

Right Wing Parties Want Daladier To Put Communists Out

U.S.-German Relations Nearer End

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Diplomatic tension between the United States and Germany mounted today with hints that retaliatory measures might be invoked if American property rights in the Reich are jeopardized further by anti-Jewish and other confiscatory decrees.

This possibility came to light as the United States renewed its seven-month-old quest for adequate written assurances from Germany that American citizens will not be discriminated against because of their race or creed.

The request was so drawn as to cover the rights of both Catholics and Jews.

Meantime, Joseph Kennedy, ambassador to London, arrived in the United States to confer with President Roosevelt. He expressed himself in New York yesterday as being "not" particularly optimistic about the outlook for peace in Europe—but "I don't think that's any reason for not trying."

Kennedy left at once for Washington to report on the general European situation. All other American envoys to major European countries have talked to the President in recent weeks. Kennedy has taken an active part in seeking aid for Jewish refugees from Germany.

"Stateless" Ones In Ukraine Asked To Furnish Names

Berlin, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Berlin newspapers carried the short announcement today that all "stateless" Ukrainians were asked to send their names and personal data to the "Ukrainian confidential office," which takes care of the interests of stateless Ukrainians living within Germany.

The announcement, of possibly portentous significance, in view of Germany's growing interest in the Ukraine, a Soviet Russian republic, involves those who had declined to become Soviet Russian citizens.

Because of Germany's strict control of aliens, it was taken for granted that the Ukrainian confidential office had government protection.

Franco May Call Alfonso Back As King

Hendaye, France, on the Spanish frontier, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The decision of the Spanish insurgent General Francisco Franco to restore all civil rights and properties to former King Alfonso sharply divided insurgent opinion today on the imminence of a return to the monarchy.

The decree giving Alfonso "all rights that correspond to him as a citizen of Spain," was read by Franco to the insurgent council of ministers at Burgos, and they adopted it yesterday.

One group of insurgents at this border zone said it was the first step toward restoring the Bourbon monarchy in Spain, backed by Franco. (Spanish circles in Rome, where Alfonso is living, doubted he would return soon to Spain as a result of the decree.)

Another group, however, declared that Franco took only a temporary step to still growing fears among Carlists, a separate monarchial group and followers of Alfonso, that the insurgent regime had no intention of putting a king back on the throne. In any event, as soon as the decision was known, widespread credence was given here to reports published from Morocco that Franco had sent a mission to Rome to discuss the monarchy question with the Infante Don Juan, Alfonso's youngest son. Alfonso left the throne in April, 1931, during a bloodless revolt which brought about the Spanish republic (now represented by the Barcelona-Valencia government, against which the Franco insurgents are warring).

Demand Presented In Chorus from Supporting Newspapers Throughout France; Move Comes in Face of Premier's Huge Budget Appeal

Paris, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Right wing parties on which Premier Daladier depends for the life of his government issued a united demand through their newspapers today for dissolution of the French communist party.

A total of 430 Paris and provincial papers ranging from mildly conservative to the extreme right were said to have joined in the "appeal to parliament and the government."

The move came as Daladier was seeking to put France's 93,885,000,000 franc (\$24,410,000,000) budget through the Chamber of Deputies ahead of more controversial issues which might endanger his shaky majority. He succeeded last night in getting chairman of Chamber party groups to limit the budget debate to 66 hours, about one hour of discussion for each \$37,000,000 of expenditures so the deputies could complete their action December 23.

Some of the newspapers demanding the communist dissolution represented parties which have long been at each others' throats. Many of the papers not only represented political parties but were edited and owned by deputies.

Highway Will Fight Price For Parkway

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Chairman Frank Dunlap said today that the Highway and Public Works Commission had decided to fight the recommendation of an appraisal committee that the Little Switzerland Company should receive \$27,111.72 for land condemned for the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The commissioners voted unanimously, Dunlap said, to instruct Charles Ross, their general counsel, to file exceptions to the recommendations on the grounds it was too high. The clerk of court who received the report, Dunlap said, is empowered to affirm it, reject it and name new appraisers, or modify it.

"If the clerk of court should affirm the award," said Dunlap, "we will appeal to the superior court, where the case will be tried as a new one."

Associate Justice Herriot Clark, of the Supreme Court, owns a substantial amount of stock in the Little Switzerland Company, and appeared as a witness in the committee hearings.

Duke-Carolina Highway. This afternoon the commission was to consider proposals to construct a boulevard highway to connect Duke University and the University of North Carolina.

The commission awarded, subject to approval by the Federal Roads Bureau, contracts to the low bidder for six road projects on which proposals were opened yesterday. A Gates job was held up pending adjustment of location problems. A Jackson county job was withheld until right of way can be secured. All roadway bids for an Onslow job were rejected as being too high, though the low bidder for structures on the project was awarded the work.

More Prisoners Escape, With Two Fugitives Taken

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The State penal division received word today that three prisoners had escaped from the Catawba county prison camp and that two fugitive escapees had been caught. No details of the Catawba break were available here.

