canal, would be located nearly parallel to the existing canal. The only new parts would be from Gatun lake to the Atlantic and from near Culebra cut to the Pacific.

Although the only reason given for the new canal is defense purposes, it is admitted in Washington that plans would not be ready before two years have elapsed nor could it be completed for six years. And having started it, it naturally must be completed.

Appropriations already have been made for protection of the canal. It is argued that if there is protection, there should be no danger of sabotage.

And therefore, a new canal, according to those arguments, is not necessary and the idea only "conjecturing up of imaginary possibilities."

The Monroe Doctrine crops up in the congressional record every other word. Mr. Lee in the senate remarks, "We need not deceive ourselves. We pride ourselves in solidarity of the Western Hemisphere. What does that mean, boiled down? It means, from a military standpoint, the United States of America." He said there was not a shipyard outside the United States in this hemisphere which could build a battleship.

His thought is to revitalize and redefine the Monroe Doctrine so that if "Mr. Hitler steps his foot on this domain he will put it in a bear trap

and he will not be dealing with an old man with an umbrella."

Americans should remember that there is a point where complacency ends and stupidity begins. The conquest of Norway by treason is a reality, as Leland Stowe, Daily News reporter, wrote. When we smugly think the same might not happen here, we should remember the words of Hitler, "I can guarantee the impossible is always possible."

The soul of imperialism isn't dormant. Not by a long shot. Since the complete occupation of Denmark by Germany, a question has arisen regarding Greenland, a Danish possession.

It is part of the Western hemisphere, 850,000 square miles of it, almost as large as the U. S. from the Mississippi to the Atlantic, over half of it lying between the same parallels as Alaska.

It has valuable minerals, it is pointed out; more than half of it is inhabitable all-year round.

Geographically it is closer to the United States than Europe. I suppose then we should take over Canada, that's even closer.

This statement was made in the senate and evoked applause. "Considering it as a naval base, an air base, a submarine base, this territory must not fall into the hands of any European country at the present time." And then a United protectorate was urged upon the "dilatory" state department, which is allegedly "asleep."

Already Roosevelt has moved to establish direct diplomatic relations with Iceland under the Monroe Doctrine.

This is the year, 1940, when Greenland was to have its choice of independence. Why let her alone? Or at least wait until we're invited guests.

LIBRARY

For generations spring has been considered the proper time for general housecleaning. From garret to cellar, everything must be cleaned and sorted. With this in mind, the Highland Park Public Library wishes to urge the housewives who are responsible for these tasks to send to the library material that may relate to local history: photographs, books, pamphlets, reports. The historical room is well equipped to house this material.

The library is anxious to increase its collection of local historical material and assures you that whatever you send will be kept in such a way that it will be available any time.

In addition to material relating to local history, the library will also welcome any books relating to the history of Illinois, standard collections of poetry, the National Geographic magazine, or standard books printed in good type which you can spare from your shelves.

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Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Extends Periods to Four; Opening June 22

Approximately 700 Boy Scouts along the North Shore will again attend Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan this coming summer to participate in a program of North Woods activities on the 400 acres of land in the heart of Wisconsin vacationland. Included on the 400 acres is a complete lake used exclusively by the camp.

Plans are rapidly becoming realities and many new activities will be offered to the scouts who attend camp this year chief among which is the new Senior camp for older scouts for here they will have the opportunity to participate in advanced camping and pioneering in a camp site entirely separate from the main part of the camp.

The idea of a Senior camp has long been in the experimental stages and it is just in the last few years that definite facts have been determined and a program appealing to these young men have been found. Canoe trips, wilderness camping, advanced water activities in swimming and sailing and pioneer cooking are a few of the activities which will be offered.

Handicraft has always proved a very attractive activity and this year will be no exception especially with the addition of a new handicraft building and many new projects. This will again be under the direction of Harry Bolle of the Highland Park High school.

Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is recognized by the National Camping Service of the Boy Scouts of America as one of the outstanding camps in the country. To give each scout more individual attention the camp is sub-divided into six smaller camps, all under experienced leadership. Scout troops coming up under their own leadership use the camp troop sites and can run their own activities and still have the use of the facilities provided by the council.

The health and safety factors of camp have long been the finest in any camp in the country with every precaution taken to assure parents that their sons will have an opportunity to have an adventurous and at the same time a safe experience. Nothing but the best in food is used and expert chefs trained in diet preparation will be on hand. Water is tested weekly by the Wisconsin State Board of Health.

With seven sail boats, 18 canoes, 12 row boats, plus two motorboats and two war canoes every scout has instruction in any of these activities by trained Red Cross men. Daily instruction and also free time to use the waterfront facilities are available to all. Swimming instruction and life saving are made available to all. In the last three years out of 173 scouts who came to camp unable to swim only two left who could not swim.

Because of the large attendance last year camp has been extended to four two weeks periods this coming summer. The camp will open June 22 and will continue till August 16. Scouts going to camp have the privilege of taking a special train to Antigo, Wisconsin if they do not drive up with their parents or friends. For parents or friends visiting camp there is a special visitors camp where food and lodging may be had.

Clifton G. Spear, scout executive, will again be the chief camp director and business manager. This will be his 8th consecutive year at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. He will be assisted by the staff of the North Shore Area council consisting of John A. Banks, Donald W. Teisberg, and John J. Dahm. These men have all had many years of experience in scout camps as well as private camps. A staff of 40 other men will complete the leadership this coming summer.

Musical Service

At the First United Evangelical church next Sunday evening at 7:45 a musical program will be given by guest players and singers. You are invited to come and enjoy the evening.

Young Men's Club Holds 1st Baseball Practice Sunday

Last Sunday afternoon, April 21, about thirty aspiring young baseball players turned out at the Lincoln school playground for the H. P. Y. M. Club's first practice session. Among this group were such stars as "Solly" Thurston, the "grand old man" of local baseball fame; Mike Segert, former Deerfield-Shields star; the Skidmore brothers, Harry and Bob, a stellar pitcher and catcher combination; and Allen "Stick" Sordyl, one of the finest shortstops in Lake county. Last year Sordyl had a tryout with the Milwaukee Brewers as a shortstop, but the management, on account of his short stature, had him playing in the outfield, which was a new venture for him, and failed to make the grade, but his hitting pleased them so much that they said he'd be called again this summer. After a few workouts in one of the "garden spots," Highland Park may see one of their own as a minor

league ball player this summer. Incidentally, Sordyl was chosen on the All-Lake County American Legion team, as well as on the Illinois State Amateur All-Star Regional team. Also seen hitting the ball around were various members of the H.P. Merchants team of last year, winners of the district championship in the Northern Illinois League.

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