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Britain Supports France In Mediterranean Defense

Paris Announces That London Is Pledged To Give Both Moral and Military Aid If War Results from Italian Demands.

Paris, Dec. 13. — The Foreign Office spokesman tonight announced that Great Britain was pledged to give both military and moral support to France if war should result from Italy's still unofficial territorial demands in the Mediterranean and North Africa.

The Foreign Office announcement was made shortly after Foreign Minister George Bonnet conferred with British Ambassador Sir Eric Phipps regarding Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's statement in the British House of Commons Monday.

Bonnet asked for an amplification of Chamberlain's statement in Commons that Britain has no treaty obligations to go to France's aid in event of an attack by Italy.

Phipps was understood to have assured Bonnet that although technically there is no military alliance between London and Paris, any Italian attempt to upset the "status quo" in the Mediterranean by acquiring Tunisia would slice the lifeline of the British Empire.

Therefore, he said, Britain is just as determined as France to resist any Mediterranean aggression by Italy, and this involves a promise of military as well as moral support.

British sources said Phipps explained that Franco-British relations were so close and the interests of the two nations so interdependent that there was no need of a formal agreement covering all eventualities.

In a move expected to alleviate somewhat the Italo-French tension, the French-controlled Suez Canal Company is preparing to reduce its canal tolls by four and one-sixth per cent effective Thursday, it was learned.

The tolls will be reduced from six British shillings (\$1.50) a ton to five shillings, nine pence (\$1.43).

It was explained that the reduction was a normal one, decided upon several nights ago on the basis of the company's ability to provide cheaper service and had "nothing whatever to do" with the Italian demands.

The cost of Suez Canal passage has been a sore point with Italy, particularly since the Ethiopian war. France and Britain got the profits and Virginia Cayes, editor of the Italian Giornale d'Italia, which often speaks for Premier Benito Mussolini, came out last week-end with a flat demand that Italy be given a share in the canal's control.

Britain pays about half of the Suez tolls, France about 14 per cent and Italy about 18 per cent.

The French government had been concerned with Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons Monday until Phipps amplified it in his conversation with Bonnet.

Britain's only pledge to France is to aid in defending the French northern and eastern frontiers against any German aggression, but it was pointed out that French and British interests in the Mediterranean are so interdependent that the modern defenses of British Malta and French Bizerta are coordinated in an Anglo-French determination to keep the Sicilian channel open.

Double Killing On Farm of F. M. Davis, Jr.

Tuesday morning about nine o'clock Bloke Pullen and Fred Holle were shot in the head with a 22 rifle and stabbed in the heart with a large knife. Eye witnesses to the killing say that death was instant. They also state that they had no chance whatever to escape the killer.

The killer made a successful getaway but is thought to be somewhere in the neighborhood.

Mr. Pullen and Mr. Holle had made many friends since coming to our city, who regret very much their passing away.

Mr. Pullen and Holle have been on display at Davis Supply Co.'s Store since Sept. 1.

Mr. Pullen's duty was to eat all the corn and Pig and Hog Chow he could, trying to see how much weight he could gain.

He gained 210 pounds in 104 days at feed cost of \$4.41 per 100 pounds gain.

Mr. Holle's duty was to eat all the corn and shipstuff he could gain as much weight as he could. He gained 63 pounds in 64 days at feed cost of \$8.00 per 100 pound gain. The last 40 days of his life he was fed all the corn and Pig and Hog Chow he could eat and made a gain of 59 pounds at feed cost of \$6.78 per 100 pounds.

The remains were taken to the home of Mr. Davis where they were promptly accorded all honor due such fine hogs.

Germans Absent As Chamberlain Raps Nazi Press

Entire German Diplomatic Staff at London Boycotted Speech of Premier.

London, Dec. 13. — The German ambassador, Nazi newspapermen and Chancellor Adolf Hitler's personal envoy tonight boycotted a dinner speech by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in a "rebuff" which held the possibilities of a serious diplomatic incident.

The entire Nazi diplomatic staff and about 15 German correspondents refused to attend the dinner of the Foreign Press Association after learning that the Prime Minister would deplore the "vituperation" of German press attacks on British statesmen.

Chamberlain's 500 listeners interrupted him for four minutes with loud applause when he made his reference to the German press.

It was believed that Ambassador Herbert von Dirksen and the others consulted with the German government in Berlin before deciding to boycott the speech.

