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## ITALY REPORTED ABOUT TO GRAB ALBANIA

### Legislature Ends After Voting Peak Spending By State

#### Louisburg Sells \$18,000 of Bonds

Raleigh, April 4.—(AP)—R. S. Dickson & Company, of Raleigh, and Southern Investment Company, of Charlotte, today bought \$113,000 Lenoir county court house bonds sold by the Local Government Commission. The firms paid a premium of \$27 with interest on the first \$33,000 of maturities, to be four percent, and 3 3-4 percent on the remainder. A Beaufort county \$1,250, six months revenue anticipation note was sold to the Bank of America at par with two percent interest. The commission approved issuance of \$18,000 municipal building bonds by Louisburg, which have been approved by the voters.

### Benny Pays \$10,000 Fine In Smuggling

#### Radio-Screen Comedian Pleads Guilty To Bringing In Jewelry for His Wife and Partner, Mary Livingstone

New York, April 4.—(AP)—Jack Benny, noted radio and screen comedian, pleaded guilty to smuggling charges today and was fined a total of \$10,000 and given a suspended sentence of one year and a day in prison. He was placed on probation for two years.

New York, April 4.—(AP)—Jack Benny, radio stage and screen comedian, threw himself upon the mercy of the Federal court today and admitted his guilt to charges of smuggling, based upon his purchase of \$2,131 worth of jewelry as a gift for Mary Livingstone, his wife and partner.

Benny's New York attorney, C. E. Newton, approached the bench when court convened. He looked at Judge Vincent Leubell and said: "The defendant asks permission to change his plea."

The judge glanced down at him and Benny, who was waiting nervously.

"Is this the defendant?" he asked. "Yes, sir," replied Newton, indicating Benny.

The comedian was wearing a natty brown suit and wine-colored tie. "How do you plead?" asked the judge.

"Guilty," said Hollywood's famous voice in loud tones. "To all three counts of the indictment."

"Yes, sir," Benny reached New York by plane last night from California, and arrived at the Federal court house about 10 a. m. Few persons were immediately aware of his arrival, but when word spread a crowd of

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### Legislative Pay Increase Bill Is Lost

Daily Dispatch Bureau.  
In the Sir Walter Hotel.  
By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, April 4.—Evidently agreeing, for once, with Representative Page of Bladen in his statement that the people of North Carolina don't think the members of the General Assembly are worth the money they are now paid, the House Monday voted down the proposal to submit a constitutional amendment for increased pay.

Offered some time ago by Mallison of Pamlico, the bill would have authorized submission of an amendment to increase pay of members of the General Assembly from \$600 for the session to \$900, and to increase the pay of presiding officers to \$1,000. It was debated at length

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### \$155,000,000 Appropriations Authorized for Two-Year Period; Stricter Election and Marriage Laws Enacted; Governor Approves Session

Raleigh, April 4.—(AP)—The North Carolina legislature ended at 2:30 a. m. today, a 90-day biennial session in which it passed a record \$155,000,000 appropriation bill and stricter marriage and election laws. New laws will require men and women to have pre-marital physical examinations and expectant mothers to be given blood tests.

The absentee ballot was abolished in primaries and its use restricted in elections. The "professional marker" will be eliminated in primaries. The new election law will allow election officials to mark ballots only if no other marker is available. It will also prohibit a marker, other than an election official, from aiding more than one voter.

New Hanover county and Morehead City were authorized to legalize horse-racing and pari-mutuel betting if they were approved in referendum. Onslow county was given permission to have races and betting if the county commissioners approve. The legislature adjourned exactly 90 days after it convened on January 4.

Governor Hoey, in an interview yesterday, said the General Assembly had done a "constructive" job, and listed the following as among "a few" outstanding accomplishments:

Substantial progress in public education; enactment of a continuing revenue act; wide expansion of the health program; an agricultural program which "very distinctly represents progress"; an "entirely satisfactory" department of justice at a cost of "only \$10,000"; an election law reform.

### Fayetteville Blocks Cut Freight Rate

Fayetteville, April 4.—(AP)—Fayetteville and Cumberland county took a freight rate argument into the State courts yesterday when they secured a temporary injunction from Judge Henry Stevens in Raleigh restraining the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line railroads from putting into effect tomorrow new low rates on gasoline and kerosene out of Wilmington, to destinations in the interior of North Carolina.

