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Pepper Asks Increase In Relief Fund

Adams Charges WPA Deliberately Increased Rolls To Force Congress To Vote More Money; Army Day Is Observed Throughout Nation

Washington, April 6.—(AP)—Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, asked the Senate today to increase the \$100,000,000 relief appropriation to \$150,000,000. The latter sum was asked by President Roosevelt, but the House approved \$100,000,000.

Pepper complained that a unanimous Senate Appropriations Committee report recommending \$100,000,000 was based on an "agreement" designed to "avoid controversy on the floor."

Defense Agreement With Poland Set Up, Chamberlain States

Britain Moving To Purge Nation of German Agents; Albania Gives Assurances Her Integrity Is Unimpaired in Italian Accord

London, April 6.—(AP)—The British government announced today a mutual defense agreement with Poland, a drive to rid Britain of German agents and assurances from Albania that her integrity was unimpaired, despite reports of pending Italian military occupations.

The Polish-British agreement, still to be signed and sealed, represented the keystone of British efforts to raise defense barricades against aggression in Europe.

The "purge" of German agents and the Albanian problem were important side issues.

Britain's part of the Polish-British alliance was a week old, but Poland's promise to aid Britain against any aggression was new—the product of three days of conversations here between British statesmen and Poland's foreign minister, Joseph Beck.

Chamberlain took note of the arrival of Italian warships at Burazzo, Albania, but said all was quiet there, and that Albania had decided she had accepted any conditions incompatible with her sovereignty and national integrity.

Home Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare told Commons that the government was taking steps to deport members of the German secret police and other Nazi organizations from Britain.

He disclosed that "steps" have been taken against three Nazis in recent weeks.

Poland sticks to policy of neighboring relations, Warsaw, April 6.—(AP)—Despite the new mutual defense accord with Britain, Poland sticks to her traditional policy of good neighborly relations, the influential Kurjer Czerwony, often used as a mouthpiece of the Polish foreign office, declared today.

The newspaper interpreted the agreement announced to the British House of Commons by Prime Minister Chamberlain as a "strengthening of Polish-British relations, which without doubt, will have an influence on the European situation by cementing and increasing peace."

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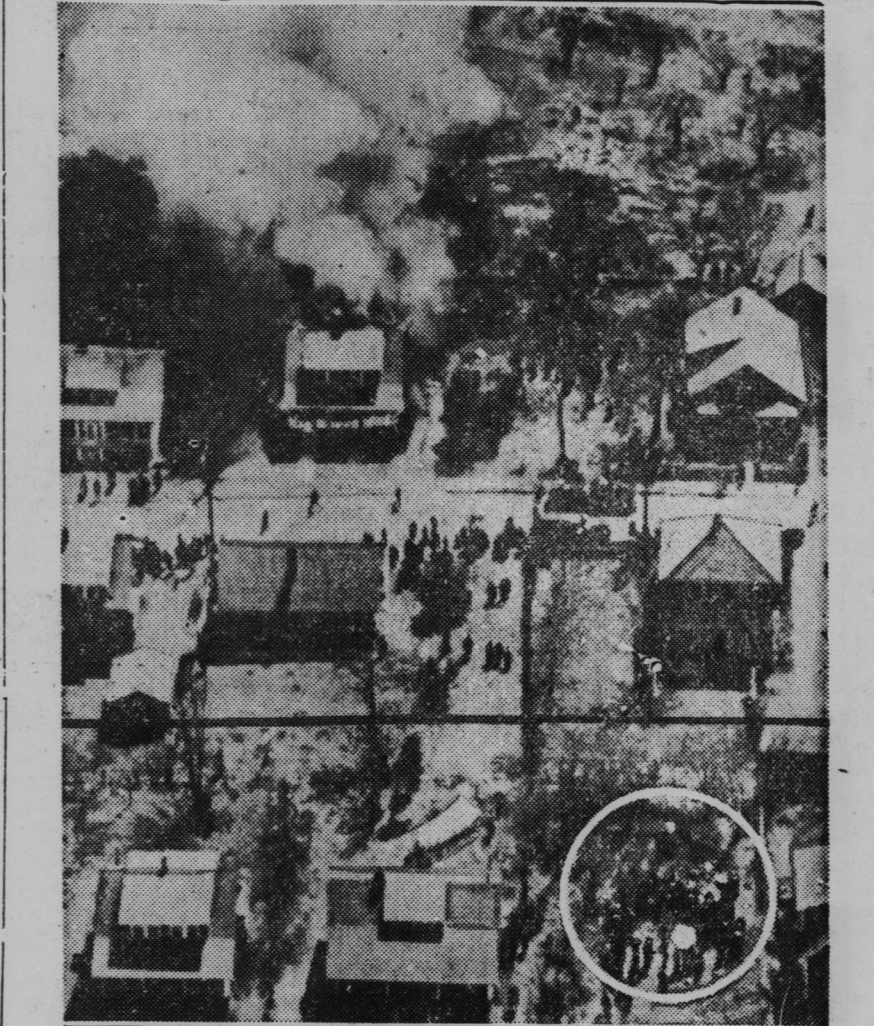
Newest Sore Spot



