

War Crisis Brings New Factors Into U. S. Political Scene

Developments May Serve to Reset Stage Completely for 1940 Campaign

Washington, Aug. 27—Whatever the final outcome, the German-Polish crisis already has thrust new factors of impermissible effect into the American domestic political picture.

It may have served to reset the stage completely for the 1940 presidential contest, even though there is no change discernible as yet in the cast of probable principal persons for that political drama.

Unquestionably, if Europe is locked in a new death grapple during the 10 months between now and the 1940 national conventions, the campaign issues will stem from the developments of that war and its impacts upon American economic conditions and public opinion.

There can be no doubt, for that matter, that the crisis already has influenced the making of those issues, and it is that aspect of the grim happenings abroad that fascinates Washington political students able to turn even for a moment from dispatheas pulsing with alternate peace hope and war dread.

When the session adjourned, President Roosevelt's party leadership was at the lowest ebb of his White House incumbency due to effective coalitions against him by the militant Republican minority and disaffected groups in Democratic ranks in house and senate.

If congress should be recalled because of a European war emergency, the President unquestionably could expect greater co-operation not only from his own party, but even from Republican members, in working out the problems such as war would impose upon this country.

And if there is no war in Europe, the American public's judgment as to the President's share in averting it undoubtedly will be a new factor with which his political foes will have to reckon. That could greatly influence not only Democratic party platform and ticket making preliminaries for 1940, but even the election trends of that year.

Yet if war abroad comes, despite all that President Roosevelt and the heads of other governments joining in the chorus of peace pleas can do, there is increasing speculation in some Washington quarters as to whether it might not have an immediate and strong influence upon the President to remove any doubt as to his attitude toward seeking a third term. National unity behind his leadership in meeting wartime problems and safeguarding the nation from being sucked into the struggle could become his major objective.

If the President has no third term desire, definite disclosure of that attitude might help promote unity behind his leadership of the nation in the stresses of neutrality during a European conflict. It is at least a step he might contemplate, since if war comes, he will in any case remain as President and national leader for the next 16 months.

Mississippi had more farms, according to the 1930 census, than California, Oregon and Washington combined.

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Aug. 29—When former President Hoover took occasion to call Senator Barkley to task for his statements about the growth of the national debt during the last Republican administration, it was taken in some quarters in Washington as an intimation that Mr. Hoover was setting the stage for his own nomination for the Presidency next year.

In all informed political quarters it was considered as at least notice to anybody concerned that the former President is keeping a very close eye on national political affairs, any may be expected to have a good deal to say about the Republican candidate for 1940.

Inquiring reporters who have gone out from Washington to see Mr. Hoover at his home in Palo Alto, California, have come back with reports indicating that they believe the former President to be a receptive but not so far an active candidate.

The impress on seems to be that he definitely will take an active hand in pre-convention politics, at any rate, and unless the probable nominee is someone of whom he approves, he may take advantage of his growth in personal popularity in the past seven years to throw his own hat into the ring.

Coming from one observer who has had exception opportunities to talk with the former President on the 1940 race, the belief is put forth that he does not want to run or serve again, though he is physically active and mentally fit as most men much younger than his own 65 years.

This same observer came back from Palo Alto with the belief that Mr. Hoover is to put it mildly, not enthusiastic over Senator Vandenberg of Michigan as the party's choice for the head of the ticket; that he likes and admires Thomas E. Dewey of New York very much indeed and wishes he were a few years older and had a record of successful administration as an executive behind him, and that he has a great deal of respect for the ability of Senator Taft of Ohio, coupled with the belief that he would command the respect of the country at large were he got into the campaign.

In short, the nearest to "feedback information" about the former President's position in respect to 1940 is that he would consider a ticket headed by Senator Taft, with District Attorney Dewey as his running mate, as about the best and most popular ticket the Republicans have to offer, and that while he would somewhat reluctantly consent to be drafted if such a ticket cannot be nominated, Mr. Hoover doesn't want the job of being President again. He knows too much about its difficulties.

In view of all of the reports cited here about Mr. Hoover's position, it seems clear to Washington politicians that he will have a great deal to say in Republican party affairs. Contrary to a general impression, he is not only on good terms with Chairman John Hamilton of the Republican national committee, but believes that Mr. Hamilton is doing a very good job of uniting conflicting elements in the party, despite serious lack of funds with which to work.

