

HITLER PARADES HIS MIGHT IN NEW DOMAIN

U. S. Condemns German Move

Seizures Of Czech Land Denounced

Formal Statement Calls Invasion "Wanton Lawlessness" and "Arbitrary Force"; Shows Need of Neutrality Revision, FDR Says

Rome, March 17. (AP) — United States Ambassador William Phillips today sought an indication of official Italian reaction to German seizure of most of Czechoslovakia and Italy's intentions. Phillips made his inquiries in a call on Count Ciano, Italian foreign minister.

Washington, March 17. (AP) — The United States government expressed today its "condemnation" of Germany's "wanton lawlessness" and "arbitrary force" in occupying Czechoslovakia.

With the approval of President Roosevelt, Acting Secretary of State Welles issued a formal statement, in which he spoke of Germany's absorption of most of Czechoslovakia as a "temporary extinguishment of the liberties of a free and independent people with whom, from the day when the republic of Czechoslovakia attained its independence, the people of the United States have maintained especially close and friendly relations."

Welles declared: "It is manifest that acts of wanton lawlessness and of arbitrary force are threatening world peace, and the very structure of modern civilization."

Earlier, the President told a press

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Diversion's Foes Facing New Setback

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

Raleigh, March 17.—Anti-diversionists have taken more punishment than a Joe Louis opponent already this Assembly session, but from all signs and portents they are due to get another resounding sock on the jaw before this session ends.

It's going to be in the form of a measure which will authorize transfer from Highway to General Funds of \$2,000,000 at or near the close of the current fiscal year.

Nobody will admit that this is going to be done, but if Administration spokesmen really mean what they have said all along about the budget for the next biennium there isn't

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Maxwell Comes Through With Trick For Revenue

Reverses Himself and Finds Tax Receipts Will Take Care of Appropriations Over and Above Revenue Bill; Senators Are Skeptical

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

Raleigh, March 17.—In the popular paper-back weeklies of some thirty years ago Frank Merriwell became Young America's hero through his unparalleled ability to deliver a home run in the last of the ninth with the bases full, or to fan the opposition's famed slugger under the same circumstances as to time and condition of the sacks.

This by way of introducing the Frank Merriwell of the administration team, Commissioner of Revenue Allen J. Maxwell.

Yesterday Allen Jay stepped gallantly into the box and threw a high hardone right past the senators who had been preparing to knock the compromise (and higher)

Bill Banning Absentee Voting Given Senate by The House

Prague Square in Nazi Hands



German troops marched into St. Wenceslaus Square, Prague's main thoroughfare (above), as Hitler completed dismemberment of Czechoslovakia by establishing a "protectorate" over the Czech people. Thousands of residents crowded into the square to sing the Czech national anthem and jeer the heavily-armed invaders. (Central Press)

Guidance Of Students Is Urgent Need

Vocational Work for School Youth Emphasized Before Teachers by Georgian

Raleigh, March 17.—(AP)—Dr. Paul W. Chapman, dean of the agriculture at the University of Georgia, told North Carolina teachers today that one of modern education's greatest needs is proper information—vocational guidance—for students on what they must do in order to get jobs.

In thousands of instances, said Dr.

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U. S. Cameraman Killed At Battle

Bucharest, March 17.—(AP)—The United States legation received reports today that Peter Lissituk, 19-year-old American cameraman, had been killed Tuesday trying to photograph fighting in Chust, capital of Carpatho-Ukraine. Refugees told the legation this youth was killed during a battle between Czech gendarmes and Ukrainians before Hungary annexed Carpatho-Ukraine.

Lissituk was employed by his father's film company of New York City. Meanwhile, frontier reports that lawless elements were plundering Roumanian communities on the Carpatho-Ukrainian side of the border caused Bucharest authorities to urge the Hungarian army of occupation to send troops into those villages as quickly as possible.

Kerr Shows Dizzy Climb Of Expenses

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY LYNN NISBET.

Raleigh, March 17.—Although both the appropriations and revenue bills have passed the house, Representative John Kerr, Jr., of Warren county, is not letting up in his "economy bloc" activities. He is laying the foundation now for renewing the fight when the appropriations bill comes back from the senate if the house raises are deleted by the upper branch.

Mr. Kerr issued a statement today accompanied by some figures he had compiled for the past 20 years. These figures show what he terms an alarm rise in the cost of government, not only for the state as a whole, but for the counties and municipalities.

In 1920, said Mr. Kerr, the total amount of taxes collected for both State and local units was \$34,135,850.00, while for the year 1937-38 the total for both State and local purposes was \$111,363,493.00.

In 1920 the total collected for State purposes was \$5,804,589.00 while in 1937-38 it was \$68,855,834.

