

ROOSEVELT ASKS THREE NEW AGENCIES

Largest Defense Budget Since World War Given To House of Commons

Sir John Simon Tells Commons Country Is 'Fairly Aroused to Further Sacrifice', and 'There Must Be Additional Taxation'

London, April 25.—(AP)—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced Britain's largest budget since the World War in the House of Commons and announced the government would spend 630,000,000 pounds (\$3,150,000,000) for defense and probably more.

'The country is fairly aroused to further sacrifice,' Sir John said in announcing the huge total for defense expenditures, 'there must be additional taxation,' he told an intent House.

At least half of the defense costs will be met by loans. Britain will spend nearly 50 percent of an estimated 1,300,000,000 pounds for defense.

Sir John disclosed 5,000,000 pounds had been set aside for expenditure for food reserves in the new budget for the 1939-40 fiscal year which began April 1.

Meantime, some form of compulsory national service—perhaps a relatively limited measure at first—was reliably understood to have been agreed upon by the British government with the intention of making the decision known before Chancellor Hitler answers the Rooseveltian peace appeal Friday.

An opportunity for announcement of the government's decision will come tomorrow when a motion calling for conscription will be before the House of Lords.

Newspapermen Open Convention In New York City

New York, April 25.—(AP)—American Newspaper Publishers opened their annual convention today with 'improved and more optimistic' outlook than that prevailing during the past two years.

Vance Stahlman, of the Nashville Banner, president of the association, presided. Only one session was scheduled for today to permit the visiting newspapermen to attend a preview of the New York World's Fair and participate in dedication exercises in the fair ground on 'freedom of press' statue.

Stahlman was to deliver the principal address.

The morning session was devoted to the problem of newspapers in small cities.

John Stewart, Washington, Pennsylvania, Observer, was chairman and Talbot Patrick, Goldsboro, N. C., News-Argus, assisted him.

Terracing Units Build Many Miles

48 Units in 41 Counties Have Made 10,000 Miles Terraces, Protecting 150,000 Acres of Land

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 25.—Operating in 41 counties of the State, 48 terracing units available to farmers have built more than 10,000 miles of terraces and made more than 150,000 acres of North Carolina farm lands less vulnerable to erosion and resultant decrease in soil fertility.

These figures are based on estimates made from the last available report of all units to the Department of Agricultural Engineering at State College, of which David S. Weaver is in charge.

This report, which included all work through last October showed a total terraced of 136,291 acres, with 4,987 linear miles of terraces built. Average cost per acre terraced for the entire state was \$1.94 and average cost per 100 feet of terrace constructed under 55 cents.

The terracing units are under control of special cooperative organiza-

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McLean Re-Elected As AP President

New York, April 25.—(AP)—Robert McLean, of the Philadelphia Bulletin, today was reelected president of the Associated Press.

At the same time, the Board of Directors announced E. Lansing Ray of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, first vice president and Stuart A. Perry, of the Adrian Michigan Telegram, second vice-president.

Secretary Kent Cooper, as assistant secretary Lloyd Stratton, and treasurer L. F. Curtis were reelected.

Rigid Press Law Forbids Jew Attacks

Government Expresses Fear Some Section French Press Paid by Germany and Italy to Foster Attacks on Race and Religion

Paris, April 25.—(AP)—The French clamped down today a rigid press law forbidding publication of foreign propaganda and attacks on race or religion under the penalty of severe fines and imprisonment.

The government's sweeping control, established under its Parliament, conferred dictatorial decree powers, were believed to be directed principally toward curbing a growing number of pamphlets attacking Jews and an increasing number of political journals accused of being subsidized from abroad.

Members of the government in the past have expressed fear that money from Germany and Italy was being sent to some sections of the French press either as outright bribes or disguised as advertising.

Involved in the government's concern was a fear that colored news dispatches might divide French public opinion in times of crisis.

Leftist newspapers have accused rightist sheets of being financed by German and Italian sources.

The Rightists have been retorting that the Leftist press is being subsidized by Soviet Russia.

While the decree was now worded is the government's power only to persecute government offenders in courts after publication, the anti-propaganda law contains a clause which some sources said the government might hold as a club over newspapers.

The decree said a future measure will regulate conditions for enforcing a declaration of all funds received for publicity of any sort.

It was pointed out that this might be amplified to give the government power to investigate the financial records of any newspaper.

The decree, signed by President LeBrun last Friday, was kept secret until the publication of the official journal today. It was frankly declared to be designed to ratify the French press liberties law, more than a half century old.

Bolivia Calm With Busch As Dictator

La Paz, Bolivia, April 25.—(AP)—Bolivia received with apparent calm today 35-year old President Busch's assumption of dictatorial powers as 'the only road toward reinvigorating the republic internally and internationally.'

A presidential manifesto yesterday condemned left and right wing 'extremist tendencies' threatening to spread the country and divide Bolivia. He 'saw with pain' Nazi and Fascist 'tendencies which are not acceptable in this country.'

Interest in some circles centered on congressional elections. Those scheduled on May 4 will not be conducted, but others may be held later.

