

ROOSEVELT DENIES DICTATORSHIP AIMS

SECOND BIG PLANE DISAPPEARS DURING HAWAII MANEUVERS

Six Naval Airmen Aboard Ship, With No Trace Found During Night-Long Searching

FIVE MEN KILLED DURING YESTERDAY

Bodies of Two Recovered, One Identified; Several Previous Tragedies Have Occurred This Year During Fleet Maneuvers Out Over the Pacific

Honolulu, March 31.—(AP)—Sixty-five American warships and 240 fighting planes were ordered into an intensified search at dawn today for six naval airmen who vanished during mimic warfare, which already had cost five lives. No trace of the plane was found during a night-long search.

Naval officers still held hope the six aboard would be found alive. Five men were killed yesterday when their plane crashed off Oahu island, in the third major fleet air tragedy of the year. Two others of the crew escaped.

Bodies of two of the victims were recovered one of them was identified the other not.

In previous tragedies during 1938 maneuvers, seven men were lost when a patrol bomber vanished at sea, and eleven were killed February 2 when two patrol bombers collided in night operations off southern California. The flying boat which vanished yesterday was identified as TVP18, in command of Lieutenant Charles Signer.

Carteret Boy Is Killed When Hit With a Baseball

Beaufort, March 31.—(AP)—John Walter Murdock, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Murdock, of Wildwood, was killed instantly today when struck by a rubber core from a baseball hit by a playmate on the playground at Newport school. Principal R. L. Fritts said the hard rubber object hit young Murdock behind his right ear. Coroner George Dill began an investigation.

24 Counties Get Control Of Peanuts

College Station, Raleigh, March 31.—Twenty-four North Carolina counties are among the 89 counties in seven southern states designated as commercial peanut producing areas. E. Y. Floyd, of State College announced today.

For these counties a peanut goal will be established under the agricultural conservation program and payments will be offered individual growers who do not exceed their goals.

The peanut goal for the seven states is from 1,500,000 to 1,600,000 acres. This acreage will be prorated among the states according to their past production; state committees will divide state goals among the counties; and county committees will calculate goals for individual growers.

Growers in the commercial production.

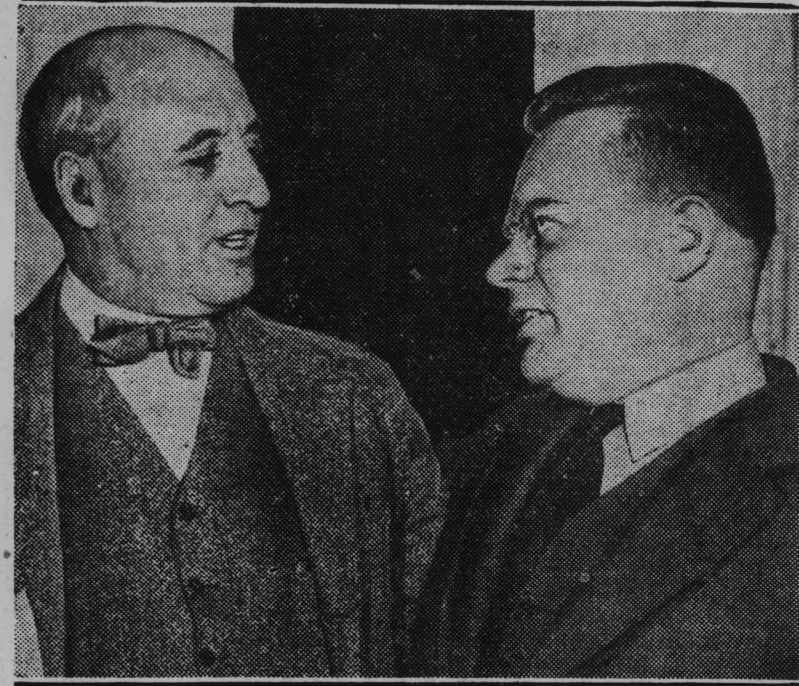
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Group Of Farmers Will Challenge Control Act In N. C. Federal Courts

Goldboro, March 31.—(AP)—D. T. Starling, a farmer of Clayton, said here today attorneys had been retained by a group of Johnston county farmers to test in Federal court the constitutionality of the recently enacted farm law.

Starling said Wayne county farmers would be asked to join in the movement and to contribute to its financial support. Contributions totaling about \$400 have been received he said.