Dewey's Candidacy
The Dewey candidacy is, thus far,

\$5,500,000 Tax Case



CHICAGO, Ill.—M. L. Annenberg, multi-millionaire Philadelphia publisher, who was indicted for alleged non-payment of more than \$5,500,000 in income taxes and penalties, declared the biggest income tax evasion indictment ever returned by a Federal Grand Jury.

being promoted publicly chiefly in his native state of Michigan, by the people of his old home town of Owosso, where the family doctor who officiated at his birth is honorary president of the Dewey-for-President club.

Whether Dewey heads the ticket will depend largely upon the impression he makes when he begins his speech-making campaign in the course of the next month or so, directly or on the air, there will be Dewey's friends are confident that once he begins to talk to the public, a great popular wave of enthusiasm for the handsome, courageous and eloquent young man who came so near to being elected governor of New York last year.

News out of Michigan does not indicate any worry on the part of that state's other favorite son, Senator Arthur Vandenberg. His campaign is under way, with headquarters in the leading hotel of Mr. Vandenberg's home town of Grand Rapids. Vandenberg clubs are being organized all over the state, to promote his reelection to the senate and at the same time delegates are being carried for his nomination for the Presidency. As there is no other Michigan Republican in the field, the outlook is for a solid Vandenberg delegation.

With the Democrats
On the Democratic side there are only two active avowed Presidential candidates so far, and one of them will withdraw from the race if the President chooses to run for a third term. With the field clear for him, however, Paul McNutt is regarded by Washington observers and reported by scouts who have been scouring the mid-west, as certain to have the solid Indiana delegation in the Democratic national convention, and a very good chance of forming a bloc of delegates taking in all the states east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio.

Under the old two-thirds rule of Democratic conventions, which was abrogated in 1936, Washington believes that Vice President Garner could build and hold a block of delegates sufficiently large to beat McNutt. But Democratic nominations now are made by a majority of the delegates instead of two-thirds, a fact which works to the advantage of Mr. Roosevelt or of any candidate he favors, such as Mr. McNutt, and to the disadvantage of Mr. Garner.

The vice president is keeping his mouth tightly closed on the subject of his own candidacy. Throughout Texas, however, his friends are working openly.

Mothers of France Tell Sons Goodbye

Paris, Aug. 25—Weeping mothers, wives and sweethearts sent hundreds of thousands of France's crack young soldiers into service today—possibly to war.

Many of the reservists called up for the grave emergency bit their lips to keep back tears.

With their families they jammed into the East and North stations where trains were pulling out every 10 minutes for the German frontier areas.

By midafternoon the concourse of the East station was a mass of reservists and their loved ones. Over them rose and fell a vast murmur of farewells, uncutted by smelly barbed commands. Then another company of citizen soldiers would fall in line and march off to the train.

It was a sombre picture. The only color was the horizon blue uniform of the troops. Most women wore dark colors.

There was an amazing impression of calm. Tears were shed quietly. Goodbyes were said calmly.

When the trains had left, many of the women started for other stations to arrange the removal of children from the Paris area.

No official government order had been issued but all municipal and state authorities were told to give precedence to families seeking to leave Paris.

In the D'Orsay station, which serves the southeastern part of France, family groups gathered under signs which proclaimed: "Now is the time to buy happy week-end excursion tickets."

From all of the gates of the city except the northeastern, cars were heading in an uninterrupted stream for the countryside. Most of them were filled with women and children. Lines were formed at some filling stations by women with fruit jars and oil cans, laying in a supply of gasoline.

Paris was taking on wartime tempo. The streets were filled with silent throngs in which men in uniform predominated.

Now and again military couriers on bicycles or motorcycles sped through the streets.

Behind the Invalides, where Napoleon is buried, which is the military headquarters of Paris, squads of soldiers were riling sandbags.

The interior ministry ordered all leaves cancelled in the Paris police force and all state officials on vacation were hurriedly recalled.

In Paris and in the provinces, police were conducting a quiet roundup of all foreigners whose papers were not in order.

Auto-bus, subway and taxi services in the capital were seriously curtailed.

