

CZECH CRISIS GRAVE TURN FOR EUROPE Committee Adds \$298,000,000 to New Relief Bill

Potato Marketing Agreement Passed By Recent Ballots

75 Percent Favorable Vote in 13 States Announced by AAA Officials at Capital

PENNSYLVANIA VOTE STILL SPECULATED

Leaders of Defeated CIO-Backed Ticket in Last Tuesday's Election Non-Committal on Course To Pursue; Rail Program in Congress Menaced by Wages

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The AAA said today returns indicated approval of a potato marketing agreement for the 13 early and intermediate producing states by a 75 per cent favorable vote in a grower referendum.

Returns received from 273 of the 291 designated counties in those states showed that of 7,278 growers balloting last week, 5,459, representing 59 per cent of the potato production in those areas, voted for a marketing agreement.

A majority of growers in three states—California, Maryland and South Carolina—were shown by the incomplete tabulation to have opposed the agreement. Returns from a fourth state, Georgia, had not been tabulated.

The favorable and unfavorable votes respectively, by states, included: North Carolina, 1,162 and 619; South Carolina, 98 and 100.

C. I. O. Losers Non-Committal Meantime, with one exception, the leaders of the defeated CIO-backed faction in Pennsylvania's Democratic primary remained non-committal on what course they would pursue, despite apparent White House attempts to unite the party for the November election.

Walter Tone, Pittsburgh oil man aligned with labor leader John Lewis and Senator Guffey in the primary announced he would support the winning ticket. A short time before his announcement, Marvin McIntyre, White House secretary, called at Jones' hotel suite.

Senate railroad experts said a compromise in the wage cut dispute offered the only prospect for salvaging the emergency railroad aid program at this session of Congress.

J. J. Kelly, president of the Association of American Railroads, indicated strongly in a statement yesterday the carriers were not disposed to accept any existing aid proposals as a substitute for wage reductions.

Supplies Of War Hurried To San Luis

No Outbreak Yet, But Government Is Preparing; Mexico In Turmoil

Mexico City, May 21.—(AP)—A trainload of munitions today was sent into San Luis Potosi, where repeated rumors of impending revolution have stirred the Mexican government to stringent military precautions.

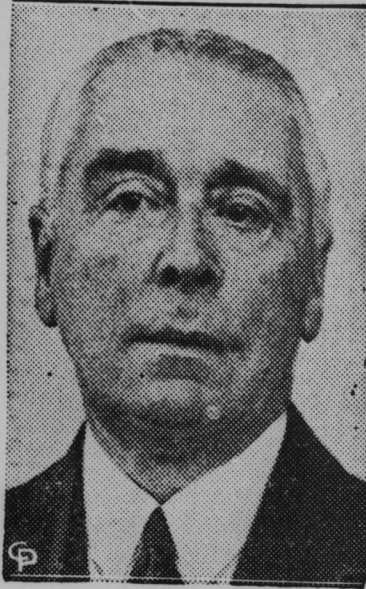
At the same time a group of five senators indicated they would urge President Cardenas to expropriate property of leaders implicated in any uprising. They suggested such property be applied to indemnifying foreign oil companies for their \$400,000,000 possessions taken over by the government March 18.

Turbulent Mexico was uncertain whether it was up against a major revolutionary movement or merely a series of local rebel activities.

While President Cardenas concentrated his military forces in the restlessness state of San Luis Potosi to smother any uprising by the agrarian leader General S. Cedillo, reports reaching the capital told of at least two rebel bands being in the field.

General Cedillo has evacuated his one-time stronghold in central Mexico and his peasant army has scattered to the hills, leaving Cardenas in firm control of the state capital, San Luis.

TVA Investigator?



Judge Samuel Seabury ... to make headlines?

Judge Samuel Seabury whose revelation of corruptions in New York City brought about the downfall of former Mayor James J. Walker is expected to be named chief counsel for the joint congressional committee delegated to investigate activities of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

RETIREMENT AT 70 FOR PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS URGED

Automatic Cessation from Pastorate Proposed at General Assembly's Session

RE-ELECTION FOR ONE YEAR ALLOWED

Annuity Fund for Aged Ministers Would Have To Be Pressed to Conclusion if Enforced Retirement Were Made Effective; Racial Issues Up

Meridian, Miss., May 21.—(AP)—A proposal for automatic retirement of ministers at the age of 70 was laid before the 71st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States here today.

Opposition to recommendations of the ad interim committee on changes in pastorates was expected from several sources as adoption would mean retirement for a number of Presbyterian ministers now holding posts. Under the proposal, a minister reaching 70 would be automatically retired, but his congregation might re-elect him for one year's service. The service could be extended for a maximum of three years, but no longer.

