

Duce Blasted By President For His Declaration War

Premier Mussolini Stabbed His Neighbor In Back, Executive Says

Charlottesville, Va.—President Roosevelt last night pledged the full material support of the United States to the Allies and charged that Premier Mussolini of Italy had plunged a dagger into the back of his neighbor by leading his nation into the war.

Addressing the graduating class of Virginia University only a few hours after Italy had actively sided with Germany, Mr. Roosevelt departed from his prepared text to denounce the Italian dictator and declare:

"On this, the tenth day of June, 1940, the hand that held the dagger has struck it in the back of its neighbor."

His words electrified his audience of 2,000 persons which applauded lustily. They cheered again when he declared the United States will aid the Allies in every way possible and at the same time arm speedily and fearfully to repulse any foreign challenge in this hemisphere.

The President related in detail months of fruitless personal effort to persuade Mussolini to peacefully adjust his grievances with the Allies and, again interpolating his text, said:

Mussolini Unwilling
"Unfortunately—to the regret of all of us and to the regret of humanity—the chief of the Italian government was unwilling to accept the procedure suggested, and he has made no counter-proposal."

"The government of Italy has now chosen to preserve what it

Will American Battleships Come to This?



The whaleback battleship, heavily armored, may be the answer to the threat of the dive bomber, according to the Secretary of the Navy, Charles Edison. Just what a whaleback battleship would look like is shown by this drawing by Otto Kuhler, New York designing engineer. The rounded armored surfaces give maximum resistance to direct hits and deflect striking power. The whaleback fighting ship would present an ultra-streamlined appearance, even the smokestack being built like a teardrop. (Above)—Members of the navy high command in conference with President Roosevelt concerning the naval expansion program.

terms its 'freedom of action' and to fulfill what it states are its promises to Germany," he said. "In so doing, it has manifested disregard for the rights and security of other nations, for the lives of the people of those nations which are directly threatened by this spread of war; and has evidenced its unwillingness to find the means through pacific negotiations for the satisfaction of what it believes are its legitimate aspirations."

He warned that the nation and its people are endangered by the war and that the United States will pursue two obvious and simultaneous courses—aid to the Allies and rearmament for self-defense.

"No obstruction must be placed in the road to those objectives," he declared. "We will not slow down or detour. Signs and signals call for full speed ahead."

Speech Prepared Late
Mr. Roosevelt did not prepare his speech until after boarding his special train in Washington. He purposely waited until he had a complete digest of Mussolini's declaration of war.

In the graduating class was the President's son and namesake, Franklin Roosevelt Jr., his primary reason for choosing Charlottesville as the site of what may be classified as his most historic speech. His remarks, however, were not confined to the commencement audience. They were broadcast throughout the nation and were translated into seven languages for rebroadcast to the world.

A young girl graduate was weeping when he completed his address.

"I wonder," she sobbed, "what is going to happen to our generation."

Mr. Roosevelt gave assurance that during the international crisis, there will be no abandonment of efforts "to make democracy work within our borders." To this end, he insisted, there must be wider improvement "in our social and economic life."

Mr. Roosevelt struck with equal fury at American isolationists and the totalitarian rulers. The isolationists, he said, dream of the United States as a lone island in a world dominated by force.

"Such a dream represents to me and to the overwhelming majority of Americans today a helpless nightmare of a people without freedom," he declared, "a people lodged in prison, handcuffed, hungry and fed through the bars from day to day by the contemptuous, un pitying masters of other continents."

He praised the "magnificent valor" with which the Allies are fighting aggressors and was emphatic about the future course of the United States.

"Let us not hesitate—all of us—to proclaim certain truths," he said. "Overwhelmingly we, as a nation, and this applies to all the other American nations, are convinced that military and naval victory for the gods of force and hate would endanger the institutions of democracy in the western world—and that equally, therefore, the whole of our sympathies lie with those nations which are giving their life blood in combat against these forces."

