

HANKOW IN FLAMES; CHINA BATTLES ON

Hoey Opens Democratic Drive Here

CHAUDS PARTY FOR CREATING ERA OF FAITH Chairman Redden Declares County Issue Economy and Efficiency SAYS REPUBLICANS SUPPORTING TICKET

Led by Governor Clyde R. Hoey, Henderson county Democrats staged a great mass meeting last night at the courthouse to inaugurate formally its campaign for the November election. In his address, Governor Hoey mentioned at the outset his pleasure at the statement made by Chairman M. Redden of the assured success of the county Democratic ticket for election next month; assurance given that Ben Prince will be the next senator from Henderson county and my district, and his confidence in the forthcoming success at the polls for United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds.

Governor Hoey dealt lengthily with the history, growth and achievements of the Democratic party in the nation and state and, after an analysis of taxes and the state's economy, he closed with a summe of the humanitarian work done for its less fortunate citizens through state agencies, including that for the crippled, blind, and other handicapped people.

Two mentions of candidates were a cordial round of applause. One of these was Mr. Redden, bespeaking the candidacies of county Democrats referred to Sheriff Will Davis as having been a highly efficient law officer through his training "under that able officer of the law, Chief of Police Powers," and when Governor Hoey declared of Congressman Zebulon Weaver, who was present near the speaker's stand, "I know you will return him to office."

Chairman Redden, opening the meeting, declared that "we face the issue, shall economy and efficiency in county government be continued for Henderson county?" He pointed to the state administration as a guiding star in these governmental virtues and said that Henderson county is under a Democratic administration which has been elected to office by the help of "our Republican friends."

Meanwhile, he said, since the last primary, approximately 300 Republicans have changed their registration to align with the Democratic party and that more recently, over 100 more Republicans have pledged to vote the Democratic ticket. "I wonder," he said, "if the election day in November won't be just one great Democratic celebration," and he predicted Democratic majorities in the county ranging up to 2,000 votes.

Mrs. H. Walter Fuller, chairman of the woman's division of the county executive committee, was next introduced. She referred to many of the assets of the incumbent administration, the fact that the party could look on them with pride, and declared that "we are going to keep hold of what we have," the county is not going to give up this excellent administration.

Thomas H. Franks, on whom it devolved to introduce Governor Hoey, devoted his talk to two subjects. He gave an extensive view of the proofs of the fitness of the present county administration, declaring he did so voluntarily, and then gave an apt appreciation of Governor Hoey, whom he said he would not attempt to introduce, since he believed the governor was better known than he to the mass of voters present last night.

Basing his statement on his (Continued on page six)

Must Answer 45,000 Questions



Showing the strain he has undergone in getting the new wages-and-hours-law into operation—he was bombarded with 25,000 mailed, 15,000 telephoned and 5,000 personal requests for information about the law—Elmer F. Andrews, administrator of the wages-and-hours division, is pictured above as he relaxed in his office in Washington. To inquiring reporters, Andrews declared the law would be no "lash over industry."

RUMRICH SPIED ON U. S. TO GET 'LINE ON NAZIS'

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (UP)—Guenter Gustave Rumrich, former army sergeant and confessed spy, testified yesterday that federal agents had left out of his confession a statement that he had joined a ring of supposed German secret agents in order to "get a line" on activities of Nazi spies. Rumrich, a government witness in the case against three alleged German spies, said on cross examination that this was known to the federal authorities who arrested him but had been ignored. He has pleaded guilty to espionage. The former army sergeant told a rambling story about supplying German secret agents with inconsequential details about American military and naval defenses, and under cross-examination by Benjamin Matthews, defense counsel, insisted he actually was a counter-espionage agent. "Why didn't you tell the government agents after your arrest that your purpose was to expose the German espionage system?" Matthews asked. (Continued on page three)

BRITONS WOULD HAND OVER PALESTINE MANDATE TO U. S., WITH THANKS, PRESS SAYS

LONDON, Oct. 25. (UP)—The Evening News offered yesterday, in an editorial on President Roosevelt's declaration regarding Palestine, to give the country to the United States "tied up in a blue ribbon." "The United States can ask the League of Nations to transfer the Palestine mandate to them and our government, if not entirely bereft of its senses, will hand it over tied up with blue ribbon and a courteous note of thanks for favors rendered," the newspaper said. "Meanwhile, Britain and not America is saddled with the thankless job of administering the mandate, costing millions of pounds and many valuable British lives in addition to losing this country a lot of loyalty and prestige among 60,000,000 Moslem citizens of the empire. While we continue to hold the mandate we must reserve the right to handle it the way it seems to us best, although we are always ready to receive any practical advice and assistance other governments decide to offer."

