

# CHAMBERLAIN SAVES REGIME

## Coastal Air Service Group Formed

### Proposed Line Includes City On Its Stops

Will Seek Establishment Of Atlantic City-Charleston Trunk Line

### COMMITTEE IS NAMED

Lockwood Named Head; Wilmington Represented At Charleston Meet

A definite step looking to establishment of an Atlantic City-Charleston trunk line air service, with Wilmington as one of the points on the route, was taken in Charleston yesterday with the formation of the Atlantic Coastal Cities Air Service association with the proposed line its goal.

The organization was formed by representatives from a number of coastal cities.

Officials of two airline firms, the Pennsylvania Central Airways and the Canadian-Colonial Air Lines, also attended the conference.

### Extension Discussed

Possible extension of the trunk line to Quebec, Canada, and Nassau, in the Bahamas, was also discussed. Under the proposal, the service would connect Montreal and Quebec with Nassau by way of Atlantic City, Norfolk, Elizabeth City, Wilmington, Myrtle Beach, Georgetown and Charleston.

The Pennsylvania Central firm proposed to institute a trunk line service from Atlantic City, N. J., through Norfolk and Wilmington to Charleston. The Canadian Colonial firm's plan was to start service from New York to Charleston with sea-plane connections at Charleston for Nassau.

The air companies asked no consideration from the participating cities other than their support in making application for permission for the service to the Civil Aeronautics authority, government agency for the control of aviation.

Lockwood Elected Mayor Henry W. Lockwood, of Charleston, was elected chairman of the air service association.

Others named to the executive committee were: J. E. Savard, Mon-

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## COURT DISMISSES GIBSON'S APPEAL

### New Hanover Negro Scheduled To Die May 24 For Criminal Assault

RALEIGH, May 8.—(AP)—The state supreme court today dismissed an appeal by Simon (Coochie) Gibson, 25-year-old negro who was sentenced last January in New Hanover county to death for criminally assaulting a white woman.

Unless Governor Hoey intervenes, Gibson will be executed at Central prison here May 24.

The negro was convicted of entering the bedroom of a married woman and assaulting her on the night of

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## WEATHER

FORECAST  
North Carolina: Widely scattered showers; Thursday; Friday scattered showers, cooler in central portion.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)  
Temperature  
1:30 a. m. 65; 7:30 a. m. 67; 1:30 p. m. 84; 7:30 p. m. 68; maximum 84; minimum 62; mean 74; normal 69.

Humidity  
1:30 a. m. 78; 7:30 a. m. 70; 1:30 p. m. 46; 7:30 p. m. 61.

Precipitation  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. none; total since first of the month, 0.55 inches.

Tides For Today  
High 11:08 a. 6:25 a.  
Low 11:30 p. 6:38 p.  
Moonset 8:50 a. 2:30 a.  
Sunrise 5:15 a. sunset 6:02 p. moonrise 6:57 a. moonset 9:08 p.

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"Don't Think You Were Driven Out Of Norway"



Welcomed back to England after being evacuated from central Norway, British troops stand at attention as General Sir Edmund Ironside, chief of the imperial defense staff, tells them "Don't think you were driven out of Norway. You were ordered out."

## Ministers Oppose Sale Of 'Smutty Magazines'

### OPPOSE SUNDAY SHOWS

### Closing Of Gas Stations On Sunday Morning Is Also Proposed Here

Requests that newstands discontinue the selling of "smutty magazines" and that the filling stations of the county cooperate with the churches by closing between 9:30 and 1 o'clock on Sundays were made by the Ministers' association at a meeting Monday.

The group also reaffirmed its opposition to Sunday movies in Wilmington.

Committee Report  
Action by the Ministerial association was taken following a report by the committee on moral and social welfare, composed of Dr. A. D. P. Gilmour, chairman, the Rev. Mortimer Glover and the Rev. Sankey Lee Blanton.

Following a lengthy discussion of the report, the association members adopted the report by the committee and in doing so called attention to an article appearing in the February issue of Readers Digest, entitled, "This Trash Must Go."

The report as adopted was as follows:

"To quote briefly from this article:—A torrent of 'smutty magazines' is flowing across the newstands of the nation. Last month eight million people—most of them under twenty-one—bought copies of 150 nationally distributed periodicals reeking with frankly objectionable material; in some localities these magazines constitute from one-fourth to one-half of all newstand sales. . . . The filthy magazine is not a youth of prudish minds. Its menace is real, its influence potentially crime inciting."

