

Bitter Roosevelt Criticism Of Georgia's WPA Program Is Cause Of Stir In That State

Americans Are Jailed By Spanish

Witness Before House Committee Tells of Action of Communists There; Willkie Says Government Attitude Holding Back Utility Building.

Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's arraignment of Georgia for seeking Federal aid for public works without setting up legal enabling machinery, caused somewhat of a stir in state official and political circles today.

Coming from the chief executive's own "other home" in Georgia, at a press conference late yesterday, it overshadowed interest here in announcement that Hugh Wilson, ambassador to Berlin, would arrive Sunday or Monday to report on German violence against Jews.

COMMUNISTS ARE HOLDING AMERICANS IN SPAIN Washington, Nov. 23.—(AP)—House investigators received testimony today that communists were holding Americans in jail in loyalist Spain.

Baron said he himself had been arrested and had been held in a dungeon in Spain.

Sam Eason, of New York, testifying before the Dies committee investigating un-American activities, said the only way to get them out was through publicity.

"If there is enough publicity, we will be in a position to remedy the situation," he said.

Other developments: Wendell Willkie, the utility executive, declared the threat of government competition menaced a utility construction program involving hundreds of millions of dollars.

Beaufort Man Is Held Upon Murder Charge Washington, N. C., Nov. 23.—(AP)—Frank Bright, 44-year-old Blount's Creek farmer, was in jail here today charged with the fatal shooting of Osborne Cayton, share-cropper of the same section of the county, following what Bright told sheriff's officers was an argument started by Cayton at Bright's home shortly after 11 o'clock last night.

Tithes Support Church



Perhaps the nearest approach to the tithes of Biblical days is the manner in which the Mount Moriah, N. C., Baptist Church is supported. The 260 farmer-members, short on cash, bring in produce and canned goods for public auction. The sale shown above netted more than \$150 for the church.

More Fraud Charges Made On Elections

Raleigh, Nov. 23.—(AP)—More charges of fraud and misconduct in the November 8 elections faced the State Elections Board today involving absentee voting in Clay, Ashe and Graham counties.

Chairman W. A. Lucas, of the elections board, said decisions on the appeals, heard yesterday and today, would probably be announced tonight and tomorrow.

O. L. Anderson, Hayesville lawyer, appeared for Republican candidates in Clay, who lost by majorities from 37 to 138 each. He challenged 135 absentee votes on grounds they were cast by persons not ill, not absent from the county, or by non-residence.

The chairman of the Clay Elections Board, Anderson charged, was a WPA foreman, and Anderson alleged that the chairman secured votes through "intimidation and coercion of men working under him."

The winning Democrats in Clay were represented by G. L. Houk, and George Patton, both of Franklin. The attorneys contended that the appeal was "an after thought," and that it was not filed properly within the limit prescribed by the State board and the elections law.

County Home Man Under Indictment

Fayetteville, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today gave an indefinite leave to James Smith pending disposal of charges he mis-treated inmates of the institution.

Smith was indicted by the grand jury yesterday and posted \$500 bond.

Highway Tax Sources Will Remain Same

Raleigh, Nov. 23.—Opponents of diversion and proponents of better secondary roads will scrap in the legislature about how to spend the revenue of the highway department, but the 1938 General Assembly is going to leave unchanged the sources from which this revenue is derived.

As heretofore, this revenue will be provided by registration fees, license tags sales, inspection fees and, in particular, by the gasoline tax.

There will be some agitation for lower passenger tag charges, with the North Carolina Fair Tax Association listing that among its major objectives.

There have been indications that an election law reform looms in Assembly. Raleigh, Nov. 23.—None of the election protests heard yesterday by the State Board of Elections was of more than passing general interest to the State-at-large, but the charges and the board session again centered attention on the fact that election reform is going to be one of the real lively issues of the 1939 General Assembly.

