

Finnish Peace Seen German Preparation For Offensive

Nazis Believed Anxious
To Assure Continuous
Flow of Red Supplies

Mr. White flew from London to Amsterdam especially to avoid censorship difficulties and to get this article to America. It represents what he has observed in Europe, and especially in Finland, since the outset of the war.

By WILLIAM L. WHITE.

AMSTERDAM.—The peace between Finland and Russia means that Germany is getting ready for her spring offensive. The Nazis know the smashing power of this offensive would have been crippled if the Finnish war had been allowed to drag on. Germany hopes, this spring and summer, to get large supplies from Russia. But this was impossible with Russia involved in Finland.

A neutral observer from Moscow reports that the Finnish efforts already have badly disorganized the Russian system of transport and production. There are queues and shortages even in the Russian capital and the situation in Leningrad is worse.

Red Victory German Defeat. Germany knows, of course, that Russia, without either foreign interference or help, could probably have broken Finnish resistance and occupied the country by mid-summer. But the effort of doing this would have strained her seriously and left her in no position to spare or to deliver supplies to Germany. This is the principal reason why the Nazis wanted peace in Finland.

But a complete Russian victory would have been a defeat for Germany. Such a victory would not only have left Russia badly strained and unable to help Germany this spring and summer; it also would have put Russian armies on the border of what is now the frontier between Sweden and Finland within easy striking distance of those rich Swedish iron mines which are vital to Germany as the source of her best steel and in equally close reach of the coveted Norwegian port of Narvik. Controlling both of these, Russia would be established as an Atlantic power, with Germany's steel supply in her mercenary hands. Controlling the southern coast of Finland, Russia also could threaten the Russian coast.

So for the distant future, as well as the immediate present, Germany had every reason for wanting to stop the war in Finland.

Quick Blow at Reich Favored. There is in England, which I have just left, a school of thought which believes that time is not necessarily on the side of the allies in the present war of waiting. Germany is inflicting dangerously heavy damage on English shipping at small cost to herself. This school favors a quick blow at Germany while England has a merchant marine capable of sustaining such efforts.

Sweden's position is that she did not want the Russians to overrun Finland and arrive in her unprotected and almost indefensible northern frontier. But neither did she want to risk having her own cities the battle grounds for a major world war by allowing allied aid to Finland to pass through her territory over German protests.

Sweden could have herself declared war on Russia and sent to Finland 300,000 men out of a total army of 450,000. These, plus the 300,000 Finns, plus the great defensive advantages of the Finnish terrain, could have held the Russians out of Finland indefinitely. But Sweden was frightened away from such a course by Germany who, through both her diplomatic channels and via the radio, has been bullying the Swedes with politely veiled threats. That they should remember their country is poor and weak, in spite of their sympathy for Finland they must remain realistic, remembering what might happen to Sweden if she abandoned her neutrality.

Sweden Threatened. By putting pressure on Russia, Sweden and Finland for an immediate peace of this sort Germany may have extricated herself from a very dangerous situation. While for the past two months Germany has been bullying Sweden with threats as to what might happen to her if she were to abandon her traditional neutrality to give effective aid to the Finns, the Nazis were in no position to back up these threats. They could, of course, easily invade Denmark, but when they attempted to cross the straits to Sweden that would have been another matter.

The Swedish coast artillery, all military authorities agree, is the best in the world. It also goes without saying that the minute Germany makes a move against Sweden the British and French would instantly move in to help the Swedes, and this would make any German attempts to land on the coast of Sweden as costly as the Gallipoli disaster was to the British in the last World War.

Furthermore, once the British and the French were installed in Sweden their bombing planes are only a few hours from Berlin and the other big industrial and rail centers of North Germany, hitherto protected from serious air bombing by their distance from any allied flying field. In addition the coast of East Prussia is very badly defended, for heretofore the only power which might have menaced it was Russia, which had no navy of any consequence, and the coastal fortifications of East Prussia were located accordingly. A landing on this coast for the British and French once they were firmly based in Scandinavia is not unthinkable.

Scandinavia Harbored. If, as now seems probable, the Germans want to fight this spring, they have every reason for wanting to avoid Scandinavia as a battle-ground, for here they have everything to lose, nothing to gain. They are already receiving from Scandinavia more food and raw material than they could hope to gain by conquest.

If and when that drive comes this spring, it may be through Holland and Belgium, aimed directly at England (they could never knock out England by taking Scandinavia) or more probably in the Balkans where every foot of ground captured would mean more oil and grain for Germany.

If the drive is in the Balkans either through German initiative or because she must meet an allied



WILL WED ENVOY—Miss Margaret Shaw of York, England, niece of the Dowager Countess of Linsay, whose engagement to Hjalmar Procope, Finnish Minister to the United States, was announced Friday. —A. P. Photo.

Peace Rally Called On Eve of World War Anniversary

Local Gathering
Planned as Part of
National Demonstration

A call for "all organizations desiring to stay out of war" to participate in a peace rally on April 5, the eve of the anniversary of America's entry into the World War, was made yesterday by a joint committee representing trade unions, youth organizations, colored groups and various welfare organizations.

The committee has planned the rally in conjunction with National "Keep-America-Out-of-War" demonstrations centering around April 6. The rally will be held in the National Press Club auditorium. The call, issued by the joint committee, said:

"We, the undersigned, believe that if the people of Washington, together with the people throughout the Nation, publicly foregather and voice a firm and vigorous demand for peace and for concentration on the serious problems which face us at home, such a demand cannot fail to be heard throughout the world."

"We therefore propose that the people of Washington meet on April 5, 1940, at the National Press Club auditorium—that on the eve of the anniversary of a declaration of war, we may make a declaration of peace."

Signers of the appeal included representatives of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Local 675; United Construction Workers, Local 30; New Negro Alliance, National Negro Congress, American Communications Association; Descendants of the American Revolution; Washington Youth Council, Washington Branch of the National Negro Congress, Washington Housing Association, Labor's Non-Partisan League, Women's Trade Union League, United Federal Workers, Local 6; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, United Cafeteria Workers, Local 471; Washington Industrial Union Council, Women's Auxiliary of the United Transportation Service Employees, United Office and Professional Workers, Local 27, and United Shoe Workers, Local 136.

Civil defense services in the County of London from the beginning of the war until March 31 next will cost \$30,000,000.

But again it is clear that Sweden is only the instrument and Germany the original sources of the pressure which was brought to bear in the north to end this dangerous Finnish war.

No peace is a German victory, leaving the Nazis free to strike hard this spring under more auspicious threats. But the scope of this diplomatic victory should not be exaggerated, for although it knocks the shadow of war from Scandinavia it will recover only a small part of that prestige and confidence which Germany lost when, by signing a pact which gave Russia free hand in the Baltic she made the Russian attack on Finland possible.

Charles A. Stewart P.-T. A.

Miss Margaret Seaver, director of religious education in the Arlington County schools, will speak at a meeting of the Charles A. Stewart School Parent-Teacher Association at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the school in East Falls Church, Va.

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\$195 Sofa, Buckingham type; exposed frame solid mahogany; down filled cushions. Tailored in blue-green damask -----\$145

\$155 Sofa, 18th Century English; with curved arms and back; exposed frame solid mahogany; down filled cushions. Tailored in blue tapestry -----\$129

\$162.50 Sofa, Hepplewhite; exposed frame Amazon mahogany; down filled cushions. Tailored in small figured tapestry -----\$120

\$45 Open Arm Chair, Chinese Chippendale; exposed frame solid mahogany. Tailored in handsome figured velvet -----\$29.50

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