To make their retirement plan practicable, the committee urgently requested annuities fund, the goal of which was set at \$3,000,000. "There are reports from all over the church which must have some foundation," the committee said, "that men who are unable to do the full work of pastor are being forced to remain with churches in order to live. They realize that our present aid, through ministerial relief, is not sufficient to maintain their families. It is easy to see the pastoral relationships maintained on such a basis are not for the best interests of the churches."

Meanwhile, racial issues dating from the War Between the States have kept Northern and Southern Presbyterians apart since 1865, but there are no color lines in the Southern Church Assembly. Seated well up front at the Presbyterian Assembly here are ten negro ministers and elsewhere are ten negro ministers and elsewhere who have an equal vote in all church issues and hold committee assignments with white ministers.

MAJOR CHANGES IN MEASURE VOTED AS APPROVAL IS GIVEN

PWA Funds for Constructing Utility Plants Are To Be Denied for Competition

PWA SECTION CUT TOTAL OF A TENTH

WPA Wage Differentials Would Be Eliminated If Labor Standards Bill Is Passed; Glass Says He Is Opposed to Whole Bill and May Fight It Later

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The Senate Appropriations Committee added \$298,000,000 to the administration's relief bill today, and gave final approval to the measure totaling \$3,459,000,000.

Major changes made by the committee included:

A provision restricting the use of PWA funds for the construction of public utility plants.

Provision of \$212,000,000 for benefit payments to wheat, cotton and corn producers.

A reduction of \$100,000,000 in the billion dollar PWA appropriation.

Insertion of a requirement that WPA wage differentials be eliminated or imposed through enactment of the event uniform labor standards wage-hour legislation.

Reduction from \$100,000,000 to \$25,000,000 in the authorization for the REA.

Chairman Glass, Democrat, Virginia, of the appropriations committee told reporters he was "opposed to the whole bill," and had reserved the right to file a minority report.

Members reported the committee had adopted by a narrow margin a subcommittee recommendation that the WPA be prohibited from financing construction of utility plants which would compete with existing private systems when the latter are subject to any form of public regulation.

450,000 VOTES IN PRIMARY FORECAST

Winborne Set for Safe Majority of It; Figure Looks High To Some

Raleigh, May 21.—With the voting only two weeks off, the beginning of the balloting on June 4 is beginning to come in for a bit of speculation on the part of political prognosticators as well as candidates for statewide office.

The very first mention of figures this correspondent has heard was the statement that Stanley Winborne would get two hundred and seventy-five thousand votes out of four hundred and fifty thousand cast in the Utility Commissioner race. Needless to say, the estimate came from a red-hot Winborne supporter.

The N. C. record was set in 1936's super-heated first primary, when a total of 516,864 votes were distributed among Hooey, McDonald, Graham and McRae.

In view of the comparatively slow tempo of this spring's battling, a 450,000 estimate looks high; though it must be borne in mind that heated Congressional and judicial races, in addition to many torrid local sweepstakes, will pull voters to the polls who would go fishing so far as the current statewide contests (U. S. Senator and Utility Commissioner) are concerned.

Like the Democratic State platform, this correspondent will now do a little horn-blowing. We point with pride to exact fulfillment of the prediction made exclusively by this bureau.