TVA Trouble-Shooters



Representatives Andrew J. May (left), of Kentucky, and Maury Maverick, of Texas, members of the joint committee which will hold hearings on the troubles of the Tennessee Valley Authority, are shown in a huddle at the Capitol. Maverick has asked, "as a friend of TVA," that the probe cover all phases of the authority. (Central Press)

TOBACCO ACREAGE TO BE INCREASED

Farmers' Intentions Show Hike of 3.5 Percent Unless Limited

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, March 31.—The new farm bill has been overwhelmingly endorsed and is now in effect, but notwithstanding that fact statisticians of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture indicate that North Carolina farmers intend to plant three per cent more acres in tobacco this year than they did last.

This economic paradox—theoretical reduction against predicted increase based on intention—comes from the fact that the statisticians have merely released figures they derived from the expressed intentions of the farmers.

This fact is made clear by W. H. Rhodes' statement, "While this sur

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Mrs. S. P. Cooper Is Endorsed for U. D. C. President

Raleigh, March 31 (AP)—The ninth district of the North Carolina United Daughters of the Confederacy voted unanimously today to endorse Mrs. Sydney Perry Cooper, of Henderson, for the State presidency of the organization. Mrs. Cooper would succeed Mrs. John H. Anderson, of Raleigh.

Governor Hoyer spoke at the meeting and Mrs. Hoyer entertained the ladies at a luncheon.

FORMER BANKER IS HELD IN SHOOTING

J. E. Tharrington, Formerly of Smithfield and Raleigh, Denied Bail in Johnston

Selma, March 31 (AP)—Sheriff R. V. Barber, of Johnston county, said today J. E. Tharrington, about 35, former bank cashier at Smithfield and Raleigh, was being held in jail without bond pending the outcome of gunshot wounds inflicted on John McMillan, filling station operator, early today.

Friends of Tharrington were understood to be planning to petition a superior court judge at Sanford to set bond for Tharrington so he might be released.

McMillan was reported in a serious condition, with bullet wounds in the chest and abdomen.

REPUBLICANS WILL FIGHT FOR 7 SEATS

No Congressional Candidate, However, Has Ghost of Chance to Win

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, March 31.—North Carolina Republicans will this fall offer opposition to Democratic congressional nominees in only seven of the State's eleven districts. Two years ago the G. O. P. put up candidates in all eleven.

The difference is that there was a national presidential campaign in 1936 and the minority party tried hard to get out its full vote in all sections by putting up as many local and district candidates as possible.

There hasn't been a Republican elected to Congress since the 1928 upheaval which saw Herbert Hoover carrying the State and carrying Charlie Jonas and George Pritchard into Congress along with him.

There isn't, according to the present outlook, more than an exceedingly remote chance for any Republican to pull through this time, as it would take nothing less than a political earthquake to shake the tremendous Democratic majorities of the 1936 elections.

The G. O. P. will attempt to do a bit of shaking, however, in the fourth.

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WINSTON NEGRO TO RECEIVE REPRIEVE

Execution Set for Tomorrow To Be Stayed Pending Appeal for Partner in Crime

Raleigh, March 31.—(AP)—Paroles Commissioner Edwin Gill said today T. J. Jefferson, Winston-Salem Negro scheduled to be executed tomorrow for murder, would receive a "substantial" reprieve pending a Supreme Court decision on a new appeal by his co-defendant, Tom Linney.

Linney and Jefferson were convicted of the killing of Herman Fogleman, insurance collector, and the Supreme Court upheld the death sentences. Linney's counsel, however, went back to the Supreme Court seeking a new trial on grounds of newly discovered evidence and appealed again from an adverse decision.

Kidnap Date Is Passed Up By Mediary

New Rochelle, N. Y., March 31.—(AP)—Rabbi Abraham Nowack, intermediary in the kidnaping of Peter Levine, 12, who disappeared February 24 on his way home from school, disclosed today that he had refused to keep an appointment with the kidnapers, "because I felt that our meeting could not be exclusive and without interference."

"I said on February 28 when I was given instructions as to how I should contact the kidnapers, and I repeat now, that I shall not betray the confidence of the kidnapers," Nowack declared.

The rabbi referred to "interference."

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cloudy, showers in north portion tonight; cooler in north central portion late tonight; Friday occasional rain and cooler.

BRITISH PLANS TO RETIRE FOREIGNERS IN SPAIN USELESS

Franco's Victorious Armies May Win War Before Bickering Nations Reach Accord

FORMULA WON'T BE NEEDED VERY SOON

Hundreds of Government Soldiers Cut off from Base in North Flee Across Pyrennes to Small French Village To Escape On-rushing Insurgent Forces

(By The Associated Press.)