Rumanian Diplomat in London



Grigore Gafencu (left), Rumanian foreign minister, is greeted by Lord Halifax, England's foreign secretary, upon his arrival in London from Berlin, where he was feted by Hitler and the German government.

Elizabeth City Doctor Faces Indictment

Wilmington, April 25.—(AP)—A federal Grand Jury here today returned an indictment charging Dr. Claude B. Williams, of Elizabeth City, of 140 counts of violating the Federal Narcotics Act.

Each count alleges that the doctor would 'sell, barter, exchange, or give away' a quantity of 36 1-2 grains hypodermic tablets of morphine sulphate to satisfy the craving of the person named as the recipient in that count, and not for the treatment of any disease.

Persons to whom he allegedly gave the prescription are named in the indictments as: Helen Goodman, otherwise known as Jackie; Jennie Hucks, otherwise known as Virginia McCormick; Alma Knight; Elizabeth Mosker, otherwise known as Margaret Mosker; Ellen Johnson, otherwise known as Christine Stokes; A. L. Williams, otherwise known as Bill; and J. Milton, otherwise known as Milton C. Tilden.

WILLIAM SERVES PASQUOTANK AS COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

Elizabeth City, April 25.—(AP)—Dr. C. B. Williams, at present Pas-

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Tarquinio Pleads Insanity, Faces Charge of Murder

Baltimore, April 25.—(AP)—Aurilio Marco Tarquinio plead innocent by reason of insanity today to a charge he murdered his house keeper, Mrs. Evelyn Rice, and buried her head in his flower garden.

The court set May 22 for the trial of the 45-year old steel worker and foreign tavern keeper, accused of killing Mrs. Rice and burying the body, parts of which were found in sewers.

European War Would Not Disorganize U. S. As In '14

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, April 25.—If war breaks out in Europe, economic experts are of the opinion that its immediate effects upon American business will by no means be as disorganizing as was the case in 1914.

The conferees went into a great

League Fate Debated By Methodist

Epworth League Faces Extinction, Not Recognized Under New Methodist Church; Two Plans Are Offered

Kansas City, April 25.—(AP)—Fate of the Epworth League which numbers 350,000 Methodist Episcopal young people is one of the questions to be solved in the Methodist Uniting Conference here.

The league is not recognized in the new Methodist church which will meet Wednesday to set up.

The Methodist Episcopal South church has a division carrying on all youth work in the church and the Protestant Methodists sponsored the Christian Endeavor society.

'Two plans are offered the Uniting Conference in regard to young people's work,' Dr. Edward Staples,

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STATE ASKS BIDS ON VARIED PRODUCTS

Raleigh, April 25.—(AP)—The state division of purchase and contract Monday called for bids to be submitted by May 4 on soaps, shoes and pupils' record envelopes.

Other articles to be bought by the state at that time are corrugated metal pipe, creosoted lumber, structural and miscellaneous steel, lubricants, lima beans, discharge suits for prisoners, vertical stripe prison cloth, men's cotton undershirts and fever therapy apparatus.

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Loan, Work And Security Be Created

President Feels Some of These Economies Can Be Brought About Immediately; Would Group Many of Relief Agencies Under Work

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt submitted to Congress today a sweeping government reorganization plan calling for creation of three new government agencies by merging welfare, works, and lending functions.

A further point of the plan, first to be projected under the recently enacted government reorganization act, called for transfer of the Budget Bureau from the Treasury to the executive office.

A new federal security agency would be created as well as a federal works agency and a federal loan agency.

Big Annual Saving. The first executive estimate the reorganization plan would result in an annual saving of from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. He planned the present overhead of all the agencies concerned at about \$235,000,000.

'Certain of these economies can be brought about almost immediately,' Mr. Roosevelt asserted. 'Others will require a painstaking and gradual readjustment in the machinery and business practices of the government.'

The plan becomes effective at the end of 60 days unless both houses of Congress vote against it.

New Agencies Include.

Under the security agency would be grouped the social security board now an independent establishment; the United States Employment Service, now in the Department of Labor; the office of Education, now in the Department of the Interior; the Public Health Service, now in the Treasury Department; the National Youth Administration, now under Works Progress Administration; and the Civilian Conservation Corps, now independent.

In the federal works agency would be grouped the WPA except for the Youth Administration, the Public Works Administration and U. S. Housing Authority, now under the Interior; the Bureau of Public Records under Agriculture; the public buildings branch of the treasury procurement division and the branch of building management of the National Park Service so far as it is concerned with public buildings which it operates for other departments or agencies now under Interior.

The name of the WPA would be changed to Works Projects Administration, 'in order to make its title more descriptive of its major purpose,' the President explained.

Other developments: The Senate approved \$508,789,824 appropriation for army defense activities during the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

Of the total \$94,737,281 will go for the purchase of about 600 modern fighting planes. Another \$51,173,000 will be spent for special equipment as semi-automatic rifles, tanks, and anti-aircraft guns as finally passed the bill \$7,116,986 less than the sum recommended by the War Department, but about \$53,000,000.

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Bank Here Buys Notes From Warren

Raleigh, April 25.—(AP)—The local government commission showed \$583,500 worth of bonds today for Perquimans county, Hickory, Franklin and Nester consolidated school district of Buncombe county.

