

HULL SAYS U. S. IN NO ALLIANCE

United States Is Not Party To Any Pacts or Understandings With Foreign Nations, Secretary Asserts. Questions of Policy Tend To Heighten Tension.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary of State Cordell Hull told congress frankly today and with the approval of President Roosevelt that the United States has no foreign alliances or understandings which bind her to warlike obligations.

Mr. Roosevelt said at his press conference that the views the secretary of state set forth were substantially the same as his own.

Hull's statement answered a three-point demand by Senator Hiram Johnson (Republican) of California, that the administration clarify its foreign policy by disclosing whether it has any alliances or understandings with Great Britain relating to war or possibility of war; whether there is any understanding or agreement, expressed or implied, for use of the navy in conjunction with other nations; and whether there is any agreement with any nation that the navy should patrol any particular ocean.

To each Hull replied with an emphatic "no."

The answer, read in the senate by Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the foreign relations committee, came as congressional tension heightened over the explosive questions of foreign affairs and national defense.

Developments included:

1. An unusually candid statement by Pittman, an authoritative spokesman on foreign affairs, that the present trend in world affairs will "inevitably result in war" in which the democracies—the United States, Great Britain and France—will be at a disadvantage.

2. Testimony by Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of naval operations, before the house naval affairs committee, that battleships are powerful defense weapons but are not invulnerable and could be sunk by aerial bombs or torpedoes.

3. Changes in command of the navy's two largest vessels—the 33,000-ton aircraft carriers Lexington and Saratoga—under which new assignments for the retiring commanders, Capt. Leigh Noyes and Capt. J. H. Powers were not announced, and appointment of Commander J. T. Alexander as governor of Guam, a United States Pacific outpost, and as commander of the naval station there.

4. Introduction of a resolution by Representative Hamilton Fish, Republican, New York, asking President Roosevelt to produce any information on a diplomatic break between China and Japan which was asked yesterday by Senator William H. King, Democrat, of Utah.

5. Request of a house bloc headed by Representative Henry C. Luckey, Democrat, of Nebraska, asking time for "members of congress, defense experts, and representatives of organizations interested," to testify at hearings of the Vinson bill which authorizes Mr. Roosevelt's \$800,000,000 naval expansion program. Luckey said his group has taken no position on the measure but that it wishes to "bring out all the facts."

6. President Roosevelt, at his press conference, was non-committal on possible construction of a canal through Nicaragua but he reminded newspaper correspondents of his national defense message wherein he mentioned the uncertain safety of the Panama canal, the only existing shortcut from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Senator Johnson's demands were embraced in a resolution which he introduced yesterday, intended to clarify disquieting rumors that the United States and Great Britain have a tacit naval co-operation agreement aimed primarily at Japan. The veteran foreign relations expert earlier had criticized the administration foreign policy as ephemeral and uncertain and "one which causes grave concern for the future."

The secretary of state took up his questions one by one and to each replied: "The answer is no." The senate was tensely silent as Pittman read the letter slowly, placing particular stress upon each "No."

When he sat down he asked that Johnson's resolution be withdrawn but the Californian interposed, saying, "I do not desire to withdraw it because that would be withdrawing part of the record." He added that he considered his demands as having been answered and said that he hoped the reply would establish a precedent in relations between the senate and the state department on such matters.

"It was something that had not been done before and it establishes the record," Johnson said later.

The senate indefinitely postponed

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Court To Convene On February 21

Grand and Petit Jurors Are Drawn For Criminal Term. Judge Thurmond To Preside.

The grand jury panel for 1938 was completed and a petit jury of 36 men for the February term of criminal court was drawn last week at a meeting of the jury commissioners held in Clerk of Court John D. Davis's office. Twelve men were drawn for the grand jury, to be added to the six brought over from 1937 to complete the panel of 18.

The term will begin on the third Monday of February, the 21st, and will be presided over by Judge J. Strom Thurmond of Edgefield, recently elected by the legislature to fill a vacancy on the circuit bench. John D. Davis, of this city, will serve for the first time as clerk of the court.

The new grand jurors drawn were as follows: H. D. Gray of Laurens township, R. B. Austin of Cross Hill, C. R. Cooper of Seuffletown, C. R. Workman of Hunter, J. D. Williams of Laurens, J. T. Blakely of Seuffletown, R. L. Gray, Jr., of Dials, J. B. Owings of Dials, W. H. Ballentine of Sullivan, J. E. Hunt of Youngs, G. B. Odell of Waterloo, and A. B. Terry of Dials. The six hold-overs are R. J. Copeland, P. B. Adair, John L. Langston, M. L. Cheek, P. H. Miller and Gillette Simpson.

