

VOTE TOMORROW ON REORGANIZING BILL

Blum's Government Is Given Confidence Vote By Chamber As Dictator Over Finances

BLUM'S MEASURES ARE COMPARED TO NEW DEAL IN U. S.

Roosevelt Experiment in America Has Failed, Ex-Premier Flandin Declares

SAYS PLAN MEANS INFLATION CERTAIN

Constant Interruptions And Sharp Exchanges Between Blum and Flandin During Fiery Debate; Meanwhile, Strikes in Nation Are Increasing

Paris, April 6.—(AP)—Premier Leon Blum apparently received a vote of confidence today when the Chamber of Deputies voted on decree powers over finance. An unofficial count was 310 to 245 for the socialist premier. Blum has staked the life of his people from government on this test which came after a bitter debate on his demand for emergency powers until July 1 to cope with the nation's financial difficulties.

In the debate, former Premier Flandin, one of the most stalwart opponents of the premier, attacked his program as "a copy of President Roosevelt's experiment which has failed."

The rightist party deputy, first in chamber debate to compare the financial and economic powers sought by Blum with President Roosevelt's New Deal measures, said:

"The American experiment must show us that the controlled economy the premier proposes will not work."

Other speakers had likened the premier's proposal to the Soviet Russian administration, and still others to dictatorship methods.

The rightist leader, shouting above interruptions from leftist benches, asserted that Blum's decree measures meant "inflation—whether we consider it camouflaged inflation or frank inflation, it remains inflation."

Constant interruptions from socialists and communists and several sharp exchanges between Flandin and Blum occurred when the premier arose to contest Flandin's interpretation.

Strikes increased meanwhile, as the premier continued against tremendous odds his fight for the sweeping decree powers.

Hotel Blaze

In Blizzard

Kills Seven

30 Guests, Including 15 Women, Are Carried Down Ice-Coated Ladders

Chicago, April 6.—(AP)—Seven men were burned to death today when flames roared through the four-story hotel center in the Flophouse district on West Madison street, during a raging blizzard.

Thirty of the 70 guests, including 15 women, were carried down ice-coated ladders by firemen. The fire spread to the roofs of two adjoining hotels and 250 guests, many of them in night clothes, fled to the street. Some went about in the wet snow barefooted until they found shelter in nearby homes.

Three other persons, including a fireman, were burned.

Four of the dead were identified. Fire Marshal Michael Corrigan, who estimated the damage at \$15,000, said the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in a room where paints, oils and rags had been stored.

Earl Lyons, hotel clerk, said he heard some one cry "Fire."

"Before I realized what was the matter," he told firemen, "the whole upper floors were aflame."

Life Goes on in Barcelona



Boys will be boys, bombs and cannon notwithstanding. Here are two youngsters having fun with their scooter in the streets of Barcelona, and in the background the ruins left by the air-raiding of Franco's fliers, whose recent raids killed more than 1,000 persons. Young as they are, the children are hardened to sudden death.

Furious Battle Rages As Loyalist Cabinet Cracks

Heavily Reinforced Armies of Both Sides Pound Each Other on Spanish Front; Loyalist Premier Negrin Ousts War Minister and One Communist

Hondaye, France, April 6.—(AP)—A furious battle for possession of Tortosa increased in intensity today as heavily reinforced armies of both sides pounded each other in the third day of the Spanish insurgent attempt to take the Ebro river delta town.

Stubborn government resistance in the last scrap of territory barring General Franco's soldiers from the Mediterranean coast surprised the insurgent command which hurried new motorized divisions into battle from Alcaniz and Gandesa.

During the night, when insurgent bombers were unable to see their objectives, government militiamen counter-attacked and drove the insurgents out of several positions conquered yesterday in bitter hand-to-hand fighting.

CROP ALLOTMENTS DATA IS DEMANDED

South Carolina Legislature Calls on Wallace for Statement

Columbia, S. C., April 6.—(AP)—The General Assembly called on Secretary of Agriculture Wallace today to publish detailed information as to the proposed tobacco production in the flue-cured tobacco areas.

Both Senate and House adopted a resolution which said "many rumors and assertions are being circulated that various sections of the tobacco areas are to be favored over other areas."

