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Roosevelt Says Nation To Spread Preparedness

Announces Decision to Expand Defense Program on Heels of Hitler's Warning.

Washington, Oct. 11. — President Roosevelt today announced that the United States will speed up rather than retard its national defense program and that an increase of \$150,000,000 will be needed in next year's naval budget.

The proposed increase, which Mr. Roosevelt said at his press conference is necessary to carry on new warship construction, would bring the naval appropriation for next year to a record peace-time high of more than \$700,000,000.

The President's decision to accelerate his "second-to-none" navy program was interpreted as an answer to German Chancellor Adolf Hitler's speech at Saarbrücken last Saturday when the Fuehrer warned the world that Germany would continue her armament program because she can not trust Great Britain and France.

Race Goes On

This declaration, in the opinion of foreign affairs experts, and others, precludes the possibility of a world disarmament conference for at least another year, and is regarded as a blunt negative answer to proponents of a conference at this time, including Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles, who a few days previously had issued an official "feeler" on the subject.

The increased naval construction program may be accompanied by larger expenditures for the Army, particularly for coast defense and anti-aircraft batteries, which are said to be insufficient for national security.

President Roosevelt did not specify what new vessels he would ask Congress to appropriate for, but he recalled that the last session made funds available to begin construction of four battleships as replacement for over-age craft and authorized construction of three more super-dreadnaughts, and a general increase of 20 per cent in the fleet's fighting strength.

It is believed that the Chief Executive will give the go-ahead signal on the four battleships for which funds are available within the next six months, giving the United States six first-line vessels on the ways during 1939, including the North Carolina and Washington. This country now has between 60 and 70 other warships under construction.

Continuing discussion of national defense problems, Mr. Roosevelt said he favors the present ratio of Works Progress Administration projects in Hawaii between municipal and defense programs. This ratio devotes a large proportion of projects to defense construction.

Both the Army and Navy are undertaking large-scale developments in the Hawaiian group with a view to establishing it as the "Gibraltar of the Pacific" and America's western-most frontier of defense.

Mr. Roosevelt said that Hawaiian officials had suggested that more of the emergency money be diverted to municipal projects.

He said he is continuing his study of foreign espionage in this country with a view to coordinating action to counteract it.

Settlement Made By Reid Gaskins

Greenville, Oct. 11th. — Official announcement has been made that J. R. Gaskins, former cashier of State Bank and Trust Co., has made full settlement with the bank covering the \$1,500 discrepancy in his accounts which came to light last week with Gaskins' resignation from the bank. He had been cashier of the bank since its organization several years ago.

Mr. Gaskins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gaskins, of this city, and is well known throughout the county.

Announcement was made today that he has accepted a position with White Chevrolet Company and has already entered upon his duties in his new position.

Blankets State

North Carolina is served by 302 farm and home agents of the State College Extension Service, according to Dr. I. O. Schaub, director. There are 302 farm and home agents, 121 white and 181 Negro, and 46 home agents.

SHERIFFS' PLAN GAINS IN FAVOR, LARKIN SAYS

An "encouraging response" is being received from all over North Carolina to the proposed constitutional amendment to be voted upon in the general election on November 8 to boost the terms of sheriffs and coroners from two to four years, State Senator John D. Larkin of Jones County, chairman of the Citizens' Committee working in behalf of the amendment, said Tuesday.

"Leading Democrats as well as Republicans are writing in to say they favor the proposal on the grounds the sheriffs and coroners should have four-year terms as much as clerks of Superior Courts and Registers of Deeds," Senator Larkin said, "Governor Hoey, all the State officials and many other leading Democrats are backing the movement."

In event the amendment is adopted by the voters next month, sheriffs and coroners elected in the November 8 election will serve four years instead of two in case the amendment is ratified before sheriffs and coroners are sworn in for new terms on the first Monday in December, Senator Larkin said, adding he could see no reason for any delay in ratification in event the amendment is adopted.

Senator Larkin has a desk in State Democratic headquarters, and is sending out hundreds of pamphlets showing why in the opinion of the Citizens' Committee the amendment should be adopted.

