

EUROPE WAITS MUSSOLINI SPEECH SUNDAY

New Justice Bill Toned By Senate

Hitler Wouldn't Want More, Mussolini Less, Than Original Measure, Senate Is Told; Week Memorable In Assembly; End Likely Week Hence

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—The Senate today set as a special order for Monday the bill to abolish use of professional markers in elections and primaries.

The motion to postpone consideration was made by Senator Prince, of Henderson, an opponent of the proposal.

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—The Senate without dissent today passed and sent to the House a committee substitute for a bill to create a State Department of Justice.

However, Senator Folger, of Surry, who had led a fight against the proposal, said he would move for reconsideration of the vote Monday.

Yesterday he had charged that "Hitler wouldn't want more, and Mussolini wouldn't ask as much" as the measure provided in its original form before re-drafting by a subcommittee. The measure would bring the bureau of investigation and identification under the attorney general; provide for codification of statutes and permit investigation by the department of justice at the re-

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Seek Gunman In Killing At Kannapolis

Kannapolis, March 25.—(AP)—Officers using bloodhounds hunted today a slender gunman who shot and killed Floyd Holshouser, 22, last night as he sat in his parked automobile. Clues were scarce. No trace of the weapon was found. One officer said about the only hope was to find fingerprints on the car. Another said several former convicts reported lately in this vicinity would be questioned.

Policeman Wes Pyle said this morning no suspects had been arrested.

Meanwhile, every detail of the shooting, as given by witnesses, was carefully studied. Miss Lilly Hol-

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FHA Officer Admits He Killed Wife

Body of Mrs. Eudora Cunningham Dug from Deep Sewer Grave on Directions of Confessing Husband; No Motive Assigned

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 25.—(AP)—The body of socially prominent Mrs. Eudora Cunningham was dug by flare light from a deep sewer grave early today after her husband broke a stubborn 19-day silence with a dramatic last-minute confession.

Just a few hours before a scheduled habeas corpus hearing officers said would have ended in freedom for 33-year-old Roger Cunningham, he broke, admitted he strangled his wife March 6 and directed searchers to her body with a crude map.

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\$\$\$ Quandary



Marriner Eccles (left), chairman of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve Board, and E. A. Goldenweiser, puzzle over some figures during session of Senate special committee on silver, in Washington. Eccles, a foremost advocate of government spending, reversed himself and urged Congress to balance the budget, reduce taxes and take cut in federal spending.

Dr. McDonald Definitely Quits Politics In State

Has Not Asked Hoey for Job Nor Been Offered One by Him; Thinks Present Executive Most Beloved Governor State Has Ever Had

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

Raleigh, March 25.—Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, whom State administration leaders still see as the central figure of their nightmares, today definitely and positively removed himself from the field of North Carolina politics, either as a possible Hoey appointee or a potential candidate for any office.

In a statement whose sincerity was so obvious as to admit no doubt, the man who came so close to overthrowing the established order in 1936 flatly and without equivocation told your correspondent that he is not seeking any appointment, is not being considered by the governor nor, one and "could not and would not" take one if offered.

He left open only one possible avenue to public employment. He said he is hopeful to get back into college teaching.

May Head U. N. C. Department. This indicates that his election or appointment (or whatever is the proper term for getting a teaching job) to some instructional position at the University of North Carolina is not at all impossible.

There are, in fact, reports now current around Raleigh that he will be named head of a department at the Chapel Hill institution. These, however, are so far unverified and unconfirmed in any official quarter.

Will Never Re-Enter Ring. Going a bit beyond a prepared statement which he gave your correspondent, Dr. McDonald said there isn't the faintest chance that he will ever re-enter politics as an active participant. He by no means cut off the possibility that he will retain a keen and active interest as an observer, however.

The one-time Forsyth professor and legislator said that he will forever be debarred from politics by his health. He appeared in the proverbial "pink" and said he feels perfectly well, but it is clear that he fears over- exertion after his many-

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WALTER J. SHUFORD DIES AT HICKORY

Was Prominent Business Man and Civic Leader; Critically Ill Past Few Weeks

Hickory, March 25.—(AP)—Walter J. Shuford, 65, prominent business man and civic leader, died here early today of a heart attack. He had been in bad health the last two weeks, but critically ill only a few weeks.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at his home and burial will be in Hickory.

Shuford, a former member of the State Board of Agriculture, was at one time president of the Catawba Creamery Company here, one of the largest plants of its kind in the South

Back to Work



Secretary of the Navy Claude Swanson smiles as he arrives at Miami after cruise aboard the cruiser Houston. In ill health lately, he returned greatly recovered, ready for his arduous duties in Washington.