Gottfried Achenbach of the German foreign office in Berlin had come to London especially for the speech, indicating the importance which Hitler attached to it.

The Germans explained privately that although they had no objections to whatever Chamberlain might say about Germany in the House of Commons, they regarded his statements before Nazi newspapermen who were his hosts as "bad taste."

Likely Reaction.

The boycott, apparently without parallel in British diplomatic history, seemed certain to lead to public resentment against a slight to the head of the British government and probably complaints in Germany against his attempts to "lecture" the German press.

There was speculation that a renewal of the Anglo-German press war might result and further jeopardize Chamberlain's policy of appeasement.

Chamberlain altered only one word in his entire speech after the boycott was revealed. He changed the word "tone" to "attitude" in activities of the German press.

As a matter of fact, Chamberlain devoted only a few of his remarks to Germany, although he "deplored" the tone of the German press "which in one case did not scruple itself against pouring out vituperation upon one of the most respected of our statesmen," referring to former Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin.

The German newspaper Lokal Anzeiger last Friday described Baldwin as a "nutcracker."

Chamberlain also said, in defending his appeasement negotiations with the totalitarians, that the dictators some day may disappear from Europe.

The Prime Minister asserted that Britain is coming so heavily that she will be influenced only by "reason, and not by force" in seeking to erase Europe's grievances and injustices.

Berries For The Birds

It is a fortunate thing for gardeners in America that we can grow so many trees and shrubs which produce berries both beautiful and useful as food for birds. Berries in the garden are an absolute guarantee of the presence of birds. Sometimes, when there are very few birds in the immediate vicinity, it takes a season for them to discover such natural food; but they are sure to come eventually.

The ordinary planting of trees and shrubs around our houses and gardens includes many items of bird diet. However, there is seldom enough food to supply the demand every day in the year, unless we plan to have it so.

During the migrations, in spring and fall, flocks may swoop down and clean up a whole tree or shrub in an hour or so; and unless there is more than enough on the place, permanent residents like the mockingbirds and cardinals will be forced to move out to the country, in order to exist at all.

It is in this very situation which explains the total lack of any permanent birds in certain towns, where food is adequate, are full of them the year around.

Now is the time, during the fall and winter planting season, to fill in the gaps in your calendar of food for the birds. You can easily make a list of the plants on your lot, according to the season in which their fruit ripens, and plant something to ripen in the dead season.

Very often, ignorance is a man's main excuse for speaking.

Live-at-Home Plan Again in Forefront

Farm Specialist Stress Food and Feed in Lieu of Tobacco Control.

Raleigh, Dec. 13. — With the fluenced tobacco program swept aside by a vote of farmers, John W. Goodness, assistant director of the State College Extension Service, told specialists at their monthly meeting yesterday that more emphasis will have to be placed on food and feed crops.

"We're going to have to promote more strongly the 'live-at-home' program," he said, to forestall poor prices that might catch farmers next fall. "That means more livestock, more chickens, more food and feed crops, and more emphasis on soil conservation."

He urged the specialists to stress the agricultural conservation portion of the AAA program to farmers of the State, since this phase of the program deals with building up and maintaining soils through certain approved practices. Farmers who cooperate in this program are paid cash payments.

Referring to Goodness' talk, the outlook for farmers in 1939 was discussed. Jack Caldwell, who had just returned from an outlook conference in Raleigh, said that the pro-

Cotton Seed Treatment Worth \$2,326,300 in '38

Treating cotton seed with 2 per cent Ceresan was worth \$2,326,000 to growers of North Carolina in 1938, reports O. P. Owens of the Department of Plant Pathology of State College. Approximately 40,000 acres were planted with treated seed this year, and the average increase in yield of treated fields as compared with untreated seed was 149 pounds per acre.

At the current price of lint and seed this resulted in a net increase in total value of \$333 per acre after deducting 25 cents per bushel for the cost of treating the seed, Owens said.

This is despite the very unfavorable weather conditions, severe fall weather, and the lower price paid for cotton.

Owens reported the results of demonstrations conducted by the Department of Plant Pathology throughout the cotton growing counties of the State. The records show that 423 plants emerged per 100 feet of row where treated seed were used against 375 where untreated seed were used. There were 11 dead plants per 100 feet of row on the treated seed compared with 24 on the untreated rows; that the treated seed emerged while the untreated seed did not; that untreated rows were black and that an estimated yield of 1000 pounds of seed cotton per acre was obtained from the treated rows.