Lewis E. Lawes, warden of Sing Sing Prison, declares: "Salacious magazines are definitely connected with criminal activity of individuals predisposed toward sex crimes. They have had a definite effect in many cases with which I have come directly in contact." J. Edgar Hoover testifies: "The publication and distribution of salacious material is a peculiarly vicious evil; the destruction of moral character caused by it among young people cannot be over-estimated. The circulation of periodicals containing such material plans an important part in the development of crime among the youth of our country." In the past decade the growth of salacious literature has been the most rapid in history. During this period sex crimes have more than doubled, with one out of every four committed by youths

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## Romania Takes Control Of Fuel, Foodstuffs

BUCHAREST, May 8.—(AP)—The cabinet economic council announced tonight that the Rumanian government would take over control of all stocks of wood, coal, petroleum products, cotton, fodder, grain and foodstuffs to the interest of national defense.

Officials said this would be a first step toward economic mobilization. Decrees covering the action will be published tomorrow.

The government will have power to purchase the commodities named at whatever prices it fixes, to ration them and control their sale both within the country and for export.

## DEMOCRATS SOUND REGISTRATION PLEA

### Club Points Out That Only 3,841 Have Placed Their Names On Books Here

An appeal to the citizens of New Hanover county to register in the new registration for the May 25 primary was made yesterday by the Young Democrats club of the county.

Members of the club pointed out that in the general election of 1938 a total of 14,000 registered, and up to the present only 3,841 persons have registered.

Registration books will be open in all polling places Saturday for the last time, Saturday, May 18, is challenge day.

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## REICH IS PREPARED ALONG ALL FRONTS

### Official Says Nation Ready To Answer Any Blow From Enemies

BERLIN, May 8.—(AP)—Official German quarters, in the face of general European anxiety, tonight assured all inquirers that Germany is prepared to strike decisively wherever and whenever her enemies attack.

"We reveal no secret," authorized sources said, "when we repeat that Germany is prepared on all fronts."

Asked whether this meant the Netherlands frontier also, they replied: "Obviously."

"Chamberlain twice recently has intimated England is determined to widen the area of combat," these sources added. "But he has not said where except that he broadly hinted at the Mediterranean."

"That may be a blind, however, for operations elsewhere. Spain, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland—all have been mentioned by the world's press. We won't be caught unawares anywhere."

Hand in hand with these verbal assurances went wholesale summonses to the colors.

All ages seemed involved. Cases of reservists over 50 years of age have been noticed in the past days. All walks of life appear to be included so that there is a general lack of manpower except in war industries, with its many ramifications.

In the actual fighting, the high command reported that German armor had successfully raided marching columns of Allied troops near Narvik, far-north Norwegian port where the Allies are besieging a German force. One English pursuit plane was reported shot down.

The high command also said two cruisers were hit by bombs in an-

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## Dutch Moves Seen As Test Of Defenses

Army More Fully Mobilized Than At Any Time In Nation's History

### CALLS ARE SUSPENDED

Ships Banned From Inland Waters, Public Buildings Are Guarded

By MAX HARRELSON

AMSTERDAM, May 8.—(AP)—Influential Netherlands commentators advanced the suggestion tonight that the elaborate precautionary steps taken by the army and navy within the last 24 hours was a move by the high command to test the nation's defenses.

These were coupled with the declaration of the widely read Amsterdam newspaper De Telegraaf that although the international situation was dangerous the sensation caused by the government's measures was "not justified."

Army Fully Mobilized  
The Dutch army at present, the newspaper pointed out, is more fully mobilized than at any time in history and it is only logical that the authorities should make a test of their readiness.

"There is no reason for disquiet," De Telegraaf continued. "Foreign countries should stop guessing against whom our measures are intended."

"We ourselves want the certainty that our military apparatus corresponds to the demand of the military authorities."

There were no further measures announced since last night when a partial "blackout" of communications was enforced after all leaves were cancelled.

With the nation's armed forces swelled to some 400,000 men, it was recalled that leaves were cancelled approximately 60 times during the World War whereas this is only the fourth time in eight months that such action has been taken in the present conflict.

Calls Suspended  
Outgoing telephone calls were suspended again tonight as they were last night, from 10 p. m. to 8 p. m. (2:40 a. m. EST.)

Other measures included an order barring ships from inland waterways and the posting of guards around all public buildings in Amsterdam and the Hague.

(Berlin authorities issued a blanket denial of a report from a reliable source in New York last night that two columns of German troops were converging on the Netherlands frontier.)

(The Germans heretofore have used the Netherlands border area as a reservoir for troops destined for service in the West Wall and it was suggested this reported troop movement might have been for the same purpose.)

Amsterdam's airport at Schiphol will be closed to foreign planes beginning Friday, it was announced tonight.

At present German planes are the only foreign aircraft landing at Schiphol.

