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Winston Churchill Turns Recruiting Officer



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Winston Churchill (facing microphone), veteran British statesman, plays the role of recruiting officer as he addresses a huge crowd gathered outside his mansion in London. While Churchill was seeking voluntary recruits for England's defense forces, the French government was reported putting pressure on Premier Chamberlain to introduce compulsory military service. Photo was flashed by radio from London to New York.

Jurors And Trade Act In High Court

Convicted Negro Appeals from Death Sentence Because Negroes Excluded from Venire: "Fair Trade Act" Validity to be Tested

Raleigh, April 26.—The Supreme Court calendar will be featured next week on the criminal side by efforts of a convicted Negro to escape the gas chamber because, he contends, members of his race were systematically excluded from New Hanover county juries. On the civil side, chief interest will center on arguments for and against the constitutionality of North Carolina's "Fair Trade Act" of 1937, an act which Superior Court Judge Henry L. Stevens consigned to the trash can in a lower court decision.

James Henderon, Wilmington Negro, was convicted for the slaying of Mrs. Stella Hobbs on November 6, 1938. A week later he was arraigned and tried, sentenced to die. His attorneys, Alan A. Marshall and "Bill" Jones, court appointed, base their appeal on the contention that Negroes have been systematically excluded from New Hanover juries. They offered Clerk Tom Woody of the board of county commissioners who testified that in his fifteen years experience names of Negroes were put into the jury box only once. Court selected the fact that no Negroes whatsoever were drawn on the venire examined to serve at Henderson's trial.

They also contend that they were forced to go to trial 24 hours after being appointed by the court—a period they claim much too short to permit adequate preparation of their client's defense.

The killing of Mrs. Hobbs was a sensational one which attracted much attention. Her body was found near

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FDR Asked To Intervene In Coal Strike

New York, April 26.—(AP)—Increasing demands for personal intervention by President Roosevelt today accompanied growing political and industrial activity over the soft coal contract controversy that has kept 350,000 Appalachian and Alabama miners idle since April 1.

For the second straight day Dr. John Steelman, acting as the U. S. Labor Department's official mediator went before the sub-committee of four miners and four operators that has been meeting almost daily since March 14.

Dr. Steelman refused to comment after his first comments yesterday with the sub-committee, deadlocked over the United Mine Workers demand for a closed shop or the elimination of strike penalty closes.

Jail Mother In Poisoning Of Husband

Philadelphia, April 26.—(AP)—A slender 41-year-old mother of two children was jailed on a murder charge in a four state poison ring early today after assistant district attorney Vincent McDevitt said, "she admitted she killed her husband of 20 years for \$7,000 of insurance money."

The woman, identified by McDevitt as Mrs. Ramaldo, was the sixth person charged with murder in connection with the case.

A man already has been convicted in a death sentence verdict and another woman has confessed poisoning three persons. Three are awaiting trial.

The Philadelphia Record quoted a "high police official" as saying a signed statement by Mrs. Ramaldo disclosed for the first time the secret inner workings of the poison ring and as a result approximately 75 additional arrests on murder charges would be made in a month.

Only War Can Stop Visit Of King George

London, April 26.—(AP)—Nothing short of a declaration of war will make "the slightest difference" in plans for the North American trip of King George and Queen Elizabeth Buckingham Palace sources said today.

Palace officials said there had been no change in original plans for the departure May 6 for Canada and the United States on the Cruiser "Repulse" and only "something pretty serious" could alter them.

Other informed sources, however, said Prime Minister Chamberlain would tell the House of Commons today of alternative arrangements in

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he could so popularize skymanhood that there'd be no controlling the public demand for a force of American fighting planes about twice the strength of the combined potencies of all the rest of the world's powers.

Cigarette Strikers Back At Work

Liggett & Myers Durham and Richmond Plants Resume Work, With Union Leaders Getting 'Closed Shop'

Richmond, Va., April 26.—(AP)—Employees of Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., at Richmond and Durham, N. C. plants returned to work today after ratifying an agreement described by union leaders as giving them "99.99 percent closed shop."

Company representatives and spokesmen for striking members of the international tobacco workers union announced yesterday an agreement had been reached ending the nine day strike by some 900 union employees of the local plant. Representatives of the Durham local were members of the union's negotiating committee.

The union required "preferential shops" closed in the proposed new contract as well as a blanket 5c per hour wage increase.

In lieu of the preferential shop closing the union accepted a company statement which as read to the union membership by President W. O. Harbarger said:

"In the interest of promoting a more harmonious relationship the company approves of its employees becoming members of the union and therefore it is further desired by the company that those employees not now members of the union shall become members."

The agreement also provided for an upward adjustment of wages for several classifications.