Escapees caught at Fayetteville were Frank Gaddy, Alias Gaddy, 22, sentenced in Cumberland county in June, 1935, to five years for breaking and entering, and Charles J. Maye, 19, sentenced in Pitt in March to 18 months for breaking and entering. Both escaped from the Person county camp September 10.

No One Yet Picked For Roper Post

Roosevelt Hasn't Made Up Mind Yet on Any Big Appointments, He Says at Press Conference; Huge TVA Deficit Reported to Committee

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today, amid talk that Harry Hopkins might be the new secretary of commerce, that he had not yet made up his mind on cabinet replacements.

The truck was demolished, killing E. B. Tucker, of Hickory Road, Chesterfield county, its driver, and Roger K. Bowman, of Ettrick.

Resignation of Attorney General Homer Cummings and Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper have left two vacancies.

Mr. Roosevelt said he could not tell when cabinet appointments or an appointment to the Supreme Court might be expected.

Also asked at his press conference whether any more resignations in the cabinet were in prospect, Mr. Roosevelt said there were none he knew of.

Protection to Hopkins. Bombarded with inquiries about the filling of a number of vacancies, the President said he would soon fill a vacancy on the Home Owners' Loan Corporation board. He was asked, too, about reports Governor Frank Murphy, of Michigan, would receive some high government position. The President responded that there were many such reports.

Senator Holt, Democrat, West Virginia, said in a statement, meanwhile, if Hopkins, the WPA administrator, were appointed to the cabinet it would not be a promotion but a move to prevent "congressional investigation of his scandalous handling of relief."

Huge TVA Deficit. Congressional investigators learned that the TVA lost \$310,171 on its power operations in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938. A preliminary financial statement of the Authority's entire operations, submitted to the TVA investigating committee, showed a deficit of \$748,664 in the five years the Authority has been selling electricity.

The southeastern railroads presidents' conference voted to establish a basic coach fare of one and one-half cents a mile as soon as possible. The present rate is two cents per mile. A spokesman said the lower rate would be put into effect as soon as tariff schedules could be published, probably in January. The railroads represented by the executives serve the entire South.

Dealings In Stocks Slow

New York, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A few aircrafts, coppers and specialties displayed advancing tendencies in today's stock market, but lack of buying power put many leaders at slightly lower levels. The list wavered at the start and subsequently came back for modest gains. Recoveries failed to hold in most cases, and near the fourth hour minor declines were well distributed. Dealings were exceptionally slow throughout.

Cotton Prices Are Unchanged

New York, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to two points higher, with improved Liverpool cables partly offset by liquidation. March, shortly after the first half hour, was 8.24, when the list was nine points net lower to four higher. March at midday was 8.24, and the list was net unchanged to four points higher.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; somewhat unsettled near the coast; slightly warmer in the interior Saturday.

Virginia Crossing Crash Kills Pair

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and two others were seriously injured this morning when a light delivery truck in which they were riding was struck by a fast Atlantic Coast Line passenger train at a grade crossing in Ettrick.

Trade War British Aim On Dictators

London, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Great Britain laid the groundwork today for a trade war, if necessary, against the totalitarian states.

Backed by Prime Minister Chamberlain's new forceful attitude toward Nazi Germany, the export guarantee bill, seen as a possible aid to British exporters in meeting Germany's barter trade system, was given second reading by the House of Commons.

The measure would increase from 50,000,000 pounds to 75,000,000 pounds (\$322,000,000) the total export guarantee which the Board of Trade could grant. It also contains a provision whereby material assistance could be sent to China.

R. S. Hudson, secretary of the overseas trade department, described the bill as one of the methods "without precedent in our history" which Great Britain might be required to use in fighting "unfair foreign competition." Members of Parliament carefully avoided direct reference to Germany, whose political leaders were warned by Chamberlain yesterday to beware of Britain's financial power in war.

Hudson linked the export drive with rearmament when he declared that "in the world of power-politics, undoubtedly the trade of this country to a very large extent is dependent on the question of whether or not the world believes we are in earnest about our schemes of rearmament."

Storm In Bahamas Cause of Warnings Floated on Coast

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Weather Bureau said today a disturbance over the Bahamas will result soon in strong northeast winds along the Middle Atlantic coast. It said in an 11 a. m. report:

"Northeast storm warnings ordered from Sandy Hook, N. J., to Cape Hatteras, N. C. Disturbance over the Bahamas will move northward or northward and eastward, strong northeast winds along the middle Atlantic coast."

Training For Negroes At Durham Likely

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Establishment of a graduate school for Negroes, in which courses in law and other professions will be available, as a branch of North Carolina College at Durham, is likely to result from the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court that States may not exclude Negroes from State colleges unless similar courses are offered in Negro schools elsewhere within the State.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey has not commented extensively on the court's decision, but he looks on the proposal to establish graduate schools at Durham as the most economic solution of the problem presented by the decision.

