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# 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 hear ings on legislation to give WPA an additional \$150,000,000 requested by President Roosevelt for its operation through June 30 this year. The administration, members said, also declared that he did not consider the huge relief agency permanent, and thought it could be liquidated even-

tually.

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

The sub-committee decided to re-call 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-commit-tee that continuance of President Roosevelt's monetary powers were preparedness for "armed conflict

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 Company of th

sachusetts, 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.

#### Hoev 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. It was indicated that Hawkins might receive a new reprieve or a commutation, but this would not be confirmed. Hawkins was convicted of the killing of his wife and was sentenced in April, 1938.

#### Restrictions On People Are Made Tighter

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL

simply can't get away from the plague of legislation regarding the almost countless boards and commissions authorized to control everything from the practice of law and other professions down to the laying of dog house roofs.

No less than five measures dealing with these multiple commissions were on Wednesday's Senate or oratory to the proceedings. It out of the Bladen county prison year-old wife of a Rocky Mount account on the night of February fore the Senate is so far-reaching that it would be necessary to employ a licensed man "to put the roof on a chicken house or a dog house." Bills dealing with commissions

before the Senate were: (1) To "clarify and amend" the 1937 law relating to licensing plumbing and heating contractors. Senator L. B. Prince, of Henderson, wanted to amend it so that it would not ap-

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To Newest Embassy



William Dawson (above) of Minnesota, becomes first Ambassador to Panama from United States following raising of that country to embassy status. Two other Latin-American countries, Colombia and Venezuela, were also recently raised to the higher rating.
(Central Press)

# Homesteads Exemptions

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Raleigh, March 16.—Those who into dry counties. are cheerily predicting sine die 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 of 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-

colon and period of the bill. There is, for just one example, the matter of granting exemption from taxation to homesteads of some value or other between nothing and one thousand dollars. The strongest fight is likely to be made to take off levies on \$300 of the value of houses occupied by the owners. There is constitutional authority. however, for an exemption up to

Then there is the little matter of classifying forest land separately from other lands and reducing the levy on that type. And the issue of whether property owned by charitable, fraternal and similar organizations, but used for revenue producing purposes shall be longer ex-empted from ad valorem levies. On every one of these there is going to be a longer or shorter con-

hasn't even been given public hearings in committee. Announcement has been made that hearings will be held next week. John L. Skinner, generalissimo of

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#### Vance Man One Of Three Escaping In Storm In Bladen

Raleigh, March 16.—(AP)—Penal calendar, and, as usual, there was plenty of jawing about them, with four Negro prisoners worked quick-Haywood's anti-commissioner-in-ly during a heavy thunderstorm at chief contributing his unusual share three o'clock this morning to saw assault upon Mrs. Frank Butler, 40-

Wiggins, given three to five years in Martin in September, 1937, for The Negro is charged w breaking, entry, larceny and receiv- ing Mrs. Butler and dragging her ining; John Bragg, sentenced to five to the yard of her home, where he years for assault with a deadly wea- allegedly attempted the criminal atpon in Vance in July, 1937; James tack. Peoples, sent up in May, 1937, from 'Forsyth to 12 years for forgery and other charges; and William P. Propst fifty, and Judge C. E. Thompson, of given two one-year terms in Cald- Elizabeth City, allowed a recess of well last August for breaking, entry an hour before the 13th juror was

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.

Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, carefully qualifying the report by saying this year's figures probably ran a day ahead of last year's due to speedier processing, said collections through yesterday were \$7,-033,995, as compared with \$6,293,005

The Senate devoted itself to major health bills, passing a pure food mea sure to make State laws conform to federal statutes and approving on second reading a proposal to require persons to have physical examinations before they may secure marriage licenses. The third reading on the marriage bill was deferred on objection of Senator Prince, of Henderson. The pure food act went to the House.

Senators also passed and sent to the House bills to require blood tests of prospective mothers and sanitary toilet facilities in all public senses. lic schools.

The House completed floor action on the biennial revenue bill, estimated to raise a record amount of general fund money to finance a record \$154,000,000 budget for late next week.

ing only with maximum hours and

pension system for county and municipal employees.

Rodman, of the upper division's appropriations committee. The House approved and sent to the Senate the Quinn bill to prohi-bit wholesale shipments of liquor

#### Conference With Prague's Cardinal Had by the Pope

Vatican City, March 16.—(AP)

—Pope Pius XII received Karl
Cardinal Kaspar, archbishop of Prague, in private audience this morning. He was believed to have discussed German occupation of Bohemia with the pontiff, although the Czech cardinal's call presumably was also to say farewell before returning to his see, now that the coronation ceremonies are over.