Meeting of Masons

New Bern, April 26.—(AP)—The annual spring reunion of Scottish rite Masons of the valley of New Bern opened here Tuesday. The sessions will end Thursday.

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Army Service In Britain Is Mandatory

Men 20 and 21 Must Serve Six Months in Army; Conscription Designed to Warn Axis Nations, and Assure Britain's Guarantees

London, April 26.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain, in an unprecedented statement in the House of Commons today, announced that Britain will compel all men of ages of 20 and 21 to bear arms in the British army.

These men who were born during or immediately after the World War will be compelled, Chamberlain said to serve for six months in regular army units and then will be given the choice of joining the territorial army or the army reserve.

According to the last census there were 747,131 men of those ages in England, Scotland, and Wales, but it was believed that not more than half of them would be available.

The announcement brought compulsory peace-time military service to Britain for the first time in modern times. This break with traditional of voluntary service was designed as a warning to Germany and Italy and as an assurance to Poland, Rumania, and Greece, that she is prepared to back her guarantee of their independence by drastic measures.

Prior to his conscription announcement, Chamberlain had said that Britain was ready to discuss with German government a "general settlement."

"In response to a question Chamberlain said, 'The British government would be ready to take part in a discussion with the German government with a view to a general settlement if they were satisfied such a discussion would be welcome and would be likely to have useful results.'"

Chamberlain said that "although the British government had not received any specific invitation from President Roosevelt to participate in a world conference, we have made it clear we warmly welcomed his initiative and would be willing to participate in any conference."

Coast Guard Surf Men To Be Retired

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—Representative Warren, (Democrat, North Carolina) said today he would ask early house consideration of his bill to provide for retirement of coast guard surf-men after twenty years of service.

The bill received unanimous approval of the House Merchant Marine Committee.

It would set up a coast guard enlisted personnel board which would annually recommend for retirement a certain number of enlisted men with twenty or more years of service.

Under the provisions the number of surf-men who could be retired in any one fiscal year could not exceed one percent of the total enlisted force.

Retired surf-men also would be subject to recall to active duty.

Politest Girl



Patricia Gilligan (above) received the title of "Miss Courtesy" after being selected as the most polite girl in New York City. The 10-year-old lady was named winner on basis of tests given to more than 100,000 children. (Central Press)

Says Base Of Democracy Is Citizenship

President Tells Children's Conference When Man Frees Mind, They Have Power to Become Free Themselves

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told the White House children's conference today that democracy's success rested not on "territory, financial power, machines or armaments" but on the "dearly-lying satisfaction" of its citizenship.

In an address broadcast to the nation, Mr. Roosevelt touched on international troubles by quoting from two recent addresses. He recalled his Pan-American day assertion that men are "only prisoners within their own minds" and "have within themselves the power to become free at any moment"; and quoted from his peace appeal to Reichfuhrer Hitler and Premier Mussolini that "leaders of great nations have it in their power to liberate the disaster that impends."

"In providing for the health and education of children, for the formation of their minds and characters in ways which are in harmony with institutions of a free society," Mr. Roosevelt continued, "democracy is trading its future leaders."

"The safety of democracy therefore depends upon the widespread diffusion of opportunities for developing those qualities of mind and character which are essential to leadership of our modern age."

The President spoke in the East Room of the White House to members of the White House conference in children in a democracy. It was the fourth such conference and Mr. Roosevelt recalled that the first was held in 1909 under the leadership of President Theodore Roosevelt.

1 Killed And One Is Injured In Guilford

Greensboro, April 26.—(AP)—One person was fatally injured and another suffered serious injuries in two widely separated accidents of Guilford county this morning.

William H. Woodward, a travelling salesman for a wholesale drygoods concern (Fletcher Brothers), of Winston-Salem, died at a local hospital shortly after noon as a result of multiple injuries received at 10:30 when his automobile and a truck collided on Battleground road six miles from Greensboro.

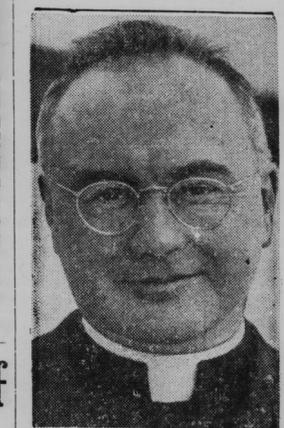
Woodward was said to have suffered a fractured skull, broken knee caps, and other injuries.

In the other accident, Newis Eaton Greensboro, a deaf mute, either fell from or was struck by an Atlantic and Yadkin train in the Summerfield station and was brought to another local hospital in a critical condition. His injuries were mostly internal.

