

FDR SENDS NEW BILLS BEFORE DEPARTURE

Life Term Options In Capital Cases Would Be Provided

Administration Bill Reached Legislative Hopper; Delegation of Law-Making to Bureaus and Commissions Killed by House

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—(AP)—The administration's bill to permit judges and juries to impose life terms instead of death sentences in cases where first degree convictions are obtained hit the legislature today.

Senator Boyette, of Moore, introduced it. It provides for discretionary life sentences for all crimes now punishable by death.

The joint finance committee held an afternoon hearing on the bill to permit mail order liquor shipments to dry counties.

Amateur and newspaper photographers would be exempted from the State law regulating photographers, under a bill introduced by Senator Gray, of Forsyth.

Another effort to amend the laws on liability in automobile accidents came in a bill by Senator Joyner, of Iredell, to ban suits by dependent relatives against persons having automobile accidents.

Representatives debated heatedly the bill to extend the powers of the labor department to promulgate and enforce regulations.

Bryant, of Durham, told the House he opposed any measure which would permit a bureau to make rules having the effect of criminal law.

"One of the most alarming tendencies of the times," said Bryant, "is the willingness of the people to give up the rights our forefathers fought and died for. It is contrary to the concepts of a free and unshackled people. I appeal to this House to stop this delegation of its constitutional authority."

Abernathy, of Nash, supported Bryant's position. Cherry, of Gaston, and Johnston, of Ashe, spoke for the bill, saying it was aimed at "those who would chisel on labor" and it was "for the poor man."

The bill was defeated 70 to 37. The State Farm Bureau Federation appeared before a joint agriculture sub-committee to deny that it had stirred up a controversy over alleged duplication of farm services.

It said its interest was the 300,000 farm families of the State. The bureau, insisting duplication did exist, urged the committee to define clearly the duties of each and definitely allocate funds to the agriculture department and the extension service of N. C. State College.

SUB-COMMITTEE TO AMEND STATE DRY CLEANING LAW Raleigh, Feb. 16.—(AP)—A House Judiciary committee appointed a sub-committee today to draft a bill intended to amend the law under which the State regulates the dry cleaning industry "to make concessions to disgruntled persons."

The committee rejected a motion by Representative Moore, of Wilson, to report unfavorably the Wilson bill to abolish the dry cleaning commission. Wallace, of Johnston, suggested

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Bryant Fights Delegation of Law-Making

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Efforts to delegate any part of the General Assembly's law-making powers to state boards will meet with determined opposition from Representative Victor S. Bryant, it became evident when a "bee culture" bill sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture came before the House.

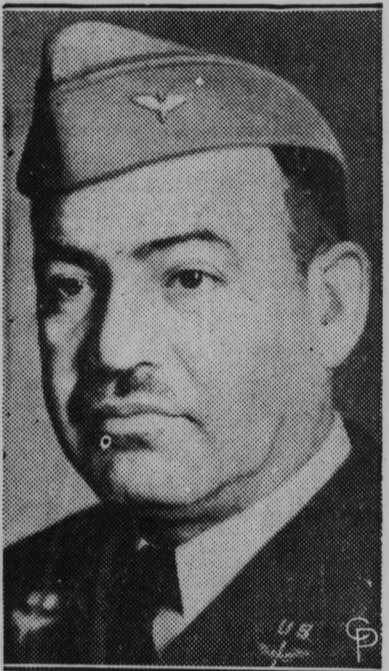
The Durham law-maker's stand seemed to strike a responsive chord in the membership, too, so much so that Agriculture Chairman W. W. Eagles quickly moved to withdraw the bill from the calendar and refer it to committee in order to try for changes which would meet the objections.

The measure itself met with no opposition, in principle. It provides for the encouragement, regulation and inspection of apiaries and for general control of the bee-raising

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, continued cold tonight; Friday increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer.

Earns Flying Cross



Major C. V. Haynes

In recognition of achievement in piloting a huge plane load of Red Cross supplies from Langley Field, Virginia, to Santiago, Chile, to relieve earthquake sufferers, Major C. V. Haynes received the distinguished flying cross on return to Langley Field. This is an official War Department photo.