Republicans generally look to the (Continued on page 2)



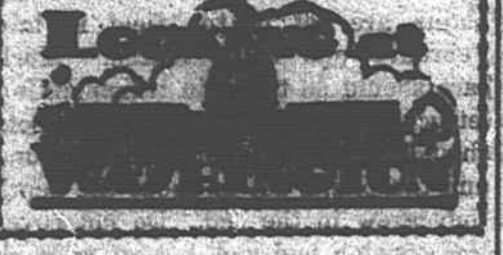
CHRISTMAS TREES
(Apologies to Joyce Kilmer)

I hope that I shall never see
A child without a Christmas Tree.
A young fir tree, from forest glen,
Symbol of peace, good will to men.

A tree whose slender, pointing spire
Leads human thoughts to pure desire.
It speaks of useful, peaceful life,
Away from worldly, bitter strife.

A simple child of snow and rain,
The hope of Christ; succumb from pain.

Forests are burned by fools, you see,
But God gave the child his Christmas tree.



(Eugene S. Sims, Washington Correspondent.)

ROOSEVELT'S COURSE GARNER HEARD FROM DEMOCRATIC HARI-KARI REPUBLICAN HOPEFULS WATCH LATIN-AMERICA AGGRESSORS UNITED

The President returning to Washington from Warm Springs, Ga., proclaimed the virtues of liberalism, gave notice that the New Deal would continue, and reaffirmed his belief in the American way of life, including capitalism. Declaring that we are not only the "largest and most powerful democracy," but one to which other democracies look to leadership, Mr. Roosevelt said that what this country does, or fails to do, in the next few years would have a far greater influence upon the history of the human race than most people conceive.

So, apparently, from a firsthand source, we have an inkling of the Administration course when Congress convenes next month. That will be aimed, generally, at the same objectives, regardless of methods and tactics appears conclusive. Those who have studied the President's course in the past had no other idea. He is convinced that the reforms that he urges are necessary to the welfare and continuance of the American system. He is not likely to turn away from a fight, even with his own party, if they are challenged.

Word comes from Texas that the citizens of that State are boosting the Vice-President for the Democratic nomination in 1940. At the same time through several sources, comes the word that Mr. Garner will have nothing to do with any effort to form a coalition with the Republicans in any effort to hamstring the New Deal. This conflicts with the writings of some columnists who have had "Cactus Jack" walking in his tent and leading the conservative Democrats in undercover activity against the President. While it is possible that the Texas might not agree with everything that has been done, in the manner of the doing, he is a straight-out party man and too good a soldier to knife his own comrades.

In fact it ought to be apparent to all Democrats that the fate of their party hangs on the success of the President in 1940, yet they are not in the record of the party. The Republicans will put a candidate to lampshade it and to point out its errors. The voters in 1940, will either endorse the Democratic New Deal or they will elect a Republican President. There is no other probable outcome and conservative Democrats, who think they can take control of the party machinery in spite of the President, are just amusing themselves.

WPA Rushes Pay Rolls For Xmas Spending

Nearly Million Dollars To Be Available To Relief Workers For Holiday.

Raleigh, Dec. 14. — WPA will distribute nearly a million dollars to relief workers in North Carolina during or near Christmas week.

To get out checks to 58,000 persons, the highest number ever on relief rolls here, before Dec. 26, the second semi-monthly pay roll for December was rescheduled for earlier disbursement, and beginning tomorrow, the pay-rolls section of the division of finance will work nights, and through next Sunday to speed-up the payments.

Postmasters over the State also will cooperate in clearing the WPA checks through the normal Christmas rush, providing special windows if necessary. The bulk of the checks will be distributed between December 19 and 24, and all the semi-monthly payments by December 31.

The early payment will mean that approximately \$1,000,000 will be disbursed to WPA relief clients in December disbursement will amount to more than \$87,000, with \$29,000 of it going out the week before Christmas.

The present high mark of \$8,000 on the WPA rolls was attained in a steady climb from the low of 19,000 in October, 1937. The high record prior to that was 45,038 in February, 1936.

North Carolina is the only Southern State which has suffered no pruning of its WPA rolls so far, but plans are now being worked out for relieving WPA of the influx of farm clients who came on during the last year.

State Given Share Of Funds From PWA

Washington, Dec. 13. — Senator Josiah W. Bailey's office today made public a statement from the PWA showing that North Carolina has received almost 2.5 per cent of all PWA monies allotted for non-federal projects under the 1938 PWA appropriation.