Allotments For Tobacco Being Made

Breakdown of 754 Million Pounds of Flue-Cured To Be Ready by Voting Day

Washington, Nov. 23.—(AP)—AAA officials bent efforts today to break down the 754,000,000 pounds national flue-cured tobacco marketing quota for 1939 into state and individual farm quotas.

They expressed hope the work, a mathematical undertaking, could be completed before flue-cured farmers in the South voted December 19 on whether they wanted the quotas imposed next year under the 1938 farm act.

Their task was less complicated by the closeness of the 1939 quota, announced yesterday by Secretary Wallace, to the national sales allotment of 48,979,000 pounds in effect this year.

Officials pointed out that as a result of this, the 1939 State and individual quotas would be close to the sales allotments farmers received this year. The chief change in the State quotas was expected to result from the provision of only one percent of the national quota to be used for new flue-cured tobacco farmers, whereas three percent of the 1938 quota was allocated for this purpose.

In announcing the one percent limitation, Secretary Wallace said growers already producing flue-cured tobacco were equipped to grow more than one billion pounds annually.

Trio Accused In Falsifying Wedding Rite

Norwich, N. Y., Nov. 23.—(AP)—Two young women and a man accused of scrambling their identities in a marriage venture last May awaited a Chenango county court jury's verdict on indictments charging them with false impersonations.

The case was submitted to the jury this morning after the three defendants had rested without taking the witness stand in their own behalf.

The state charges that two of the trio, Miss Marguerite D. Verrean, 19, and Burton Livermore, 26-year-old bus driver, went through a marriage ceremony with a license issued to Miss Eleanor Kenyon, 19, and Gerald Demond, of Willett, N. Y.

Miss Kenyon, the third defendant, was charged with assisting at the ceremony as a witness.

Franco-German Peace Accord Announced By French Sources As Assurance Of Ban On War

Girl Psychic in New York



Alice Bell Kirby, 18-year-old Jonesville, La., schoolgirl who mystified her home town by tipping tables without touching them and playing a piano in another room, is pictured after she had arrived in New York. She will try for the \$10,000 offered by the Universal Council of Psychic Research if she can do those things "without mirrors."

Roosevelt Visits Raleigh On Dec. 5

Raleigh, Nov. 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will become the first President to visit Raleigh in more than 33 years when he stops here December 5, unless present White House plans are changed, the Raleigh Times said today.

The Presidential special, first scheduled to leave the President at Sanford, from where he was going to Chapel Hill by automobile, will come here from Columbia, and go thence to Durham, where the President will take a car for Chapel Hill in time for lunch with Governor Hoke, President Frank P. Graham and invited guests.

20 Pct. Levy On Jews Set By Germans

Berlin, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The German government ordered a levy of 20 percent of Jewish fortunes exceeding \$2,000 today to pay the \$400,000,000 fine imposed for the assassination of Ernst Vom Rath, Paris embassy secretary, by a Jewish boy.

The decree, defining the means of collecting the fine in four installments, was published in the official gazette as the last chapter in disposing of the Jewish question in Germany. Foreign Jewish citizens are exempt.

The decree stipulates a contribution of one billion marks (\$400,000,000) will be collected from German Jews and those Jews without nationality in the form of a tax levy on their fortune.

The foreign Jews are exempted from the levy. The levy will not be imposed if the entire fortune, after deduction of all liabilities, does not exceed 5,000 marks (\$2,000).

Payments are to be made to the state treasury. Payments by insurance companies to Jews for damage on their shops and synagogues during the November 10 violence after Vom Rath's death, are to be turned over to the government.

Meat Plants Threatened With Strike

Chicago, Nov. 23.—(AP)—A threat to paralyze operations in the huge Chicago meat packing industry plants developed today from the labor dispute which has halted trading in the world's largest livestock market.

Disputes To Be Submitted To Meetings

Consultation Rather Than War or Threats of War Accepted By European Powers

Paris, Nov. 23.—(AP)—A French-German agreement to submit all future disputes to consultation rather than to threaten each other with war was announced officially here today.

