German Trade Envoy Here to Negotiate **Economic Program**

Dr. Westrick Says Reich **Expects Peace That Will Permit Expansion**

NEW YORK, April 13.—Germany expects peace in the near future and plans to enter into an economic arrangement with the United States based upon the Hull reciprocal trade policy, her newly accredited diplomatic commercial representative

said today. Dr. Gerhardt Alois Westrick, commercial counsellor to the German Embassy, said Germany was hopeful of a peace that would permit commercial expansion and prosperity throughout the world. His purpose here is to prepare the way for an economic settlement between Germany and the United States, he

"I am hopeful of peace soon because Germany is not going to ask anything of England or France except free access to raw materials on a competitive basis and free trade and foreign exchange throughout the world along the lines of the

"A major step in such a trade arrangement would be the provision that United States investors in German plants would be paid interest on a United States dollar basis." Is Leading Trade Expert.

Dr. Westrick is a leading German economic and trade expert and lawyer, partner of Dr. Heinrich Albert, former chancellor and finance minister of Germany. Dr. Westrick also is a friend and associate of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, German minister without portfolio, who has been recently reported to be in this country

"I do not believe Dr. Schacht is in the United States," Dr. Westrick ments are the policies Germany said. "When peace comes and a hopes to follow after the peace in ranged, Dr. Schacht will have to the rest of the world. We want to

"As you people well know, Germany cannot continue barter in- Dr. Westrick Is Widely definitely and will have to go back to free trade and free foreign exchange, and Dr. Schacht is the man with the brains to arrange it."

ing directly with some leading for the German side in the war. United States commercial firms on Dr. Westrick represented various the British blockade of Germany.

Germans Not Fooled. likelihood of increased shipments to Germany via the Pacific while traveled, is working, but that is his movements. about all. Any notion of greatly increased shipments over it now is in the realm of fantasy

'We see little immediate likelihood of increasing dollar exchange to enable Germany to purchase more goods in the United States, we do not see any hope of developing barter trade with this

"All we can do now, and all I am here to do, is to nurse things along until peace comes, which I hope may be within a few months.

Then we hope for a world economic conference, in which all grievances will be settled once and for all, without vindictiveness anywhere, so that we can have prosperity and peace for good.

'We believe that once we have removed the foreign exchange and raw material problems, that it will be very difficult for the politicians to



GERMAN TRADE TROUBLE-SHOOTER-Hans Thomsen (left), German Charge d'Affaires, brought to the State Department G. A. Westrick, the new German Commercial Counselor, who announced his mission is "to see that economic ties between the United States and the Reich are not broken" by the war.

lead people into wars because there will be prosperity.

"The general policies laid down in know what his present status is. the Hull reciprocal trade agreeworld economic conference is ar- relation to the United States and come to work out foreign exchange get rid of the barter system as soon as we can."

Known in America

BERLIN, April 13 (AP).—Gerhard A. Westrick is a widely known in-Dr. Westrick scoffed at reports ternational lawyer who left the current in Wall Street that he, Dr. Reich some months ago apparently Schacht, and others were negotiat- on a secret mission to win sympathy

the basis of providing foreign ex- American banking and industrial change to enable an increase of firms and visited America frequently shipments from the United States before the outbreak of the war. He to Germany, via Siberia, to beat has many friends in the United

He is a law partner of Heinrich "We in Germany do not fool our- Albert, who was commercial atselves," he said. "There is very little tache to the German Embassy at Washington during the World War. So far as can be learned here, Dr. the war lasts. The Trans-Siberian Westrick apparently was given dip-Railroad, over which I have just lomatic status in order to facilitate

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It was the fifth type of Army plane released for sale abroad under the administration's relaxed ex-A two-motor craft, the attack

bomber is credited with a top speed of approaching 400 miles an hour, rivaling that of normally faster pur-Designed largely to harrass enemy

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Secretary Morgenthau Friday still other Army and Navy planes notified the Allied Purchasing Miswould be made available shortly for sion that, if it wanted fast desale abroad minus equipment, which liveries on the latest American war-

planes, it would have to meet the cost of developing future better models for the Army Air Corps. Secretary Morgenthau upheld the War Department on this point at a conference with Arthur B. Purvis, head of the Allied Purchasing Mission, on prospective aircraft orders which manufacturers have been told may reach \$1,000,000,000.

Japan may have food ration cards.



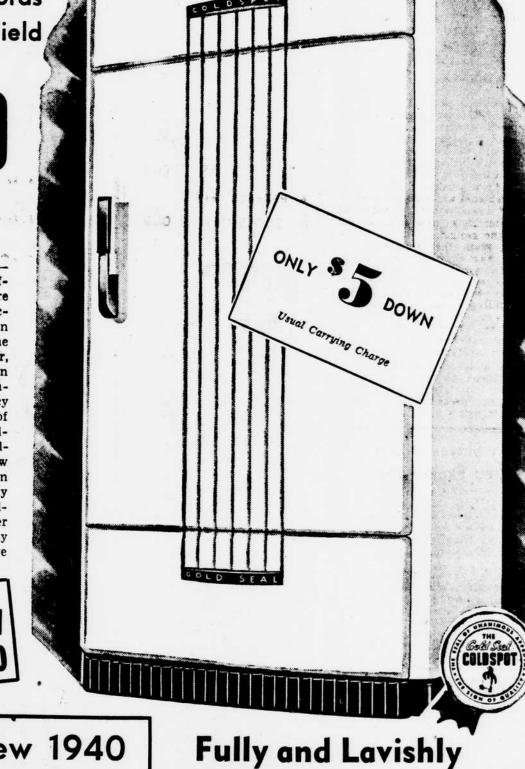


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