The plaintiffs alleged the proposed rates were discriminatory because they were not published from Fayetteville to the same destination points on the same mileage basis. A considerable gasoline and kerosene distributing business has developed at Fayetteville since the completion of the third lock and dam in the Cape Fear river.

Hearing on the restraining order was set for April 22 at 10 a. m. before Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., at Fayetteville.

### Few Candidates Out Yet For High State Offices

#### Senator Spruill, of Bertie, Against Kerr Scott Only Definite Announcement; Most "Ins" Will Try To Stay In Next Year

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By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, April 4.—Admitting that the 1940 primary election is still something more than a year off, it is still possible to say without fear of successful contradiction that candidates for the numerous statewide offices which will be voted upon next year are a bit bashful about tossing their candidatorial head gear into the political ring.

On the assumption that few die and none retire it can be set down as safe that seven of the nine big elective posts will be sought by the incumbents, unless one or more of them become ambitious to live for four years out in the big house be-

### Two Navy Planes Crash; Four Dead

East Baitree, Mass., April 4.—(AP)—Two navy biplanes crashed 2,000 feet in the air today and four men perished as they plunged in flames to earth. The dead were identified by navy sources as from greater Boston. Wes Williams, commercial aviator and flying instructor, who was aloft nearby at the time, said the third plane of a group of six flying in formation dived into one wing of the second plane. The second plane "fell apart," he said, and plummeted into a house, setting it afire. The other plane faltered for a moment, and then went down in a power drive, apparently striking a second house about half a mile away. Fire and smoke rose rapidly from the spot where the second plane fell. "I believe four men were killed in the crash," Williams said, "because the ships are of a type which normally carry a pilot and an observer."

### Chicago Is Voting Upon Mayor Post

#### Ambitious Youthful G. O. P. Candidate Battling Veteran Democrat Kelly

Chicago, April 4.—(AP)—Chicago voters selected a new mayor today with the choice between an ambitious young Republican, Dwight H. Green, and the veteran Democratic leader, Mayor Edward J. Kelly.

Dry weather and the computations of the election commission indicated the vote might reach 1,300,000 for a new record in a Chicago mayoralty contest.

Prepared to interpret in national terms, party leaders from without the State awaited the result as the first sample of how far the Republicans may expect to get in the 1940 campaigns for Congress and the president.

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### Winston Man Dies In Plunge Out of St. Louis Hotel

St. Louis, Mo., April 4.—(AP)—A man identified by police as Virgil Otis Bodenheimer, of 948 West End Boulevard, Winston-Salem, N. C., was killed in a fall or leap from his 13th floor room in a downtown hotel here today. Police said they believed he was connected with the Union Hosiery Corporation of High Point, N. C.

In his room two sealed envelopes were found, one of them addressed to his wife.

LEAVES WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN AT WINSTON HOME

Winston-Salem, April 4.—(AP)—Virgil O. Bodenheimer, who fell or jumped to his death from a St. Louis hotel window today, had been a salesman for the Union Hosiery Corporation of High Point for three weeks. Officials said he was making his first trip for the company when he went to St. Louis. His widow and three children survive.

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### WPA Probe Committee Named To Begin Work On Thursday

#### Senate Economic Bloc Challenges Administration To Take \$100 Million for Relief or Less; Farm Blocs Are Uniting

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—The House Appropriations Committee selected a 12-man sub-committee today to make the "thorough investigation" recently ordered by the House of the Works Progress Administration.

Chairman Taylor, Democrat, Colorado, said the same sub-committee on deficiency appropriations which had handled all relief bills, would make the inquiry. Taylor heads that sub-committee, but he said he would follow his usual practice of delegating much of the detailed work to Representative Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, leader of the House economy bloc.

"This sub-committee," Taylor said, "has showed itself to be independent. The country thinks it has been rather critical of the administration because it has cut down appropriations. So nobody in the United States can say it's a white-washing committee. It's more the other way."

The sub-committee will meet Thursday, and, in the meanwhile, members will be considering the scope of the inquiry. The House has not yet voted money for the investigation.

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The War Department announced that contracts for five types of war planes were ready for signature as soon as Congress gave final approval to a \$513,000,000 army supply bill.

### Industry Of State Shows Steady Gains

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By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, April 4.—Growth of employment, pay rolls, and value of products of North Carolina's industrial establishments, from 1935 to 1937 was "normal and healthy," Forest Shuford, State commissioner of labor, said today in commenting on Federal census figures just released from Washington.