"In our American unity, we will pursue two obvious and simultaneous courses; we will extend to the opponents of force the material resources of this nation and, at the same time, we will harness and speed up the use of those resources in order that we ourselves in the Americas may have equipment and training equal to the task of any emergency and every defense."

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Gilliam Family Reunion Is Held

By MRS. W. H. JONES

Mr. and Mrs. D. Reece Gilliam, Sr., and family delightfully entertained last Sunday, June 9th, at their colonial home near Sparta for the annual reunion of the Gilliam clan.

When many members of the family and a number of friends had gathered and exchanged greetings, lunch was spread on a long table previously arranged on the beautiful green lawn where the spreading branches of the cherry trees furnished a perfect setting for this much enjoyed hour.

Ex-Lieut. Governor R. A. Doughton, who with Mrs. Doughton was present, made a brief but very interesting talk. Rev. S. L. Blevins, after a few moments of silent prayer for the depressed countries, returned thanks for the bounteous repast and God's gracious goodness to us. Just a few more minutes before we eat while Ray Stroud made a picture of the table and gathering.

The registration book was opened, following the lunch that the many who attended could register.

The Yadkin Valley, the Friendly Four and Jones family quartets sang several numbers which added much to the enjoyment.

Mrs. C. W. Gilliam, Sr., of Ronda was the oldest relative to register while little Miss Mary Docia Gilliam, the attractive 10-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gilliam, of Sparta, was the youngest to enjoy the gathering of relatives and friends for the first time.

Officers in charge were J. A. Gilliam, chairman, and Mrs. W. H. Jones, secretary.

The committee on place, composed of J. A. Gilliam, North Wilkesboro; J. C. Gilliam, Jonesville; Mrs. W. A. Stroud, Wilkesboro; Mrs. J. T. Triplett, Ronda; D. S. Gilliam, Ronda and Elkin; W. F. Gilliam, Benham; C. E. Wall, Elkin, and D. R. Gilliam, Sparta, announced that the next reunion would be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gilliam and mother, Mrs. C. W. Gilliam, Sr., the second Sunday in June, 1941.

Relatives registered outside the nearby places from Charlotte, Fayetteville, Thomasville, Mount Airy, Independence, Va., Roanoke, Va., Tennessee, Statesville, Winston-Salem, North Wilkesboro, Elkin and Lenoir.

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THE SCOUT REPORTER

By EDWIN LONG
Scribe of Troop 45

Troop 35 is planning an overnight trip to Stone Mountain Saturday. They will spend the night there instead of at Camp Mulberry.

There have been about three official overnight hikes to Mulberry.

Our last official meeting was at the Methodist Scout Hut, where we discussed ways of raising funds for a camping trip to eastern Carolina.

There was also a discussion of Camp Lassater and several boys from the troop plan to go down for a week or more.

We are fortunate in having Effner Eller in charge of the camp, and Hill Carlton, on the Junior staff.

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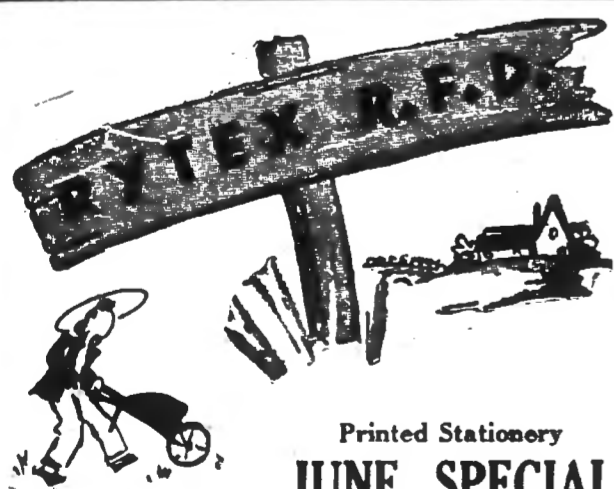
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