Drys Aren't Raving Over Referendum

Little Interest Developed by Withrow Bill in House, Which Nobody Expects To Get Approval; All Sorts of Rumors, However

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Dry leaders completely dried up, conversationally, after George Withrow, vocative representative from Rutherford, introduced a bill "to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in North Carolina and to provide for a statewide referendum."

They are startlingly silent so far as any quotable comments are concerned, but those who did talk "off the record" were unbridled in condemning the Withrow action as unwise and the poorest of poor strategy.

For the first time in many years, the introduction of a referendum measure failed to stir up any real excitement. Drys, as indicated, felt they had been done no good service, but they were apparently unconcerned about it and practically to a man dismissed the bill as hardly worth comment.

It seems safe to say that the measure did not have, in advance of its introduction, the sanction or support of any recognized dry leader or organization.

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Vanishing of Big Surplus Draws Senator's Warning

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The dramatic incident in joint appropriations committee Tuesday, when House Chairman John Caffey took the floor to oppose the policy of Senate Chairman William B. Rodman, Jr., got so much attention that a very significant statement by Senator Rodman was overshadowed.

Mr. Rodman had begged the committee to leave teacher pay to the State School Commission, not to tie their hands by earmarking the education fund for any specific purpose, such as ninth year increments. Mr. Caffey pleaded with the committee

to restore the \$241,000 appropriation, primarily for this ninth increment. It was the first time the co-chairmen had admitted any divergence of views on appropriations.

Mr. Caffey had a popular theme; Senator Rodman didn't. It is always more pleasant to give people what they ask than to have to say "no" to requests admittedly worthy. Trouble is there just isn't enough money to go around. The most significant part of Senator Rodman's statement was this:

"On July 1, 1937, North Carolina had a \$5,231,000 surplus. Now, it is

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Chief Kills Objection In Plane Sales

Overrules Army Chief of Staff and Permits Sale of Newest Type Airships to France; Wants Energy Resources Saved and Water Purified

Washington, Feb. 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, his bags packed for a vacation cruise, gave Congress two more problems today to work on while he is gone.

Preparing to depart tonight for Key West, Fla., to board the cruiser Houston for a sail into the Caribbean Sea, the President sent special messages to Capitol Hill on the conservation of energy resources and the elimination of water pollution.

Both messages were accompanied by reports of the National Resources Committee and proposed studies and formulation of policies on the two subjects.

Capitol Hill, busy with several national defense matters, heard, meanwhile, from the Senate military committee about testimony that the President overrode specific objections from General Malm, Craig, army chief of staff, to permit a French air mission to buy 100 American-made planes of the latest type.

Senator Austin, Republican, Vermont, said Secretary Morgenthau told the committee that the President overruled Craig's objections after a conference with Morgenthau, Craig and the secretary of the navy.

Other developments: Domestic Allotments Bill. Senator Lee, Democrat, Oklahoma, proposed a complete revision of the

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Business Better In North Carolina, Job Office Finds

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Business conditions in North Carolina are improving, the State Employment Service reasoned today on the basis of increased placements and fewer job hunters during January. Last month was 215 percent better than January, 1938, in job opportunities, the service said. Placements rose 72 percent in private employment and 181 percent on public construction. There were 7,152 persons put to work last month.

There was a 36 percent drop in job applicants, as compared with January, 1938. Of the 32,765 applications, 15,742 were new and 17,023 were renewals. A year ago there were 50,890 applicants.

Neuse Is In Heavy Flood At Goldsboro

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—(AP)—The Neuse river went into heavy flood today at Goldsboro as the result of rains yesterday when the river was already out of its banks.

Most of the State had additional rains, as high winds did untold damage at many places yesterday.

Weather Man Lee Denson here said the Neuse stood at 19.6 feet this morning after rising rapidly last night, and would probably go to a

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High On Court List



Prominently mentioned as possibilities to succeed resigned Associate Justice Brandeis of the Supreme Court are these two candidates from the west. Left, is William O. Douglas, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, educated in the schools of the State of Washington. Right, is Dean Wiley B. Rutledge, of the University of Iowa law school.

Spanish Government Is Split Over Question Of Peace With Insurgents

Two Known Killed In Head-On Crash

Amory, Mass., Feb. 16.—(AP)—The Sunnysland, fast Frisco passenger train, collided head-on with a northbound freight train at Quincy, nine miles east of here, early today.

