

MUSSOLINI'S DEMANDS BALKED BY HITLER

Evicted Sharecroppers Camp on Highway



Here are some of the shivering Missouri sharecroppers who scattered their families and belongings for more than 150 miles on the right of ways of highways. Sharecroppers claim Agricultural Adjustment Administration made them homeless by causing landlords to shift system from sharecropping to day labor.

Duce Asked To Wait For A Year Yet

Fuehrer Not Quite Ready To Pay Off for Italian Dictator's Support at Munich, When Czechoslovakia Was Cut Up; Duce Stood His Ground

Rome, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler was reliably reported today to have stepped into Prime Minister Chamberlain's appeasement visit to Rome by urging Premier Mussolini to keep the peace for one year before demanding fulfillment of Italy's "natural aspirations".

From informed German quarters came the report that such a message was delivered by the German ambassador in the second of two conferences he had yesterday with the Italian foreign minister.

Disclosure of the German fuehrer's part in the Rome conversations came as Chamberlain turned from his talks with Il Duce to pay his respects to Pope Pius XI, and as results of the talks were being communicated to the United States and French ambassadors to Rome.

Significantly, Ambassadors Phillips and Francois-Poncet were told of the Chamberlain-Mussolini talks of the past two days by the British foreign secretary, Viscount Halifax, in separate interviews this morning.

Another notable development of the morning was the British minister's private audience with the Holy Father at the Vatican. Chamberlain and Pope Pius, devoted workers for peace, were together for thirty minutes.

Hitler's reported request was interpreted as indicating the fuehrer was not yet ready to make payment to Mussolini for his support at the Munich conference, which partitioned Czechoslovakia, and marked a milestone in European history.

MUSSOLINI HAD REFUSED TO RETREAT EVEN AN INCH Paris, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini was reported authoritatively

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Roosevelt Says Plane Plants In United States Sufficient For Big Construction Plans

Chamberlain in Rome



Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain (left) of England, is pictured with Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy, as Il Duce welcomed his distinguished English guest to Rome. Later they started their conversation in furtherance of Chamberlain's policy of European "appeasement." Photo telephotoed from Rome to London then radioed to New York.

Democrats Are Urged To Cut WPA

Woodrum, Virginia, Tells House Members It Is Not Rap At Mr. Roosevelt To Vote for Less Money; Hopkins Makes Further Defense of Conduct

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt expressed the belief today that sufficient plants existed to build new planes for the nation's defense. Some plants, he added, may have to work two or three shifts.

The President told the press conference that the only lag or bottleneck may lie in obtaining a sufficient number of skilled plane factory workmen.

Mr. Roosevelt estimated 15 percent of the labor needed for the plane-building job would have to be skilled in the aircrafts art. The other 85 percent could be developed rapidly by utilizing labor from automobile and other industries.

Some plants, the President asserted probably would have to be expanded. All the new planes, except certain experimental crafts would be constructed at private factories, he said. The chief executive said new guns would be made in government plants as in the past, and that he believed sufficient capacity existed for building all guns required.

Meanwhile, a ringing challenge to Democrats to ignore charges that they would be "taking a fling" at President Roosevelt if they cut WPA funds brought to a close House debate on the supplemental relief bill. Representative Woodrum, Demo-

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Further Sales Tax Exemption Asked In Legislative Bills

NYA Chief Tells Solons Too Many Youths Being Trained for Professions; Re-Appointment Bill Debated in House and Then Sent to Committee

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Both divisions of the legislature got bills today to exempt foods used for home consumption, horses, mules, fish net twine, fish nets and agricultural implements selling for less than \$25 from the three percent sales tax.

Aubrey Williams, National Youth administrator, told a joint session of the Congress that too much emphasis had been placed in the past on the education of youth to follow professions such as law, medicine and accounting.

"Unless we return to the fundamental dignity of working with our hands," Williams warned, "we face a social upheaval in America." He was vigorously applauded.

Both divisions passed and ordered ratified into law a bill by Senator Corey, of Pitt, giving the Tar River Port Authority the right of eminent domain in Pitt county to aid in dredging the river.

The Senate sent to the House the

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Amendment To Electric Law Likely

Bad Feeling Between State and National REA Units Becomes More Evident

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Jan. 13.—Material amendment of North Carolina's rural electrification authority statute is a quite likely aftermath of the hearing here Wednesday and Thursday in which there were frequently recurring evidences of the acrimonious relations between Federal and State REA officials.

Definite indication of such a result was given by promise of Allen Moore, Federal REA attorney, to send Dudley Bagley, director of the State authority, a copy of a "model statute" which he said has been found satisfactory in many states.

Mr. Bagley gave no sign that he intends to have this bill introduced on sponsorship of the State authority but he did he would be glad to turn

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Opposition Increasing To Higher Tuition Fees

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—Increased opposition is developing to the Budget Commission's recommendation that tuition rates be increased in all State schools of higher education.

This opposition is manifesting itself on all sides, and has already attained sufficient strength to make exceedingly doubtful enactment of the recommendation.