Another airport will be made available for German commercial aircraft

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## BEATS OFF CRITICISM AND WINS CONFIDENCE QUESTION, 281 TO 200

### PRESS AIRS VIEWS

Daily Mail Says Government Of Aged Prime Minister 'Must Resign'

### NEW MINISTRY ASKED

Daily Express Feels Air Supremacy Solution To Britain's Dilemma

LONDON, May 9.—(AP)—The Daily Mail in a front page editorial today declared the government of 71-year-old Neville Chamberlain "must resign" and advocated the selection of 79-year-old David Lloyd George, World war prime minister, as his successor with First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill in complete control of strategy.

The laborite Daily Herald and the liberal News Chronicle likewise demanded a new ministry.

The Daily Express, however, felt that regaining air supremacy was the solution to Britain's dilemma. It said: "With airplanes we're safe—whether Chamberlain or Churchill are in or out of office—without planes we're sunk, no matter who sits in power at Downing street and in Whitehall."

The Times of London commented: "After the disclosures of opinion in parliament and the press during the present week there can be no question of the strength of the demand for a ministry more broadly based and therefore differently constituted."

"The only question is how it can be achieved and how soon. If the labor party fails to answer the clear public call it leaves the prime minister free to choose his own means of showing the setback in southern Norway was not merely a failure starting point for British energy and valor."

The Herald said: "Parliament has dismissed the premier. Morally and politically Mr. Chamberlain was defeated beyond hope of recovery in commonsense. . . . The nation's will is: Chamberlain shall go."

Vegetable Producer Opposes Patman Bill

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—Roy A. Porter, Elba, N. Y., a producer of potatoes and vegetables, told a house subcommittee today that the Patman chain store tax bill would "upset our present economy, distort prices and unequally burden business which is performing an essential service."

His sales to chains varied from 3 per cent to 47 per cent of his yearly sales, he said, and they formed a "very desirable" outlet.

Porter added that by restricting and possibly destroying large chain organizations, the legislation would react unfavorably upon farmers, customers and business.

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### BALLOT AFTER CHURCHILL TALKS

Conservatives' Position Clouded, However, By 134 Absentees In House of Commons; Resignation Talk Heard

### POLITICAL OUTLOOK IS UNCERTAIN

Churchill Accepts Full Responsibility for Admiralty's Decision Not To Attempt To Force Trondheim Fjord

By DREW MIDDLETON  
LONDON, May 8.—(AP)—Neville Chamberlain remained the master of Britain's war government by the narrow margin of 81 votes tonight after beating off for the moment the thunder of criticism which in two days of historic house of commons debate had threatened his ministry for its surrender in central and southern Norway.

The government carried a vote on a question of confidence at conclusion of First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill's calm, firm, almost deprecatory speech, by 281 tory votes to 200 for the combined opposition.

Position Clouded  
The conservatives' position was clouded, however, by the 134 absentees or abstentions, who, with those voting in opposition, make a majority of the 615 members. The British Press association said that 130 of these were absentees.

Moreover, an estimated forty members who normally are government supporters voted with the opposition.

Some political observers speculated on whether the 71-year-old prime minister, chastened by the unexpectedly large opposition vote, might follow the example of the former premier of France, Edouard Daladier, and resign. There was nothing, however, to confirm any such intention.

Men who had hammered at the government for two days took the vote as a victory rather than as a defeat. Jubilantly they sang, "Rule Britannia," shouted "Go! Resign!" as the gaunt Chamberlain left the house.

Likely Successor  
Should the man who led Britain to Munich and then to war to destroy "Hitlerism," actually go to the king to resign, his most likely successor would be Churchill or Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax, possibly at the head of a government of all parties.

But the political situation was in a great state of uncertainty. One possibility, however, was that Chamberlain would

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## FRENCH CABINET CALLED TO MEET

### Two Sessions Planned Today As Nation Watches The Netherlands

PARIS, May 8.—(AP)—Premier Reynaud tonight called two cabinet meetings for tomorrow—one in his office and another with President Lebrun at the Elysee Palace—as the government kept a careful watch on developments in Holland.

Although a war ministry spokesman asserted that renewed rumors of a possible German invasion of Holland were only a Nazi propaganda move to keep neutral nations stirred up, other French sources expressed belief that something was afoot serious enough to cause the Netherlands to take unusual precautions.

The Netherlands tension received more consideration in Paris than the debate in the British house of commons over the Chamberlain government.

One report published in Paris said a messenger from the German foreign ministry had left for the Hague but that it was still too early to de-

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## YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION TO LEAVE FOR TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS SOON

BUDAPEST, May 9.—(Thurs- day)—AP—It was learned authoritatively early today that a Yugoslav military mission headed by General Vojin Maximovic, inspector of the national defense, will leave Belgrade shortly for Moscow to hold military talks with Soviet Russian officials.

Authoritative sources in Belgrade made this disclosure shortly after it was reported in diplomatic quarters that Britain and France were offering Yugoslavs the assistance of troops, air forces and naval

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