It "respectfully requested" the secretary of agriculture to announce: "The poundage basis for each state used in calculating the flue-cured tobacco program; the method used in bacco program; the method used in securing the poundage basis for each state; whether estimates of the Department of Agriculture or the reported sales submitted by the commission of agriculture of each of the states; or the actual method used; the percentage reduction proposed for each of the states in the flue-cured area; the total number of pounds allocated to each of the states in the

CHICAGO DISTRICT COVERED BY SNOW

14 Inches Deep in Places; East Coast Shipping Is Given Warning

Chicago, April 6.—(AP)—Swirling snow and near freezing temperatures banished thought of spring in Chicago today.

Gusts of wind that reached 35 miles an hour swept the snow into the city from the north throughout the night. Snow and slush covered highways and streets and made driving hazardous and walking difficult. A heavy snowfall was reported in many north central states. Westington Springs reported 14 inches of snow.

STORM WARNINGS ISSUED TO EAST COAST SHIPPING Washington, April 6.—(AP)—The Weather Bureau issued an advisory storm warning to east coast shipping at 7:30 a. m., eastern standard time today, reporting that an atmosphere disturbance over the middle planes was advancing east and northeastward.

flue-cured area under the tobacco program."

FOREIGN BUSINESS DECLINES IN CHINA AS RESULT OF WAR

One American Tobacco Company Folds Up and Prepares To Withdraw at Once

OIL COMPANIES ARE ALSO LOSING TRADE

Japanese Oil Monopoly Gets Right of Way in Occupied Territory; Tobacco Factories, Warehouses And Stocks Destroyed in Many Localities

Shanghai, April 6.—(AP)—Business reports emphasized today the cumulative repercussions of the undeclared war on Chinese trade as Japanese continued their push in Shantung province toward the Lunghai railway.

Foreign firms trade has slumped sharply. Japanese business in occupied areas is reported less than normal.

The Timmonsville Leaf Tobacco Company, of Richmond, Va., became the first foreign company to file notice of suspension of business in China.

Business of most American tobacco companies is described as seriously impaired by destruction of factories, warehouses and stocks, inability to trade with the interior and limiting by the central Chinese government the amount of foreign exchange made available to Shanghai.

The oil business also has dwindled, and is faced besides with a Japanese government oil monopoly such as took over the business in Manchoukuo. Oil companies in Japanese-occupied north China are not receiving Japanese business, since the Japanese navy is draw-

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BUYING PROPS FOR STOCKS ARE PULLED

Losses Running to Three or Four Points at Most Registered Before Arrested

New York, April 6.—(AP)—Buying props were pulled today from under a four-day rally in the stock market, and losses running to three and four points were registered before the abrupt retreat was checked. Deprived of active general covering of short positions, a big force behind the rally from the 1938 lows touched last week, the market yielded easily to small offerings. Reactions spread to the bond market.

American Radiator	10 1/8
American Telephone	122 3/4
American Tob B	68
Anacosta	24
Atlantic Coast Line	16 3/4
Atlantic Refining	18 3/4
Bendix Aviation	9 3/4
Bethlehem Steel	38 7/8
Chrysler	39 7/8
Columbia Gas & Elec Co	6 1/4
Commercial	7
Continental Oil Co	7 3/4
Curtiss Wright	3 7/8
DuPont	96
Electric Pow & Light	7 1/4
General Electric	30 1/4
General Motors	28
Montgomery Ward & Co	27 1/8
Reynolds Tob B	38
Southern Railway	3 3/8
Standard Oil Co N J	43 1/2
U S Steel	41

Governor Praises Home Agent Work Throughout State

Currituck, April 6.—(AP)—Governor Hoyer praised the contribution made to a "fuller and richer rural life" by home demonstration clubs as he spoke here today to farm women of this area and urged "let's make North Carolina a beautiful State."

"Much of the real progress and development of rural life in North Carolina," said the governor, "can be directly attributed to the organization of home demonstration clubs, and the work of the agents throughout the State."