"The fact that there has been a steady increase in number of establishments, number of employees, total sum paid these employees, average wages of each employee, and value of products indicates that progress has been steady, normal and healthy," said Mr. Shuford.

"The department hasn't any complete figures on 1938 for these items," he continued, "but from those we do

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### Say Farmers Would Stop Scrap Sales

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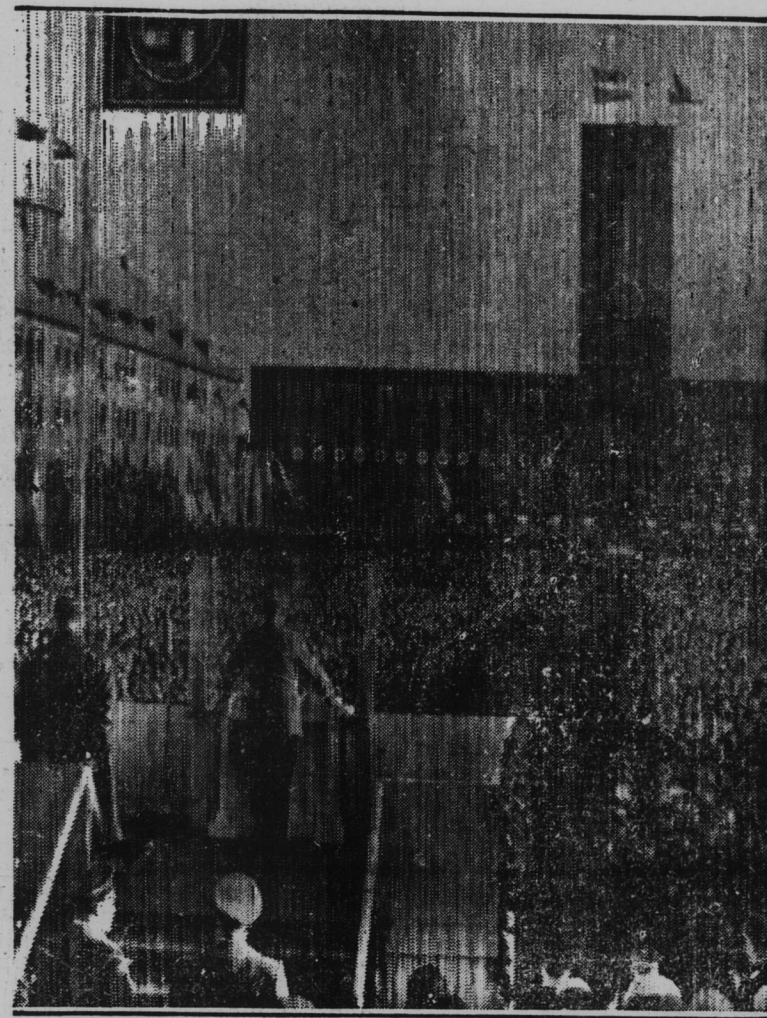
Raleigh, April 4.—What turned out to be the last public committee hearing of the 1939 session of the General Assembly was that before the House Calendar Committee Monday on the issue of an additional tax on scrap tobacco buyers.

With independent tobacco buyers arguing against the tax and farmers arguing for it, the time for the hearing was several times extended so as to give everybody a chance to be heard. Result of all the talk was that the \$1,000 tax imposed in the 1937 act on dealers in scrap tobacco was reduced to \$500, and the new proposed tax of \$250 on truck operators meandering around over the country and buying scrap tobacco was imposed.

Speaking against any tax on dealers in scrap tobacco that was not imposed on dealers in other agricul-

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### Bullet Screen Shields Hitler



Central Press Radiophoto

Sheltered by a screen of bullet-proof glass, Hitler speaks before a crowd of 80,000 cheering Germans in the North Sea port of Wilhelmshaven, at launching of the Von Tirpitz, second \$5,000-ton battleship to be added to the German navy this year. He angrily denounced foreign attempts to "encircle" Germany, hinted at a naval race with Britain, and declared Germany was ready for war "if it is forced upon us." Photo flashed from Berlin to New York by radio.

