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Level-Headed Thinking Needed Both in This Country And Russia

By HAROLD L. ICKES
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It is disquieting that newspapers, public officials, and private citizens in this country so frequently indulge in the dangerous opinion that a war with Russia is imminent. A prospect opens of military persons discuss such a certain of the press harps on the theme. It is almost as if such a conflict were recorded as inevitable, like an act of God, an earthquake or a stroke of lightning. Some people seem to cherish the idea that there will be such a war, and the sooner the better.

It is not an act of God. War with Russia is not inevitable. War is the result of stupid statesmanship in the world, and just because Russia and the United States fought together as allies, both by choice and of necessity.

If, in the future, we should find ourselves pitted against Russia in a death struggle it would not be necessary, but of choice. In fact we may provoke Russia to commit an act that may lead to war. Or Russia may provoke us. The situation calls for mutual forbearance and respect, as well as mutual determination to have peace.

During the war years, we sent almost one-third of our lend-lease supplies to Russia in support of her effort against a common enemy. Our enthusiasm for the course and determination of the Russian people here no bounds. We were disposed to overlook the aspects of Russian life that were alien to us, and to regard her as a political and economic Utopia.

Apparently so far as some people are concerned in America there now appears to be no middle ground. One school considers Russia an international menace, and another regards her as a political ally.

Why no middle ground? Why must one be either a most extreme and total critic of Russia, or a blundering and enthusiastic partisan?

I submit that the sawhorse supporting the saw-log of Russian-American relations is being cut off successfully at a point that will assure a reasonable balance.

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AUSTRALIAN ASKS PROBLEMS OF SOVIET WAR CLAIMS

Asks Proof That Sums Can Be Paid

Molotov Says Soviet Lenient

By ROBERT ENLSON
PARIS — (AP) — An Australian delegate to the peace conference today proposed that Russia be called upon to "justify her reparations demands," and asked that a special "on the spot investigation" be made of the ability of former European enemy nations to pay the Soviet's \$300,000,000 demands.

The Italian commission to date has asked for \$13 per cent of the entire country's production for the next five years. Russia has asked reparations from Romania, Finland, Hungary and Italy. The United States, Great Britain and France did not include reparations demands of any set value in the draft treaty.

The Netherlands amendment adopted after revision had the effect of giving to Italy greater responsibility for her part in the war against Germany. As finally approved it would require that "whereas after the said amendment the Italian armed forces both of the Government and of the resistance movement, took an active part in the war against Germany."

A concerted campaign by Russia against the veto in the proposal to withdraw recognition of Franco in Spain. The United States has the right hand, while grasping the left for strategic military areas, is a chastiseful force. It can produce enough to reach workers in the melting, and ultimately the inevitable war.

Arabs Urge Britain To Hear Mufti

Ask Invitation To Conference

By CARL DAVIDSON
JERUSALEM — (AP) — The Arab higher executive committee requested Great Britain today to invite the exiled Mufti of Jerusalem to forthcoming London talks on Palestine.

An Arab spokesman said privately that the request was "a matter of protocol alone." The Mufti is in bad odor with the British for consorting with Hitler and for Axis fees during the war, and an invitation to him was regarded as unpropitious.

Before Jamal Bey Hussein, nephew of the Mufti, delivered the Arab answer, the British invited Richard Liehtem, a Zionist opposed to the Jewish agency policies, accused that group of acquiescing secretly to British proposals to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states.

The Arab reply was not published. It was believed to contain demands reached by the Arab leaders by former eastern Mediterranean states Saturday, including specifications that no Jews participate in the talks and that the customs be "full-franked free" and not restricted to a single phase of the Palestine case.

Liehtem declared that the partitioning proposal is "not on the basis of official Zionist policy" but the executive committee "does not understand it would insist on release of a letter written by Chaim Weizmann, head of the Zionist organization, advising the British Colonial Secretary that Jewish agency representatives could not participate in any discussions on the Palestine problem based on the partition proposal.

Journey Without Mishap

Machine Guns Set For Action, Flying Fort Makes Vienna Hop

VIENNA, Italy — (AP) — With machine guns loaded and unpowered, an American Flying Fortress arrived here from Vienna today with a cargo of mail and fresh—the first American plane to fly the normal route from Vienna since the Yugoslavs shot down two transports earlier this month.

The flight of the Fort, Lt. William E. Hutchins of Los Angeles, Calif., said he had no doubt to fly to Udine and back. It was reported here that a Flying Fortress would henceforth make the run daily.

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ATLANTA — (AP) — A three-judge Federal Court upheld today Georgia's county unit vote system of deciding Democratic primary elections and refused to invalidate nomination of Eugene Tammage to a fourth term as governor.

The tribunal dismissed a suit of an Emory University professor and the Fourteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

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High and low last 24 hours 76-81
Sunset today 6:58
Sunrise tomorrow 6:30

Farm Pages Full Of Facts
The Carolina Farmer pages are so full of news and pictures to day that this picture was crowded out. That's the way every week: we'll have good stuff we'll have to print. We just pick the best of the lot for the Carolina Farmer.

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