

BRITAIN PRESSES RUSSIA TO JOIN ACCORD

Inaugurating New Air Route



Captain Eddy Rickenbacker, World War ace and Eastern Air Lines official, is congratulated by Josephus Daniels (right), U. S. ambassador to Mexico, after his arrival in Mexico City on inaugural flight of new air route from New York to the Mexican capital. The trip was made in thirteen hours. (Central Press)

Issues Of 1940 Campaign Are Slow In Developing

Ten Problems, One or More of Which Could Assume Acuteness, Mentioned; Ten Men Named, One of Whom Will Likely Be Next Governor

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

Raleigh, April 11.—Issues for 1940's Tar Heel gubernatorial sweepstakes have so far been extremely slow to take definite shape and form although they, like the list of prospective candidates, are almost legion in the numbering.

At this stage four years ago it could readily be seen that the sales tax would be the flaming issue of the 1936 race, with Ralph McDonald as the flaming personality. Right now no one can safely say what will be the chief issue of 1940 and no one can name the candidate whose personality will overshadow the rest of the field.

The next governor of North Carolina is probably included in this list of ten names (1) Wilkins P. Horton, (2) Allen J. Maxwell, (3) Charles

M. Johnson, (4) Thomas E. Cooper, (5) J. M. Broughton, (6) Libby Ward, (7) Lee Gravely, (8) Bill Fenner, (9) Willis Smith and (10) Ed Flanagan.

The main issues of the campaign are probably included in this list of ten: (1) Diversion of highway funds; (2) homestead exemption; (3) teacher retirement; (4) extension of ad valorem taxes for State purposes; (5) too many people spending too much money in Raleigh; (6) sales tax; (7) labor; (8) liquor; (9) O. Max Gardner and (10) the New Deal.

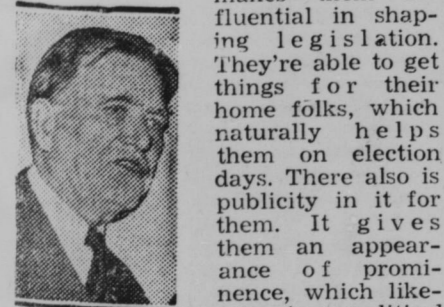
Look over the list of likely candidates and there's only a couple who can by any stretch of the imagination be called "colorful". When the names of Tom Cooper and Bill Fenner have been passed, that's all there is, there isn't any more. The other

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Committee Chairs Lure Congressmen

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, April 11.—Generally speaking senators and representatives like to be members of important committees. It makes them influential in shaping legislation. They're able to get things for their home folks, which naturally helps them on election days. There also is publicity in it for them.



Borah

It gives them an appearance of prominence, which likewise is a political asset; their constituencies are proud of them. Take Senator William E. Borah, for example. He's a member of the upper congressional chamber's Foreign Relations Committee. That's a key group just now, on account of the disturbed state of international affairs. The Idaho sojourner used to be chairman. He isn't today, because he calls himself a Republican (really he's an independent), the Republicans are in a minority and all the chairmen are majority-ites. But, anyway, Borah established his reputation as foreign relations chairman. I don't say he wouldn't have established it on his individual merits even without his chairmanship, but that certainly was very useful to him. Senator Key Pittman is chairman now, so that makes him extra-consequential—maybe more so than he's personally entitled to be. Oh, a good committee membership is valuable, but a first class chairmanship? That's the acme.

Some Not Important. Parenthetically: Some committees

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Judge's Wife Denounced In Smuggling

New York, April 11.—(AP)—Mrs. Edgar J. Lauer, the 58-year-old wife of a State Supreme Court Justice, was denounced today by Federal Judge Vincent Leibell as a woman "of insane vanity" and sentenced to three months in jail on her plea of guilty to smuggling and conspiracy. She was fined \$2,500 as well.