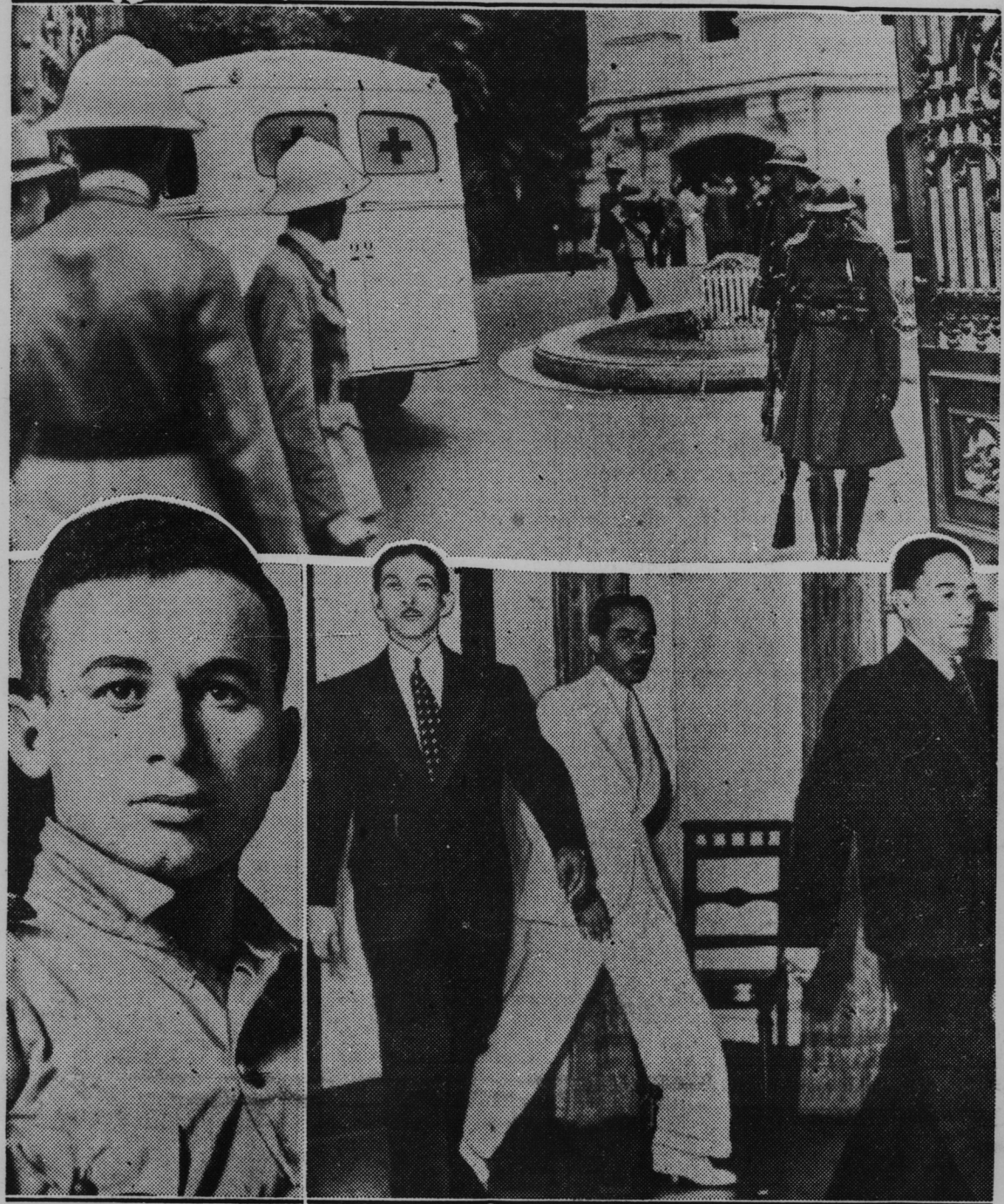
It was predicted that the only efforts to get planks in the platform would be made by supporter of Crop Control (notably the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation) and by Labor through the State Federation. It was further predicted that neither effort would get anywhere.

That's just what happened.

Congressional races in the Sixth and Eighth are made confused and complex by a multiplicity of candidates. It seems certain that there will be a first general scramble in each, then a hot and heavy second primary. That has been the outlook all along, and it wasn't changed a bit by events.

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First Pictures of Revolt in Brazil



At top, an ambulance is shown in the courtyard of the Guanabara Palace, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, when the wounded were removed after the abortive Fascist coup in which President Getulio Vargas defended himself and his family with a revolver from the invaders. Below, left, is Luis Gonzaga, head of the rebel Fusiliers, who killed a sergeant and two soldiers of the Guanabara Palace guards, and at right (in white), Dr. Raimundo Barbosa Lima, chosen by the rebel Integralists to substitute for President Vargas, is shown with detectives at central police headquarters, Rio. These are the first pictures of the Rio revolt to reach the United States.

Auto Deaths Are Only 64 Last Month

Lowest Number Any April Since 1934; Year's Total Lowest Since 1933

Raleigh, May 21 (AP)—Only 64 persons, the lowest number for April since 1934, were killed in automobile accidents in North Carolina last month. Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell reported today.

The April total brought to 248 the total number of fatalities so far this year, compared with 308 in the same period in 1937. This year's total is the lowest since 1933.

Twenty-seven fatal wrecks occurred on a straight road and 41 in the country.

There were only 18 fatal accidents in cities. Maxwell expressed pleasure over the report, pointing out that there were 20,000 more automobiles in use now than at the same time last year. Automobiles last month killed 28 pedestrians, five children playing in the streets, nine persons walking on the roadway and one drunken motorist.

Fulhums, Brother And Sister, Killed In Halifax Wreck

Roanoke Rapids, May 21 (AP)—Miss Mamie Fulghum, 52, of near here, and her brother, Clarence Fulghum, 42, of Washington, D. C., were killed early today when a northbound Seaboard Air Line railroad train struck their automobile at a grade crossing about two miles from Roanoke Rapids. Miss Fulghum died before reaching a hospital here, and her brother died a short time after arrival.