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New Bills Relate to Unemployment Compensation; "Little TVA" Bill Unfavorably Reported by Committee of the House

Raleigh, March 17.—(AP)—The House Public Utilities Committee reported unfavorably today the McBryde bill to create a "little TVA" for the upper Cape Fear Valley. Only McBryde, of Cumberland, voted against the rejection. The committee had refused, six to four, to postpone action after a hearing at which opposition was expressed by Andrew Monroe, representing the Carolina Power and Light Company.

The Senate Elections Committee today sent to the floor the House-passed bill to abolish absentee voting in primaries and tighten restrictions for elections.

Committee activity dominated the legislative field, though the House, in a speedy session, passed 31 bills.

Senators, in the absence of Long of Halifax, the author, postponed final consideration of the bill to require physical examinations before persons may secure marriage licenses. The upper division killed, 5 to 4, a measure approved in the House to permit municipalities to regulate taxicabs. It passed 23 minor bills.

The Senate agreed to resume regular business Monday night.

Senator Gardner, of Cleveland, who favored retaining absentee voting in primaries, told news men during the Senate session that he could have forced his proposal into the absentee bill in the committee by a one-vote margin. He said he probably would offer a separate measure to give absentee voting rights, under strict limitations, for primaries.

The elections measure was set for

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Plymouth To Get New Paper Mill In The Coming Year

Richmond, Va., March 17.—(AP)—The Cherry River Paper Company announced today that within the next eight months it will move its plant to Plymouth, N. C.

George M. Snyder, superintendent, said that the pulp supply in the vicinity of Richmond had been exhausted and for a time it had been necessary to import pulp to keep the plant operating. The company has been located here about 30 years. It has between 400 and 450 employees.

BRICKMASON FOUND DEAD AT PEMBROKE

Lumberton, March 17.—(AP)—A young white man identified as Guy Carver, about 26, of Danville, Va., bricklayer, was found dead early today in an automobile on a woodland road near Pembroke.

Coroner D. W. Biggs said a preliminary examination disclosed no evidence of foul play. He empaneled a jury, but said no inquest or autopsy would be ordered until relatives of the dead man came here.

Two Prisoners Of State Are Seized In Distant States

Raleigh, March 17.—(AP)—Penal division authorities reported today the capture in Danville, Va., and the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., section of two escaped convicts. They planned to send for the escapes, listed, respectively, as Norman Davis, about 28, who fled the Duplin county prison camp in June, 1937 while serving a 15 to 20-year manslaughter sentence imposed in Rockingham county, and James Duncan, 26-year-old Columbus county escapee, who was serving three years for forgery in Columbus, when he got away in November, 1937.

Danville authorities listed Davis, Penal Superintendent Oscar Pitts said, as John Henry Tyler. Duncan served time on a chaingang, he added.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and continued cold, with frost, light to heavy in extreme east portion tonight; Saturday fair.

Nazis March At Prague And Brunn

Fuehrer To Display Himself Also in Vienna and Bratislava; Huge Crowd Greet Dictator at Brunn; Movements Well Guarded

Vienna, March 17.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler arrived in Vienna at 5 p. m. today after a two-day journey through his new protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. A special train brought him from Brunn and Moravia. He was cheered by thousands as he entered the Hotel Imperial 15 minutes later. He immediately went to his room on the first floor, while the crowd shouted repeatedly "Seig, heil!" "Hail, Victor," and "We want to see our fuehrer." He then appeared on a balcony and gave the Nazi salute.

Brunn, Moravia, March 17.—(AP)—The first Nazi military parades in Adolf Hitler's new Bohemia-Moravia protectorate were held at noon today in Prague and Brunn, with the fuehrer himself reviewing his troops in this Moravian city.

Hitler, following his armies eastward from Prague into Moravia, arrived at Brunn at 11:30 a. m., and half an hour later watched the second tank division of his army of occupation rumble past.

Nazi spokesmen said the new protector of Bohemia-Moravia would continue to Vienna late today or tomorrow. From Vienna, capital of the Austria he added to his realm a year ago this week, Nazis said he might continue to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, which yesterday threw itself under his protection.

The German thirty percent of Brunn's population, plus Nazi sympathizers among the Czechs, turned the main square into a sea of swastikas. Hitler reviewed German troops lined up on the square and was received at the city hall by the German mayor and members of the city's German administration.

The fuehrer's movements from town to town were shielded in secrecy, and by a corps of black shirted guards. Armored cars conveyed him when he used his big touring car.

Officer Slain At Fayetteville When Youth Seizes Gun

Fayetteville, March 17.—(AP)—A youth who was being taken to jail on a drunk and disorderly conduct charge was charged in a warrant today with killing one of the arresting officers and wounding two others. The prisoner was booked as Lynnwood Hair, 21, an employee of the State Highway Department.

Frank Johnson, a traffic officer, said he and Officers Willis J. Genes and Charlie Godwin, in answer to a call, went to Hair's home last night to take him to headquarters. In going down the step, he related, Hair's foot caught between two boards, and while the officers were extricating the foot, Hair seized Genes' pistol from its holster and began firing.

