

JAPANESE READY TO LAUNCH "BIG PUSH"

Roosevelt Silent On Policies At Home And Abroad

PRESIDENT WAITS CONFERENCES WITH MAIN LIEUTENANTS

May Not Fix Special Session Date Until Return To Hyde Park Home Next Week

NO APPOINTMENT TO SEE JUSTICE BLACK

Won't Say If He Favors Compulsory Quotas on Major Crops; Hull and Norman Davis Talk Foreign Situation With President for Two Hours

Washington, Oct. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a largely attended press conference today he would make no important decisions on future policies until he had had a chance to talk to his leaders and advisers.

In reply to a series of questions, he said he was not sure whether he would make up his mind on a special session of Congress before he returned to Hyde Park Wednesday morning.

The President again told newsmen he did not have any plans to confer with Associate Justice Hugo Black, whose appointment to the Supreme Court aroused a storm of controversy.

In connection with the proposed new surplus crop control bill, which would be considered at a special session, Mr. Roosevelt was asked if he would favor compulsory marketing quotas for major crops. He replied there were too many constitutional issues involved for a snap judgment answer on that.

In response to other questions, he said he expected to name soon an advisor for the new low cost housing division of the Interior Department.

An afternoon cabinet meeting was planned, officials said.

The President talked also with Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Ambassador-at-large Norman Davis for nearly two hours during the day. The secretary described the visit as a "general discussion of international conditions." This was before the cabinet session.

"I haven't anything especially to say," Hull told reporters. "If there is anything else, it will have to come

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SHERIFF FRED ROSS, BURKE COUNTY, DIES

Passes at 51 at Niece's Home After Heart Allment; Was Once City Fire Chief

Charlotte, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Fred Ross, 51, Burke county sheriff for the last seven years, died here early today at the home of a niece, Mrs. F. W. Dotger. He had been suffering from a heart ailment and had been here several weeks.

Ross was a merchant before election to the sheriff's office, and had been chief of the Morganton volunteer fire department 20 years. He was a Democrat. The body will be taken to Morganton today and funeral services will be held there.

Reopening Mill Asked In Petition

Charlotte, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Petitions requesting that the strike-closed Highland Park No. 3 cotton mill in North Carolina be reopened under conditions prevailing at the time of the walk-out a month ago were being circulated today.

Merchants in the mill community's business district estimated the number of petitions at "four or five." There were varying reports as to the reaction.

Roy Lawrence, Carolinas administrator of the TWOC, said: "Such petitions are in line with the usual mill management strategy in strike situations, and are doubtless company-inspired. I anticipate that they will make little headway."

Horace Johnston, vice-president of the company, said, meanwhile: "I have no knowledge of the petitions and none has been presented to the mill management."

The 750 employees walked out in protest to what they termed efforts to institute a stretch-out.

FOUR SETS OF TWINS IN ONE HOSPITAL IN WEEK!



Nurses Martha Jane Schmidt, Alberta Hunt, Eleanore Mowers and Lucille Darling hold twins. Officials at General hospital, Mansfield, O., believe they hold some sort of record—four sets of twins born in the hospital in one week. Immediately after the nurses in the above photo gathered up the babies for the cameraman another set of twins arrived but too late to get into the picture. The nurses, left to right, are Martha Jane Schmidt, Alberta Hunt, Eleanore Mowers, Lucille Darling. —Central Press

Britain Pleased By Talk Of Roosevelt And Starts Plans For 9-Power Meet

London, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today expressed the British government's "gratification" over President Roosevelt's speech to the American charge d'affaires, Herschel Johnson, and told him Great Britain considered it a "real contribution" toward peace.

At the same time, informed sources said, Eden and Johnson, during their meeting yesterday, discussed the general implications of the United States President's call for cooperation of "peace-loving nations." They also went over the procedure to be followed in the coming nine-power conference.

Informed sources hinted it was unlikely Washington, London or any other big capital would be chosen as the scene of the nine-power talks. It was indicated The Hague would be considered.

With these developments indicating the United States was increasing its taking over Britain's traditional role as the holder of the international balance of power, at least in the Far Eastern situation, the British were suddenly silent on Il Duce's delay in answering their bid for a tri-power conference to discuss the getting of foreigners out of Spain.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH MAY CHANGE NAME

Word "Protestant" May Be Dropped in Title; Debated at Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 8.—(AP)—A proposal to debate "Protestant" from the title of the Protestant Episcopal Church increased today the weighty problems before the church's triennial convention.