Petit Jurors

The petit jurors were drawn, as follows:

Jacks township: G. M. Nabors, H. M. Geer and J. M. Hatton. Sullivan: G. D. Wood, J. Robert Hellams, J. W. Cooper and J. H. Pitts. Laurens: G. A. Gossett, W. C. Griffin, W. H. Crews, E. O. Anderson and R. F. Jones.

Dials: J. E. Henderson, T. M. Kellert, W. C. Cook, W. D. Armstrong, C. G. Hipp and Frank Curry.

Waterloo: J. K. B. Hill, H. H. Wheeler and C. H. Davenport.

Seuffletown: M. W. Sanders and W. R. Brown.

Youngs: J. D. Manley, T. R. Stephens, J. Gray Harris and R. H. Abercrombie.

Hunter: T. J. Johnson, Roy Holtzclaw, D. Randolph Davis, G. Fair Buford and J. R. DuBois.

Cross Hill: E. A. Adams, W. S. Atechison, S. A. Brown and W. Miller Leaman.

Clinton-Laurens Meetings Planned

The Laurens Business League at its February meeting, accepted an invitation from the Clinton Chamber of Commerce to be its guests here on March 8th, following a custom established a few years ago of holding annual inter-city meetings between the two organizations.

In accepting the invitation, the Laurens league extended a return bid to the Clinton group to dine with it in October.

Seed Loans Made Available Soon

Washington, Feb. 7.—The farm credit administration said today emergency crop and feed loans for 1938 would be available to farmers within ten days.

S. P. Lindsey, Jr., director of the farm credit administration's emergency crop and feed loan section, said the loan, as in the past, would be made only to farmers who could not obtain credit from other sources. The most any farmer might borrow would be \$400 at 4 per cent interest.

TENNIS TOURNEY IN MAY

The South Carolina Intercollegiate Tennis tournament will be held on the terraced courts of Presbyterian college Wednesday through Saturday, May 11-14, according to an announcement this week by W. A. Johnson, college athletic director.

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Robert C. Philson Killed In Wreck

Former Clintonian Dies When Car Overtakes On Curve Near Pageland. Interment In Columbia Sunday.

Clinton friends and acquaintances were shocked and saddened Saturday morning to learn of the sudden death of Robert Chancey Philson, 61, who was instantly killed Friday afternoon in an accident near Pageland, when his automobile went out of control and overturned on a curve. Mr. Philson was alone and was en route to his home in Columbia after a regular week's trip as a traveling salesman.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 5:30 from the First Baptist church of Columbia by the Rev. John H. Webb, pastor, and the Rev. F. O. Lamareaux of Newberry. Nephews of the deceased served as pallbearers. Included in the honorary escort were two former Clinton sons and life-long friends of Mr. Philson, J. C. Copeland and Tom Watts of Columbia.

Mr. Philson was a native of Clinton, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Philson. For a number of years he was connected with the J. W. Copeland company of this city in their dry goods department. In 1907 he moved to Abbeville where he was associated with the late Albert Henry in the dry goods business. After Mr. Henry's death he continued in business in Abbeville for a number of years. In 1933 he moved to Columbia and since that time had traveled for several New York concerns.

Mr. Philson was married in Columbia in 1911 to Miss Adelaide Horton, whose girlhood days were lived in Clinton. Besides his widow, he is survived by two daughters, Miss Adelaide Philson of Columbia, and Miss Josephine Philson of Darlington; two brothers, James B. Philson of Clinton, and W. H. Philson of Gaffney; and five sisters, Mrs. Ben Anderson and Mrs. Walter Anderson of Switzer, Mrs. Ray Anderson of Laurens, Mrs. Agnes Kern of this city, and Mrs. J. T. Langston of Darlington.

County Hospital Year Successful

Laurens, Feb. 3.—At the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Laurens County hospital, held at the hospital last Friday evening, President E. D. Easterby read his annual report showing successful operations since the institution's opening last January. During that time, the report showed 548 patients had been cared for.

In the election of officers Mr. Easterby was re-elected president; J. H. Nance, Cross Hill, vice-president; L. G. Balle, Laurens, treasurer, and Miss Hallie Howard, secretary and superintendent.

H. D. Gray, Laurens; R. W. Wade, Clinton, and J. W. Todd, Laurens, were named on the finance committee.

M. L. Motes, Laurens; C. R. Workman, Goldville, and T. C. Owings, Laurens, were named as an auditing committee.

The active operating committee was elected as follows: Mr. Easterby, Mr. Balle, Mr. Nance, W. A. Moorhead of Goldville, and P. S. Bailey of Clinton.

