

LORDS CRITICIZE WAR STRATEGY

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LONDON, March 26.—Deep criticism by high-placed Britons of London's direction of the war today found Britons generally agreed that the government must show itself efficient and make its appointments and decisions on the merits of individuals and of problems if it is to retain the confidence of the country and Parliament.

Yesterday's Singapore debate in the House of Lords revealed several of the most responsible men in the land as extremely critical of the government. On the single issue of Singapore, the government made it clear that sufficient facts were not available for an inquiry, but failed to still criticism of the war's direction.

Criticism of the government's direction of the war—and specifically of the prime minister—must be taken seriously when it comes from Lord Hankey, only recently a member of the government, and from Lord Chatfield, former first sea lord and minister of defense.

But it should also be realized that the debate had been planned several weeks before the government took the steps announced this week. During the past ten days there have been signs of a more forward-thinking and aggressive spirit on the part of the government.

Production organization, a new training plan for the army and the creation of offensive units—airborne troops and a glider force and more detailed invasion instructions—indicate that the administration is putting into effect many reforms that the country had felt were badly needed and overdue.

Lord Hankey's and Lord Chatfield's criticisms, however, struck at the actual direction of war strategy. (Copyright, 1942.)

TURKS REPORTED CALLING ENVOYS

BERN, Switzerland, March 26.—(AP)—Turkey has recalled her ambassadors to Moscow and to the Axis nations to discuss "important political problems," the Rome newspaper Il Giornale d'Italia reported tonight in a dispatch from Istanbul.

The problems presumably were created by the trips to Germany of King Boris of Bulgaria and Franz von Papen, Nazi ambassador to Turkey.

Their discussions in the German capital were expected to include some means of nullifying prospects of a clash with Turkey while at the same time pressing efforts for an offensive into the oil-rich Caucasus.

Three Autoists Are Fined For Recklessness

Three motorists were fined in Police Court yesterday for reckless driving.

They were Ross Ames, 39 years old, a laborer, \$50 and his driver's license suspended sixty days; Joseph H. Code, 49, laborer, and Alex Parcham, 35, a grocer, each fined \$50 and their driver's license suspended thirty days. Ames also was fined \$5 for driving without a license.

Fined for negligent driving were S. J. Caban, 31, welder, \$25, and H. D. Dralle, 18, student, \$10 and his driver's license suspended thirty days.

Fourth of Jap Shipping Lost, Writer Asserts

LONDON, March 26.—(AP)—Since the start of the war in the Pacific, Japan has lost about one-quarter of the 4,000,000 tons of shipping she originally had available for troop transport, the Allied review of international affairs, Free Europe, estimated today.

The publication asserted that in any further extension of Pacific operations Japan would face a shipping problem and "must exercise caution, for about 130,000 tons of shipping are needed to transport a modern division with equipment."

The publication added, however, that the United Nations also have a shipping problem and said there apparently are not sufficient United States troops in Australia to start an immediate counter-offensive.

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American Rubber Secrets Given Nazis, Says Arnold

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was cheaper and more plentiful than Germany had."

"That's right," Arnold replied. "And turned it over to Germany?" Fulton inquired.

"That's right," was the reply. "And not to our own rubber companies?" Fulton asked.

"That's right," Arnold said.

The assistant attorney-general, who is chief of the Justice Department's anti-trust division, previously had testified that cartel arrangements between Standard and the I. G. Farbenindustrie of Germany "are the principal cause of our present shortage of synthetic rubber."

Protected Market Sought

Arnold told the committee, however, that "these arrangements were not entered into with any desire to aid or assist Germany." He said the motive was to get "a protected market to eliminate independent competition, and finally to restrict production in world markets in order to maintain that control."

Arnold said Standard Oil Company correspondents disclosed that its product, butyl, was satisfactory for making inner tubes and could be used in producing outer tires.

Arnold said it could be produced more cheaply than natural rubber, adding that Standard had offered to make some arrangements with rubber companies which precluded their using the product in tires and confined their use of it to the high-priced specialty field because of the royalties they would have to pay.

The witness read into the record a letter to a Standard official in which Philip Reed, chairman of General Electric, was quoted as saying his company was ready to accept an agreement on butyl rubber similar to one into which the Firestone Rubber Company had entered.

Reed was quoted as pointing out that Firestone had three months "head start" over industry in general in obtaining the patented process, adding that General Electric would have only about six or seven weeks if Standard went through with its plans of distributing samples on September 15, 1940.

Why 'Head Start'?

Chairman Truman, Democrat, Missouri, broke in to observe that this letter was written in July, 1940, at a time when one group within the Office of Production Management was attempting to get started a synthetic rubber production program in this country.

Truman asked Arnold whether he was not now an official of the War Production Board and when the witness replied in the affirmative, Truman inquired if Reed had been questioned by General Electric wished to obtain a "head start" on others.

Arnold said Reed had not been approached about the question and Truman remarked that the W. P. B. official would be called before the committee later for interrogation.

Continuing his testimony, Arnold said the rubber samples mentioned in the July, 1940, letter had not yet been distributed generally by Standard.

Arnold said that even as late as January 6, 1942, a memorandum indicated unwillingness of Standard of New Jersey to cooperate with the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, in making available information for compounding, curing and testing butyl rubber.

"At the time that Standard was refusing to make available samples of its butyl rubber to English and American concerns," Arnold testified, "it had already sent full information to I. G. Farben and in answer to an inquiry of an Italian company, the Firelli Company to I. G. Farben."

The agreements between Standard Oil and the German Dye Trust were ended by a consent decree announced yesterday in which the company agreed to free to American industry its patents on synthetic rubber.