Thought for the Week

Norfolk, Va. — Here is something in which I think you will be interested:

Did you ever stop to think—that hard times mean nothing to a hen? She just keeps on digging worms and laying eggs, regardless of what the newspapers say about conditions. If the ground is hard, she scratches harder. If it is dry, she digs deeper. If she strikes rock, she digs work around it. But always she digs up worms and turns them into hard-shelled profits, as well as tender broilers.

Did you ever see a pessimistic hen? Did you ever know of one starving to death, waiting for worms to dig themselves to the surface? Did you ever hear one cackle because times were hard?

Not on your life. She saves her breath for digging and cackles for eggs.

Auto Races at State Fair On Saturday

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 13. — The final auto races for the year 1938 to be held in North Carolina under the sanction of the contest board of the American Automobile Association, will be on Saturday, October 15, at the North Carolina State Fair on the fast Raleigh half-mile track.

A complete AAA program, sponsored by Hankins Speedways, world's greatest auto race organization, will be offered with six events of hot speed totaling over 100 laps of motor madness, featuring some of the greatest speedway and dirt track drivers of the United States, including Duke Nelson, the leading AAA, dirt track winner of 1938, and half-mile track world's record holder.

Nelson has won recently at Richmond and Winston-Salem and has a long run of other victories to his credit in 1938 in the far west, mid-west and northeast. Others who will have their hearts full of speed, their hands full of wheel and feet full of lead, include Chief Chittwood, Lee Wallard, Rex Records, Chuck Tabor, Mark Light, Bert Ross, Dutch Evans, Jack Grubb, Bill Holland, Skip Fleming, Zess Pitts, De De Gray, Wes Argue, Joe Chuck, Eiley Brough, Jiggs Bryan, Chuck Canley, Fred Haines, Tut Moore, Dan Goss, Jack Fickler and Pete Gregg.

Raleigh boasts one of the best half-mile tracks in the South, which will be especially prepared with application of chemicals and water to make it speedy and durable for Saturday's speed series. Time trials for the races start shortly after the noon hour with the feature heat race scheduled to get started at 2:15 o'clock, which will be followed by five other events and a lone distance feature race between 7 and 8 p. m.

The State Fair has been placed on the calendar of the auto race track, which will come to a close on Saturday, October 15, at 11 o'clock. The fair will close on Sunday, October 16, at 11 o'clock.

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Japanese Launch Drive to Capture South China City

Air Raid Cutting Railroad Preceded Land Offensive Aimed at Canton.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Oct. 13. — Japan cut the Hong Kong Canton railway from the air today while her land forces drove towards Waichow, key city in the outer defenses of the great South China metropolis of Canton.

The Japanese were pressing their surprise invasion of South China, designed to crush Chinese Nationalist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and force an early end of the 15 months old Chinese-Japanese war, with everything they had—airplanes, warships, mechanized land forces and infantrymen.

A great battle was developing south of Waichow, which is about 80 miles east and slightly south of Canton and slightly north of the small port of Haichung on Big Bay, where the Japanese landed from 40,000 to 50,000 soldiers early yesterday.

A motor road leads from Waichow to Canton; and once the outer city is taken, the situation of the metropolis, on which Britain's Hong Kong colony depends for most of its trade, will be precarious.

Million Men

The Chinese Kwangtung provincial government was mobilizing 1,000,000 men to resist the invasion, but British military intelligence reports said most of the Chinese were poorly armed and lacked airplanes, tanks and modern artillery.

One report was that the Japanese were landing additional soldiers today from their big military base on Formosa island to the east of their Big Bay foothold.

A British correspondent who flew over the Big Bay area said he saw more than 100 Japanese ships packed in Big Bay from which landing vessels were transporting thousands of men ashore.

"The beach was black with Japanese," the correspondent reported. Meantime, there was no indication here that the Japanese would heed a warning delivered the Tokyo government by British Ambassador Sir Alexander L. Craigie, who warned Japanese Premier and Foreign Minister Prince Fumimaro Konoye that Anglo Japanese relations might be imperiled by the Japanese invasion of South China.