Recommendation submitted by the missionary district of the Philippine islands to the House of Deputies and referred to a committee is indicative of what some churchmen consider a fast growing difference between the "high" and "low" church groups within the denomination.

The "high church," Catholic party, is trying, one informed observer said, to restore the full Catholic nature, or heritage, of the Church of England, with its elaborate ritual.

The "low church" group, inclined to simplicity, is strongly opposed to any trend toward church practice which may be symbolic with the Roman Catholic Church, with which the Church of England was once aligned.

Rubber Life Raft Located in Hawaii

Is Not Earhart's

Clifton, N. J., Oct. 8.—(AP)—Officials of Air Cruisers, Inc., which has been carrying the name "Air Cruisers." The raft found at Hawaii had other markings. The officials said it was "possible" Miss Earhart carried two rafts, but called that "very unlikely." They said the one they supplied was all she and Navigator Frederick Noonan needed and they probably carried only necessities on their long over-water hop.

BOYCOTT ON JAPAN NEAR IMPOSSIBLE

China Did It Once and Brought Change of Front by Islanders

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist. Washington, Oct. 8.—Japan cannot be economically boycotted by the remainder of the world, or any considerable part of it, by virtue of governmental action in the boycotting countries.

Diplomatic authorities generally agreed upon this point. Germany and Italy are so dictatorially ruled that their populations might be officially forbidden to trade with Nippon. However, neither Berlin nor Rome can reasonably be expected to issue such orders; in the main they are in sympathy with the Japanese.

Doubtless Stalin, in Moscow could do it. But no democratic government (Continued on Page Three.)

Three Prisoners, Two Burglars, Flee Jail at Florence

Florence, S. C., Oct. 8.—(AP)—Two convicted burglars and another prisoner slipped out of the Florence county jail this morning and disappeared before attendants knew of their escape. They were: J. V. Bair, given 15 years yesterday on a burglary charge and already under a ten-year sentence imposed for a bank robbery at Ellerbe.

J. A. Russell, sentenced to three years here yesterday for burglary.

Herman Workman, a Federal prisoner being held to await trial on charges unknown to the county authorities.

A jail attendant said the three escaped by using the "penny and soap trick." This, he explained, was operated by sticking coins on the door facing with soap so that the bolt of the cell latch would not go home when apparently locked.

AFL COMMITTEE IS ACCUSED BY CHIEF OF PRINTER UNION

Dr. Trotter Says Credentials Body Giving His Group "Run Around" As To Howard

DELAYS SEATING OF TYPOGRAPHIC CHIEF

Hearing Promised on Next Monday, Day CIO Convention Has Been Summoned for Atlantic City Meeting; Office Workers To Be Organized

Denver, Col., Oct. 8.—(AP)—Dr. W. R. Trotter, of the printers union, accused the American Federation of Labor credentials committee today of giving his union the "run around" in delaying the seating of Charles Howard, CIO delegate, as president.

The carpenters' union protested on the ground that Howard had signed a CIO charter for Pacific coast lumbermen. The credentials committee announced this morning it would give Howard and the carpenters union a hearing next Monday, the day the CIO meeting is slated to start in Atlantic City, N. J.

Meanwhile, the A. F. of L. moved to (Continued on Page Six.)

ESCAPED CONVICTS KIDNAP ONE COUPLE

Two Men Believed Fugitives From Joliet Prison After Slugging Guard There

East Chicago, Ind., Oct. 8.—(AP)—Two men believed to be escaped convicts from the Illinois penitentiary honor farm were sought in northern Indiana today after they robbed and kidnaped a young woman and her escort.

Vencel Rouse, of East Chicago, reported to police he and Miss Mildred Champion, 29, were forced to accompany the men in his car after they robbed him of \$100 and a watch.

Rouse said he was ordered out of the car near Valparaiso, Ind., and the men drove off with Miss Champion. A short time later they let her out of the car within half a mile of her home, warning her not to notify police. They fled in Rouse's car.

