

### CHINESE RELIEF DRIVE LAUNCHED

#### Funds Raised To Be Used In Aiding Stricken Civilians In Heroic Land

The drive to raise \$3,000 for China Relief was launched yesterday in Wilmington with headquarters opened at 217 Princess street.

The money to be raised will go for civilian relief among the heroic people of China who have suffered so severely at the hands of the Japanese invaders.

Last year Wilmington contributed more than \$2,000 in a similar campaign. This year the need is heavier and the quota necessarily raised. The committee sponsoring the effort is confident the people of this city, who went above the last quota, will do equally well now.

The primary effort will be made by mail. Following this, special groups will contact residents who have at one time or another voiced sympathy with the undertaking. In the meantime, and for all who are not called upon personally but are willing to do their bit, contributions may be mailed direct to H. Tracy Hunt of the Peoples Bank.

The general committee directing the effort is: Co-chairmen, the Rev. C. D. Barcliff and J. E. L. Wade; treasurer, H. Lacy Hunt; vice chairmen for churches, the Rev. F. L. Blanton, William Crowe, Jr., Walter B. Freed, Mortimer Glover, J. F. Herbert, James Lawson, C. E. Murphy and Rabbi M. M. Thurman; for the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co., Karl Fernstrom; for the Atlantic Coast Line, W. M. Dickson; for civic clubs, M. H. Lander, for women's organizations, Miss Sue Hall, Mrs. C. L. Clendenin and Mrs. Will Reider; secretary, Mrs. W. M. Hibbs.

#### Shoe Stores To Close Earlier During Summer

Earlier closing hours, 5 o'clock each week day except Saturday, were adopted Monday for the summer months by eight local shoe stores.

The closing of shop one-half hour earlier than usual is in the interest of additional recreation for employer and employee and is expected to provoke physical fitness, health and efficiency, it was said.

These stores have agreed jointly to close from June 1 through September 1: Freeman Shoe Co., Cinderella Footwear, Su-Ann Shoe Store, Style Shop, Kinney's Shoe Store, Thom McAn, Cannon Shoe Store and Merit Shoes.

I wish to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the vote of my friends in the primary election last Saturday.

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### TO DIRECT NEW UNITED CHINA RELIEF ACTIVITIES



Wendell Willkie, (center) active in the work of United China Relief since its formation last year, becomes honorary chairman as the organization announces that it will operate on a permanent basis for the duration of the war emergency. Paul G. Hoffman, (left) president of the Studebaker Corporation at South Bend, Indiana, has been named chairman. William R. Herod, (right) vice president of the International General Electric Company, becomes President. With nine agencies now participating in its national appeal, United China Relief will intensify its efforts in 1942 because of China's growing relief needs and her key position in the world-wide situation.

## Count Ciano, Duce's Son-In-Law, Is One Of Italy's Richest

(Editor's note: Richard G. Massock, chief of the former Rome bureau of Wide World, turns the spotlight on Count Ciano's rapid rise to wealth in this first of four daily stories on "Italy today." Massock, who was interned in Italy for five months, reached the United States today.)

**BY RICHARD G. MASSOCK**  
NEW YORK, June 1. — (Wide World).—Mussolini's young son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, is rapidly becoming one of Italy's richest men.

The speed with which this handsome playboy husband of the dictator's favorite child, Edda, has built a fortune is a greater private scandal in Italy than the rapidity with which he rose from vice-consul at Shanghai to foreign minister at Rome.

Others have grown rich under Fascism. Some, like the boss of Venice, Count Volpi Di Misurata, have added to their already sizable fortunes. But Ciano has done it faster and on a greater scale.

The ways in which Ciano has acquired his wealth are various. Some say graft has figured as one way. His official position has enabled him to play the market, buying the depressed stocks of prosperous companies until he and a few cronies have gained control at a cheap price.

Ciano's friends have bought great areas of rich Tuscan farmland in the famous Chianti wine country for him. He owns corporations, a newspaper — Il Telegrafo di Leghorn—and other valuable properties. His apartment, which occupies a whole floor of a modern building in Rome's most fashionable quarter, is richly furnished and incidentally the reputed scene of lavish entertainment.

Ciano enjoys life in a lusty way. He likes a crowd of girls around him, at dinner or on the beach. He prefers cheek-to-cheek dancing to diplomatic conferences.

When the chanceries of the world were feverishly preoccupied with the German-Soviet bombshell pact of August, 1939, Ciano was on the beach at Ostia with a beautiful blonde under view of half a dozen foreign diplomats.

He and Edda lead more or less separate lives.

**Goes With Other Men**  
The blonde Edda, mother of three children, is seen more often in the company of other men than with her husband. For one thing she spends little time in Rome. Mostly she divides her time between Capri, where she has a new mountain-top villa, or at some winter sports resort.

Capri not only allows her a fairly secluded and carefree life, but apparently is restful for her weak lungs. For a short time she served as a Red Cross nurse on hospital ships, but gave that up after the torpedoing of a ship in Valone harbor.