Craigie reminded Konoye of Britain's vast economic and political interests in South China and pointed to the danger of "incidents" if the Japanese attack in force in areas where Britain has so many nationals and so much property.

France was expected to make similar representations because of her interests in southeast China and the threat to her great Indo-Chinese colony.

BELOVOIR-FAKLAND SCHOOL TO PRESENT PLAY FRIDAY

An old timey, old fashioned District School entertainment will be held at the Belvoir-Fakland high school Friday night, October 14, at eight o'clock. The public is urged to attend.

Two Youths Held On Kidnap Charge

Accused of Kidnapping Hartnett Resident and Robbing Him at Point of Gun.

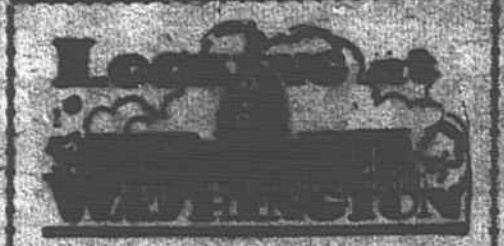
Dunn, Oct. 12. — Two Hartnett County youths, Alton West and Calvin Yonemann, each 21, are being held in the Hartnett County jail at Lillington in default of \$5,000 bond on charges of kidnaping and highway robbery.

They were arrested today by Deputy Sheriff Ken Matthews after an investigation which began Saturday when they allegedly kidnaped C. L. Hales and later robbed him of \$11 in cash.

According to the story Hales told officers, the pair came to his home in Anderson Creek Township Saturday afternoon and offered to take to another place.

He said that after he got into their car, they subdued him and instead of taking him to his destination, carried him to the home of West, where he said, he met him up with a gun and then held him up with a knife and then killed his brother.

Yonemann, however, was released on \$5,000 bond. The youths were taken to the county jail at Lillington, where they will remain until they can be removed to the State Penitentiary at Raleigh.



(Huge S. Sims, Washington Correspondent.)

"STATE'S RIGHT" SMITH LEADS CHARGE OF COTTON BRIGADE ON THE TREASURY.

The purge that fell in South Carolina resulted in the renomination of Senator E. D. (Cotton Ed) Smith. Of course, in South Carolina, the Democratic nomination in August is equivalent to election in November.

Early this month, Senator Smith, together with other senators from the cotton states, met in Washington to use their efforts to secure higher Government loans on cotton. They were joined by some senators who want higher loans on wheat.

After their conference, the Carolinian wanted to confer with the President at the White House, but Mr. Roosevelt, engaged in a Cabinet meeting, referred him and his waiting group to officials of the Department of Agriculture. This made Mr. Smith very indignant. He did not think the President was showing due deference to a committee of "duty elected senators, representing sovereign states." Political commentators observed that the incident might widen the breach between the President and some of the senators he opposed in state primaries.

Despite the Senator's theoretical espousal of state's rights and his talk of "sovereign states, he is considered the veteran commander of the cotton brigade and always leads its charge against the United States Treasury. Just now, he wants the Government to increase its loan rate on cotton from 8.3 cents a pound to approximately 11.9 cents. Failing to get this, he wants an outright subsidy payment of three cents a pound on the 1938 crop.

"Cotton Ed" warns that "almost universal bankruptcy" is threatened in the South because of the financial plight of cotton growers. Press reports of the conferences of the cotton congressmen tell of predictions of "revolution" in the Cotton Belt unless farm prices rise.

Of course, the South is not rolling in wealth this Fall. It is feeling the pinch from the enormous crop of 1937. The 19,000,000 bale crop created such a surplus that this year it was necessary to cut the production considerably. An estimated crop of 12,000,000 bales, according to Secretary Wallace, will bring \$865,000,000 this year which is only \$117,000,000 less than that of last year. This figure, of course, includes Government payments of about \$265,000,000.

The report of Senator Smith is something worth observing. He has been lukewarm in support of all Administration farm measures since 1933. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, he has been in a position to block farm legislation. He did this very effectively in 1937, when cotton growers freed from all restraints by the Supreme Court decision of 1936, produced the enormous crop that has wrecked the market.