E. L. Buren, Frisco agent here, said George W. Bowers, of Birmingham, engineer of the Sunnysland, and Laddie Ivy, porter were killed.

The Gilmore Sanitarium at Amory issued a list of seven who were treated for injuries there. Attendants said the seven probably would remain in the hospital for treatment. Doctors there said they had treated "two or three others" for minor injuries.

Hitler Hints Type of Pope To Cardinals

Vatican City, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Reichfuhrer Hitler's ambassador to the holy see, informed the college of cardinals today that the new pope they are to choose would play an important role in the development of a new world.

The ambassador, Diego von Bergen, spoke when he led the diplomatic corps, of which he is dean, to call upon the cardinals for formal presentation of condolences on the death of Pope Pius XI. He expressed

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Italian Soldiers To Stay In Spain To Complete Job

Rome, Feb. 16.—(AP)—A foreign office bulletin said today that Italy's legionnaires would remain in Spain until General Franco had announced that the Italians' task was finished. The statement said that until then the Italian troops fighting with Franco would not be withdrawn. It was issued by the foreign office service.

It also said moves by Great Britain and France toward recognizing Franco's regime as Spain's legal government were viewed in Rome with "absolute tranquility."

"Those countries," it declared, "must realize that existing solidarity between Spain and Italy would continue as strong as ever."

Under the British-Italian accord, negotiated last April and put into effect last November 16, Italy promised Britain to withdraw all Italian combatants and war supplies from Spain at the end of the civil war unless they were previously withdrawn.

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Self-Exiled President Azana Wants Peace Now, While Premier Negrin Seeks Continuing of War; Franco Is Hurrying Troops to Central Sector

Paris, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Peace or more war in Spain appeared today to depend on high officers of the Spanish republic.

The first parley, between the moderate wing of the Spanish government, suing for peace with the insurgents, and the die-hards, trying to carry on the civil war, ended last night in deadlock. Further talks were anticipated.

Behind closely guarded gates of the Spanish Embassy, Manuel Azana self-exiled but still president of Spain, held out for peace. With him were his two highest ranking envoys, the ambassador to Paris and the ambassador to London.

The foreign minister, Julio del Vayo, arrived by plane yesterday from Madrid to act for Premier Negrin, who wants a continuance of the war.

FRANCO'S BEST SOLDIERS MOVING TO CENTRAL FRONT Perpignan, France, Feb. 16.—(AP)—General Franco's seven best army corps, which recently completed the conquest of Catalonia, were reported in dispatches today to be moving to

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Job Holders Reminded Of Dinner Fees

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Feb. 16.—A friend of mine who holds a job on the federal payroll (not a civil service job, but one he can be fired from with precious little ceremony) received a letter the other day that he thinks has quite a bit of political significance in it.

It is on the engraved stationery of the "Democratic National Committee, National Press Building, Washington, Office of the Treasurer."

Then follows the address (I can't give my friend's name, for obvious reasons). "Dear Mr. So-and-so"—Then the letter:

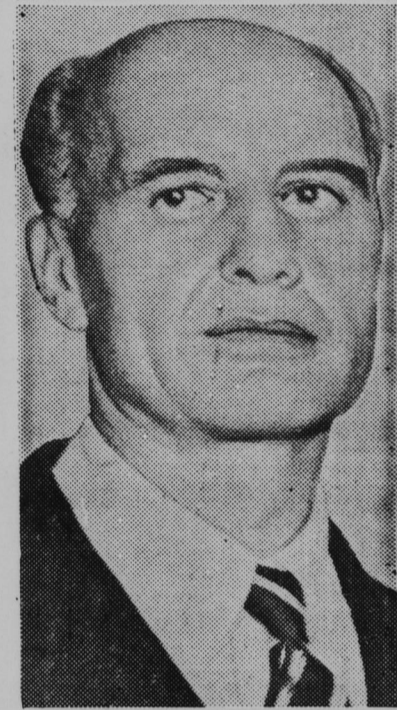
"In a conference with Chairman Farley yesterday (the letter's date was January 31, 1939), wherein it was decided to submit to President Roosevelt a financial report of the Democratic National Committee, we noticed, in going over our records that you have not as yet completed your pledge made at the time of the 1938 Jackson Day Dinner.