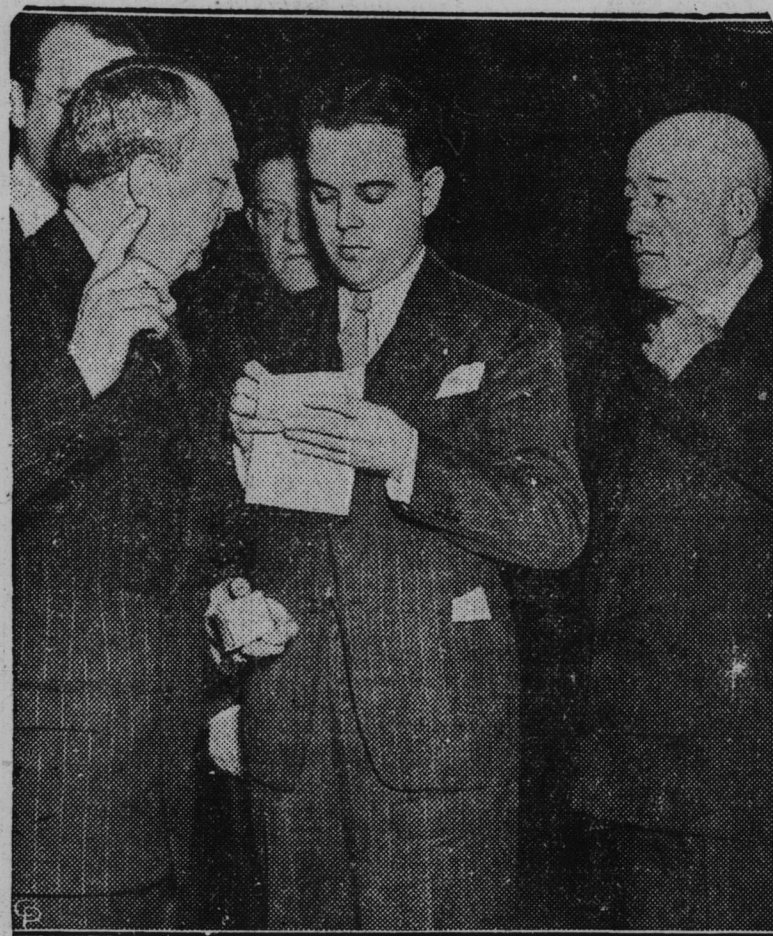
"When you form a club you directly affect the lives of all the people in the community, because these clubs were made up of either present or prospective home-keepers, and hence are vitally concerned over the welfare of the whole community."

He pointed out that farming "is no longer merely an individual matter, and the farmer is a world citizen, directly affected by markets and prices throughout the country, and unable to escape the consequences of over-production, or of unwise marketing of his crops."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain, beginning tonight or Thursday colder in central portion Thursday.

PREDICT REVAMP BILL PASSAGE



Representatives Cochran, left, and Rayburn, right, talk to reporter

Urged by President Roosevelt to rush the reorganization bill quickly through the house and to refrain from further concessions, members of the eight-man house "reorganization bill squad" begin anew to gain house passage of the measure. Two of the leaders of the squad are pictured talking to reporters in Washington. They are Representative John J. Cochran, of Missouri, left, and Majority Leader Sam Rayburn, right. Rayburn said no more concessions would be made and predicted that the bill would pass.

Labor Body Orders Steel To Deal With CIO Unions

Convicts Strike At Caldwell Camp

Raleigh, April 6.—(AP)—Oscar Pitts, superintendent of prisons, said today he understood there had been a "like of convicts at the Lenoir prison camp in Caldwell county, and that eight men would be transferred here for punishment."

Pitts said he had not been informed yet of full details, but H. H. Honeycutt, penal division disciplinarian, hurried to the camp yesterday and last night called for the transfer bus to bring in the eight men.

"They will be placed in solitary here," said Pitts.

AMERICAN MENACE NOW FROM WITHIN

Nation Must Solve Its Socio-Economic Crisis or Lose Its Liberty

Washington, April 6.—It's not about the European situation that people write letters to this column. Nor is it concerning "dictatorship" or "fascism" or "communism." It is concerning economic conditions—and solely that.