Blythe, Inc., of New York, Kirchofer and Arnold, Inc., of Raleigh, bought the \$463,000 Perquimans road and bridge refunding bonds at a \$640 premium. The first \$135,000 of maturities to be paid 4 percent, the remainder, 4 1-4 percent. The two issues of Town of Franklin bonds went to Van, Young, and Hardin, Inc., and William Greene & Co., both of Winston-Salem.

The Citizens Bank & Trust Co., of Henderson, took a \$2,000 Warren county revenue anticipation note at par, with 2 1-2 percent interest.

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Ribbentrop In No Hurry To Return to London As Ambassador of Germany

Premier of Turkey



Dr. Refik Saydam (above), as premier of Turkey plays an important role in the European crisis, with both Britain and Germany wooing his country, which controls the Dardanelles. Franz von Papen, Reich diplomat who laid the groundwork for the Austrian Anschluss, has been named envoy to Turkey. (Central Press)

Foreign Minister Quite Busy Aiding Hitler in Preparing Speech Reply to Roosevelt and Negotiations With Yugoslavia

Berlin, April 25.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop, taking the British prime minister at his word that Sir Neville Henderson is charged with no special mission, was in no hurry to receive his Britannical Majesty's ambassador today.

Henderson, who returned to Berlin yesterday after an absence since March 17—after Germany dismembered Czechoslovakia—hoped to see Von Ribbentrop this morning.

But the foreign minister's office informed the British ambassador that Von Ribbentrop would not be in today.

A Wilhelmstrasse spokesman pointed out that the foreign minister is a very busy man these days, what with supplying information to Chancellor for his speech Friday, preparing himself for negotiations with the Yugoslav foreign minister who is to arrive today, and arranging for an approaching visit of the Hungarian premier and his foreign minister.

Meanwhile, Hitler's newspaper, mockingly asked whether President Roosevelt would guarantee not to 'attack Haiti and San Domingo in the next twenty-five years.'

Renewing an intensive anti-Roosevelt campaign, it ridiculed the United States President for worrying about 'so many states, the names of which many Americans heard for the first time from the jolly non-aggressive list', in his message to the fuhrer proposing peace guarantees to 31 nations.

Naming Of Kimzey Fools Forecasters

Appointment of Transylvanian to Industrial Commission Regarded as Good One; Few Forecasters Picked Him for Job

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, April 25.—Appointment of Pat Kimzey, Transylvania legislator, to the North Carolina Industrial Commission shows the hazards, perils and pitfalls which beset the path of him who would be a political forecaster. And this story isn't an alibi for a gam guess, either, because this correspondent almost religiously refrained from making any prediction of the new commissioner because it could find nothing reliable on which to base one.

The fact remains that those who did guess Kimzey as the appointee are able to point with pride only because the proffer of the industrial post was declined by one whom nobody even mentioned in pre-appointive speculation. And further fact is that not one single, solitary seer would have been correct if the place had been accepted by J. Wilbur Bunn, Raleigh attorney to whom it was offered according to information of the utmost reliability.

The post was among the most

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AP Discusses Broadcasting Of Its News

New York, April 25.—(AP)—The question of broadcasting Associated Press news on commercially sponsored radio programs has been put before the organization's board of directors for action at the request of Associated Press members.

At their annual meeting yesterday the members adopted a resolution urging the board to consider such broadcasts.

They likewise approved an amendment of the association's certificate of incorporation which would assign as one of its objectives the supplying of news not only to member papers 'ut to others entitled to the use thereof.'

The resolution asking a 'full hearing' concerning the broadcast of news was offered by Charles Manchip of the Baton Rouge State Times.

Hoey to Reappoint Brower and Clark To Budget Group

Charlotte, April 25.—(AP)—Governor Hoey said today he planned to reappoint A. S. Brower, of Durham, and J. H. Clark, of Elizabethtown, as members of the State Advisory Budget Commission when their terms expire in the next few weeks.

The Governor said he would start immediate study of the list of appointments he must make before July 1.

It was indicated that he planned to reappoint Dudley Bagley as chairman and director of the State Rural Electrification System, and that few changes would be made in other appointive posts.

Army Service In Britain Is Compulsory

Sharp Increase in Sugar and Tobacco Taxes; Automobile Owner Is Hardest Hit by Tax

London, April 24.—(AP)—The British cabinet meeting in extraordinary session was reliably reported tonight to have outlined a new compulsory military service bill while the nation learned the vast indirect tax levy proposed to meet an arms-swollen budget.

It was understood that the new compulsory service bill would provide for:

- 1. Military physical training. 2. Enforced military training for men between 19 and 21 years. Sharply increased tobacco and sugar taxes were announced today by Sir John Simon, chancellor of the Exchequer, introducing the 1939 budget in the House of Commons but the automobile owner was the hardest hit.

It was believed the government was pushing its plans for a new military service system with the intention of announcing them before Chancellor Hitler answers the Rooseveltian peace appeal Friday.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy with scattered showers tonight; slightly warmer in north central portion tonight.