The guiding sub-committee of the Spanish non-intervention committee representing major European powers gathered today and received a new British formula for withdrawal of foreign soldiers from the 20-month-old civil war. It was the group's first meeting in two months and the problem was much the same as a year and a half ago, except that the war itself was much closer to settling the question than bickering representatives of Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Soviet Russia.

Much depended on how long the Barcelona government could hold back insurgent armies stabbing eastward at the heart of government territory. In a few days, perhaps, no formula for withdrawal of foreign soldiers will be needed.

That seemed to be the view of General Francisco Franco's strategists as they directed twin thrusts eastward—one against Barcelona and the other toward the coast southeast of the capital.

A movement to straighten the insurgent line close to the French frontier cut hundreds of government soldiers off from their bases east of Jaca and 1,000 fled over the Pyrennes to sanctuary in a little French mountain hamlet. They said 1,000 others were following their lead.

Informed persons said Britain proposed a "new formula" for deciding when belligerent rights should be granted to the warring factions and restoration of control on Spanish frontiers.

M. E. Unity Considered As Certain

Memphis, Tenn., March 31.—(AP)—Unification of the Southern Methodist Church with the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant church was discussed today as the college of bishops met to discuss recommendations to the Southern Church's General Conference at Birmingham April 28.

Belief that the unification question would be given an early hearing at the conference was expressed yesterday at a meeting of the commission on union of the church. A two-thirds majority vote would unite the three branches of the Methodist Church.

"The outlook for adoption of the plan by the General Conference meeting is most encouraging," Rev. Dr. J. L. Decell, Jackson, Miss., secretary of the commission, said.

Annual conferences of the southern churches have voted over-whelmingly.

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32 Perish In Tornadoes And Nearly 250 Injured In Five Midwest States

(By The Associated Press.)

Five tornado-strafed midwestern states counted 32 persons killed and nearly 250 injured today. Unofficial estimates of the damage passed the \$1,000,000 mark. Hundreds were homeless.

The twisting storms, laden with hail and torrential rain, struck hardest in central Illinois, where at least ten were known dead. Next hardest hit was southeastern Kansas, where seven including three children, were killed. The Kansas storm struck about noon yesterday. It started in northwestern Oklahoma; later knifed into southwestern Missouri. Five were known dead in Missouri storms.

Here to Aid Jews



Lieut. Col. J. M. Levey, acting chairman of the British ORT, an organization for the rehabilitation of Jewish refugees, is pictured above as he arrived in New York on the Normandie. His organization aims to remove the 200,000 Jews now in Austria. (Central Press)

ROOSEVELT LETTER IS BOTH ATTACKED AND IS DEFENDED

G. O. P. Leader Snell Calls "Dictatorship" Statement of President "Perfect Fake"

BARKLEY TERMS IT "ADMIRABLE" VIEW

Snell Says It Is "Purely an Effort To Get Front Page" and "Get People's Minds Off" Reorganization Bill; U. S. Announced Battle-ship Program

Washington, March 31.—(AP)—Foes and friends of the administration's reorganization bill termed a "perfect fake" and "admirable statement" today the letter in which President Roosevelt asserted "I have no inclination to a dictatorship."

Representative Snell, Republican, New York, the House Republican New York, leader, used the "fake" expression when he told reporters the President's letter to an unnamed correspondent was "purely an effort to get the front page," and "get people's minds off" the controversial reorganization bill.

Senator Barkley, of Kentucky, the Democratic Senate leader, in terming the letter "a very admirable statement," said it was one "the sincerity of which will be conceded by everybody who knows the President."

While virtually every one at the

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DR. L. B. McBRAYER NEAR DEATH DOOR

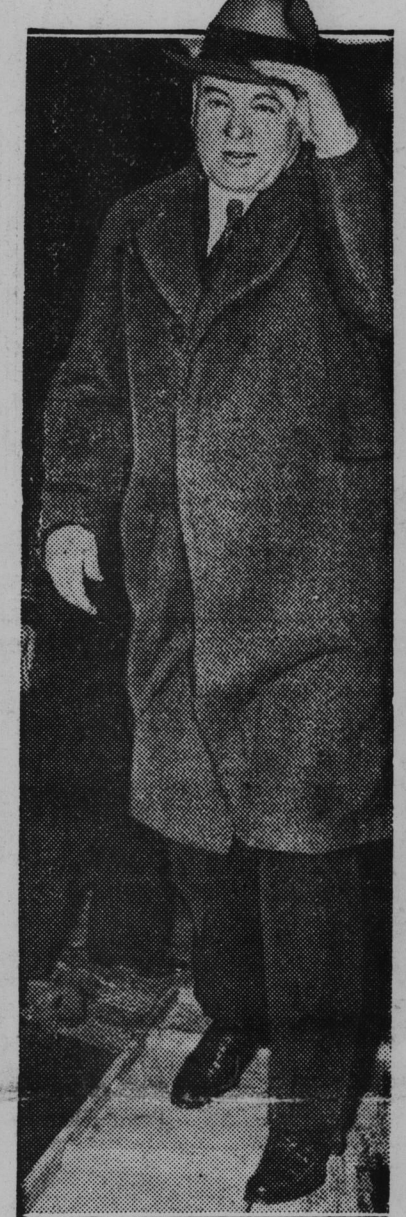
Southern Pines Man Long Prominent in Tubercular and Medical Association Work