General approbation was expressed for the able manner in which Miss Howard has conducted the hospital during the year.

College Campaign Gets Under Way

President Jacobs Says \$500,000 Will Be Sought for Library and Endowment. Drive Personnel Announced.

A perpetuation campaign to raise \$500,000 for Presbyterian college was launched the past week, according to an announcement made by President W. P. Jacobs.

The purpose of the campaign is to raise \$500,000 to assure the future of the college. Of the amount, \$100,000 will be used for the erection of a fireproof library to house the college's present excellent and valuable collection of books. The proposed building also will contain two large reading rooms, fireproof stack rooms, two especially equipped seminar rooms, and the administrative offices of the school. The remaining \$400,000 will be added to the endowment as an assurance of the future of the college, as the result of the recent using of endowment funds by the board of trustees for the removal of the pressing bonded indebtedness of the institution.

The college in waging the campaign is concentrating in particular communities in the synods of Georgia and South Carolina. The opening gun of the offensive move was made in Darlington last Sunday at which time President Jacobs spoke at the First Presbyterian church. The drive now started will cover several weeks.

President Jacobs has announced that he will personally direct the campaign. The field crew is composed of H. M. Wilson, Jr., personnel director of the college; John Osman, field secretary; J. H. Hunter, business manager; Walter A. Johnson, athletic director, and A. O'Daniel, field representative who has been connected with the college at several times in such capacity. The publicity campaign is in the hands of Hugh Holman, director of public relations at the college, and Sadler Love, an assistant to Mr. Jacobs. Preliminary work for the campaign has been going on for the past two months.

Kendrick Is Winner For Laurens Post

Laurens, Feb. 8.—The second city primary election held Tuesday resulted in the renomination of T. Paul Kendrick as member of the public works commission over W. G. McDaniel by the vote of 814 to 496.

In ward three Plato Roberts defeated W. C. Cox for alderman, the vote being Roberts 306, Cox 229.

In ward four John F. Montgomery was elected over W. P. Sullivan by the vote of 120 to 57.

After the general election in April, Laurens will have a new mayor, L. S. McMillan having been nominated last Tuesday, and city council will have four new and two reelected members.

RED CROSS AWARD IS GIVEN P. C. STUDENT

In recognition of his meritorious service in saving the life of Katherine Burton on June 4, 1937, at a swimming party at Crystal lake, Winston-Salem, N. C., Richard Meisky, outstanding Presbyterian college freshman athlete, was awarded a national Red Cross certificate.

Meisky received the award at the chapel services of the High Point, N. C., high school during a visit to his home there on January 21.

Connie Mack's Team Coming In April

Galloway's Blue Hose Proteges To Clash With Philadelphia Athletics. Full Diamond Card Announced.

The Presbyterian college baseball team will play the Philadelphia Athletics in an exhibition game in Clinton on Tuesday, April 7.

The Blue Hose coach, C. E. (Chick) Galloway, for a number of years played professional baseball under Connie Mack, pilot of the Athletics. The warm personal friendship between the P. C. coach and his former mentor is responsible for the Philadelphia team stopping over in Clinton while en route North from their Florida training camp.

The Hosemen are scheduled to play 16 games this spring as they set out to defend the state championship title won last year in a thrilling race at the close of the season. They play each of the other seven teams in the Palmetto league twice, and in addition meet the Athletics and Duke university.

The complete card for Coach Galloway's team follows:

April 1—Duke at Durham, N. C.

April 4—University of South Carolina at Columbia.

April 7—Philadelphia Athletics at Clinton.

April 9—Newberry at Clinton.

April 12—Erskine at Due West.

April 13—Clemson at Clemson.

April 15—Erskine at Clinton.

April 18—Wofford at Clinton.

April 20—Citadel at Charleston.

April 22—Clemson at Clinton.

April 23—Wofford at Spartanburg.

April 25—University of South Carolina at Columbia.

April 27—Citadel at Clinton.

April 29—Furman at Clinton.

May 2—Newberry at Newberry.

May 5—Furman at Greenville.

Thornwell Alumni Chapter Meets

The annual banquet dinner of the Clinton-Laurens chapter of the Thornwell Alumni association was given last week in the McCall building on the campus, under the supervision of Miss Catherine Wilson and the girls in her domestic science class.

