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Daladier Is Urging Jobs For Strikers

French Premier Advises Employers To Handle Labor With Care; Labor Situation and Italian Demands Torment France In Its Growing Crisis

Paris, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Premier Daladier, with organized labor still smarting from its defeat by his strong-arm methods, today suddenly warned employers to handle their workers with care.

Hundreds of thousands of Frenchmen who were without jobs because they heeded the call to Wednesday's abortive general strike lined up to be rehired.

Through Labor Minister Charles Pomaret, Daladier advised employers to re-hire all men possible, rejecting only known agitators.

The labor situation shared the government's anxious attention to Italian agitation concerning France's North African protectorate.

When French Workers Get Their Dander Up



Clashes between strikers and gendarmes have been reported in the latest crisis in France, marked by the general walkout of 2,000,000 members of the French labor unions. Police and military have been ordered by Premier Daladier to see that utilities are in operation. Our picture shows gendarmes doing a bit of battling in recent labor disorders in Paris.

2 Dead, One Missing Communists And Nazis Singled Out

Two Negro Patients Dead, One White Woman Missing in Tayloe Hospital Blaze; Others Injured Jumping from Second Story; Cause Undetermined

Washington, N. C., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Two Negro patients lost their lives today when fire gutted a three-story wooden wing of the Tayloe hospital here, and a white patient was reported missing.

The dead were listed as Sue Gordon of Washington, and Jessie Guila of Aurora.

Mrs. Macon Tooley, 23, of Puro, was unaccounted for several hours after the flames were brought under control, and hospital attendants said they feared she had perished inside the building.

Mrs. Elmo Ingalls, of this county, and Nellie Hodges, Negro woman of Washington, were injured when they leaped from second floor windows.

Officials had not ascertained the cause of the fire. It was burning briskly when discovered about 6:30 a. m., by James Robertson.

Robertson quickly gave the alarm, and firemen and volunteers fought the flames for more than three hours before subduing them.

The wing was occupied by eleven patients, eight of them Negroes.

Winner by Eyelash



Senator Guy M. Gillette, who was on the administration's purge list but won re-election in the Iowa contest by an eyelash, is shown as he returned to Washington, demonstrating his margin of victory.

Justice Department Studying Evidence Turned Up by Dies Committee; Units Indicated To Be Agents for Parent Bodies Operating in Europe

Washington, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The Justice Department is studying seriously a request for prosecution of the communist party, the German-American Bund and some other organizations for failing to register as agents of foreign principals.

Representatives Dies, Democrat, Texas, recently asked the State Department that such action be taken. Dies, chairman of the House committee investigating un-American activities, asserted that evidence submitted to his committee indicated that the communist party was an agent of the communist third international, which maintains headquarters at Moscow.

In the absence of Secretary of State Hull, Under Secretary Sumner Welles forwarded Dies' letter to Attorney General Cummings, who referred it today to Bryan McMahon, chief of the Justice Department's criminal division, for careful investigation.

McMahon said he would give the matter close personal attention. Dies later indicated that certain "front organizations" of the communist party also were agents for the parent organization. He named specifically the League for Peace and Democracy, the International Labor Defense, and Civil Liberties Union. There are other indications, Dies added, that the German-American Bund represents the German Nazi party in this country.

Girl Returns Home After Kidnap Affair

Oxon Hill, Md., Dec. 2.—(AP)—William B. Brown, father of 18-year-old Mary Brown, who re-appeared at her home last night after a 30-hour absence, said today she was abducted by a man who mistakenly thought he could pay a ransom.

When his daughter, a business school student, convinced the man that he was unable to pay any ransom, she said they released her. She arrived haggard and in tattered clothes at the Brown home last night, saying the man had freed her from an automobile a short distance from the farm house where she lived.

The girl was in fairly good condition, her father said. A doctor examined her and declared that she had not been harmed. The girl said she had twice become unconscious. Mary had been kept in a hut ever since she was abducted, she told the family.

Seek Means To Release German Jews

Five Nations Pool Efforts in London To Move Refugees Out of Germany

London, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Five statesmen, representing the United States, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and Brazil, tackled today the gigantic problem of finding sanctuary for the potential 5,000,000 European refugees who are seeking new homes.

