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Bretton Trade and Finance Plans Supported by Vinson

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Refusing to engage in harangues which have characterized trade agreement hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee, War Mobilizer Vinson yesterday indorsed both reciprocal trade agreements and international financial co-operation through the Bretton Woods plan as necessary to future world prosperity.

Vinson warned congressional delay in acting on such agreements might have possible repercussions on the San Francisco conference.

Says Debate "Won't Hurt"

He added, however, that debate featuring opposing views would not hurt San Francisco. In fact, it might help because I can't conceive, in view of statements made

by leaders of both parties, that we are going to draw into a shell of isolationism."

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard also testified for the trade agreement extension again, while before the Senate's Small Business Committee, William S. Swingle, National Foreign Trade Council official, advocated modernization of all U. S. commercial treaties.

Vinson told Representative Knutson (R.), of Minnesota, who tangled with Secretary of Commerce Wallace on the same question Tuesday, that he would not discuss tariffs in terms of such things as immigration.

"I just want an opinion," Knutson said.

Puts Ban on Discussion

"I know," Vinson rejoined. "I read the newspapers. You asked

another fellow (Wallace) the same question yesterday and then proceeded to operate on him until you had to apologize later. I don't care to discuss it."

Vinson said the trade agreements, sponsored by Cordell Hull in 1934, and the Bretton Woods monetary agreements for an international bank and stabilization fund were "part and parcel" of the over-all plan for postwar economic intercourse.