Some of the go-between in a series of smuggling adventures which have involved not only Mrs. Lauer but George Burns and Jack Benny, the comedians, was sentenced by another Federal judge, Murray Hulbert to five years in prison and fined \$5,000.

Thus the government cleaned its docket of the Chaperau affair, Benny and Burns having previously pleaded guilty and paid fines of \$10,000 and \$8,000 respectively.

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Albania's Queen Seriously Ill Of Sickness, Strain

Larissa, Greece, April 11.—(AP)—Albania's Queen Geraldine, seriously ill, was removed to a hospital today from a private villa where she had taken refuge from her Italian-invasion capital, Tirana. Her six-day-old son, with whom she fled from Tirana last Friday was said to be in good health.

The beautiful young queen, of American-Hungarian parentage was running a high temperature as a result of the strain and shock from her trip over rough highways by ambulance from Tirana.

King Zog was with her and the child.

Barter Plan Opposed In Some Views

Others Give Approval on Ground of War Strategy; Called "Another New Deal Idea for Planned Economy"

New York, April 11.—(AP)—The administration's proposal to barter surplus cotton and wheat for rubber and tin met a mixture of approval, on grounds of war strategy, and outright disfavor, a canvas of representative trade opinion indicated today.

Spokesmen for commodity and manufacturing interests declined to be quoted directly, but discussed the idea informally. Some said they wished to see the plan take more concrete form before taking a definite stand. One condemned the plan as another "New Deal idea for planned economy", and a "disguised" proposal for a cotton export subsidy.

A leading rubber importer, however, noted the tremendous growth of plantation rubber production in the Far East since the last war had put a new face on the aspect of the rubber supply, coupled with the threat of Japanese expansion in the Far East across the lanes of commerce with the supplying areas.

FOREIGN NATIONS ASKED ABOUT BARTER PROPOSAL

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—The administration, it was learned today, already has sounded out Great Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands on a proposal to barter surplus American cotton and wheat for two war materials, rubber and tin. Formal negotiations will be undertaken by the State Department in a few days. The plan was disclosed last night by Senator Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina, who said the barter arrangement could be extended to other nations that supply essential materials that might be difficult to obtain in the event of war. Byrnes said the plan had the approval of both Secretaries Hull and Wallace.

Court Hears Plea For Burglar Tried In Wake Tribunal

Raleigh, April 11.—(AP)—Oral arguments in the appeal of Arthur Morris, convicted of first degree burglary in Wake county, were presented to the Supreme Court today. Morris, a Negro, was sentenced to die late in 1938. J. C. Little, Raleigh attorney, appeared in his behalf. R. W. Wetzel, of the State attorney general's office, spoke for the State.

Morris was convicted of entering the house of Dr. W. B. Dewar, of Raleigh, in December, 1937. The tribunal hands down opinions tomorrow.

Nature Halts New Hog Crop

Chicago, April 11.—(AP)—Mother Nature is applying the brakes to the rising trend of the nation's hog production, a corn belt survey indicated today. Unusually heavy losses among spring pig litters in important hog producing states were reported. Agricultural experts said nature's

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Beaufort Sheriff Wounded Near Ear With His Own Gun

Rocky Mount, April 11.—(AP)—Sheriff J. K. Reid, 48, of Washington county, was in a local hospital today suffering from a bullet wound beneath the ear which he told physicians he suffered accidentally.

Attending physicians quoted Sheriff Reid, who lives at Plymouth as saying his gun fell to the floor when he was in the act of placing it on the dresser in his home Sunday night. The physician said the bullet did not pierce the bone, but painfully injured his ear after penetrating and lodging in the skin. He came here yesterday for treatment.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, showers probable tonight and Wednesday; somewhat colder Wednesday and in north central portion tonight.

As Italian Troops Landed in Albania



Italian troops disembark from their transport ship at Durazzo, Albania, to conquer the tiny mountain kingdom. King Zog's puny army made a futile stand against Mussolini's legions, war planes and tanks. This photograph was telephoned from Rome to London then flashed to New York by radio.