Roosevelt writes Rogers on holy land Lowell, Mass., Oct. 25. (UP)—President Roosevelt believes this country is unable to prevent modification in the Palestine mandate. Writing to Representative Edith Nourse Rogers, R. Mass., yesterday, the president said that at the most this country can decline to accept as applicable to American interests "any modification affecting such interests unless we have given our assent to them."

SOUTH AND WEST FEEL NEW INDUSTRIAL PINCH AS WAGE LAW ADDED TO FREIGHT RATE

LABOR DEPT. SCENE HECTIC AS UNDER NRA Wage Administrator Says Local Charities Should Help Jobless

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (UP)—Scattered shutdowns in low-wage industries, a "slow-down protest" in communications, and unsettled demands for exemptions today faced the administrators of the new wage-hour law. Despite difficulties, Administrator Andrews is confident that the law will become a national co-operative movement benefitting industry, labor and the public generally. Postal telegraph announced a layoff of 1000 messengers. Postal also was faced with a "slow-down protest" by telegraph operators because of alleged "chiseling" under the hours provisions.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (UP)—Employers, workers, state officials, labor organizations and the general public joined with the federal government yesterday in applying for the first time the Fair Labor Standards act to 11,000,000 men and women employed in interstate industry.

From governors of ten states—five in the south—came pledges they would cooperate with Wage-Hour Administrator Elmer F. Andrews in enforcing the statute which fixes an immediate 25 cents an hour minimum wage and provides for payment in cash at a rate of time and one-half for all work in excess of 44 hours a week.

President William Green announced that the American Federation of Labor had established a nationwide network of educational and enforcement agencies and that he had signed the new law effective. Similar agencies, or committees, were being formed in about 300 other communities, he said. Scattered reports from the south and west showed that several firms closed after the act became effective at 12:01 a. m. The most serious suspension was in the pecan shelling industry which employs from 30,000 to 50,000 workers. Shutdown of virtually all shelling plants was announced by Julius Seligman of San Antonio, Tex., president of the National Pecan Shellers of America, after Deputy Wage-Hour Administrator Paul Sifton ruled that the industry's employees are covered by the statute.

Andrews at a press conference said there were about 30,000 workers in the pecan industry and that many of them in Texas receive only eight or 10 cents an hour. Seligman contended that 50,000 would be idle and said that wages ranged from eight to 15 cents an hour. He revealed that the American Bankers' association was seeking an exemption for bank employees on grounds that banks are local service institutions. Pending a ruling on the question, he said, the ABA had agreed to advise its members to comply with the act. Andrews intimated that he (Continued on page three)

Calvary Baptist S. S. Headed By Collins Again

Calvary Baptist church at a business conference Sunday elected C. C. Collins superintendent of the Sunday school for the year 1939. Mr. Collins will prepare a list of other Sunday school workers and recommend to the congregation for approval at an early date. Mr. Collins is now finishing his first year as superintendent, assuming office with about 68 in attendance soon after the organization of the church. The attendance last Sunday was 308. The largest number recently for any day other than a special event was 346.

Held in Brooklyn Police Scandal



Arrested in New York's most sensational police scandal in years, Lieut. Cuthbert J. Behan, above, an honor man in the department, was charged by Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine, police head, with having stolen the records of 7200 arrests made in Brooklyn. These records are believed to deal with bail bonds and related matters. The theft of the records and Behan's arrest are by-products of a current investigation into official corruption in Brooklyn.