The State has approximately 2.5 per cent of the population of the country.

The statement, which is signed by H. A. Gray, assistant administrator, follows:

"Of the \$724,000,000 available under the current PWA act for non-federal allotments, at this time the Public Works Administration has allotted \$73,355,474 as grants and loans. The State of North Carolina has been allotted \$18,096,331, of which \$13,266,331 is by way of grant and the remaining \$4,830,000 by way of loan, for 155 projects with a total estimated cost of \$29,360,242."

New Circular Tells Of Soil Inoculation

Soil inoculation is necessary to gather the required bacterium to produce nodules on the roots of legumes which gather nitrogen and store it for the use of the plant in making its growth. Eight common reasons for failure and other valuable data on soil inoculation is contained in a new Extension Circular prepared by E. W. Galcher, subject matter analyst of the State College Extension Service.

The common reasons for failure are listed as: (1) Use of the wrong variety of bacterium for the legume to be grown; (2) Use of aged or old culture which is too old; (3) Using inoculating material too long before using; (4) Exposure of inoculated seed to sunlight before sowing; (5) Improper mixing of soil and inoculating material; (6) Working during hot, dry weather; (7) Using seed which is not inoculated by a sufficient number of bacteria; and (8) Seeding inoculated seed on soil that is too acid or too wet to permit the proper development of the bacteria.

Galcher has also prepared a chart showing the lowest pH or acidity of the soil for proper growth of eight different groups of legumes. He explains the procedure for inoculating with suitable cultures, with soil, and with both.

Assistance in preparing the circular was given by Edna C. Blair, extension agent; Dr. R. F. Poole, research botanist; Dr. Edwin Shaw, extension pathologist; and L. O. Wick, research soil chemist, all of State College, who submitted the material for technical accuracy.

The Extension Circular, No. 226, entitled "Inoculating Soils to Grow Legumes" is available free from the nearest extension agent to the Agriculture Office, State College, N. C.

Colorful Setting Provided For Yuletide Season Here By Gay Lights, Greenery

Merchants To Give Prizes On 19th

Preparations for entering the decoration contest, being conducted by the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, are going forward rapidly, and extensive indoor and outdoor decorations of homes, stores and grounds are now underway.

The list of prizes to be awarded December 19 is as follows:

Best dressed window — 1st prize \$10, second \$5; best store interior, including displays, lighting effects, decorations — 1st prize, \$1.50, second, \$0.50; Exterior home lighting display, lighting on trees, bushes, porch displays, decorations — 1st prize \$7.50, second \$2.50; Interior home display, lighting and decorations and schemes — 1st prize \$7.50, second prize \$2.50; Outdoor trees lighted — 1st prize \$2.50, second prize \$1.00; Best decorated and lighted interior tree — 1st prize \$2.50, second prize, \$1.00.

Interior decorators desiring to enter the contest will please phone 450-1, Chamber of Commerce office, as the committee will only judge the homes of those requesting it.

City Fathers And Merchants Unite In Giving Festive Atmosphere For Celebration Of Christmas.

Hundreds of colored lights, interspersing the thousands of yards of mountain laurel festooned across streets of the business section, and combined with two huge stars and numbers of lighted Christmas trees on the sidewalks, provide for the holidays here a gay scene and vie with decorations of last year, said to be the most beautiful of any previous season.

Santa Claus arrived from the frozen North Friday night and was warmly greeted by Mayor Davis, other town officials, the high school band and practically every child in the community.

Decorations of various kinds and Yuletide scenes are to be found in the shop windows, where samples of the large stocks of Christmas gifts are effectively arranged.

The merchants and City Fathers have cooperated splendidly in providing Farmville with a festive setting for the Christmas celebration, and when the Christmas trees inside and outdoors are illuminated, the candle-like wreaths begin to glow in the windows and the streets to resound with the joyous shouts of the children, citizens will forget for the time being their disappointments of the past year, the foreboding future and all will live again in the hope of reviving the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Miss DeVisconti Conducts Seal Sale Here Again This Year

It was announced through the Pitt County Seal Sales Chairman, Dr. N. Thomas Emmet, some time ago that Miss Tabitha DeVisconti has again accepted the Seal Sale Chairmanship for Farmville. Miss DeVisconti has done such excellent work in the past Seal Sales that Dr. Emmet has stated that he considers himself very fortunate in being able to again secure Miss DeVisconti's services.