Informed sources said the group would try to crack Germany's flight rule, which strips Jews of virtually all they own as they leave Germany, tending to make them public charges in countries allowing them to enter. With that barrier removed, statesmen who form the inter-committee board formed last summer, would expect better reactions to the committee's efforts in South America and British empire countries.

Next Congress May Kill All Chain Stores In U. S.

Patman Bill May Send Them All To Electric Chair; Babson Discusses Arguments for and Against Chains; Urges People To Speak Out

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New York City, Dec. 2.—A bill which could send the nationwide chain store systems to the electric chair comes up before the new Congress in January. It would impose such a terrific tax on the big retail combines that they would have only two alternatives: (1) To break up; or (2) to go into bankruptcy. It is a momentous national issue. The pocket-book of every American "bread-winner" is involved. In fairness to all concerned, we should study the pros and cons of the question very carefully and give our congressmen and senators our opinions.

What are the chains' chief advantages to the household? Most important is the fact that they have reduced the prices of goods ten per cent on the average. Their leadership in cleanliness, modernization, and other good merchandising practices has been a real boon to those retailers

who have survived the multiple-store competition. By reducing prices of necessities, the chains have increased the workers' standard of living nearly five per cent. Lower prices and attractive displays have also benefited farmers, processors, and manufacturers through greater consumption. Much on Chain's Side. Their advertising has been effective in stimulating the sale of more goods and it has provided local newspapers with more revenue to give communities better newspapers. The chains have paid their share of the local tax burden on their store properties either directly or through rent. They have paid their managers and clerks as much as or more than the average for all retail stores. Moreover, under the prodding of their critics, their managers are gradually becoming a bigger factor in the civic life of their community. The chains have their faults, too.

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Three European Governments Battle For Lives In Crises



New Role

Shirley Temple, young screen star, dons the official badge designating her Grand Marshal of the Tournament of Roses parade celebrating its Golden Jubilee, January 2, at Pasadena, Cal.

Daladier in France Has New Strike Threat on Hand Because of His Punitive Moves; Belgian And Roumanian Cabinets Also Face Possible Overthrow

(By The Associated Press.) Three European governments fought today for their lives.

French Premier Daladier battled the biggest problem—the dual dangers of increasingly embittered labor at home, and what appeared to be an Italian campaign for French colonies in Africa.

In Brussels, newspapers said the resignation of Premier Paul Henri Spaak appeared inevitable. Spaak incurred socialist wrath by agreeing to send a commercial representative to insurgent Spain and recalling Belgian diplomats from Barcelona, the Spanish government capital.

Pressing a campaign to crush the Nazi style iron guards, the Roumanian government announced in Bucharest the arrest of six student members and said other alleged revolutionary plotters in the outlawed guards would be arrested soon.

Gravest of France's immediate dangers was a new strike movement in retaliation for the discharge of workers who led the one-day general walkout Wednesday in opposition to Daladier's financial-labor policies.

Italian newspapers took up the cries for Tunisia, first raised in the Fascist Chamber of Deputies, which led French Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet to request "explanations" of Italian intentions toward Tunisia, Djibouti and Corsica.

Italy Ready For Attack Upon French

Rome, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Fascist Editor Virginio Gayda, who often reflects Premier Mussolini's own views, warned France today that Italy "is ready to march—even against France if it is necessary."

Gayda's declaration in his newspaper sharply underscored the strain on Italian-French relations since Wednesday, when Italian deputies demonstrated in the presence of Il Duce for recognition of Italian interests in Tunisia, France's north African protectorate.

Gayda made the assertion in denying alleged French insinuations of coolness between the Italian royal house and the fascist regime last September. Mussolini then cast Italy's lot with Germany before the Munich conference, when Europe seemed to be on the verge of war.

Italy, Gayda declared, is united "solidly behind its government, and is ready for everything today."

Record Budget In Japan Is Approved

Tokyo, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Japan's 1939-40 budget, the largest in the empire's history, was approved by the cabinet today. It does not include China war expenditures which will be met by supplementary appropriations. The budget totaled 4,800,000 yen, which is about \$97,000,000.