The company, six subsidiaries and three top officials were fined a total of \$50,000 for violation of the anti-trust law. They pleaded nolo contendere.

System, Not Firm, Is Rapped

Arnold said he wished the case to be considered not as one which singled out the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey "but as a dramatic illustration of the viciousness of an industrial practice that restricts production in order to dominate the market."

Arnold said that there was "essentially no difference between what the Standard Oil of New Jersey has done in this case and what other companies did in restricting the production of magnesium, aluminum, tungsten carbide, dyes, dye stuffs and a variety of other critical materials vital for the war."

Rumania May Ask Corridor Into Bulgaria

Carrier Pigeon Is Taken at Japs' House

OAKLAND, March 26.—(AP)—Oakland police took into "protective custody" a white pigeon which was found entering its wings against the windows of a house recently vacated by an alien Japanese.

There was no message container on the bird, which appeared at the home of Kaheiji Yokomozo, who was picked up by the F. B. I., March 18.

It is estimated that 2,520,000 pupils attend the 115,000 one-teacher schools in the United States.

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COUNCIL TO BACK DEVIN VICE DRIVE

The City Council will "go along" with Mayor-Elect William F. Devin in his announced policy of suppressing vice in Seattle, it appeared from Council comment today.

Most Council members were willing to comment. As a matter of fact, the only city official refusing comment was Mayor Earl Millikin, who was defeated by Devin March 10 by 20,000 votes.

Millikin fairly sizzled when asked for comment on Devin's announced policies.

"I'm sick and tired of all this persecution," the mayor said, turning on his heel and hurrying away.

Police Judge Devin said houses of prostitution and gambling houses will be closed, that bygones will be bygones as regards the Police Department, but that the department will be expected to start anew with vice suppression.

Police Chief Herbert D. Kimssey, asked what his attitude toward the new mayor will be, replied:

"The kind of a town the mayor wants is the kind of a town he will get."

Most enthusiastic comment in the Council came from Mrs. F. F. Powell.

"I thought it was a very wise, very fine statement of policy," Mrs. Powell said. "It gives the Police Department a fair opportunity and gives a most encouraging outlook for all the city. It gives an opportunity for a splendid advance in law enforcement."

William L. Norton, Council public safety committee chairman, said he would use his office to support the new mayor's program.

"If he's going to do a good job of cleaning house, he'll find that I'll go along with him," Norton said. "He was elected on his program and I will not stand in the way of that program."

Councilman James Scavotto said: "The Council has nothing to say about these policies. They are administrative functions of the mayor. He has the right to tell the police chief what he wants done, and, if the chief does not do it, he can prefer charges with the Council for removal of the chief. These charges don't have to be too specific."

"Judge Devin can be assured of as fine cooperation from the Council as any mayor ever has had."

Councilmen David Levine, Bob Jones, M. B. Mitchell and John E. Carroll also were of the opinion that enforcement of policies are a function of the executive branch, and they said they were willing to leave these things to the mayor.

Councilman Frank J. Laube said: "I shall give Mr. Devin my hearty cooperation in connection with vice conditions."

Councilman Frank McCaffrey was out of the city.

Judge Devin said, in response to a question that he believes the \$20 monthly pay increase voted policemen March 10 "certainly should" improve the Police Department.

Police Honesty Discussed

"Of course," the mayor-elect added, "you should not be able to buy or sell a man's honor. No man should say, 'Give me \$50 more a month and I will not be dishonest.'"

"Do you mean that there is dishonesty in the Police Department?" Devin was asked.

"I can't prove it. I have had complaints. I have seen evidence of it, yes."

"But I feel that the big majority of the men in the Police Department want to do a good job. They want to do police work or they wouldn't be doing it, and they should be encouraged."

"There shouldn't be any such thing as 'fixing' a reckless-driving charge, for instance. Law-enforcement officers should not be respecters of persons. They should enforce the law impartially. There should be no distinction made because of the economic circumstances of a violator."

"I would like to see the Police Department operated in such a way that the men will feel it is an honor to belong to it. I want them to feel that they are adequately paid. And I want things to be such that the people of Seattle can say they are proud of the department."

"Doing all in his power to stop any 'fixing' of traffic cases is just part of Devin's plan for a better Police Department, he said.

"You can't have an efficient Police Department if bribery and corruption are allowed to go on," Devin declared. "If an officer will accept a \$5 bribe, he will accept \$25 or \$100."

"There is no difference in the world, in principle, between fixing a traffic charge and fixing a bootlegging charge or a murder charge. There is a difference in degree only."

The mayor-elect said he does not expect any difficulty in getting cooperation from Chief Kimssey.

"I hope and expect the chief will work in cooperation with me," Devin said. "I have high regard for him."

Devin said he will "do all in my power" to see that houses of prostitution are suppressed.

As for gambling houses, the mayor-elect declared:

"Gambling should not be allowed to exist as it exists today. I can't see any reason for allowing these places to operate. I understand they are operating—that some even have opened up since the election.

"It isn't a question of what I think of gambling. As mayor, it will be my duty to see that the law is enforced, and I intend to see that it is."

Stimson Asks Governors To Help Suppress Vice

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—The Army and Navy asked governors of all the states today for a vigorous campaign to suppress vice, which Secretary of War Stimson said threatens "serious danger to the success of our war effort."

In letters to each governor, Stimson and Secretary Knox of the Navy urged them to assure responsibility for tightened law enforcement, in cooperation with local military and naval authorities.

"I hardly need remind you," Stimson said, "that among these healthy young men of our Army, general disease produces more disability than any other single cause, and that among industrial workers it is one of the most serious causes of disability and inefficiency, especially in the boom towns of our industry."

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Approximately seven of each 10 young people of high-school age are enrolled in high-school classes throughout the United States.

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