Southern Pines, March 31 (AP)—Dr. L. B. McBrayer, former secretary of the North Carolina Medical society and head of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, was reported critically ill today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. P. McCain, at Montrose, near here.

Dr. McBrayer, ill of pernicious anemia, suffered a relapse last night after a period of improvement. Hope for his recovery was abandoned.

President Asserts He Isn't Qualified To Rule As Despot

Hoover Comes Home



Ex-President Herbert C. Hoover holds tightly to his hat as he debarks from the Normandie and boards a special cutter in New York Bay on his return from Europe. While in Europe, Hoover was honored by Belgium and had a forty-minute talk with Hitler. (Central Press)

Writes Friend from Warm Springs He Knows Too Much About Dictators To Be One

LETTER GIVEN OUT AT MIDNIGHT HOUR

Reason for Publication of Statement at One O'Clock in Morning Not Made Clear; Says He Wants No Such Rule as That in United States of America

Warm Springs, Ga., March 31.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, charging organized opposition to his reorganization plans, had planted "bogies under every bed," asserted in a letter made public today he had "no inclination to be a dictator."

The letter, addressed to an unnamed friend under date of March 29, urged approval of the measure, "in its present form," and replied to charges that the legislation would make him a dictator by asserting:

"As you well know, I am as much opposed to an American dictatorship as you are, for three simple reasons: "A. I have no inclination to be a dictator. "B. I have none of the qualifications which would make me a successful dictator. "C. I have too much historical background and too much knowledge of existing dictatorships to make me desire any form of dictatorship for a democracy like the United States of America."

The letter was made public by Secretary Marvin McIntyre shortly before 1 a. m., central standard time. There was no explanation for the late release, except that the President made up his mind to issue it before midnight, and it required almost two hours to prepare it for the press.

The name of the President's correspondent regarding reorganization was withheld, because McIntyre said in a prefatory statement "he did not write for publicity purposes."

The letter was dated the same day the President asserted at a press conference that Senate passage of the reorganization bill proved that body "cannot be purchased by organized telegrams based on direct misrepresentation."

Revolution Party Given Old Mexico Society Without Classes in Socialist State Is Goal of New Organization

Mexico City, March 31 (AP)—A new "party of the revolution" came into being today to carry on the nation's "Mexico for Mexicans" program looking toward a society without classes in a socialist state.

The new party of laborers, farmers and soldiers is an intensified government party, taking over the organization of President Cardenas' former national revolutionary party. B. Gonzalez, head of the old party, was named president of the new. Its program today on the House-approved proposal to lower income tax exemptions. A reduction in personal income tax exemptions to broaden the tax base was proposed by Senator LaFollette, Progressive, Wisconsin. The reduction.

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Senators Refuse To Lift Taxes

Washington, March 31 (AP)—The Senate Finance Committee completed work today on the House-approved proposal to lower income tax exemptions.

Seven Dead From Serum For Cancer

Orlando, Fla., March 31.—(AP)—A seventh woman died today while a coroner's jury assembled medical witnesses in an investigation of a series of deaths which followed injections of a serum in cancer treatments.

Mrs. F. E. Mooner, 63, of Winter Park, Fla., succumbed early today. Six women who had been given injections of the serum died yesterday. Four other persons are in hospitals with symptoms resembling those of tetanus.

Dr. T. A. Neal said the seven dead

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MEXICAN SEIZURES MAY SET PRECEDENT

Grave International Row Likely If Other Latin-Americans Follow

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 31.—President Cardenas' expropriation of Mexico's foreign-owned oil properties (nearly half a billion dollars' worth of them, and mainly at the expense of Yankee or English capitalists) sets an example which, if followed by other Latin-American countries, may lead to some very awkward international complications.

Presumably expropriated absentees

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