Albania, just across the Adriatic Sea from Italy, becomes Europe's newest sore spot with reports that Mussolini has demanded Italian troops be permitted to land there. The action, seen as preliminary to making a protectorate of King Zog's country, met with vigorous resistance from Albanian statesmen at Tirana, the capital, and strong protests by France and Great Britain.

ITALIAN CRUISERS ARE AT ALBANIAN PORTS AS OCCUPATION THREATENS

4 Die in Air Collision



Two Naval Reserve planes crashed in mid-air during ceremonies at launching of the aircraft carrier *Wasp* at Quincy, Mass. One plane sheared off the roof of an East Braintree home, smashed into another house and burst into flames, igniting the building, as shown. The body of one pilot is in foreground (circle). Four airmen died in the crash

Events Seen As Warning To Balkans

Yugoslavia and Greece Feel Menace; Mussolini Pilots Plane on Trip to Military Airport Facing Albania Across Adriatic Sea

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, April 6. (AP)—Reports reaching Tirana today told of an elaborate Italian naval display off the Albanian coast.

While private and diplomatic reports agreed that there had been no landing of troops, Italian destroyers were reported darning about the harbors of San Giovanni and Di Medua, in the north, and Valona in the south. Three Italian warships were at anchor at Durazzo.

Tirana, Albania, April 6.—(AP)—An Italian cruiser and two destroyers arrived at Durazzo, Albania, this morning as Albania feverishly discussed reports of an imminent Italian occupation.

Many Albanian reservists have been mobilized. Twenty truck loads of arms were sent yesterday to Valona, the southern port of Albania.

There was some feeling in diplomatic circles that the Albanian government might try to resist any landing of Italians. There was a distinct possibility, however, that the government might, on the other hand find a formula under which Italian occupation would be accepted.

Crowds of Albanians gathered outside the foreign ministry seeking some inkling of what was going on. People in the streets freely expressed their desire to resist any military occupation.

Plane service from Tirana to Italy was cancelled. Practically all Italians in Albania had returned to Italy. Negotiations between Albania and Italy, ostensibly toward strengthening the 1937 defensive alliance be-

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Will "Teach Chamberlain A Lesson"

Berlin, April 6.—(AP)—Nazi officials expressed the conviction today that British Prime Minister Chamberlain's attempt to build a block of nations "encircling" Germany had failed, as far as Poland was concerned.

They declared the British-Polish mutual assistance pact reached in London was far from what Chamberlain had desired.

Nazi confidence was increased by the fact that Colonel General Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German high command, and Chancellor Hitler's closest military advisor, and General Alberto Pariano, Italy's under secretary for war, had conferred at Innsbruck for the past two days.

German diplomatic comment centered on the implications that their conferences were intended "to teach Chamberlain a lesson."

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Baruch Says Trade War Means Fight

Wall Street Financier and Confidante of Wilson, Warns Senate Committee To Beware of Its Course

Washington, April 6.—(AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee heard a warning today from Bernard Baruch, Wall Street financier and confidante of President Wilson, that an economic war against the aggressor nations might lead this country into a military war.

Endorsing the principle of placing arms and munitions on a "cash and carry" basis with other products, when other countries are at war and this country is neutral, Baruch said he believed this could be done without affecting this country's neutrality status.

"I understand that some of the pressure for this legislation is the reverse of a wish to treat all nations alike," Baruch told the committee in a formal statement. "It has been suggested that the aggressor nations, if not halted, will start a European war—that if there is an American war we can't keep out of it, and that, therefore, the only way to keep out of war is now to engage in economic war against them to prevent their starting European war."

"On that theory, if our economic war fails, we will be in military war, and I think that if we make economic war that conclusion is inevitable. I am not sure that even with the utmost economic pressure we could prevent European war if it

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Heavy Snow Falls In Colorado Area

Denver, Col., April 6.—(AP)—Snow-drifted highways were open to traffic today after a post-season blizzard which hampered traffic in three states abated. During the height of the storm, when a 38-mile-an-hour wind was piling drifts several feet deep, roads were blocked between Denver and Boulder, Denver and Colorado Springs and Denver and Greeley, Col., and Cheyenne, Wyo.