The chapter had as its honor guests Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Spencer, the former being the guest speaker for the evening. Dr. Spencer's address was filled with interesting reminiscences touching the life and history of the orphanage since he came to Clinton as a young college professor in May, 1891. For nine years he served as a teacher in the institution's schools, and for 25 years as a member of its board of trustees.

Following the address of Dr. Spencer, the nominating committee submitted its report, resulting in the election of Mrs. Harry Layton as president for the ensuing year, succeeding Mrs. Charlton Benjamin; Mrs. Carl Bramlett of Laurens, vice-president; F. M. Stutts was re-elected secretary, and Miss Frances McKee, treasurer.

Shealy Heads County Medicos

At the first meeting of the year of the Laurens County Medical association held last week at the county hospital in Laurens, Dr. F. K. Shealy of this city, was elected president for the coming year. Other officers named are: Dr. M. B. Nickles of Laurens, vice-president, and Dr. J. L. Fennell, of Waterloo, secretary-treasurer.

New members added to the association included Dr. F. L. Webb and Dr. B. H. Henry of this city, and Dr. W. T. Martin of Goldville.

The next meeting will be held in Clinton on the fourth Monday night of this month.

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CONTROL BILL BRINGS FIGHT

Leaders Push Farm Measure Toward Final Passage By Lower House. Republican Protests of "A Horrible Gag Rule" Are Brushed Aside.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Administration leaders, brushing aside Republican protests about "a horrible gag rule," jammed the new crop control bill to the point of final passage in the house today.

The minority men contended the house had not had time to read the 121-page bill providing for control of production through benefit payments and loans, and possible drastic limitations on marketing of crops.

Their efforts to prolong debate on the measure, which was approved by a senate-house conference committee last Friday, failed, however. The huge Democratic majority functioned smoothly along lines designed by the leadership, and the house voted to limit debate to four hours. This move also prevented any member from changing a word of the bill.

When the house recessed today, Speaker Bankhead said an hour and 29 minutes of the four hours remained, indicating a vote around 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The house will meet at noon, but there usually is some delay after convening before debate of a measure is resumed.

While the rule adopted by the house prevented change of the measure, Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, served notice that senators from Western livestock states would demand provisions to protect dairy, livestock and poultry industries from competition by farmers who divert land from major crops.

Strict provisions to this end were in the original house and senate bills, but were modified by the conference committee.

As a result, O'Mahoney said the bill now "would be wholly ineffective to protect either the dairy or the livestock industry."

He said it would allow farmers to "use any land withdrawn from cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco or rice for producing livestock."

O'Mahoney suggested that instead of the time-consuming effort of sending the bill back to conference again, a joint-congressional resolution might be used to revise this section.

In the house debate today, Chairman Jones, Democrat, Texas, of the agriculture committee appealed to the members to accept the bill to put the nation's farmers on an equality with industry, which has the benefit of the tariff.

"If you defeat this bill," he shouted, "you won't have anything. Any man honestly in favor of equality for agriculture in this country can't fail to support this measure."

The program is intended to eliminate both surpluses and deficiencies in wheat, cotton, corn, tobacco and rice, with attendant wide fluctuations in price.

When the house convened, Representative Lambertson, Republican, of Kansas, noted that less than half the 435 members were on the floor, and forced a roll call to require their attendance.

Then Chairman O'Connor, Democrat, New York, of the rules committee called up the debate limitation motion for an hour's consideration. Representative Martin, Republican, of Massachusetts, assistant minority leader, said the limitation proposal was a "parliamentary outrage" and an "insult to every member of the house."

He said the conferees had considered the bill one month, yet the administration forces were asking the house to pass it in a few hours. He charged the leaders did not want the members to know what the bill contained.

Representative Knutson, Republican, of Minnesota, shouted that if the house knew all the provisions in the measure it would not pass.

O'Connor retorted there had been a lot of "loose talk" about the "gag rule" and pointed out the house would debate the pending conference report three hours longer than it usually sets aside for such legislation.

Representative Anderson, Republican, of Minnesota, charged that the bill would inflict regimentation on the farmer "by a bureaucratic dictator under a legislative fiat."

He objected principally to the conferees' "emasulation" of the McNary-Boileau amendment originally intended to prevent land taken from soil-depleting crops from being used for expansion of dairy crops and herds.

Chairman Jones said the conferees' modifications only made the amendment "workable" by permitting "normal increases" in herds and crops.

TO ASSIST TAXPAYERS

A representative from the state tax commission will be at the Commercial Depository Feb. 18 and 19 to assist taxpayers in making out their income blanks.