The Seal Sale in Pitt County is carried on under the auspices of the Pitt County Tuberculosis Association, J. H. Waldrop, Greenville banker, President. Mr. Waldrop states that early diagnosis is essential to the control of tuberculosis and that if sufficient funds are secured from the Seal Sale, the Superintendent of the State Sanatorium, Dr. P. P. McCain, with the cooperation of the Pitt County Health Department will tuberculin test all high school boys and girls of the county and X-ray those who give a positive tuberculin reaction. Mr. Waldrop further states that since it is during the high school age that tubercular infection usually begins, it is at this age that we must find it if we are ever to control it.

Miss DeVisconti states that the amount raised through Seal Sales in Farmville had increased from year to year, and expresses the hope that the support this year will be even more generous than that of the previous years. She wishes to call attention to the fact that bonds in denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$25 are now on sale and stating that the major portion of the funds raised always came from the sale of bonds.

Farmville Township Aided By Seal Sale

In connection with the Christmas Seal Sale campaign, Miss Elisabeth Skinner, Pitt County publicity chairman, released the following facts today:

With reference to the proportion of the funds retained locally and the ways in which these funds are used in the control of tuberculosis, she calls attention to the fact that not only 75 per cent of the actual funds raised is retained locally, but a large part of the funds sent to the State and National Tuberculosis Associations is returned to the community in the form of Seals, Seal Sale supplies and annual tuberculosis clinics.

The clinics are held every spring in Greenville, Farmville and Ayden and are conducted by a state specialist in tuberculosis at no cost to the community. This means that practically 85 cents out of every dollar raised, is used at home in the control of tuberculosis.

She also revealed some of the ways in which the money is used in Pitt County. Among the cases cared for in Farmville township during the past year and ways are:

Providing milk for 6 cases of tuberculosis unable to do so themselves; one patient fluoroscoped; milk for children in tuberculous homes; twenty-six X-rayed for diagnosis; Pneumothorax treatments (compressing the lung with air, thus giving the lung rest and a chance to heal); Tuberculin tests for a large number of children; Free sputum cups; Burt cottages; transportation to and from the Sanatorium; one bath robe and slippers provided for one.

In reciting these control measures, Miss Skinner said she felt sure that they would make a strong appeal to all citizens interested in the welfare of the community.

Farmville Now Has New Flower Shop

Large Display Awaits Christmas Shoppers—Say It With Flowers.

Mrs. T. E. Joyner and Miss Myrtle Sutton, who recently opened an up-to-the-minute flower shop, on Main Street in Farmville, announces their readiness to fill your orders for choice flowers for all occasions.

At this Christmas season they are featuring a large display of potted plants and wreaths, as well as cut flowers, and invite your inspection. Read the advertisement of the Farmville Flower Shop elsewhere in this issue and place your order now for the flowers of your choice.

Tarboro. — John W. Perkins, 68, died Monday morning at 7:18 o'clock in Edgecombe General Hospital here of angina pectoris and complications.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. J. W. Perkins of Wendell; five daughters, Mrs. H. B. Rautenberg of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Franklin Eicker of Wilson; Mrs. W. D. Turner of Greenville; Mrs. M. L. Blachford of San Diego, Calif.; and Mrs. J. Henry Jurnett, Jr. of New York City; five sons, W. L. of Farmville, N. L. of Smithfield, J. C. of Wendell, Lieut. C. E. of the U. S. Navy, Norfolk, and J. W. Perkins, Jr., of Wendell.

Mr. Perkins was for the past 30 years a member in good standing of the J. O. U. A. E. At the time of his death he was financial secretary of the Tarboro Council No. 113, Tarboro, N. C. He was a charter member of the Robersonville Council. He was with J. H. Harris and Co. and W. M. Lang and Co. here several years ago. He was buried Tuesday morning in Greenbank Cemetery, Wendell, N. C. Rev. Jarman pastor of the Christian Church there officiated.

Perkins who work hard and save those he left to be children who spend money and that work hard.

WHO KNOWS?

1. How many officers and men are in the national guard?
2. How many regular airline stops are scheduled?
3. When was prohibition repealed?
4. Has any President ever run for a third term?
5. Is the death rate from tuberculosis declining?
6. What would be the cost of the Nicaraguan canal?
7. What is the strength of the Marine Corps?
8. When do the Philippine Islands become independent?
9. How much money is in circulation?
10. What is the income of Harry Hoover?