Roosevelt Again Pleads For Entire Relief Sum He Asked

Britain Told Not to Use Greek Port

Would Be Considered Hostile Act by Italy, Gayda Says in His Newspaper; Franco's Army of 1,000,000 Men To Be Held For Year

Rome, April 11.—(AP)—The authoritative fascist spokesman, Virginio Gayda declared today that Italy would consider as a hostile act the use of a Greek port by the British navy. His statement in Il Giornale d'Italia was made in a denial that the Italian army's occupation of Albania was a threat to the safety of Greece or meant as an attempt to gain territory in the Balkans.

It came as the fascist press declared that Italian assurances to Greece of her safety from any Italian aggression were implicit in an official announcement of the Athens government (and followed London reports, denied by the Admiralty, that British warships were concentrating at the Greek island of Corfu).

A Turkish newspaper reported meanwhile that Spanish General Franco's army of 1,000,000, of whom half are Falangistas (Spanish fascists) would remain under arms another year. Nothing was said about withdrawal from Spain of Italian troops (whose presence on Spanish soil caused concern in London and Paris).

Newspapers cited a government statement broadcast in Greece yesterday which said Premier Metaxas' regime was in position "to give the Greek people assurances that Greek independence and integrity are fully secured."

Italians added that they could only laugh at the suggestion that the Greek government meant Britain had guaranteed Greece's independence.

CAFE AT REIDSVILLE IS ROBBED OF \$300

Reidsville, April 11.—The Sanitary cafe was robbed last night of approximately \$300, all of the money in bills. The safe, located on Scales street, is owned and operated by Frank Pares and John Menzies. A police officer discovered about 3 o'clock this morning that a window was broken at the back of the cafe, and the owners were notified. Upon investigation it was found that the bills were missing from a cash box kept in the safe. The thieves left \$70 in silver in the box.

Mere Matter of Arithmetic as to How Many Must Lose Jobs if Money Is Withheld, He Writes Pepper; Leaders See President

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said in a letter to Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, today that it was a matter of arithmetic that between 300,000 and 400,000 work relief jobs would be eliminated if Congress appropriated only \$100,000,000 for the WPA. Mr. Roosevelt originally asked for \$150,000,000 appropriation. The House voted \$100,000,000, and Pepper has been leading a Senate fight for the full appropriation.

Pepper had inquired as to the President's views on the reduction. "In reply to your inquiry," Mr. Roosevelt wrote, "I think there is nothing for me to add or subtract from what I have made clear on so many occasions since last January. The sole question of continuing relief to July 1 is one of arithmetic."

"If \$100,000,000 is voted, between 300,000 and 400,000 fewer people can be given work relief than if \$150,000,000 is voted, and, in addition, practically none of the 700,000 on the waiting list can be given employment."

Pepper and his supporters had been hopeful Mr. Roosevelt was asked for some new statement in favor of the full appropriation. Debate on the \$100,000,000 bill was resumed at about the time the President's letter was made public.

Representative Rayburn, Texas, House Democratic leader, was asked after a conference of Democratic congressional leaders with President Roosevelt if an important decision had been reached. Rayburn replied that the President would tell about them at his press conference this afternoon.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh advised the House Foreign Affairs

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Forest Fire Fatal Rutherford Man

Rutherfordton, April 11.—(AP)—Fires which destroyed huge forests west of here yesterday and caused the death of a warden were brought under control today. Robert Whitesides, 68, the warden, died last night in a Rutherfordton hospital of injuries received when struck by a falling tree.

New Regime Being Formed For Albania

Tirana, Albania, April 11.—(AP)—The provisional Albanian council has convoked a constituent assembly for 4 p. m. tomorrow, it was authoritatively announced today, while Italian troops pushed toward completion their occupation of the mountainous country.