While Smith has championed the cotton farmer for about thirty years, his contention in 1937 was that he did not know what the farmers wanted, that it would be necessary to hold hearings throughout the country before preparing a bill. With this idea, the Senate made no progress toward a farm bill in 1937, but "Cotton Ed" when the first early crop estimate sent the price of the staple hurtling downward, led the cotton brigade in a march to the President for help.

Subsequently, when the hearings that he scheduled showed that the farmers were in favor of the Administration plan, the Senator grudgingly observed its passage in the Senate, although proclaiming that it was not his bill but what the farmers wanted, and insisting that "if it failed, he was not responsible. On the floor of the Senate, he candidly confessed that he could not explain the bill to Western senators.

In brief, if "Cotton Ed" had legislated in 1937 instead of waiting until 1938, the cotton growers, for whom he now mourns, would not have produced 19,000,000 bales in 1937 and there would be little occasion for him to beat his chest before the White House or to berate the Government for its failure to make a loan which many experts consider economically unwise and likely to do the cotton growers as much harm as good.

EMPLOYERS GET FIRM

New York. — Under terms of the Federal Government provided \$63,018.29 for the last fiscal year, 1937-38 more than half of which was matched by the State, and has allowed a slightly smaller amount, \$54,282.92 for the current fiscal year, 1938-39.

Two Pitt School Children Killed In Auto Accident

Greenville, Oct. 12. — Hazel Ray Colville, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Colville, was killed today when struck by an automobile driven by Tom Cox of Greenville.

It was said that Cox's automobile was heading toward Farmville and that the child darted into its path from the left side of the road. The left front fender of the automobile struck the child. Cox rushed the child to Pitt General Hospital, where she died.

The little girl was visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Taylor. She was at a packhouse by the side of the road before she started to cross the highway.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home in the Pactolus section Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the Colville family cemetery in Pactolus township.

In addition to the parents, survivors are three brothers, James Edward, Harry B. and Glenn; a sister, Sarah Marie; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Colville and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Greenville, Route 2.

MARBORO CHILD KILLED BY UNCLE'S AUTOMOBILE

Farmville, Oct. 12. — Melvin Stepp, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stepp of Marlboro, was killed this morning en route to the Farmville Graded School in an automobile accident, termed unavoidable by a jury impaneled by Coroner Ellwanger.

The boy is reported to have darted from behind an automobile directly in the path of another car, driven by his uncle, Ben Stepp. The accident occurred near his home. A companion said the child ran across the road to gather flowers.

Funeral services will be held from the home, with the Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Farmville Christian Church, in charge. Surviving are his parents, a sister and four brothers.

Davidson County Wins \$750.00 Prize

Raleigh, Oct. 11. — Davidson county's exhibit won the "county progress" competition at the state fair today, being awarded a \$750 prize.

The county progress contest is a new department at the fair, exhibits being entered to show progress in education, rural life, and industrial development.

Cleveland county took second prize, \$500, with Caldwell county getting third and \$300, and Edgecombe fourth, winning \$200.

AID PAYMENTS REACH 14 MILLION

Probably \$14,000,000 have been distributed in North Carolina in benefits and services under the Federal Social Security Act and supplemental State laws since the program was started, largely in the five major divisions in which benefits have been paid to individuals, but also in five other divisions in services rendered to individuals and communities.

In the five major divisions \$12,106,202.43 had been distributed up to October 1, except in one division. In Old Age Assistance, paid one-half by the Federal government and one-fourth each by the State and counties, \$3,448,243.29 had been distributed to the aged and needy in 11 months of its operation, through September; Aid to Dependent Children, paid one-third each by the Federal, State and county units and by the same period, \$1,150,813.29 had been distributed to children without breadwinners; Aid to the Blind, paid one-half by the Federal Government and one-fourth each by the State and counties, in the same period, \$393,213.29 had been distributed to needy blind.

In Unemployment Compensation, \$7,076,086.79 had been distributed in the nine months of this year up to October 1 to unemployed or partially unemployed workers in North Carolina who had established work records and otherwise met the requirements. In Old Age Benefits, or Insurance, in 20 months, to September 1, \$22,445.86 had been distributed to those who had work records and reached 65 years of age, or to families of those who had died, since January, 1937, in small lump-sum settlements.