"Before submitting the final report

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Hitler's Newspaper Says U. S. Meddling In Europe's Affairs

Favors Euthanasia



Dr. Foster Kennedy

Director of Bellevue Hospital's department of neurology, New York, Dr. Foster Kennedy told Society of Medical Jurisprudence he is willing to risk jail should any of the sufferers under his care want to die.

He urged that proposed law making euthanasia legal be extended to include thousands of malformed persons.

(Central Press)

Arctic Cold Overspreads Eastern U.S.

Arctic cold spread over the east today in the wake of freak weather conditions that claimed at least 13 lives in the eastern half of the United States. Abating winds that had reached a 71-mile-an-hour intensity yesterday, ended the threat of serious floods along sections of New England coasts, not yet recovered from last September's disastrous hurricane.

Snow and swiftly dropping temperatures accompanied the storm as it moved eastward from the midwest, freezing rain swept highways but lowering the flood menace in the upper Ohio valley.

Effect of rainfall in the lower valley, still unrelieved by the flooded Ohio's crest, remained doubtful. Low lands along the river and its unruly tributaries, the Tennessee and Cumberland, hoped the cold wave would check rising waters.

Red Cross officials, however, prepared to move many families. Ohio river waters, already seven feet above flood stage at Paducah, Ky., overflowed several streets there.

Gales which struck the mid-south yesterday left two dead in Alabama. Five persons died in three auto accidents in central Pennsylvania attributed to blinding snow and slip-

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Levels Sharp Thrust at Washington for Permitting Sale of Planes to Britain and France; Says U. S. Increasing International Tension

London, Feb. 16.—(AP)—The announcement of the vast increase in Britain's re-armament drive was welcomed here today, but in Germany it produced a sharp thrust at the United States.

Chancellor Hitler's own newspaper scored the United States for "increasing international tension" by selling war materials to European countries.

Presumably the newspaper referred to the sale of airplanes to Britain and France.

Commenting on the announcement to Parliament by Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, that British re-armament this year would cost \$580,000,000 pounds (\$2,900,000,000), an increase of 175,000,000 pounds, the paper regretted that the tempo of re-arming was determined by states whose national requirements, in the German view, did not justify such measures.

"We are thinking primarily of the United States, which has not only, under a deliberately false pretext of the 'threatening of America,' increased its own armament by leaps and bounds, but also today, in the midst of peace, the United States appears in Europe as supplier of war material on a large scale, and thus increases international tension emanating from this wave of armaments."

The new defense loan Sir John said the British government would seek to double its borrowing power to 800,000,000 pounds, was welcomed by British newspapers. They predicted the public, convinced of the need for re-arming, would not grumble.

Miami Robbery's Solution Depends On Lady's Memory

Miami Beach, Fla., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Detective Chief Earl Carpenter today said solution of the daring raid on Hotel Blackstone strongboxes for an approximate \$125,000 may depend on the memory of wealthy Mrs. Antonia Marco, New York widow.

Carpenter said Mrs. Marco, principal victim, had been asked to recall any names or faces of persons who might have seemed unduly attracted by the jewelry she wore in public places. Mrs. Marco reported loss of some \$75,000 in cash and jewelry. Five unmasked bandits trussed up five guests and employees of the hotel at 4 a. m. yesterday, then chiselled into 16 selected boxes.

Foreigners To Leave At China Resort

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—(AP)—After many days of silence, 12 Americans and 53 other foreigners stranded on a mountain in central China in the path of an imminent Japanese onslaught, made contact today with the outside world.

They acknowledged receipt of radio broadcasts containing a Japanese warning to leave their isolated haven in the summer resort at Kuling, on a mountain southeast of Hang-

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Five Bandits Get \$35,000 From Messenger of Bank

Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Five bandits held up two bank messengers and a policeman today and escaped with an estimated \$35,000 after firing at the officer and then slugging him with a pistol butt.

The messengers and their guards had just got the currency intended for the City National Bank, from the post office, when on the street outside, four men alighted from an automobile and commanded: "Give us that

money."

Two of the bandits snatched the money, contained in a leather pouch, from the messengers, while two others set upon the policeman. During the struggle one of the gunmen fired a shot at the officer, but it missed its mark. A fifth man stayed becar wheel. The money was a regular shipment received twice a week from the Federal Reserve Bank in New York City in a registered package.

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