C. OF C. PLANS 1-DAY DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

Budget of \$7387 Is Set for Activities of Coming Year The annual chamber of commerce membership drive will get underway tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock when directors and others taking part will meet at the chamber of commerce office for final instructions. Every member of the organization and many non-members will be visited during this drive. The new application card reads: "This subscription to be automatically renewed at the end of each year until notice is given to the contrary." This will eliminate the necessity of calling on all of the members each year, it was pointed out. Last year's expenditures were \$7,378.08 against a budget of \$7,410.95. Quite a number of special donations were received last year, however, and it is the aim of the present board of directors to guarantee this year's budget of \$7,387 with income from memberships. In order to do this, all business firms, professional men and women, and operators of hotels and boarding houses will be asked to carry at least two memberships. This, it is felt, will not work a hardship on anyone and will more (Continued on page three)

500 SAWMILL MEN IDLE IN GEORGIA

MACON, Ga., Oct. 25. (UP)—E. G. Jeffreys, of the Jeffreys McElrath Manufacturing company here, yesterday said between 300 and 500 employees had been thrown out of work when 20 small saw mills in middle Georgia closed yesterday rather than comply with the wage-hour law.

EDINBURGH, Oct. 25. (UP)—Viscount Halifax, British foreign secretary, declared last night in a speech defending the Munich four-power agreement that an understanding between Great Britain and Germany would be the "strongest" agreement that could be devised "to prevent a European war." Halifax made the statement before a mass meeting of the conservative party in which he supported not only the "peace of Munich" but the general program of "rectification of frontiers" along racial lines. He described the current frontier revisions in Central Europe as a "revision of the Treaty of Versailles, for which provision was made in the league covenant."

CHAOS RULING HANKOW LEFT CANTON; ARSON SQUADS ACTIVE WRECKED FOR JAPS TO HOLD

Chiang Said at Front Before Hankow, After City Abandoned BRITONS PROTEST TO BOMBING GUNBOAT CHUNGKING, China, Oct. 25. (UP)—This city was announced officially as the new emergency capital of the Chinese government and it was said today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is at the front west of Hankow with the Chinese army and has decided to fight on. Chiang, with his wife, high officers and government officials left Hankow this morning by airplane after ordering the city abandoned. MUCH OF THREE-CITY AREA IN FLAMES By ROBERT BELLAIRE United Press Staff Correspondent SHANGHAI, Oct. 25. (UP)—Japan today again defied Britain and the United States to stop her conquest of China and intensified her attacks on China's provisional national capital in Hankow, which was expected to be captured by nightfall. The Japanese were confident that major Chinese organized resistance had broken and that they need only to deliver final knockout blows to win a clear-cut victory in their 15-month-old war with Nationalist China. Events crowding fast on one another included: 1. It was persistently reported in Shanghai, Hong Kong and elsewhere that China's wartime dictator, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, either had or was about to resign and that the Chinese Nationalist government would be reorganized under men with whom the Japanese would be content to make peace.

2. Britain delivered vigorous protests to the Japanese against yesterday's bombing of the British gunboat Sandpiper, near Changsha, south of Hankow, while Japanese planes were attacking junk on which Chinese soldiers were retreating from the Hankow front. The Japanese, however, showed no disposition to make hasty apologies and offer indemnities such as they paid when they sank the U. S. gunboat Panay last December. British naval authorities asserted the Sandpiper was attacked deliberately but the Japanese denied this and were "investigating."

3. The U. S. Dollar line steamer President Coolidge was sailing for the United States after the Japanese had forced unloading of a shipment of silver valued at \$4,600,000 consigned to New York through the National City Bank of New York's Shanghai branch by the Chinese Nationalists. The case had been referred to Washington but there was every indication that the Japanese-controlled Central China government in Nanking would enforce its regulations against silver exports and claim the silver shipment as "the property of the Chinese people."