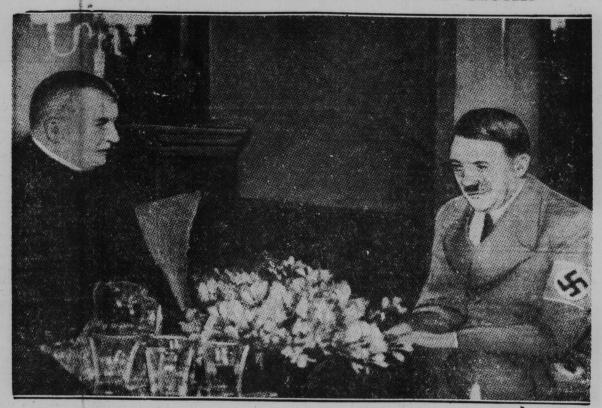
#### Negro Under **Guard For** Nash Trial

Nashville, March 16.—(AP)—In a court room guarded by over half a troversy. And, as related, the bill dozen State highway patrolmen, under the personal direction of Captoin Charles D. Farmer, of Raleign, and the second shift of the Rocky Mount police department, coupled with officers from Wilson, Nash and Edgecombe counties, 19-year-old Willie Richardson, Rocky Mount Negro, went on trial for his life in superior court here this morning on a charge of first degree burglary.

Though officers would not comment on the presence of the State patrolmen who have been here since Richardson was brought from State prison yesterday, it was apparent possible disturbance was feared from the crowd. The Negro is also The escapees were listed as J. D. 10, when he broke into her home

The Negro is charged with attack-

Conference That Decided Fate of Czechs



**Central Press Radiophoto** 

Dr. Joseph Tiso (left), who flew to Der Fuehrer in Berlin to effect the independence of Slovakia and set himself up as its President-Premier under Nazi sponsorship, is shown with Adolf Hitler as they planned the partition of Czecho-Slovakia. Photo flashed by radio from Berlin to New York

#### Sunbury Hit By Tornado; Some Hurt

general fund money to finance a record \$154,000,000 budget for 1939-41. The final vote on concurrence in Senate amendments was 94 to 9. It likely will be ratified age and slight injury to several persons. A cotton gin and sawmill were All chances for minimum wage legislation apparently faded when a joint sub-committee voted six to two to draft a substitute bill deal-

An automobile trailer was blown ness The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill to create a statewide sawmill was the only one to receive The prime minister angere

extensive hurts.

Damage unofficially was set at

#### Traffic Experts Meet in Charlotte To Talk Problems

Charlotte, March 16 .- 'AD'-Experts in every division of traffic operation, representing both passenger lines and the shippers. led discussions today before a joint meeting of the Southern Traffic League and the Southeast Shippers Advisory Board. E. E. Norris, president of the Southern Railway; L. R. Powell, Jr., of Norfolk, received for the Seaboard Air Line railway; G. B. Elliot, president of the Atlantic Coast Line railway; W. S. Franklin, vice-president of the Pennsylvania, and other carrier officials attended the meeting of the advisory board before the com bined session started.

### Britain May Recall Her Berlin Envoy

London, March 16.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that the government "has under consideration" the summoning home of Sir Neville Henderson, ambassador to Berlin, to report on Germany's new advance east ward. When he was asked whether the government "contemplates protesting to Germany against the invasion of Czechoslovakia,' '- inclusion of Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia in the Reich as protectorates -the prime minister declined to re-

Chamberlain announced that Henderson's recall was being considered when he replied to the Laborite Neil McLean, who asked that the government "withdraw" Britain's diplomatic representation in Berlin. Viscount Halifax, meanwhile, conferred in the foreign office with his predecessor in office, Anthony Eden, but the nature of the conference was not stated.

#### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, colder; Friday fair, coldthe south and central er on

# Britain And France RailAtGermanyAnd Press Preparedness

slovak republic and found in Gerally.
many as an imperialist power fur-Full realization that the bloodless

The prime minister angered Maxwell's report on income taxes was read the Senate by Chairman Rodman, of the upper division's lates.

The blow came suddenly and laster the House of Commons yesterday of peace. that Rechfuehrer Hitler's action was but left demolished buildings and debris in its inconsistent with the "spirit of litical graduation of the upper division's lates."

today for a coalition government of an even keel.

# Treaty Makes Balkans Now Brazil Firm

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

and Brazil is the most important de- Prague. velopment in Pan-American history.

our side of the equator. Secretary of State Hull nominally handled Uncle Sam's end, but I'd venture a guess for the triune kingdom of Serbs, that Undersecretary Sumner Welles Croats and Slovenes, which was oriattended to most of the details.

Welles knows our southern neighbors

union of parts of the former Austroperhaps better than any other North Hungarian empire with Serbia and American diplomat does. He's sym- at a slightly later date with Monpathetic toward them, he's on the tenegro.) level, and at the same time he's shrewd. He's spent much time in that

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#### TRENCH FIGHTING REPORTED BITTER

With the Hungarian Army in Carpatho-Ukraine, March 16 .-(AP) - Bitter trench fighting raged seven miles west of Chust this afternoon as the Hungarian army of occupation approached the little capital of Carpatho-

A Hungarian officer said that before noon 100 Hungarians had been killed or wounded in the battle. He declared severe losses had been inflicted on Czech forces resisting Hungary's invasion of the easternmost section of broken Czechoslovakia.

