

ITALIANS LEAVING FRANCE BY THOUSANDS

Duce Orders Italians To Return Home

Two Views Expressed as Trainloads Leave France for Homeland; Exodus Comes at Crucial Time in Italo-French Relations

Paris, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Thousands of Italian citizens living in France were leaving for their homeland today in a mass exodus in response to Premier Mussolini's repatriation order for Italians abroad.

An Italian Embassy spokesman said the exodus was "only a beginning."

Italian officials said several hundred Italians were leaving Paris on a special train this afternoon, while "nearly 3,000" were returning to their native land from Farseilles, Bordeaux and other cities.

Although the movement was officially in response to the repatriation order under which Italians in all lands were being called home, it was viewed in many quarters as a direct slap at France.

Officially, the French government accepted Rome's official reason that the repatriation followed a Fascist plan to get most Italians living abroad back to work in Italy, despite the fact the repatriation came at a crucial moment in Italo-French relations was viewed by responsible quarters was due to one of two things:

- 1. Either Italy feared war with France would come through; 2. Or Italy wanted to "frighten the French" and it was preparing of back up colonial demands on France with action.

Today, repatriation movement followed by a day a disclosure that Italian residents of Corsica, French island, near the Italian mainland were returning home.

The Italian embassy estimated that the number leaving Monday at about 1,000 (Italy estimates the Italians living abroad at 10,000,000, a figure which does not take in account naturalization and included the children born of Italians abroad).

U. S. Official Succumbs To Heart Attack

Berlin, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Prentiss B. Gilbert, Charge D'Affaires, of the United States Embassy, died last night of a heart attack. He was 55 years old. Mrs. Gilbert, who was vacationing in Switzerland, was notified at once and started to return to Berlin.

Gilbert was a native of Rochester, N. Y. Funeral arrangements will be made after the return of Mrs. Gilbert.

When last seen by friends at the Embassy, Gilbert appeared in the best of spirits. He has been in charge of the embassy since the departure of Ambassador Hugh Wilson on Nov. 16 for Washington on summons from President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull.

Gilbert was succeeded temporarily by first Secretary Jefferson Patterson, who this morning notified the U. S. State Department, the German foreign office and Doyen (DCU) members of the diplomatic corps that Gilbert had died.

Three persons were able to leave the Laramie hospital after receiving first aid.

W. W. Daever, one of several insurance executives bound for the Golden Gate Exposition at San Francisco, said that the passengers "kept their heads very well" when the

Electioneering a la Mexico



Not bullets but biscuits were the persuaders used by opponents of President Cardenas of Mexico as they staged this huge open-air lunch in Mexico City in preparation for approaching presidential election. Diners heard Cardenas' social innovations condemned.

Recovery, Not Reform Is Sought For Business

Barkley Declares No Anti-Monopoly Legislation to Be Enacted by This Congress; Hopkins Gives Business Encouraging Note

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The Roosevelt administration endeavors to quiet business fears and encourage private investments gained impetus from a statement today by Democratic Leader Barkley in the Senate that he had received word that no anti-monopoly legislation would be offered at this session of Congress.

Barkley reported his information from O'Hahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, of the special committee of legislators and government officials appointed to investigate monopolies and other economic subjects.

The Senate leader added, however, the Senate would ask additional funds, probably as much as the \$500,000 appropriated for it last year to continue its investigation.

Barkley's announcement was one

of several apparent indications that the crop of new laws at the present congressional session might be comparatively small.

Another statement from Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins in an address at Des Moines, Iowa, that, "With the emphasis shifted from reform to recovery, the administration is now endeavoring to promote that recovery with all the vigor and power at its command."

Meanwhile economy advocates joined in an effort to reduce the \$170,000,000 expenditure President Roosevelt has proposed for new war planes.

Several said that they believe a substantial saving could be made by supporting the house approved limitation of 5,500 planes for the army. This limit has been raised to 6,000 by the Senate Military Committee.

Roosevelt Urges Labor To Negotiate For Peace

Send Letters to John L. Lewis and William Green Asking Early Settlement of Differences; Lewis and Green Decline to Comment

Miami, Fla., Feb. 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in letters today to the heads of the country's rival labor organizations said "labor faces a challenge in finding itself divided into opposing camps," and called upon them to name a committee to negotiate peace.

In letters to John Lewis, chairman of the Congress Industrial Organization, and to William Green, president of the A. F. of L., identical except for the prima paragraph, he declared the American people "sincerely hoped that constructive negotiation of peace with honor may come about between the CIO and AFL within the early months of the new year."

"The secretary of labor," he added to the letters made public at the temporary White House here, tells me "that after careful investigation and prolonged conversations with prospective leaders in both groups, there appear to be no insurmountable obstacles to peace, and in fact, there is a real desire for unification in the labor movement for all parties concerned."

The President was still at sea

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM PITT CAMP

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The penal division reported today the escape of John Comer, 20, from the Pitt county prison county. Prison records say the man was sentenced in Wake county in May 1937, from five to seven years for house breaking.