At one time Ciano was considered an outstanding possibility for the succession to the dictatorship of his father-in-law, a sort of Fascist crown prince. That now seems much less likely, because Ciano is considered neither popular nor tough enough. Like all Mussolini's successful associates, he has been primarily a yes-man.

It is general gossip that Ciano is prepared for possible political adversity. Some of his fortune is reported to have been blocked in Brazilian banks, but he is supposed to have enough for a comfortable exile on deposit in Argentina and Switzerland.

**WEATHER**  
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WASHINGTON, June 1. — (AP)—Weather bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 5 p. m. in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

Station	High	Low	Prec.
Asheville	80	67	0.00
Atlanta	90	67	0.00
Boston	65	54	0.00
Burlington	73	41	0.00
Chicago	77	63	0.00
Cleveland	87	62	0.00
Denver	80	50	0.00
El Paso	94	61	0.00
Galveston	85	76	0.00
Kansas City	81	67	0.00
Memphis	94	68	0.00
Miami	87	70	0.00
Mobile	89	69	0.00
New York	61	55	0.00
Portland, Me.	68	38	0.00
St. Louis	92	67	0.00
Savannah	94	64	0.00
Washington	75	65	0.00
Wilmington	85	67	0.00

### DIPLOMATS BACK FROM AXIS LANDS

#### Total Of 908 Landed In New York By Swedish Liner Drottingholm

**JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 1.**—(AP)—Grimy while in the rain, the Swedish diplomatic exchange liner Drottingholm, last safe boat from Europe, came up the bay to its pier today with 908 Americans, Latin Americans, Quasi-Americans and immigrants after a safe but exhausting 10-day trip from the enemy controlled continent.

She was shadowed by at least three U-boats, all of which vanished correctly after viewing her unmistakable colors and floodlit "diplomat" markings. Most of her tired, nervous human cargo was ill on a calm sea before the gangplank came down at pier F, this morning to disembark diplomats, babies, old and young men and women, dogs, pet turtles and even two captive crickets.

For an hour and a half after the Drottingholm had tied up, the passengers crowding the decks and the anxious hundreds on the pier waited in a dramatic, hushed tension.

Then a black-shrouded casket bearing the body of Mrs. William D. Leahy, wife of the ambassador to France, was lowered to the pier where a Navy honor guard covered it with the Stars and Stripes. Mrs. Leahy died in Vichy, France.

Preceded by several Naval officers, Admiral Leahy, grey and lonely, walked quickly down the gangway and entered one of several cars enroute to a Washington train. He made no statement.

Only then were the other passengers permitted to disembark.

The Drottingholm brought from Lisbon a total of 573 United States citizens, including 169 diplomats. There were 185 diplomats from Latin America. Nationals of 33 countries were aboard, plus 19 stateless persons. There were 38 straight immigration cases and several dozens of Polish and Czech speaking passengers with some what remote claims to U. S. citizenship.

Authorities said these latter persons were gathered up and delivered to the Portuguese by the Germans because Hitler wants to exchange them and others like them for about 4,000 Germans in America whom he considers "important" to the German war effort.

However, some U. S. authorities believed that one more voyage by the Drottingholm would return almost all the legitimate Americans who still want to come home. The ship is due to return to Lisbon this week, for a second round trip.

Meanwhile immigration authorities were busy far into this afternoon aboard the ship, coping with the entry problem.

The American diplomats aboard the boat spoke guardedly, if at all, of the conditions in the countries in which they had been interned. But the unofficial passengers told of appalling hunger on the continent, especially in Greece.

There were varied accounts of the state of German morale, and of German treatment of American internees as well. Some of those sent to the little known concentration camp in an ancient stone castle at Laufen, on the German-Austrian border, said they arrived handcuffed in pairs and confined in railway prison cars.

The first of the three submarines which sighted the Drottingholm looked her over 22 hours out of Lisbon; the others appeared on Friday, May 29. All closed their hatches and dived quickly after establishing the ship's identity, and Captain Sigfrid Ericsson, master of the Drottingholm, kept the incidents generally quiet lest the passengers become alarmed.

### Trucking Licensing Agreements Effected

**WASHINGTON, June 1.**—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce J. E. Jones announced today that all of the 48 state governments have put minimum trucking and reciprocal license regulations into immediate effect to facilitate the movement of war materials over the nation's highways.

### NOTICE

Citizens of New Hanover County I thank you for the splendid support given me in the Primary Saturday, for Solicitor of the Recorder's Court.

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### Inventor Of Sub Seeks Means To Offset Menace

**POTTSTOWN, Pa., June 1.**—(AP)—Simon Lake disclosed today that he is at work on another invention—designed, ironically, to offset the menace of his most famous creation, the submarine.

The white-haired 75-year-old inventor came here to perfect a new type of concrete pipe, able to withstand terrific internal pressure, which could be used in cross-country lines to carry oil and gasoline to any part of the nation.

Lake believes his brain-child would save thousands of tons of steel in the construction of pipelines such as that now being considered by congress to relieve the eastern states gasoline shortage, due largely to submarine-torpedoing of tankers.