London, March 16.— (AP) —The all parties which present a strong British press assailed Germany to- front to Germany, conqueror of day for breaking up the Czecho- Czechoslovakia, France's one-time

ther reason for vigorous prepared conquest made Adolf Hitler the capital of the broken Czechoslovak dominant power of central Europe republic behind the wheels of his providing a labor advisory board to study the wage question and report to the 1041 legislature of the 1041 legislature of the talking of friendship with Germany the master of century of 7,simultaneous rearmament, but the talking of friendship with Germany damental law for the country of 7,and the possibility of a French-Ger-man accord. Today they were talk-the radio by his foreign minister, newspapers by his mild statement in ing of Germany as an eternal enemy Von Ribbentrop, made all the quar-

But even in the demand of all poinconsistent with the "spirit of litical group for a national union litical group for a national union government were evidences of a provisions of the Nurenberg racial The Manchester Guardian com- split. A powerful socialist-commun- (anti-Jewish) laws and other Germented that Chamberlain had a street by several inde-"freezing gift of under-statement." jendent nationalists, demanded that Generally, the press called on the government to "keep your powder overthrown at once as responsible dry," and characterized Germany as for the diplomacy which lulled torate. an "undisguised" enemy of all Eu- France into a feeling of false se-

curity. Rightist groups insisted that all Paris, March 16.—(AP)—Agitation mier Daladier was the only man appeared to be increasing in France strong enough to keep France on an

# Calling For

demands for independence from Washington, March 16.—The re- Yugo-Slavia were reported today in gry." He said it would be autonomous cently arranged politico - economic the Fascist press on the heels of hook-up between the United States Reichfuehrer Hitler's entry into gray had acted with Hitler's 5consent

"Croats also demand independ-It might be important on paper only, ence," said Il Popolo di Roma, in but this is one of the times when a diplomatic bargain appears to be the real thing.

The dispatch said Czechoslovak events had caused a "profound imercial thing." Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha of the southern republic handled his now asking a separate Croatian now asking a separate Croatian country's end of the preliminary negotiations during his late visit on There has been a long struggle over autonomy.

(Yugoslavia is a convenient name

#### Approve Low Bids Upon Eleven Road Jobs Over State

Raleigh, March 16.—(AP)— The State Highway and Public Works Commission approved low bids today After identifyi on eleven road projects and held up manian border guards, Volosin was contracts on five others. The bids unable to find an automobile to car-

were submitted Tuesday.

Chairman Frank L. Dunlap said into a peasant's cart and started for three county jobs in Nash were held the home of the bishop. up because of difficulty in obtainis investigated.

# 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)—Reichfuehrer Hitler today agreed to take Slovakia, "independent" central por-tion 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. Tiso telegraphed Hitler, now at Prague:

"In supreme confidence in you, fuehrer and Reichs chancellor of greater Germany, the Slovak state places itself under your protection. The Slovak state begs you to take over this protection."

Hitler replied:

"I acknowledge receipt of your telegram of yesterday and herewith take over protection of the Slovak state."

HITLER, IN DECREE CHARTS FUTURE OF ANCIENT REGION

Prague, March 16.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler, in a decree issued from an ancient castle of Prague, today charted the future of the ancient lands of Bohemia and Moravia as that of "an autonomous protectorate" forming part of the territory of greater Ger-

many.

A day after he had sped into the ter million Germans within the protectorate German citizens.

man laws. In other words, German Jews cannot be citizens.

All other inhabitants of the protectorate are subjects of the protec-

"The protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia is autonomous and administers its own affairs," the decree continued. "It exercises sover-COALITION GOVERNMENT parties must unite behind the present cree continued. "It exercises soveris agirated for France government, contending that Preeign rights appertaining to a protectorate in harmony with the political military and economic interests of

the Reich." The German fuehrer decreed that the head of the autonomous ad-ministration should enjoy all protection and honors accorded the head of a state. He said there would be a supreme head of the autonomous protectorate and a Reichs-protector as guardian of Germany's interests. He did not name them.

At almost the same moment that Ribbentrop read the decree, Count Teleky, premier of Hungary, pro-claimed in Budapest that Carpatho-Ukraine, easternmost part of the Rome, March 16.—(AP)—Croatian crumbled Czechoslovak republic, had become "part of the kingdom of Hun-It was considered certain that Hun in formally annexing the province,

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#### 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

He crossed the frontier at 1 p. m. (7 a. m. eastern standard time).

Roumanians said Volosin, who had not heard of Hungary's formal annexation of Carpatho-Ukraine, announced in the Budapest parliament this morning, considered his situa-tion hopeless in Chust, the Carpatho-

After identifying himself to Roury him into Roumania. He climbed

On the way a man who identified ing proper soil; one in Guilford him as a former sergeant in the Carpending conference with High Point patho-Ukraine forces, charged at the officials, and one in Mecklenburg-cart bearing Volosin, but he was Cabarrus until the legality of one bid overpowered by the police before he reached the fleeing premier.