FDR Angers Woman Group By Meddling

By CHARLES F. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, Feb. 25.—The National Woman's Party is a bad outfit to get into an acrimonious argument with. President Roosevelt almost certainly wouldn't have antagonized this particular group had he realized he was doing so. As a matter of fact, the party's members don't blame the President as much as they do Mrs. Roosevelt. However, he was the one who committed the overt act, and whatever the consequences may be, he'll have to take 'em.



Mary Winslow

The Woman's National Party took

Plan for Refugees



George Rublee

George Rublee, former head of the international refugee committee, arrives New York en route to Washington to confer with Secretary Cordell Hull. He indicated the Committee hoped to arrange for 150,000 Jews to leave Germany in next five years.

Senate Off To Be The Guests of Wilmington

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The Senate in a five minute session passed five local bills and left early this morning for Wilmington to spend the week-end as guest of the city.

The house, meeting briefly at 10 o'clock, received five new local bills. Among the measures passed by the senate and ordered acted into law:

House Bill 191:—to fix court terms in Currituck.

House Bill 376: To authorize Washington county commissioners to provide for a retirement for Miss Augusta Carstarin.

Meantime, North Carolina, with her financial cupboard, still was unable to ascertain whether it contained a bone big enough for the more-or-less broadening spending.

As the week ended, the joint finance committee adjourned without acting on sub-committee program designed to raise all the \$1,876,000 needed to balance the budget.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Rain tonight and Sunday slightly warmer in the east tonight and Sunday.

WEEKLY WEATHER.

For South Atlantic States: Rain period the latter part and some likelihood of scattered showers over the north portion Tuesday or Wednesday. Temperatures average near normal, but changeable over north portion.

Tornado Packs Hospital



Freak tornado sweeping through Bertie County, North Carolina, resulted in death to three persons and injuries to twenty-one, taxing facilities of small county hospital at Windsor. Some of the child victims were forced to lie on army cots (foreground), while it was necessary for others to double in beds (background).

Wages-Hour Fight To Be Very Bitter

Battle Over To Be Hotly Contested on Floor of Assembly When Considered

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Proposals to enact a North Carolina wage-hour law seem to be generating as much heat as any others before the General Assembly, and it isn't going a bit too far to say that one of this session's briskest battles is going to be fought around them.

There are two bills before the legislature, one of which has the nominal endorsement of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, the other concededly the utmost that the State Department of Labor thinks has even a remote chance of passage. The former follows almost to the period and paragraph of the Federal statute. The other, in general, goes along those lines except in its treatment of "service and mercantile industries; for which a maximum 48 hour week and a minimum two-bit per hour wage are proposed.

Employer groups hostile to the principles involved in the measures have already opened fire before Jim Volger's House Committee on Labor,

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Vote Reform Facing Test Next Monday

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Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Monday night's session of the House will go a long way toward deciding whether or not a whole raft of divergent views can be reconciled sufficiently to give North Carolina some measure of election law reform.

By persistent effort and by a series of compromises and exchanges a House committee of 35 members finally reported out an election law bill without any surface opposition or discontent, prospects of a real and close fight expunging it from the air at the very last moment.

Come Monday, the entire mem-

Rev. A. S. Anderson Passes Suddenly While on Visit

Gastonia, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The Rev. Alden S. Anderson, 51, prominent Presbyterian minister and pastor of Baden church for the past 17 years, died suddenly of a heart attack this morning while visiting in the home of his brother, Rev. Albert S. Anderson, Presbyterian minister in Craventon.

Rev. Mr. Anderson was born at Ivey Depot, Va., near Charlottesville.

Funeral services will be held in Baden Sunday afternoon, and burial will be in Lexington, Va.

Finance Members Block Railroading Money Bill

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—The budget may be theoretically balanced and the full joint finance committee may make its report to the floor of the assembly early next week, but the committee late yesterday afternoon declared with a chorus of loud Noes that it is not going to hang a man in his absence. A group led by Odus Mull, of Cleveland; Fitzhugh Wallace, of Lenoir; and Frank Taylor, of Wayne, sustained the old common law right of a defendant to be given a bill of particulars and his day in court, when they voted down the proposal of Durham's Victor Bryant and the expressed wishes of House Chairman Bill Fenner that the amendment to the chain gasoline station tax be considered immediately.

Attorneys for the large oil companies protested upon the ground that the amendment had not been read until late Thursday, that they had not had any opportunity to study it, could not discuss it intelligently until they had read it. Admittedly it was an entirely new departure from former revenue acts, and was regarded as being vitally different in many respects.

Thus went glimmering hope for report of the bill this week. The Senate is in Wilmington today, after a very brief morning session at 8:30 B. E. (before breakfast) and the earliest chance for a hearing is Monday afternoon. Notice was given that the Monday session will be the "final" public hearing on the item. Remote possibility remains that the bill may be ready for re-

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