The robbers were believed to be two of the three convicts, Jean Moorhead, 28; William Hanley, 36, and James Fogue, 36, who fled from the Statesville penitentiary honor farm at Joliet, Ill., early Thursday after slugging a guard with a rock and kidnaping another.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair tonight and Saturday; slightly colder in central and southeast portion.

1937 COTTON CROP 17,573,000 BALES NEAR RECORD TOP

Only in 1926 Was Production More, and That Very Little Above This Year's Yield

NEARLY HALF CROP IS ALREADY GINNED

North Carolina Production Put at 695,000 Bales, With 217,000 Bales Ginned; 33,735,000 Acres in Cultivation for Entire Country as Whole

Washington, Oct. 8.—(AP)—The Department of Agriculture forecast this year's cotton crop today at 17,573,000 bales of 500 pounds each, based on October 1 conditions.

The Census Bureau announced 8,258,455 bales of this year's crop had been ginned before October 1, compared to 6,031,950 to that date last year.

A month ago the Agriculture Department reported 16,098,000 bales were indicated from conditions existing September 1. Last year 12,399,000 bales were produced. Other big-crop years were: 17,978,000 in 1926 (the record); 17,096,000 in 1931; and 16,105,000 in 1925.

Today's forecast was based on 33,735,000 acres in cultivation and a condition of 79 percent of a normal on October 1, indicating a yield of 249.3 pounds of lint to the acre.

The condition of the crop October 1, and indicated production by states, includes: North Carolina, 74 percent, and 695,000 bales.

The Census Bureau's report, showing cotton of this year's growth ginned before October 1, counting round as half bales, with comparative figures for last year, by states, includes: North Carolina, 217,845 and 119,093 bales.

7,500 Miners Are Out in Support of Sitdowners' Group

Lansford, Pa., Oct. 8.—(AP)—Seventy-five hundred hard coal miners in the Panther Creek valley stopped work today in sympathy with 39 sitdown strikers huddled deep in the Coaldeale colliery in protest against wage scales.

The entire Lehigh Navigation Coal Company's workings in this section shut down. The action followed a plea by the wives of the sitdown strikers that "something should be done about it." Earlier in the day the men had voted to keep working except in two collieries.

WARRENTON MAN IN DENTAL RESERVES

Washington, Oct. 8.—(AP)—The War Department announced appointment of Anton Alexander Phillips, Jr., of Warrenton, today as a first lieutenant in the dental reserve.

PLENTY PICKERS FOR COTTON NOW

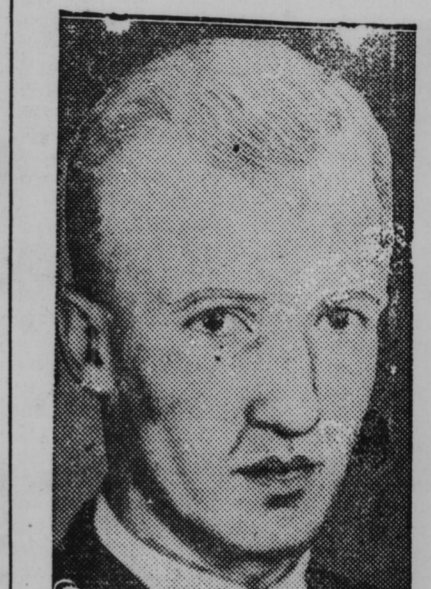
Vagrants Given Option of Going to Fields or Facing Court

Fayetteville, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Cumberland county farmers had cotton pickers galore today and the plucking went on apace.

The abundance of field labor was the result of a campaign by police, in cooperation with County Welfare Superintendent V. L. Houser, at the request of Mayor Scott McFeyden.

Police toured sections of the city where apparently idler Negroes had been seen, and questioned every man at leisure they found. If those quizzed could not show they were employed, the officials said, they were given the alternative of accepting a cotton picking job or facing vagrancy charges. They were instructed to decide overnight and appear at the county court house at 6:30 a. m. Cotton growers had trucks on hand by dawn, and officials said there were plenty of cotton pickers for all.

Spared By Franco



Harold E. Dahl, aviator, who flew a plane for the Spanish loyalists and fell into the hands of insurgent Commander Francisco Franco's Fascist, was court-martialed and sentenced to death in Spain Thursday, but Franco immediately rescinded the sentence. Dahl is to be freed in an exchange of prisoners.