The storm spread from the west to North Platte, Neb., and covered all of Colorado east of the continental divide. Temperatures dropped to below freezing.

Report Italy Still Sending Men To Spain

Paris, April 6.—(AP)—France and Britain joined in two requests to the Spanish nationalist government at Burgos today. They instructed their ambassadors to ask for clarification of rumors that Italy was continuing to send troops to Spain, although the civil war was ended, and to request permission for foreign ships to enter Alicante harbor and take aboard 4,000 Spanish republican refugees, now in the neutral zone of the eastern coastal city. The neutral zone was created shortly after the surrender of Madrid, with the approval of nationalist authorities. Former republican officials who fled from the capital were allowed free access to these zones.

It was understood the two governments consulted each other before the instructions were sent to Marshal Henri Petrain and Sir M. Peterson.

The rumors included one that 15,000 Italian troops landed at Cadix in the last few days. There was no confirmation, even in official French quarters, where it was said only that the rumors "persisted."

Comptroller Appointment Wins Acclaim

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, April 6.—President Roosevelt made a couple of exceptionally interesting appointments a few days ago—the appointment of Fred H. Brown to the comptroller generalship of the United States and the appointment of Leon Henderson to the chairmanship of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The posts are intrinsically important, and Henderson and Brown are an outstanding pair. The General Accounting Office, which Brown is to head, is a congressional pet. The White House doesn't like it a bit in its present form and tried to get it modified into practical nothingness under the recently-adopted governmental reorganization bill, but Congress wouldn't stand for any change. The Securities and Exchange Commission is a White House pet, regarded askance by many congressmen. It's pretty popular, though. Its legislative foes knew they were as powerless to abolish or cripple it as the executive mansion was to tie a noose around the general accounting office.

The comptroller general decides whether or not items of government spending are legal. It can rule against a certain item; whereupon the government can't go ahead with it. Naturally this enrages the executive end of the government, which does the spending. The SEC bosses the stock market and corporations' doings generally. Conservative lawmakers complain that it's unduly interfering—a business deterrent. But

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Officials Prepare For Frontal Attack On Trade Barriers

Chicago, April 6.—(AP)—Public officials from 44 states, the Federal government and four territories joined today to plan a nationwide attack on state trade barriers and discriminatory legislation. The Frank Bane, director of the Council of State Governments, which called the three-day conference, said "forty states have statutes establishing commissions of cooperation between the states. The culmination of six months research by state commissions and the council was the consensus that the council go on record as favoring constitutional free trade."

Delegates divided into five general committees to draw up recommendations which were to be submitted to the general sessions.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Mostly cloudy, showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight and probably near the coast Friday morning; colder tonight and Friday.

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Says Win By Japs May Be End Of China

Chapel Hill, April 6.—(AP)—T. L. Tso, first secretary of the Chinese Embassy in Washington, said today a Japanese victory "would snuff out democracy in China, and add so much more manpower and natural resources to Japan and her allies."

He spoke at a human relations institute at the University of North Carolina.

"In order to save her own existence politically, economically and culturally, preserve foreign interests and maintain peace and order, China under the leadership of General Chiang Kai-Shek, is continuing by every possible effort her war of resistance," he said.

He said China's relations with Soviet Russia were the same as those with the democracies.

"Naturally, Russia wants China to win, for she will then have no more trouble with Japan," he said.

Rural Life Program Is Quickened By New Laws

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

Raleigh, April 6.—The most comprehensive program ever promulgated for the improvement of rural living conditions in North Carolina was today sponsored by the State Grange during the 1939 session of the General Assembly.

And the legislature time after time gave evidence that it was cognizant of the fact that North Carolina is still a rural State, and when the full story of the 1939 session comes to be written and appraised in the light of experience, it will be found that agriculture and farm life came out with most substantial gains of any industry or class.

Varied Issues Before Court Coming Week

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 6.—Next week's Supreme Court calendar will present to the seven learned justices almost as diversified a set of legal problems as the number of causes to be argued allows.

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reau program was negligible. The State Grange early in the session outlined a general plan for better country living conditions, involving not only more direct appropriations for agricultural work but also further extension of esthetic and cultural services to country people.

Analysis of the acts of the legislature of the cardinal planks in the Grange platform was exemption of homesteads from taxes, either on absolute exemption of \$300 or half rate taxes on \$750. This idea failed to gain support in the assembly, but in reduced exemptions in intangible tax levies, and in the machinery act provision for no increased assessments due to improved homes and yards, large gains was made toward equalizing the tax load.

The demand for a balanced budget and for elimination of overlapping activities was only partially met. But, taken together with the plank calling for more liberal appropriations from the general fund for agricultural research, as well as adequate funds for development of a real mar-

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