He recognizes that it is now impossible to keep the question from becoming an issue except by making provision for Negroes to get professional courses at Negro schools within North Carolina. Under the federal decision, no proposal to pay expenses of Negroes at schools out of the State, nor proposals for several southern states to establish joint schools will answer.

As a result, it seems certain that the General Assembly meeting next month will get the problem and that it will solve it by establishment of the graduate school at Durham. The governor points out that there is already an "A" grade recognized college in operation there and that it would not cost much to increase its facilities by addition of the graduate work.

ARGENTINE SUSPICIOUS OF UNITED STATES IS BALKING LIMA PARLEY

Drug Firm Heads Under Arrest



F. Donald Coster (left), president of McKesson & Robbins, drug firm under investigation in New York, and George E. Dietrich (right), the company's assistant treasurer, are pictured at Fairfield, Conn., after arraignment. They are held in connection with an \$18,000,000 deficiency. In rear is U. S. Commissioner Samuel Reich. (Central Press)

Demand Grows For Election Law Revision

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Sentiment for repeal or drastic revision of the absentee ballot law is not, as many believe, confined almost completely to the East.

As a matter of fact, almost any casual survey of the incoming legislature reveals that revision and repeal sentiment is rampant in East, West and Piedmont; though it is perhaps true that the greatest volume of outright repeal sentiment comes from eastern law-makers.

Not all the House and Senate members, by any means, are committing themselves on the matter, but most of them will express "off the record" and "not for quotation" views when properly approached by newsmen.

From repeated questioning of many members from all sections, your correspondent regards some action on the absentee question as almost certain, with repeal, outright an absolute, as only a remote possibility.

Revision sentiment is sure to be greatly augmented when the State Board of Elections gets around to making its recommendations. Chairman Will A. Lucas and his associate, have had more actual experience with the insight into the absentee situation than any other group in the State, and when they tell all they know about it, the result is:

Trial of Snyder In Movies Shooting Is Nearing Close

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Martin Snyder's trial on attempted murder and kidnaping charges moved swiftly toward its conclusion today with four versions of what happened in the Hollywood Hills home of Pianist Myrl Alderman the night of October 15, presented to the jury's consideration.

Snyder is accused of wounding Alderman, of attempting to kill Songstress Ruth Etting, now Alderman's bride, and his own daughter, Edith Snyder; of kidnaping the three of them and of possessing a gun with the numbers defaced. He faces maximum sentences totaling 115 years if convicted.

In a jargon of clipped words all his own, the former Chicago newsboy, who married the flaxen-haired Miss Etting 18 years ago and guided her to theatrical fame, told his story of the shooting yesterday. It varied in two important essentials from the description furnished by Alderman, Miss Etting and Miss Snyder.

The question was debated at some length during the 1937 session of the General Assembly, but it was then thought that provision could be made for paying expenses of Negroes in out-of-the-state colleges, but the Supreme Court decision has now made some action by the 1939 legislature mandatory.

Claims U. S. Is Potential Aggressor

Resolution Demanded for Defense Against "Any" Nation as Well as Dictator Powers; U. S. Opposing Edict Against Force for Collecting Debts

Lima, Peru Dec. 16.—(AP)—Argentina's suspicion of future United States foreign policy appeared today to be a strong factor in the Pan-American Conference controversy over a declaration against aggression.

Members of the Argentine delegation insist the United States should be considered a potential aggressor, and they want a resolution to provide for defense against incursion by any nation.

Consideration of a cooperative defense plan so far has been concerned mainly with the possibility of attack from nations outside the Americas, and delegates have said they had in mind the dictator-authoritarian regimes of Europe.

The Argentine said they feared a change of administration in Washington might bring an end to or alteration of the present good neighbor policy. There was little indication of support for this thesis by other delegations.

One among their delegation said the United States was opposing a Mexican-Argentine resolution against collection of government debts by force, and contended this was an indication the United States might one day decide to take forceful action against a Latin-American nation.

AAA Chiefs Wait Burley Leaf Voting

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Agriculture Department officials looked to burley and dark type tobacco producing states today to see if sentiment against marketing quotas is general among the nation's tobacco growers.

About 250,000 burley and 75,000 dark type tobacco farmers in fourteen states are eligible to vote in referenda tomorrow to determine whether they want their 1939 sales restricted. Flue-cured growers in six southeastern states rejected quotas in a similar referendum last Saturday. The same day cotton farmers, plagued by low prices, voted by a large majority to restrict their sales next year.

Department officials attributed the loss of the flue-cured referendum partly to good prices the crop brought this year, and an apparent belief among growers that if they could have sold more tobacco penalty free their incomes would have been greater.

Labor Chief Warns About Long Hours

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford warned merchants today to observe the State laws on hours of work for women and minors during the Christmas rush period.

"Many merchants," said Shuford, "seem to have the idea that if employers return to their stores voluntarily for night work and thus exceed the hours fixed by law, there is no violation. They are in error about this, and are liable to prosecution."