NEARLY \$5 MILLION GIVEN BY CHINESE

Shanghai, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The Chinese war mission at Chungking announced today that Chinese living in the United States had contributed \$30,000,000 Chinese dollars, which is about \$4,800,000, for defense and relief purposes since the outbreak of the war with Japan.

Since the 1930 census showed the Chinese population of the United States to be 74,954, this would indicate a contribution of about \$64 per person.

Advertisement for Christmas shopping. It features a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman looking at a list. The text says: '22 days till Christmas. SHOP EARLY!' and 'CITY & HURRY'.

Design New Type Infantry Unit To Operate Swiftly

Washington, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A new streamlined infantry regiment smaller but far more mobile and harder hitting than either its World War counterpart, or the regiment of today, has received War Department approval.

Moving by motor truck, and armed with semi-automatic rifles, it is intended to become a major unit in the high speed army on wheels, which is being developed to keep pace with postwar trends.

While officials made public details of these plans today, Secretary Woodring reported to President Roosevelt that national defense requirements may hasten construction of a third and possibly larger set of locks for the Panama Canal. His report followed closely his recommendations to Mr. Roosevelt that the canal be made "impregnable."

Italy Joins Pact To Restrict Size Of Big Warships

London, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Italy today became the fourth adherent to the 1936 London naval treaty, joining the United States, Britain, and France in the agreement to limit the size of individual warships. Italy's instruments of accession were signed at the foreign office by Count Dino Grandi, Italian ambassador, and David Scott, counselor of the foreign office.

Forsyth Negro Is Executed For Dual Rape

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The State executed John Ernest Howie, 20-year-old Forsyth county Negro, today for the rape of a white woman November 2, 1937.

Howie also was under that sentence for the rape of a Negro girl October 30, 1937 and State officials said he was the only man they could recall who had been given death sentences in two separate trials held in close succession.

The Negro contended until the end that he was innocent, said Warden H. H. Wilson, but Howie expressed belief he would go to heaven. Howie was baptized last night.

Howie walked into the death chamber at 10:29 a. m. He appeared to move in a hurry, nervously. He lifted his hands as a gesture toward Walter L. Long, Negro detective at Winston-Salem, and C. E. Caldwell, Negro undertaker, Long, Caldwell and R. B. Roberts, another Negro undertaker, witnessed the execution and took Howie's body back for burial.

The gas was started at 10:31 a. m., and 12 minutes and five seconds later, at 10:43 a. m., Dr. Feida Hightower, prison physician, pronounced Howie dead.

Howie was the 41st person executed here by gas and the 213th to be put to death at Central Prison since 1910.

Fisher Body CIO Workers Begin Strike

Flint, Mich., Dec. 2.—(AP)—The Fisher Body Company's plant No. 1 employing from 6,000 to 7,000 men, closed at 12:30 p. m. today when members of the CIO United Automobile Workers Union walked out on strike.

The men left the plant a few minutes after completion of a strike vote, taken in connection with a prolonged dispute over wage rates in the pressed metal departments of the plant. UAW officials said the men voted 3,434 to 433 for the strike.

The plant, scene of one of the first sit-downs in the General Motors strike of 1937, had been employing 6,400 men. Company officials said sufficient workers had left their jobs so that it was impossible to continue operations. Fisher Body is a division of General Motors Corporation.

NEW PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR ELECTED

Quito, Ecuador, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Dr. Aurelio Mosquera Narvaez was elected president of Ecuador today by the constituent assembly. He succeeds Acting President Manuel Maria Borrero, who resigned yesterday without giving a reason.

Low Grades Of Tobacco Sell Better

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Better prices than last year's for lower quality grades of tobacco, but lower prices for most of the better qualities were reported by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service today in a resume of the auction season.

The report said that the prices on lower grades on the eastern North Carolina New Bright Belt were "substantially higher" than they were last year. The belt's sales through November 25 were reported at 239,539,916 pounds at an average price of \$23.05 per hundred pounds.

It was estimated that 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 pounds had not been reported on that date.

The crop bulletin said that the quality of offerings was inferior to that of last year. The offerings consisted largely of common to fair quality of tobacco and fair to fine quality lugs. The percentage of good to choice quality grades was smaller than last year.