Announcement of the "war renunciation" pact came a few hours before the scheduled arrival of British Prime Minister Chamberlain and Foreign Minister Viscount Halifax for talks from which a virtual French-British military alliance was expected.

The French-German understanding a development European statesmen have been awaiting as a possible cornerstone on which to build European peace and collaboration, complements a British-German anti-war accord signed at Munich September 30 by Chancellor Hitler and Chamberlain.

The new accord goes farther, however, by recognizing the present German-French frontier. In other words, Hitler will promise further, in writing that Hitler lays no further claim to Alsace-Lorraine, provinces returned to France by Germany after the World War, and over which the two countries have fought through their history.

The French office, making known the fact that the agreement had been reached, hinted the signatures may be affixed to it when German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop visits Paris, probably December 1. The accord amounts to a reaffirmation of "the spirit of Munich," and is labeled by its supporters as a determination to solve international differences by consultation rather than by warfare or threats of war.

Suppression Of Film Is Debate Topic

London, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, today told the House of Commons that the British government acted in conjunction with United States Ambassador Joseph Kennedy to suppress a news reel which the government considered might have had a "prejudicial effect" during the Czechoslovak crisis.

Under opposition questioning, Sir John said his government believed the news reel would have hampered Prime Minister Chamberlain in his conference with Adolf Hitler at Godesberg on the Rhine late in September.

Mr. Mander, opposition liberal, asked why "representations had been made by His Majesty's government to the American Embassy for withdrawal of a Paramount news reel of items contributed by Mr. Wickham

Vatican City, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Pope Pius today appointed an apostolic delegate to London. Vatican sources said it was the first time since the 16th Century Reformation that such an appointment had been made.

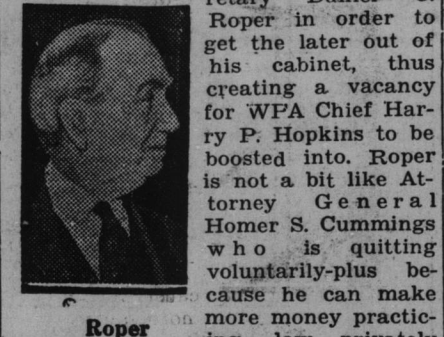
Cabarrus Man Loses Appeal Over Slaying

Raleigh, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The Supreme Court today affirmed the death sentence imposed on Baxter Parnell, in Cabarrus county, for the alleged "hex" slaying of Janie Fink.

Chief Justice W. P. Stacy wrote the opinion. It was among 13 handed down.

Parnell was convicted in August of the killing July 3 with an ice pick. He contended he had been given "some kind of dust and some roots" by an old Negro woman, and that afterwards his "mind would come and go."

The decision set Parnell's death date for December 9 unless Governor Hays intervenes.



Roper won't quit job to oblige FDR. Washington, Nov. 23.—Indications are that President Roosevelt will have to put at least a giant firecracker under Commerce Secretary Daniel C. Roper in order to get the later out of his cabinet, thus creating a vacancy for WPA Chief Harry P. Hopkins to be boosted into.

Roper is not a bit like Attorney General Homer S. Cummings who is quitting voluntarily-plus because he can make more money practicing law privately and needs to do so. Daniel C.'s salary is entirely satisfactory to him and his job is altogether to his liking.

There are rumors that the administration thinks of "promoting" him into the ambassadorship to Russia but it's more than suspected that these reports are of White House origin and are intended as hints to the secretary in question.

Only 31 DAYS till Christmas

FATHER OF WILSON EDITOR PASSES ON H. C. Davis, 63, Dies Unexpectedly at Home in New Jersey; Survived by Two Sons

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Considerable fog with some rain and mist tonight; Thursday occasional rain and colder; freezing temperature Thursday night.