### British Consul In Iraq Assassinated, Consulate Burned

### Iraq's King Victim Of Auto Crash

#### 27-Year-Old Monarch Loses Control of Car on Returning Home Around Midnight

Bagdad, April 4.—(AP)—King Ghazi I of Iraq died early today of a skull fracture after his automobile crashed into an electric light pole. The 27-year-old monarch was returning to the palace about midnight when he lost control of the car.

Funeral arrangements were being made today. Ghazi's four-year-old son, Crown Prince Faisal, promptly was proclaimed king, but will rule under a regency headed by the brother-in-law and cousin of the late king. The regency was approved by the Chamber of Deputies, hurriedly summoned.

The five physicians who signed Ghazi's death certificate said part of the king's brain had been crushed. Ghazi acquired a liking for motoring during his three-year stay in England as a student at Harrow, one of the most aristocratic of Britain's "public schools." He liked to drive fast.

During his five and a half year reign he did much to develop friendly relations between Iraq and Great Britain. His Near Eastern kingdom controls the Iraq pipe line through which Britain receives much of her vital supply of oil, and the British have long maintained a large force of war planes in Iraq.

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Fair, slightly cooler in north central portion; scattered light frost in north central portion tonight; Wednesday generally fair.

### Troops Held Ready For Quick Move

#### Step Called "Strengthening" of Alliance With King Zog, Declared To Have Asked Specifically for Mussolini's Action

Rome, April 4.—(AP)—An Italian government radio station announced today that negotiations were under way for the strengthening of the 1927 defensive alliance between Italy and Albania. The station at Bari broadcast that, at the specific request of the king of Albania, "conversations were under way for the strengthening of the defensive alliance between the two countries."

This announcement came as diplomatic circles heard unconfirmed reports that 20,000 or more Italian troops were concentrated at Bari and Brindisi with troop ships standing by, presumably to take them to nearby Albania.

London, April 4.—(AP)—Unconfirmed reports that Italy planned to send troops to occupy Albania brought a British hint today that such action would violate the British-Italian friendship agreement.

Informed British quarters indicated that the British government, while not planning to fight Italy over Albania, would expect to be consulted over any disturbance of the "status quo regarding national sovereignties in the Mediterranean area."

The British view was expressed as Viscount Halifax, British foreign secretary, and Colonel Joseph Beck, Polish foreign minister, concluded the first of talks designed to cement Poland into a European front against further German expansion. It was understood that the British ambassador to Rome, the Earl of Perth, had been instructed to seek clarification of the report of Italian troop movements from Italian Foreign Secretary

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### Marriage Law Brings State Uncertainty

Raleigh, April 4.—(AP)—The marriage business apparently came to a standstill in North Carolina today, judging from action here and many inquiries to Thad Eure, secretary of state, about the new physical examination law enacted by the legislature yesterday.

Three couples seeking licenses from Hunter Ellington, Wake county register of deeds, were told they would have to await printing of the new law forms required by it.

Eure said he had received numerous long distance calls and telegrams from registers of deeds saying they did not know what to do under the new law, as they had not received copies. Eure told the law this afternoon, and said copies would be printed as quickly as possible. The act requires applicants for marriage licenses to file certificates showing they are disease-free. Forms are to be supplied by the State Board of Health. The law became effective upon ratification, and any one violating any provision could be fined up to \$50 or sent to jail for 30 days, or both.

Whatever else remains of the peace-loving world, if it forecasts a move by the new Spanish government to gain possession of the famous rock at the western end of the Mediterranean it means trouble compared with which the just-ending war on the Iberian peninsula will seem like small potatoes. Not that Franco signifies. But if he really plans the capture of that little corner of Spain, it necessarily follows that he has Italy back of him, and Germany back of Italy. It starts the threatened all-around European war, in short.

That Mussolini planned the early acquisition of Gibraltar wasn't anticipated. He wants it, of course, to give him complete control of the inland sea. Nevertheless, it wasn't imagined that he'd act so soon. Supposing that that's his scheme, it's

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### Great Britain Is Ready To Fight For Gibraltar

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 4.—No sooner had Gen. Franco's forces occupied Madrid than British Gibraltar took alarm. The French alarm.

The Franks, it seems, immediately began a throwing up of defenses along Gibraltar's edge in a very peculiar way. That is, are they intended for defensive purposes alone? Or do they contemplate an attempted grab of this historic strong hold of John Bull? Here's a fresh headache for the London government in particular, but in general for

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