Tax Listing To Be Jan. 1 Not April 1

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

Raleigh, March 25.—The revenue machinery act of 1939, which, like the revenue act itself, purports to be a "permanent" one, makes radical departure in several particulars from previous operating statutes.

Most important changes noted are: Change of tax listing date from April 1 to January 1, effective for the year 1940 and thereafter. This change made at the instance of county and city officials who protested that they could not get tax books ready by July 1 when listing was not made until April. The January 1 date was used some years ago and was changed when farmer organizations objected.

More liberal deductions for indebtedness are permitted. Indebtedness for purchase price of baled cotton, debts on farm products held by the producer, and money owed on fertilizer for use in agriculture, all may be deducted on the same basis as indebtedness against book credits.

County commissioners may appoint three county-wide appraisers for realty assessment instead of different groups for each township.

The schedule of discounts for early payment and penalties for deferred payment of taxes has been revised and made more liberal to the delinquent taxpayer. Under the new schedule the first delinquent month will carry one per cent penalty, the second month two per cent and thereafter one-half of one per cent will

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Republicans May Block Parity Fund

Seek \$500,000,000 Item To Make Bill So Obnoxious It Will Fail; Doughton To Talk Tax Revision Plans

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—Republican parliamentary strategy threatened today to eliminate the \$250,000,000 for parity payments from the Agriculture Department appropriation bill.

When the House resumed consideration of the \$1,067,000,000 measure, Representative Tarver, Democrat, Georgia, told the membership that the Republicans were planning to vote with Democratic proponents of an amendment to boost the parity payments fund to \$500,000,000.

Members said this strategy was based on the hope that, with the bill so "loaded," even Democrats in favor of the \$250,000,000 item would have to vote against it, and thus strike all parity payments from the bill. "Those who support the amendment to raise the sum to \$500,000,000 will be voting against any parity payments whatever," Tarver declared. "A half loaf is better than no bread." Other developments: Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, of the House Ways and Means Committee, is expected to discuss the question of tax revision with his colleagues next week. Doughton has been ill for some time, but is expected to return to work Monday.

Trade Balance Up. The United States sold \$60,524,000 more in merchandise abroad than it

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LENOIR MAN BADLY BURNED IN HOUSE

Kinston, March 25.—(AP)—A man identified as Woodrow Moyer, about 23, was critically burned early today when fire swept a house in which he was asleep, damaging it an estimated \$25,000. Five other persons escaped unhurt.

BANK BRANCH FOR BAILEY IS PLANNED

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—The Lucama-Kenly Bank of Lucama has been authorized to open a teller's window branch at Bailey April 1, Gurney P. Hood, State bank commissioner, said today.

Anti-Markers Bill Likely To Be Passed

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

Raleigh, March 25.—The Senate will likely pass today (may even have already passed when this is published) a bill designed to ban "professional" marker of ballots in primary elections of North Carolina. Yesterday the Senate overrode a majority of its election law committee and put the bill on its calendar by way of the minority report route. An unfavorable report was given by the bill by the group which is headed by Graham's Jack Morphew.

The minority report was signed and handed up by Senators Willie Lee Lumpkin, John Umstead and Pat Taylor. It was adopted, 26 to 13, after brief and sparkless debate. The most notable feature of the vote was the fact that almost half a dozen Senators sat in their seats and answered "present" when their names were called. In addition, there were several hurried departures from the chamber when it became clear a vote was to be taken.

Sensors Bunn Frink, Charles Cowles, Joe Warren and Doggie Hatcher

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Rather frequent showers over west and north portions of district; fair most of week in Florida; cooler in north portion of district by Monday night and again toward end of week, but temperatures mostly above normal.

Memel Girls Greet Reich Troops



German soldiers are joyfully greeted by the girls of Memel as the Nazi troops marched in to occupy the Baltic seaport, formerly governed by Lithuania, in the name of Greater Germany. Hitler, arriving by battleship, mounted a theatre balcony to announce, "In the name of the German people I greet you. No power on earth shall ever subjugate us. For this we shall look out. Photo telephoned to Berlin and flashed by radio to New York.

Franco Troops May Enter Madrid Probably Sunday

Ft. Bragg Trooper Meningitis Victim

Fort Bragg, March 25.—(AP)—Private Ernest H. Flemmons, of Battery F, 83rd Field Artillery, died yesterday at the post hospital of meningitis, post authorities announced today. They said there were two other cases in the hospital. One patient was described as critically ill. The other's chances of recovery were considered good. The announcement said officials did not regard the outbreak as sufficient to curtail post activities, although a close watch was being kept. Doctors expressed confidence the danger would be over if no more cases developed during the nine-day incubation period, which they said would end next Thursday.

