

Dictators Warned

'National Defense' Idea Changed To 'Continental Defense' By President's Action; He Scores Nazi Treatment Of Jews

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—President Roosevelt today circled the Western Hemisphere with a boldly drawn deadline against Fascism and turned his attentions to the problem of refugees from Nazi German persecution.

He called his Advisory Committee on International Refugees to the White House as London reported a rapidly developing plan whereby Great Britain would provide colonial havens for German Jewish refugees and the United States and other nations would finance the huge project.

This action came as the White House pointed out President Roosevelt's criticism of Nazi persecutions was designed to rebuke outrages against Catholics as well as Jews.

BULLETINS

On Roosevelt's New Stand

2,000,000 SOLDIERS

By United Press.

The American hemisphere's armed strength totals approximately 2,000,000 trained soldiers with millions more in potential man power.

If the Western World should be called upon to unite against an aggressor power, the total active armies of the American republics and Canada could put approximately 432,800 men in the field. Trained reserves total approximately 1,545,800 men.

CANADA 'READY'

By United Press.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 16.—President Roosevelt's inclusion of Canada in the national defense plans of the United States was interpreted by The Vancouver News-Herald as a "fight for the democracies against the dictatorships."

SOUTH AMERICA CAUTIOUS

By United Press.

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 16.—South American nations greeted President Roosevelt's call for a common defense front in the Western Hemisphere with a friendly but cautious interest today.

An attitude of restraint was evidenced in the desire of many officials for "further time to study" the suggestion and a flat stand was taken by the Argentine Republic against any formal de-

"Continental defense" has superseded "national defense" in American policy.

The President coupled his defense announcement with terse and blistering comment on German persecution of Jews. It followed shortly the United States' protest against "unwarranted" Japanese violations of American property and personal rights in China, and warnings to Italy to respect rights of American Jewish nationals.

'Continental Basis'

This establishment of United States defense on a "continental basis" in partnership with the 21 peoples who occupy the Western Hemisphere with us spotlights the forthcoming Pan-American Conference in Lima, Peru, as a meeting to bulwark the New World against floodtides running riot in Europe and Asia. Secretary of State Hull will sail Nov. 25 as head of the American delegation to Lima.

There is no excitement, but a steady pressure for speed here as the United States prepares to live in a newly troubled world.

War Department officials talk of basic equipment for a field army of

INCLUDES CATHOLICS

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—President Roosevelt's criticism of Nazi Germany for its treatment of religious groups applies to Catholics as well as Jews, the White House stated today.

Presidential Secretary Stephen T. Early pointed out that the President's statement in which he expressed himself shocked at the treatment accorded certain minorities was interpreted generally as meaning only the Jews.

Such was not the President's intention, he declared, referring specifically to Nazi-inspired attacks on Cardinal Innitzer in Vienna.

1,000,000 men and they want it quick—within eight months, some of them insist. Back of it all are hope and belief that a continental partnership would be too imposing for any aggressor to dare adventure in the New World.

But battleships are rising from their cradles in the shipyards and more are to be built. "Educational orders" shortly will be accustoming more peace-time manufacturers to the requirements of Army material. New anti-aircraft defense is in the making; a new automatic rifle for infantrymen has been devised.

'Sanitary' Deadline

Powerful minority voices may be raised in Congress to extend "continental defense" even further. One influential Senate foreign relations committee member told the United Press that Mr. Roosevelt should emphatically re-affirm the unilateral Monroe Doctrine in all its particulars.

The committee member said further, that the Monroe Doctrine might even be expanded to forbid not only foreign acquisition of territory but the ideological penetration of the 22 American republics, a sort of sanitary cordon or deadline across which Fascist ideas would not be permitted to cross.

Hook-Up With Britain

Significantly—probably tomorrow—the United States will sign trade agreements with Canada and Great Britain. There will be ceremony and speeches so that the world will not fail to mark the economic—possible political—importance of the signing. And, shortly, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth will be Mr. Roosevelt's guests. All of that may be coincidental. But some persons feel that it ties in with the parallel course of action now frequent between London and Washington.

Scarcely remarked at yesterday's White House press conference was Mr. Roosevelt's prompt "No," in reply to a question whether national defense plans contemplated a United States Navy capable of defending both Pacific and Atlantic Coasts (See Roosevelt, Page Six)