The budgeteers proposed to raise tuition rates enough to increase revenues of State colleges by half million dollars each year.

Typical of the viewpoint of opposing legislators is the opinion of Senator Emmett Bellamy.

The student body of the State institutions of higher education "have found an outspoken ally in the New Hanover law-maker."

"The effort of the Budget Commission to transfer the students and their parents a greater portion of

the burden of maintenance of these institutions is ill-timed and economically unsound," said Senator Bellamy.

"Many worthy students will be denied an education if the tuition fees are increased, due to the fact that the earnings of their parents are greatly impaired and every self-help agency is overtaxed with requests for work to aid them in obtaining higher education."

A tremendous volume of opposition among the students themselves is clearly obvious right here in Raleigh, the most casual conversation with State College students revealing a deep resentment at the proposal to increase tuition fees.

It is now proposed in some quarters to try to shift the whole increase out of the state students, but others point out that such action might well cause loss, rather than gain in revenue, as the necessary increase would be so high as to drive out-of-state students out of the state for good.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Rain this afternoon and tonight; Saturday generally fair, slightly warmer in central portion and somewhat colder on the south and central coasts.

Five Alcatraz Convicts Fail To Get Away

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Five desperate prisoners attempted to escape from fog-shrouded Alcatraz Island prison early today and two were shot and wounded before guards captured the quintet.

The prisoners, all serving long terms, got out of the cell building in some mysterious manner at 4 a. m. The thickest fog in years obscured the island prison in San Francisco bay.

Making a mad dash for the water, the convicts refused to halt at the command of guards, who opened fire. Arthur Barker, serving life for kidnaping, was drilled through the head and legs and critically wounded. Dais

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Asso. Gas Is Accused In FEC Charges

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Securities Commission accused the Associated Gas & Electric Company today of setting up its records in

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Warren Sits In Chair For Relief Fight

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The gentleman from Washington, N. C., who lives at the Washington Hotel in Washington, D. C., is presiding over the House debate on the deficiency relief appropriation in the Capitol at Washington, D. C. which means that Representative Lindsay Warren, of Washington, N. C., again has been called by administration forces to handle one of its major proposals.

Warren, who has lived at the Washington hotel here ever since he came to Congress, because it has the same name as the Capitol and his home town, has presided over consideration of every relief measure proposed by the Roosevelt administration.

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U.S. Request Of Germany Is Rejected

Special Rights for American Jews There Are Refused In New Note from Berlin

Berlin, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The German government announced today through its official news agency that through a note dated December 30 it had declined to grant, in principle, the United States' request for "special rights" for American citizens in Germany without regard to race and creed.

The German note was part of an inter-change growing out of the Nazi

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Nation Is On Threshold Of A Construction Boom

Costs Still High, But Financial Handicaps Have Been Hurdled, Babson Says; 450,000 Moderate-Priced Homes May Be Built During Coming Year

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New York City, Jan. 13.—Building is my candidate for the 1939 "Industry Of The Year". Each January, for the past three years, I have selected the industry that I felt had the most promising outlook for the coming twelve months. For 1938, I first chose Building. Two years ago, I picked Aviation. Last January, Chemicals won my vote. Now, this year, Building again gets my nomination.

America has a huge shortage of small homes. Experts estimate that our normal yearly demand is nearly 400,000 units. Since 1929, a deficit of 1,300,000 desirable homes has piled up. So we have this huge accumulated shortage, plus our annual replacement total of 400,000 units to build in 1939. At an average cost of \$4,000 per house, this means a home-building potential of \$5,800,000,000.

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Col. Ruppert, Baseball King, Passes Away

New York, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Colonel Jacob Ruppert, owner of the New York Yankees, died at 10:21 a. m. today. He was 71 years old.

Colonel Ruppert had been in ill health for many months. He took a turn for the worse early this week and the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church were administered to him. Last April he suffered an attack of pleuritis, and from this complication developed.

Ruppert, a bachelor and owner of vast real estate holdings, had a fortune estimated by associates at between \$70,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

In a bulletin issued last night at his Fifth Avenue home, he was reported as "resting easily." During the evening he was given nourishment in the form of egg and milk. Then he said goodnight and went to sleep. His personal physician, Dr. Otto Scherff, said this morning Ruppert had had a restful night.

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Tortosa Is Occupied By Insurgents

Lerida, Spain, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Behind the insurgent front.—The insurgent command today announced the capture of Tortosa, 100 miles south of Barcelona, and strong point of the government's defense system along the lower Ebro river.

Insurgent officers reported a Moroccan corps had hammered its way through government defenses on the northeastern bank of the Ebro and had completed the occupation of Tortosa.

(Tortosa is the eastern end of the coastal salient the government had held since the insurgents' great drive of last spring thrust a wedge to the Mediterranean coast. The Ebro formed the main defense line of this salient, which insurgents' recent gains toward Taragona have converted into a dangerous trap. The fall of Tortosa might indicate either that the insurgents had broken the Ebro line or that the government was hastily evacuating the Tortosa pocket.)

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