Second Locks In Canal Are Held Needed

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 25.—The Panama Canal would be a deal simpler to operate and a deal easier and cheaper to improve but for the earth's uncooperative (from this country's standpoint) whirl to the westward. Indeed, a new canal, as proposed, through Nicaragua's Tehuantepec peninsula, up in Mexico, would be a comparatively uncomplicated engineering problem to solve but for our globe's whiz around its axis as it travels through space around the sun. Brig. Gen. Clarence S. Ridley, governor of the Panama Canal Zone, made this clear to Congress in his recent report recommending an additional set of locks for the improvement of our present big ditch between the oceans.

Our existing locks work all right, but suppose, in wartime, even one of them were to be bombed by hostile aviators, or sabotaged? Why, that naturally would sew up the canal, making it impossible to operate.

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Negotiations All But Concluded for Surrender of Loyalist Capital

Hendaye, France, March 25.—(AP)—Final negotiations for the surrender of Madrid to the Spanish nationalists and for peace in the 23-month-old Spanish civil war were said today to be nearly completed.

Some dispatches from both Burgos and Madrid, the nationalist and republican capitals, indicated that a plan for the almost unconditional surrender of Madrid was so far advanced that General Franco's troops might march into that besieged city today or tomorrow.

(The correspondent of a Rome newspaper on the Madrid front forecast that Franco's troops would attack Madrid in full force "within the next few hours" unless attack orders already issued were countermanded.)

The nationalist defense council, which rules republican Spain, one-fourth of continental Spain, met last night in General Miaja's office.

THREE ROAD JOBS IN NASH AWARDED

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—Chief Highway Engineer Vance Baise announced today award of three Nash county road contracts for low bidders participating in the letting last week.

The job projects provide grading, surfacing and structures on 3.3 miles of Route 48 near Rocky Mount; 3.07 miles of a county road near Whitakers, and 2.8 miles of a county road near Battleboro.

Hospital Fee For Accident Is Favored

In the Sir Walter Hotel. Daily Dispatch Bureau.

Raleigh, March 25.—The Senate passed Senator Dr. T. W. M. Long's bill to add 30 cents to the cost of every automobile tag in North Carolina in order to provide hospitalization for highway accident victims after the Halifax physician-legislator had pointed out that records show that crash victims spend a total of 60,000 patient-days in hospitals each year.

Dr. Long said that there is an an-

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Demands On France May Bring Crisis

Another Period of High Tension Like That Created by Hitler in Last Ten Days Is Feared; Britain Slows Efforts To Block Hitler

London, March 25.—(AP)—The governments of Europe looked today to Rome, whence may come from Premier Mussolini an indication of what the Nazi-Fascist powers hope to do next. Mussolini makes an important address tomorrow, and there was some belief here today that he might enunciate demands upon France for colonies in Africa.

If he does, there likely will result another period of high tension, like that of the past ten days, during which Adolf Hitler, of Germany, the Italian anti-communist partner, obliterated Czechoslovakia, regained Memelland from Lithuania and then thrust the Nazi economic machine to the Black Sea by an accord with Rumania. In the meantime, the British government slowed efforts to form a four-power league against Germany with France, Soviet Russia and Poland. Poland has been cool to the idea because, Polish political informants said, she does not wish to affront so powerful a nation at her borders.

There was a possibility that Britain would conclude a triple entente with France and Russia, then make a separate agreement with Poland, which might include a definition of military aid each would give the other.

Doctor And Three Others In Dope Ring

Elizabeth City, March 25.—(AP)—Dr. Howard J. Combs, prominent 44-year-old Elizabeth City physician with home and office in his own building on East Main street, was arraigned this morning before United States district court, under an indictment charging him on 142 counts of violations of the Harrison narcotic act.

The indictment charges that Dr. Combs has dispensed 361,000 half-grain doses of morphine within the last three years.

Indicted along with Dr. Combs were Harrison Perry, Negro chauffeur of the doctor, charged with being an accessory, and Mrs. Helen Taft Goodman and William Modrell.

A native of Tyrrell county, Dr. Combs has been practicing in Elizabeth City for nearly twenty years.

The indictments were made by the Federal grand jury at Fayetteville March 21 before Federal Judge I. M. Meekins.

Dr. Combs and Perry were released under \$1,000 bonds, and the

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Armistice In Slovak Area Is Reported

Capital Says Slovak-Hungarian Hostilities Halted; One Report Says Fighting Continuing

Bratislava, Slovakia, March 25.—(AP)—Semi-official sources said today that an armistice had been ordered in eastern Slovakia, where Hungarian and Slovakian troops have been engaged in border fighting.

"An armistice was ordered Friday night," it was stated. "Both sides are holding their positions, awaiting diplomatic negotiations."

The Slovak government appealed to Berlin, now protector of Slovakia,

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