Details of Lake's newest invention have not been made public because they are considered of military significance. However, it can be said that it is being tested by a large commercial producer.

Lake, who dreamed of the submarine as a major merchant carrier, rather than an instrument of destruction, still is convinced that huge cargo undersea boats would be the answer to the nation's shipping problem.

"The only way to combat the submarine is with another submarine," he said, "and a cargo submersible would be the answer."

"A military submarine would differ greatly from a huge cargo-

### Senate Is Asked To Vote Of \$50 Month Service Pay

**WASHINGTON, June 1.**—(AP)—Senator La Follette (Prog.-Wis.) announced today that he would try to force a senate vote Thursday on the question of making \$50 a month, the minimum pay in the armed forces.

La Follette told the senate that he would press a motion to discharge the senate conference committee which, in meetings with a similar house group, has held out for \$42. The latter figure was approved by the senate, but the house boosted it to \$50. The senate-house committee was then appointed to work out a compromise.

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) indicated there was little likelihood of the senate-house group's agreeing on a compromise before Thursday.

He noted that Senators Reynolds (D-N. C.), Hill (D-Ala.), and Gurney (R-S. D.) were absent from Washington, leaving Johnson and Senator Austin, the assistant republican leader, the only senate members of the joint group on hand.



### THANKS

I sincerely thank the voters of Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties for the splendid vote and support given me in the Democratic Primary last Saturday, which enabled me to take a substantial lead in the race for District Solicitor. I pledge my best efforts to the efficient, conscientious and prompt performance of the duties of this important public trust. I wish it were possible for me to see each voter and personally express my appreciation. I frankly seek the continued support and cooperation of the people of the District.

**Clifton L. Moore**

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### Lt. Frink Detailed For Duty At Office Of Captain Of Port

**Lieut. (J. G.) S. Bunn Frink,** former Southport attorney and county attorney for Brunswick county, has been detailed for duty at the captain of the port's office here, Lieut. R. W. Thresher, captain of the port, said Monday morning.

Lieut. Frink reported for duty here Monday after receiving his commission in the Navy last week and receiving instruction at Sixth Naval District headquarters in Charleston, S. C.

He was a candidate for the solicitorship of the eighth judicial district in the Democratic primary this year until he withdrew to en-

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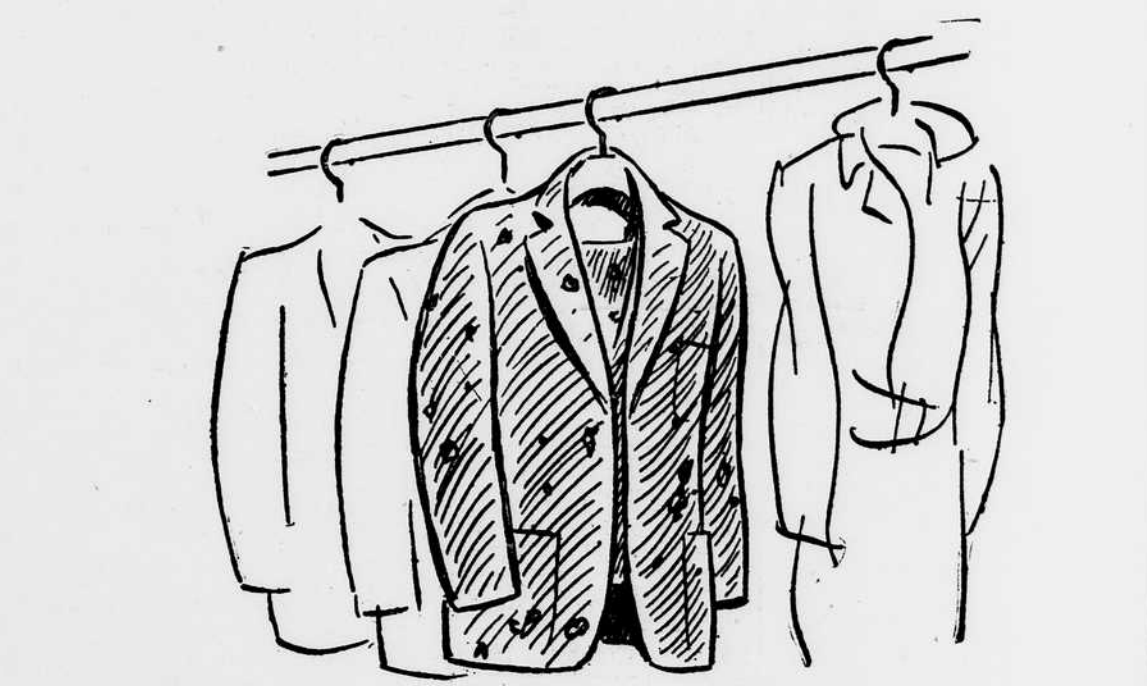
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## This is a Balance Sheet. It is Ruined

It once was the balance sheet of a going retail concern. Its owner let the "moths" get into it.

Priorities, rationing, the misfortunes of war cut down his supplies of goods. He stopped advertising, let his customers forget him, neglected to give them services and substitutes for goods he used to sell.

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