In the five minor divisions, the Federal Government provided \$631,018.29 for the last fiscal year, 1937-38 more than half of which was matched by the State, and has allowed a slightly smaller amount, \$542,829.29 for the current fiscal year, 1938-39.

Feed For Needy

Purchases of 41 agricultural commodities by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation at a total cost of \$25,400,000 during the fiscal year July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1938, are shown in the Corporation's annual report. Purchases divided into relief channels.

TAKES DARE, DIES

Fort Myers, Fla. — Dared by playmate to touch a power line which increased the sale of American cotton in foreign countries.

Democrats of 1st. District To Meet in Williamston

SEC. WALLACE COMPLETES FARM PLANS

Washington, Oct. 13. — Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and his aides are completing a four-point program designed to quiet rumblings of dissatisfaction over heavy crop surpluses and low farm prices.

This program includes: 1. Continuation of the existing crop control law, with reference on marketing quotas to keep next year's cotton, tobacco, rice and wheat crops in line with expected needs.

Processing Taxes 2. A recommendation to Congress that it revive processing taxes invalidated by the Supreme Court in 1936. Funds raised by the taxes would supplement present farm subsidies.

3. Greater emphasis on expanding domestic markets for surplus farm products.

4. Reorganization of the Agriculture Department, announced a few days ago, for greater efficiency in serving farmers.

Assistant said Wallace believed this program would fortify the administration against any proposals at the next session of Congress for outright fixing of farm prices at sharply increased levels.

Abundant Supplies

The Federal Crop Reporting Board emphasized in its October report abundant supplies of most food, feed, forage, tobacco and cotton crops are in prospect. The major crops facing excessive surpluses include cotton, wheat, and possibly corn and rice.

The October report forecast a 1938 corn crop of 3,459,816,000 bushels, indicating a government loan rate of about 61 cents a bushel. If the November report indicates a crop of less than about 3,717,000,000 bushels and the average farm price is below 57 cents a bushel November 15, such a loan rate will be mandatory.

It is unlikely, officials said, the November figure will increase the estimate above the 2,717,000,000 bushel level.

Pitt Agent Releases Report On Ginnings

M. V. Horton, special Pitt County agent for the Bureau of Census of the Department of Commerce, today issued his ginning report showing that 70 bales of cotton were ginned in Pitt from the 1938 crop prior to October 1, as compared with 1,498 bales for the 1937 crop.

The report included ginnings through last week.

Czechs Balking At Land Claims

Say Hungarians Want Too Much; Troops on Both Sides Seem Impatient.

Komarom (On the Czechoslovak-Hungarian border), Oct. 12. — Czechoslovak negotiators today rejected Hungarian claims for the predominantly Hungarian population in certain parts of Czechoslovakia.

It was authoritatively reported that Hungary would walk out of the conference tomorrow unless her demands were met, though the negotiators were scheduled to meet at 9 a. m. (8 a. m. EST) tomorrow to resume the negotiations.

With the talks in deadlock, the Slovak delegation, sources close to that delegation said, had decided to ask the mediation of Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany.

The Slovaks, who in three days of conferences offered a variety of proposals, were understood to have suggested even the autonomy be provided for the heavily populated Hungarian areas in Slovakia, itself a newly created autonomous state in Czechoslovakia.

Informed quarters said the Hungarians were greatly surprised at this suggestion, and insisted upon immediate occupation by the Hungarian army of the heavily populated Hungarian areas.

WHO KNOWS?

1. How do British investments in this country compare with 1914?
2. Who is John Charles Thomas?
3. When and where did the first successful airplane flight take place?
4. How long has Speaker Bankhead been in Congress?
5. What nations have the most gold?
6. How many pennants have the New York Yankees won?
7. How much money would be raised by a processing tax to aidiculture?
8. What is a southwest?
9. Is there a tariff on wheat?
10. Has the low price of cotton increased the sale of American cotton in foreign countries?