4. The situation in the great South China metropolis of Canton, captured by the Japanese last week, was chaotic. Chinese arsonists still wandered through the city starting fires to fulfill the Chinese "scorched earth" policy which calls for destruction of everything in the path of the invaders. Great areas of the city already had been burned and (Continued on page six)

LORD HALIFAX SAYS MUNICH PEACE PART OF PROGRAM FOR VERSAILLES PACT REVISION

devised against dangers to which the world was brought so close," he said. "I have indeed that the rectification of frontiers according to racial distribution of population which is now taking place in central and southeastern Europe may contribute to stability and peace. "What we are now witnessing is revision of the Treaty of Versailles for which provision was made in the covenant of the league but which never until now was made effective. The Hungarian government now is negotiating with the Czechoslovak government and we hope they may reach an equitable solution which will remove or lessen racial grievances. "We recognize that Hungary had legitimate claims and we trust that means may be found to meet them." Referring to Britain's huge rearmament program he said: "If this country is to play a full part with others in securing peace (Continued on page five)

Public Buildings, Key Factories, Airports Are Dynamited

U. S. MARINES HELP GUARD FOREIGNERS HANKOW, Oct. 25. (UP)—Japanese troops today marched into Hankow and began the occupation of the Chinese government's emergency capital. Japanese marched in without meeting resistance after the Chinese army abandoned the city as the invaders marched down the last miles of the Yangtze. Before the Chinese abandoned the emergency capital and commercial heart of Central China, they burned or dynamited the public buildings, key factories and airports under the "scorched earth" policy of leaving nothing of military value for the conquerors.

A landing party of American blue-jackets was ordered ashore to aid guarding foreigners. Terrorized Chinese clamored at barricades of foreign areas as flames advanced through the three sister cities. Among the foreigners there were 125 Americans. Japanese artillery blasted a path for tanks and motorized infantry as the advance guard moved into the city.

By F. M. FISHER United Press Staff Correspondent HANKOW, Oct. 25. (UP)—American blue-jackets were preparing to land in Hankow to protect United States interests as Japanese armies battered their way into the doomed Chinese provisional capital. The last members of the Chinese government had fled and at 9 a. m. fires were spreading in the former Japanese concession where Chinese "destruction units" were touching off mines they had planted under Japanese-owned buildings. At 10 a. m. the Japanese vanguard was reported in Hunating suburb within five miles of Hankow proper.

Eight Americans, three Swedes and two Britons were marooned in Wuchang when a Chinese launch they had chartered failed to arrive. Missionary Logan Roots, an American minister from Little Rock, Ark., telephoned the United Press that Chinese soldiers systematically were destroying all public buildings in Wuchang. Foreigners reaching the capital from Hwangpei said that Japanese planes were diving on highways jammed with refugees and machine-gunning scattered groups of thirty American blue-jackets were drawn from the crews of the U. S. gunboats Guam and Luzon for the landing party. Officers said they would go ashore "whenever necessary."

The factory district of the tri-city area was afire and Chinese units were setting off land-mines to destroy their air fields. China's war-time dictator, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and his beautiful American-educated wife, the former Meiling Soong, were the first to leave. They took off from the military airbase in Wuchang shortly after midnight and were believed to have landed in Chungking, second of China's provisional capitals, in the western province of Szechuan. Five other planes followed the generalissimo's silver Douglas monoplane at half hour intervals. It was understood they contained (Continued on page three)

Charlotte Man Is New Governor of Carolina Kiwanis

Hendersonville delegates returning today from the annual Carolinas district Kiwanis convention at Spartanburg, S. C., reported that Richard E. Thicken of Charlotte was elected district governor to succeed Ames Haltiwanger of Columbia, S. C., and that John McDow of Asheville was elected lieutenant-governor of division No. 1, including Hendersonville, Raleigh was selected as the next convention city. The banquet last night, a feature of the convention, was attended by 632 persons. Convention delegates numbered 376, including Dr. J. G. Bennett, George M. Flanagan and A. F. Barber of Hendersonville. Dr. Joseph R. Sevier, immediate past governor, was on the official program. Mrs. Sevier and Mrs. Barber also attended.

the Weather MONDAY Maximum temperature—63 degrees. Minimum—47 degrees. Mean—55 degrees. Rainfall—.23 inch. Normal mean temperature for October—56.4 degrees. Rainfall to date—.28 inch. Normal rainfall—4.36 inches.