Genes, shot in the back, was killed instantly. A bullet grazed Godwin's skull, and Johnson was shot in the leg.

Judge Manton Indicted For Second Time

New York, March 17.—(AP)—A second indictment containing three counts of conspiracy was returned today against former Federal Judge Martin T. Manton by the same Federal grand jury which indicted him several weeks ago. The counts charged conspiracy to obstruct justice, conspiracy to deprive the United States of the impartial service of a judicial officer and conspiracy, to bribe a judicial officer.

The indictment named William J. Fallon, described as business agent for Manton, as the intermediary in the collection of \$67,000 allegedly paid by Almon B. Hall and L. C. Hall, brothers, and chicken raisers of Wellingford, Conn., to influence Judge Manton's decision in a patent infringement action involving a method of incubating chicks from eggs.

Daladier Asks For Decree Powers As London Calls Envoy

Never Misses



Setting new world's record, Officer Harry Reeves of Detroit's police department, made perfect score of 200 with a .38 calibre revolver in competition with leading marksmen in the country, in Miami pistol tournament. He was in a competition calling for firing of five shots in twenty seconds.

French Premier Demands Dictatorial Powers to Nov. 30 in New Crisis; Britain's Recall of Ambassador Is Slap at Hitler

Paris, March 17.—(AP)—Premier Daladier called on parliament today for a free hand to govern France by decree until Nov. 30 to bolster the nation's defenses in view of the collapse of Czechoslovakia.

The bill to strengthen France against any menace from expanding Germany contained only the one article authorizing decree powers for the period of more than eight months. It was approved by the cabinet and sent to the Chamber of Deputies. The chamber began debate on the situation arising from Germany's bloodless conquest of Czechoslovakia, once part of France's collective security structure.

A vote of confidence conferring the full powers asked by the Daladier government was expected to conclude the debate.

Communist Deputy Peri started the foreign policy debate with an attack on the government for yielding to Germany's expansion in central Europe. Despite the hostility of a strong communist and socialist

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Bulgar Students Protest Seizures By Hitler Regime

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 17.—(AP)—Several thousand Sofia university students were chased by mounted police from the streets in front of the former Czechoslovak legation today after they had demonstrated noisily against the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia.

The demonstration occurred just as German diplomatic officials arrived at the legation to take over Czech affairs.

Two Men Are Kidnaped And Then Killed

Milton, Fla., March 17.—(AP)—Kidnaped by a filling station robber, two men were found shot to death today 200 yards off a highway, tied together face to face with cotton ropes.

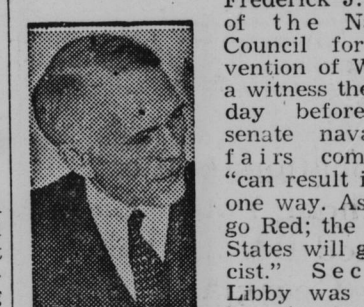
Sheriff Joseph Allen identified the victims as Clifford T. Mann and Charles Wilkinson, both of Montgomery, Ala. He said evidence indicated they had been tied together and killed at the spot. There were bullet wounds through the heads, the breasts and the backs.

Mann, was a cashier for a life insurance company, and Wilkinson, 23, was a friend.

War Would Aid Fascist Trend Here

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 17.—"Strife between the United States and Japan," remarked Executive Secretary



Libby

Frederick J. Libby of the National Council for Prevention of War, as a witness the other day before the senate naval affairs committee, "can result in only one way. Asia will go Red; the United States will go Fascist."

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Continued Low Interest Payments For Depositors

Babson Explains Banking Revolution of Past Few Years; Sees Government as Continued Big Lender With Money Furnished by Banks

BY ROGER W. BABSON Copyright 1939, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 17.—Few people realize the terrific changes which have taken place in the commercial banking business since 1929. If some banker had Rip Van Winkled himself in 1929 and awakened today, he would scarcely recognize the industry. Commercial banking has been revolutionized.

The spectacular decline in interest rates symbolizes this transformation. In 1929, New York banks charged their regular customers 5.88 per cent; today the rate is only 2.24 per cent—the lowest on record. The same trend has taken place in banks throughout the east and north of the country where current rates are 3.33 per cent

against 6.04 per cent in 1929; and 4.09 per cent in southern and western districts against 6.14 per cent in the "good old days."

"Squeeze" on Depositors As a result of the drop in rates which banks charge, the squeeze has been put on depositors. No interest is now paid on checking accounts, which formerly received two per cent. Savings deposits now get a paltry two or two-and-a-half per cent against three-and-a-half to four-and-a-half per cent in 1929. The loss of billions of dollars of commercial loans raised havoc with bank earnings. There are two reasons why this loan business passed out: First, business men have not wanted to borrow

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