More than 60 per cent of the buses have been pulled out of service.

Taxis were requisitioned by the government for military use and subway services were cut down by the calling up of reservist employees.

To remove finger marks from wall paper, rub lightly with a clean, soft eraser. Remove them as soon as you discover them—that will save energy and the wall paper.

\$2,000,000 Earmarked For State Road Work

Raleigh, Aug. 27—The highway and public works commission has earmarked the \$2,000,000 allocated by Governor Hoke for betterments

from the highway surplus. Chairman Frank L. Dunlap said \$200,000 would be spent on bridges and the remaining \$1,800,000 would be divided so that 60 per cent will be used for betterments on primary roads and 40 per cent for secondary road improvements.

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The County Commissioners, therefore, earnestly ask that you save yourself this extra cost of attorney fees, sheriff's and clerk cost, advertisement cost, etc., by settling your taxes before September 1, 1939. We regret it becomes necessary to take this step but the law gives us no choice.

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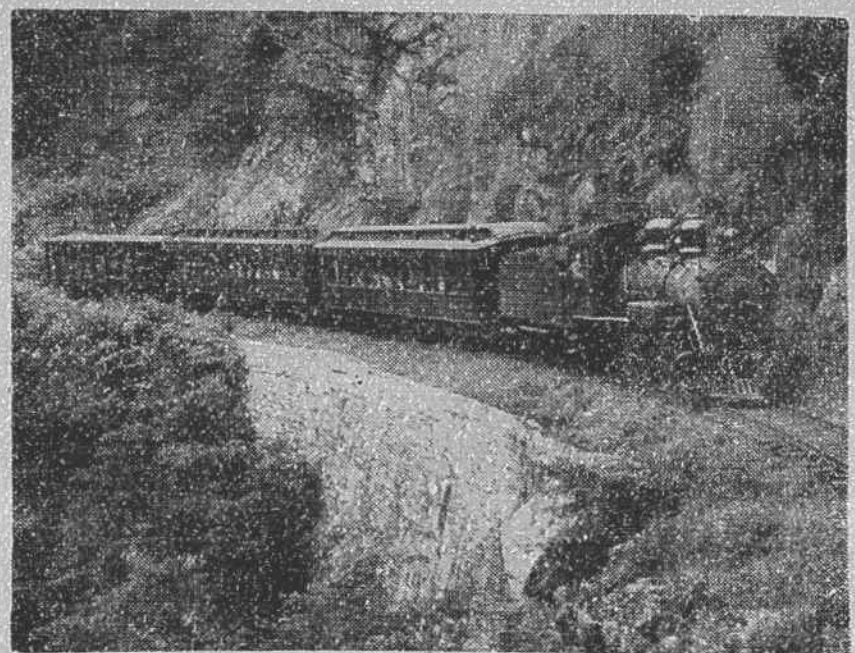
F. H. Jeter, agricultural editor of State College, has announced two new publications of interest to farmers. They are available free to citizens of the state. One is Extension Circular No. 237, "Making Hay in North Carolina", and the other is Technical Bulletin No. 61 of the North Carolina agricultural experiment station, entitled "Production of Firm Pork from Pigs."

They may be obtained by addressing a request to the agricultural editor, State College, Raleigh, and specifying the title and number of the publication.

Five points in making good hay are listed in the extension circular, as follows: (1) Use a well adapted crop; (2) prepare a good seed bed; fertilize well, lime if needed, use plenty of seed, and plant on time; (3) harvest early, before full bloom for most legumes and in the milk stage for small grains; (4) cure rapidly and take steps to avoid weather damage; and (5) house as soon as well cured.

THANKSGIVING

There will be plenty of cranberries as well as turkeys for an earlier Thanksgiving day in November, according to U. S. department of agriculture officials.



A scene in Doe River Gorge—indescribable in its scenic beauty and grandeur—10 minutes stop at this point.

Camera Excursion

Sunday, September 3rd, 1939

Another grand excursion over the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad. Leave Boone 8:30 a. m., arrive back about 6 p. m. Through Linville Gap, across foot of Grandfather Mountain, through the Doe River Gorge, and on to Johnson City. A trip worth taking, and this is probably THE LAST EXCURSION OF THE SEASON.

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