Yanks Add Third Game To String

Polo Grounds, New York, Oct. 8.—The New York Yankees added the third World's Series game to their string of two here this afternoon, defeating the New York Giants 5 to 1 behind masterful pitching of Monte Pearson, who gave way to Murphy in the ninth after two were out.

The Yankees scored in four frames, second, third, fourth and fifth, getting a brace of runs in the third.

Pearson kept the Giants away from home plate all through the contest with the exception of the seventh, when Ripple singled, and McCarthy hit a long ball into left, scoring Ripple.

The Yankees first run came in the second inning when Selkirk walked, Hoag singled, and Lazzeri got a single to score Selkirk. Pearson walked, and Corsetti hit to the infield, Hoag was out at the plate. Rolf flew out to end the inning.

The third was the big inning for Ruppert's Rifles. After Dimaggio fled out to center, Gehrig singled and went to second on the throw in. Dickie tripled, and Selkirk sent him home with a single.

Rolf got a two base hit after one was out in the fourth, and DiMaggio got a hit to put Rolf at third. Gehrig sent out a long fly to bring Rolf home. The fifth run came in the fifth when Selkirk was safe on an error, and went to second on another error. Hoag got a single, sending Selkirk across the plate.

The Giants made a threat in the (Continued on Page Six.)

CUMBERLAND MAN IS HELD FOR KILLING

Fayetteville, Oct. 8.—(AP)—A coroner's jury today ordered Carson Horner, 43, held for the Cumberland county grand jury in the death early last month of Leon Bordeaux, whose body was found beside a road near here.

Business Is Now Spotty Throughout The Nation

Babson Finds Activity Receding in Certain Areas, But Predicts Upswing Late This Year or Early in 1938; Advises Going Ahead With Plans

BY ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1937, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. On Board S. S. Berengaria, Oct. 8.—Wherever groups gather today the trend of business is the topic of conversation. Events of the past month have made the business world jittery. Pessimism and uncertainty are the fashion of the moment. Does the price break reflect a sharp recession in business, jobs, and sales? If not, is it the question everyone in New York was asking when I sailed. Hence, I wired to my field offices for last minute check-ups of conditions in all sections. I have modified these reports in the light of my own figures and have summarized the conclusions

NIPPONESE FORCES ARE LARGE ENOUGH FOR BIG CAMPAIGN

Statement by General Matsui Regarded in Shanghai a Formal War Declaration

USE EVERY MEANS TO SUBDUENEMY

Matsui, in Name of Japanese Emperor, Promises Early Victory and Peaceful Future After Scourging Chinese Army; Shanghai Is Threatened

Shanghai, Oct. 8.—(AP)—General Matsui, Japanese commander-in-chief on the Shanghai front, issued a proclamation today—the first official announcement of the Japanese invasion of China—which Chinese considered the equivalent of, if not a diplomatically formal, declaration of war.

General Matsui declared the Japanese army "is now prepared to use every means to subdue its opponents." In view of previous declarations of Japanese army and navy spokesmen, observers considered this the verbal prelude of Japan's threatened "big push" against the Chinese defense lines northwest of Shanghai.

Matsui, in the name of the Japanese emperor, promised an early victory and peaceful future after scourging the "Chinese government army, who have been pursuing anti-foreign and anti-Japanese policies in collaboration with communist influences."

He added the lives and property of nationals of third powers would be protected.

His announcement came shortly after army authorities made an implied threat to turn their land and warship batteries against Pootung and raze the industrial area across the Whangpoo river from Shanghai unless Chinese battles there ceased firing at Japanese civilian areas in the in-

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Loyalists Open Drive On Rebels

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Oct. 8.—(AP)—The Spanish government's militiamen abandoned their defensive campaigns of guerrilla warfare and hurled themselves today on the insurgent army in eastern Asturias in a counter-offensive against troops encircling Gijon.

Severe losses were reported from both sides in a battle centering on Covadonga, about 30 air miles southeast of Gijon, which the insurgents had held a week. The insurgent headquarters communicate said insurgent troops repulsed all counter-attacks on newly conquered positions, the government losing "many dead."

Government advices said the assault was continuing and the insurgents had suffered more than 500 deaths.

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