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London Alarmed By Powder Keg Events In Central Europe

London, May 21.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax hurriedly returned to the foreign office today to take the helm of British foreign policy personally in the face of increasingly dangerous German-Czech incidents. Prime Minister Chamberlain kept in close touch with the dangerous situation, complicated by the frontier killing of two Germans by Czech guards, the calling up of Czech army reserves, and reports of sandbag barricades had been thrown up on Czech roads between Eger and Pilsen. Berlin dispatches, meanwhile, said the British ambassador Sir Neville Henderson, asked the German foreign office the second time for assurances that troop movements toward the frontiers Germany wants to expand were only routine training moves.

UTILITIES CONTEST CARRIED INTO OPEN

Adherents of Both Winborne and Grady Present Their Contentions

Raleigh, May 21.—The race for utilities commissioner, featuring Stanley Winborne, defending champion, and Paul D. Grady, in the role of challenger, is beginning to pick up speed and interest which promise to make for a bit of political pyrotechnics in the two weeks remaining before the voters will end the controversy at the polls.

Just now the contest has reached the speech-making stage for both the candidates. Last night the challenger took to the air at Charlotte and loosed quite a blast at Commissioner Winborne and his methods of running the utility group. The incumbent, so far, has made no set or formal campaign speech.

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New Dealer Holds Lead In Oregon

Portland, Oregon, May 21.—(AP)—Henry Hess, who claimed New Deal and La'or support picked up a growing and perhaps decisive lead today in his sensational Democratic primary contest with Governor Charles Martin.

Hess took a lead of 3,329 votes over Governor Martin, late returns showed. Returns from 1,233 precincts of the 1,681 gave: Hess 44,878; Martin, 41,549.

The 74-year-old governor described himself as loyal to President Roosevelt without offering "rubber stamp" endorsement to the administration's program. Hess, supported by Senator George Norris, Nebraska Independent, and, in effect, by Secretary of the Interior:

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RESERVES ORDERED TO COLORS DURING WEEK-END VOTING

Political Strength of 3,500,000 German-Supported Minority Faces Test Sunday

TENSION MOUNTING THROUGHOUT NATION

Hitler Backing Demand of Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia for Self-Government; Czechs Throw Up Sandbag Defenses for Emergency

Budapest, Hungary, May 21.—(AP)—Well informed quarters tonight reported Czechoslovakia had closed her Polish and German frontiers as a result of mounting tension and disorders over tomorrow's municipal elections.

Praha, Czechoslovakia, May 21.—(AP)—Germany's little neighbor, Czechoslovakia, today called out a reserve class to bolster her 190,000-man army on the eve of tense municipal elections testing the political strength of the 3,500,000 Nazi-supported German minority.

Two Germans were killed by Czech border guards as they tried to cross into Germany. Scattered disorders preceded the crucial vote.

The reserve call for parts of Czechoslovakia's 1,500,000 trained second line soldiers came as tension mounted throughout the nation, half surrounded by German military might, and in Europe's watchful capitals.

Reports to adjoining Hungary said sandbagged barricades had been erected at Czechoslovakia's military gateway, the Pilsen-Eger road, and machine guns set up by troops asking control of strategic points.

Outcome of the Sunday elections might determine the fate of Europe's most pressing problem, the demands of the Sudeten minority, with Adolf Hitler's spoken support, for self-government.

Czech authorities said the two Germans shot to death last night near Eger by Czech border guards were killed when trying to cross into Germany illegally. The government also declared the reserve call did not indicate plans for moving new troops to the border.

Official circles emphasized the measure was taken solely in order to bring troops up to full strength with the object of keeping order, in view of recent disturbances.

The reserve call came as President Benes told Czechoslovakia's encircling authoritarian neighbors that the small nation was unafraid in facing the present critical situation.

Warfare In China Adds Fresh Fuel

Bitter Hand to Hand Fighting in Progress for Lunghai Railway Point

Shanghai, May 21 (AP)—Chinese and Japanese forces were locked in bitter fighting today at the little Lunghai railway town of Langfeng, 275 miles from the coast, and key to China's ancient capital Kaifeng.

Both sides agreed that a station near Langfeng changed hands in pitched battles during the day as Japanese planes rained bombs on towns all along the Lunghai west of captured Suchow. The Chinese were said to have possession of the station late in the day.

A most critical situation at Langfeng was prevented only by arrival of heavy Chinese reinforcements.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Scattered showers this afternoon partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; local showers Sunday.

WEEKLY WEATHER South Atlantic States: Showers at beginning of week over north and central portions and shower period at end of week; cooler Monday; warmer middle of week.

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