Calling of the assembly was the

SAYS GOVERNMENT TO GET MONEY BACK

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—Jesse H. Jones predicted last night "very little ultimate loss" from the government's vast lending program. In a broadcast the chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation said temporary government agencies had authorized about \$20,000,000 in credits to provide employment and promote the economic stability of the country.

"There will be very little ultimate loss of the federal treasury from this volume of credit," he said.

Wagner Challenges Foes Of Act to Offer Changes

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, challenged advocates of a revised labor relations act today to prove that their suggestions would help the operations of the law and not destroy it.

"Any diminution of its effectiveness would be a national evil," Wagner told the Senate Labor Committee. "Its mutilation would be a national calamity."

As the committee took up the work of modifying the act, Wagner declared if the need for alterations were shown, he would introduce amendment; or support those of other senators. He said repeatedly, however, that the basic principles of the act are sound.

He said he would support proposals to let employers petition for elections to ascertain which bargaining agency should represent their workers, but contended that a ruling of the labor board and not the act itself prevented such petitions.

A comprehensive series of amendments have been proposed by the American Federation of Labor as an aftermath of controversies between its craft unions and the industrial unions of the CIO. The AFL also would restrict powers of the labor board to invalidate existing union contracts.

Polish Pact Alone Can't Stop Hitler

Soviets Propose Wide Agreement To Include Most of Balkans; British Fleet in Mediterranean Is Concentrating at Malta

London, April 11.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain laid his plans for a broad anti-aggression alliance before King George in a long conference at Buckingham Palace today after the sovereign had broken his Easter holiday at Windsor Castle for a swift review of disturbing political maneuvers over the eastern half of Europe.

The king decided, however, to return to Windsor Castle tonight. An authoritative statement, evidently intended to put a halt to rumors that he was considering cancellation of his visit to the United States and Canada, said the monarch's sole purpose in coming to London was to learn of international events at first-hand.

It was explained he had made the trip rather than have Chamberlain take the time to travel to Windsor Castle.

London, April 11.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain intensified today his efforts to bring Soviet Russia into a European anti-aggression pact as reports reacted London of mounting Rome-Berlin activity in Spain and the Balkans.

Soviet Ambassador Maisky visited the foreign office this morning for a conference with Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax. It was reported reliably that he had expressed the Soviet view that the British-Polish mutual aid pact was not enough to stop the axis powers, and to have discussed the possibility of a wide agreement, which would include Roumania, Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria.

The diplomatic activity coincided with concentration of the British Mediterranean fleet, which was hastily mustered from scattered ports and steamed toward a rendezvous said by the Admiralty in London to be Malta in a show of power, apparently intended to reassure the Balkans against any aggressive Rome-Berlin move.

Admiralty officials denied that any British ships were near the Greek island of Corfu, off the Albanian coast, or in any other Greek

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Assurances Sent Greece By Italians

Integrity Will Be Respected Along With Corfu; British Fleet Movements Still Mystery

Athens, Greece, April 11.—(AP)—Greek newspapers announced today "we are in position to assert that the Italian government gave to Greece categorical assurances" that it would respect the integrity of Greece, including the island of Corfu. Editorial statements along this line were printed in morning papers as footnotes to reports from Berlin and London Italy had assured Britain she had no intention of infringing on Greek territorial rights.

The mystery concerning British fleet movements in the Mediterranean deepened when responsible Athens sources were unable to confirm reports that British warships were plying the waters off the island of Corfu. At the same time, Greeks said they considered it only natural if Britain should take steps to guard the integrity of Corfu. They pointed out that neutrality of the island is guaranteed in perpetuity by the terms of a treaty of 1862 among Britain, Denmark, Russia and Greece, by which the island was ceded to Greece.

(The island was under British administration from 1809, when the French were driven out until its cession to Greece in 1862.) Public uneasiness growing out of Italy's Albanian invasion was partially relieved by reports of Italy's non-aggression declaration to Greece.