

Hitler Grabs Nation Of Slovaks

Appropriations Bill Deferred To Tuesday To Wait Tax Total

May Trim WPA Rolls By Half By July Next Year

Harrington Assures House Committee He Does Not Think WPA Permanent Thing for Nation; Much Depends on Private Employment

Washington, March 16.—(AP)—Colonel F. C. Harrington, WPA administrator, told a House appropriations sub-committee today that WPA rolls probably could be cut in half by July 1, 1940.

Harrington appeared at secret hearings on legislation to give WPA an additional \$150,000,000 requested by President Roosevelt for its operation through June 30 this year.

Halving of the relief rolls by the middle of 1940, committeemen indicated, would be predicated upon an increase of private employment.

There are about 3,000,000 on WPA rosters now. The sub-committee decided to recall Harrington for further testimony today, and some members said it might be possible to wind up hearings Monday.

That would mean that no attempt would be made to go into the controversial question of investigating and re-vamping the whole relief set-up, as some legislators have proposed.

Other developments: Secretary of Agriculture Wallace told a Senate Banking sub-committee that continuance of President Roosevelt's monetary powers were preparedness for "armed conflict among currencies of the world."

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau indicated that the administration tax revision plan would not be made public until after the first week in April.

Chairman Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, of the Senate Naval Committee, said after a White House conference that President Roosevelt has no objection to elimination from the naval air base bill of a \$5,000,000 item for harbor development at the island of Guam.

Hoey Is Undecided About Man Doomed To Die on Friday
Raleigh, March 16.—(AP)—Governor Hoey this afternoon had not reached a final decision in the case of Roby M. Hawkins, sentenced in Craven county to be executed in State's Prison tomorrow for murder.

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Income Receipts Appear in Excess of Last Year, Providing More Money; House Completes Floor Action on Biennial Revenue Bill
Raleigh, March 14.—(AP)—The Senate today deferred until Tuesday any action on the 1939-41 appropriations bill, after being notified that income tax receipts apparently would exceed estimates and make more money available.

To Newest Embassy



William Dawson (above) of Minnesota, becomes first Ambassador to Panama from United States following raising of that country to embassy status.

Homesteads Exemptions Fight Likely

Raleigh, March 16.—Those who are cheerily predicting since adjournment of the Assembly by April 1, or thereabout, seem to be overlooking some of the best possible ammunition for serious squabbling on the floor of House and Senate.

It is seldom mentioned in these early adjournment stories that the revenue machinery act is still not even out of committee and the further fact that controversial questions lurk behind almost every semi-column and period of the bill.

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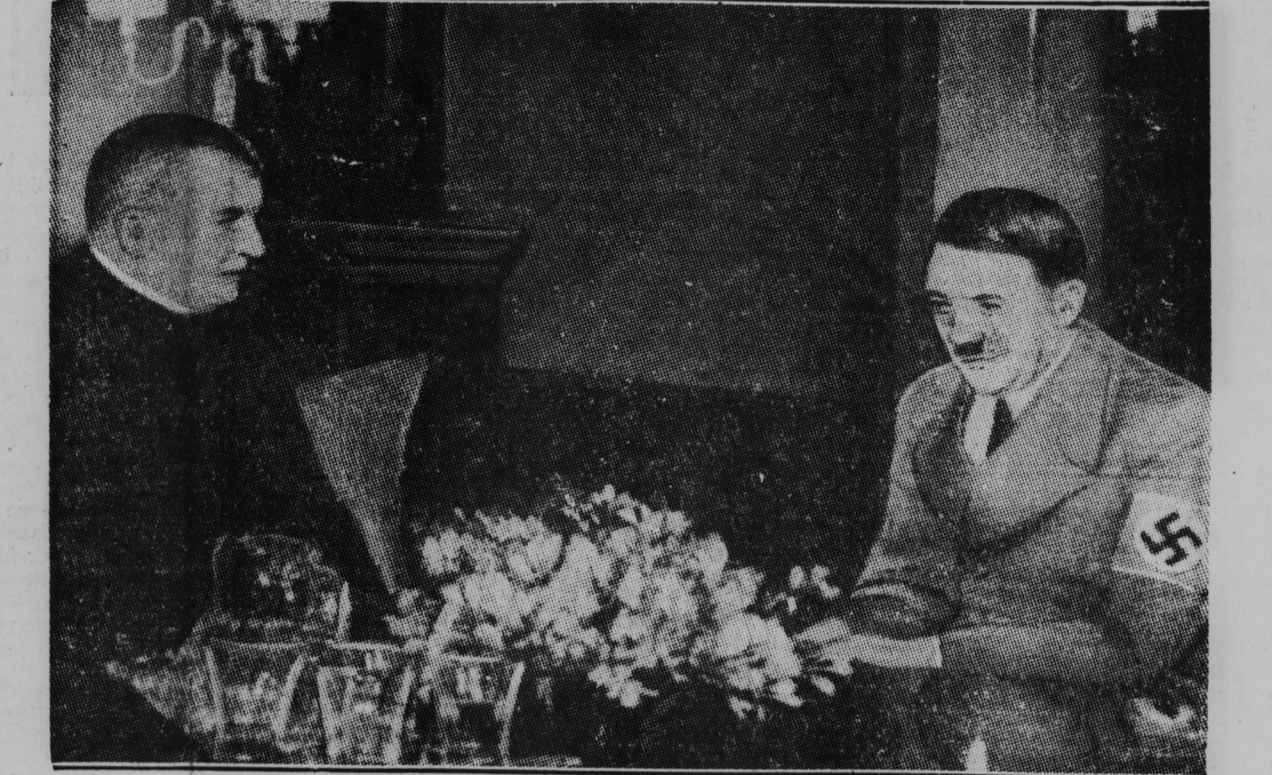
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Takes Over 'Protection' By Request

Hitler from Ancient Castle in Prague Charts Future of Ancient Bohemia and Moravia; Fuehrer's Word Becomes Law for Seized Lands

Berlin, March 16.—(AP)—Reichfuhrer Hitler today agreed to take Slovakia, "independent" central portion of broken Czechoslovakia, under his protection.

Dr. Joseph Tiso, who declared independence of Slovakia Tuesday under Hitler's guidance and promise of support, appealed to Hitler to take the little country of 14,600 square miles and about 2,500,000 population under his rule.

Hitler, in decree charts future of ancient Bohemia and Moravia as that of "an autonomous protectorate" forming part of the territory of greater Germany.

A day after he had sped into the capital of the broken Czechoslovak republic behind the wheels of his motorized army, the master of central Europe laid down the new fundamental law for the country of 7,000,000 Czechs.

This, however, is subject to the provisions of the Nuremberg racial (anti-Jewish) laws and other German laws. In other words, German Jews cannot be citizens.

All other inhabitants of the protectorate are subjects of the protectorate.

The protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia is autonomous and administers its own affairs," the decree continued.

Ukraine's Premier In Fast Flight
Bucharest, Roumania, March 16.—(AP)—Premier Volosin, of Carpatho-Ukraine, today fled into Roumania ahead of Hungary's advancing armies taking over the easternmost section of former Czechoslovakia.

Approve Low Bids Upon Eleven Road Jobs Over State
Raleigh, March 16.—(AP)—The State Highway and Public Works Commission approved low bids today on eleven road projects and held up contracts on five others.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, colder; Friday fair, colder on the south and central coasts.