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Roosevelt Asks Congress For Immediate Funds To Begin Navy's Air Program

New Archbishop



Bishop Francis Spellman (above), of Boston, has been named Archbishop of New York to succeed the late Patrick Cardinal Hayes. Vatican observers considered it a foregone conclusion he would be named a Cardinal at one of the early consistories. (Central Press)

3 Methodist Groups Join In Services

Impressive Service Opens Conference Which May Unite Three Branches of Methodism in America

Kansas City, April 26.—(AP)—Led by the white and maroon robed seminary singers from Boston University school of theology, 960 delegates and bishops of the three branches of Methodism marched today to a joint worship service opening the uniting conference from which they hope to emerge as members of one church.

As delegates from the Methodist Episcopal church South and the Methodist Protestant church assembled in Kansas City's large municipal auditorium, no mention was made of an injunction threat which hung over the efforts to bring their 8,000,000 churchmen under one organization.

The delegates and several thousand spectators recited in unison the Apostles creed common to all three branches.

Moving into the business session, the delegates adopted the plan of union calling for temporary organization. By that action they symbolized common action to end the schisms of 1828 and 1844.

Dr. L. T. Estes, of Memphis, secretary of the Southern church's general

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Henderson Sees Subordinate Of Fuehrer

Berlin, April 26.—(AP)—Sir Neville Henderson, Britain's ambassador, after waiting a day succeeded today in conveying to Chancellor Hitler the message he brought from Prime Minister Chamberlain regarding Britain's motives for introducing peace time conscription.

The ambassador, however, had to content himself with seeing Baron Von Weizsaecker, secretary of state, in the foreign office, instead of Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop, with whom he desired to talk.

At the same time the British envoy was being received by a subordinate, the fuehrer was welcoming with military honor Alexander Cinea Marcovich, foreign minister of Yugoslavia, a country which has pledged loyal cooperation with the Rome-Berlin axis.

Regardless of the contents of the British message which were not made public, German official spokesmen made it plain that Hitler's Reichstag speech of Friday, in which he will reply to President Roosevelt's peace appeal, had been completed

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House Republican Leader Moves To Block Reorganization Plans Of President; Program First Met With Widespread Approval

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today to make available immediately \$31,621,000 to start a program authorized in the bill he signed yesterday to strengthen the navy's air bases.

In addition to asking the cash immediately, the President requested that the Navy be given authority to enter into contracts aggregating \$65,000,000. The new air base law authorized outright \$66,800,000.

Meanwhile, Representative Taber, Republican, New York, took the first step toward blocking President Roosevelt's government reorganization plan.

Taber, ranking Republican member of the House Reorganization Committee, offered a resolution of disapproval of the chief executive's plan.

The resolution was a short paragraph stating merely that Congress disapproved the President's reorganization plan No. 1 submitted yesterday.

The President's first proposal for reorganization met widespread approval in Congress although a few members objected to specific changes.

Other developments: President Roosevelt was represented as being unopposed to "a reasonable amount" of appropriations for farm parity payments if the money is raised through taxation.

Representative Cooley, Democrat, North Carolina, after a White House visit, also said the President told him he would veto a processing tax for such a purpose but was not "promoting" this proposal.

The President in the past has frowned on a processing tax.

Cooley called at the White House with Representative Ferguson, Democrat, Oklahoma. Both are members of the House Agricultural Committee.

Representative Martin of Massachusetts, the House Republican leader, said he probably would ask the House this week to direct WPA officials to make public all salaries paid to administrative employees in excess of the \$1200 a year.

Wilmington Wreck Fatal To Three, Auto Hits Train

Wilmington, April 26.—(AP)—The death of Luther Thomas Russ, 29, in a hospital here this morning brought to three the toll in a train-auto crash here last night.

Roger Rochelle, 26, was instantly killed and Miss Selma Costin, young Wilmington girl, was fatally injured when an automobile driven by Russ crashed into the 52nd car of a 60-car freight train at a suburban crossing.

The fourth occupant, Miss Helen Brinson, also of Wilmington, lies critically injured in a hospital here. Coroner A. W. Allen said no inquest would be held "as the driver is dead."

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France May Give Haiti To the Turks

Problem of Compensating Syria for Loss of Little Republic Stands in Way of Deal

Paris, April 26.—(AP)—Premier Daladier held an unexpected conference with the ranking military and diplomatic chiefs on France's position in the Near East in connection with the international crisis.

Lengthy discussions at the War Ministry here said to be concerned particularly with France's strained relations with her mandate with Syria and the means of handing over the republic of Haiti (Alexandrette) to Turkey without making those relations worse.

Foreign Minister Bonnet was to confer with the French high commissioner in Syria but Daladier himself decided to preside at the conference and because of the military implications of any move in the Near East at present called in as well General Gamelin chief of the general staff on national defense.

Sources close to the foreign office indicated that the only defect

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