Possibly the people of the entire world feel the same way. Perhaps political and self-appointed leaders do not sense this reality. Probably the majority of political and international problems are because we have not solved our economic difficulties. One statesman has said so—Secretary of State Cordell Hull. He is trying through his reciprocity trade treaties to ease economic pressure. His efforts can be merely a pittance against a tremendous problem.

Reorganization of government departments, investigation of the TVA, enlargement of the navy and the

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DOWN TRENDS FOR COTTON CONTINUE

Trade and Local Buying Boost Prices Slightly at Outset, But Gains Are Not Held

New York, April 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened today to five points lower on disappointing cables and domestic and foreign liquidation. Trade and local buying carried July from \$5.50 and shortly after the first half hour the market was one to three points net lower. By midday July was \$5.55, and the market three to five points net lower.

COMMUNISTS BACK OF MEASURE, HOUSE REPUBLICAN SAYS

Knudsen, Minnesota, Says Earl Browder Calling on House Members To Support Bill

FOES REFUSE VOTE DURING AFTERNOON

Scenes of Disorder Mark Hot Debate on Floor As Proponents of President's Measure Seek Immediate Test of Strength by Ending of Debate

Washington, April 6.—(AP)—Representative Knudsen, Republican, Minnesota, told the House today that Earl Browder, the communist party's candidate for president in 1936, "has been calling upon House members and urging them to vote for the passage of the President's reorganization plan."

Knudsen spoke shortly after the leadership had obtained an agreement to end debate on the measure at the end of today's session.

The House postponed a showdown on the reorganization bill today, but agreed to end general debate at the close of the day's session—a procedure which will put at the first real test early tomorrow afternoon.

Opponents of the measure refused to permit the debate to end in three hours, which would have made the first major test of strength come this afternoon. The test will be on a motion to strike the enacting clause from the bill.

Amid scenes of disorder with more than a dozen members shouting for recognition, Chairman Cochran, Democrat, Missouri, of the reorganization committee, won approval of a proposal to chop off the debate when the House adjourns today, and to open the bill to amendments the first thing tomorrow.

A House labor sub-committee, meanwhile, recommended a drastically revised wage-hour bill, which would provide for a graduated minimum wage and a work week ranging from 40 to 48 hours.

The group's action ended weeks of haggling over fundamentals, and was taken only after the Democratic members agreed separately on terms of the new bill. Two Republican members attended today's meeting, but

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TOM P. BAUMGARDNER DIES IN WASHINGTON

Tar Heel Was Clerk to Doughton's House Ways and Means Committee in Congress

Washington, April 6.—(AP)—Tom P. Baumgardner, 54, clerk of the House Ways and Means Committee, died of pneumonia today. Baumgardner formerly represented Stanley county in the North Carolina House of Representatives. He came here in 1933 as assistant clerk of the House committee, and after three years took a position with the Treasury Department at Raleigh, N. C. He returned as committee clerk two years ago.

U.S. Accepts Annexing Of All Austria

Factual, but not Legal, Seizure by Germany Recognized by This Nation

Washington, April 6 (AP)—The United States accepted today Germany's absorption of Austria and called upon Germany to pay Austria's debts to the United States. The recognition of Austria's status was made known in notes presented in Berlin by United States Ambassador Hugh Wilson. He notified Germany that the United States has closed its embassy in Vienna and established there instead a consulate-general.

In diplomatic language, the change of the legation to a consulate means defacto (factual) but not de jure (legal) recognition.

The State Department immediately declared that acceptance of the fact that Austria has become a part of Germany does not constitute a departure from the principles to which the United States is committed with regard to changes in the status of territories brought about by armed force.

FREIGHT RATES ON LIQUOR CONSIDERED

State Commission Studies Effect of New Tariffs on Prices of Beverage Sales

Raleigh, April 6.—(AP)—The State Liquor Commission met here today to consider the effect of recent freight rate increases on the price of liquor, with a view to changing prices so counties would not have to absorb increased costs.

Cutler Moore, chairman, said the commission would meet tomorrow with officials of the county ABC boards. Some distributors, Moore said, have agreed to absorb freight rate increases and retail prices may go up slightly on brands on which distribution will not do so.