

BRITAIN URGING GERMAN-POLISH PEACE

Royal Farewell for British Rulers



On eve of their departure for Canada and the United States, the King and Queen of England were dined by Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, in London, with an eight-course dinner of American dishes. Left to right: Mrs. Kennedy, George VI, Queen Elizabeth and Ambassador Kennedy. This photo was transmitted to New York via Western Union cables.

Prospect Of Crops Good, Prices Less

85 Percent of Farmers Cooperating In Control Programs; Cotton Surpluses Continue Biggest Problem

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—American agriculture moved well into the 1939 planting season this week with prospects generally favorable from a production viewpoint, but less favorable from a standpoint of prices and income. Agriculture Department surveys indicate that at least 85 percent of the farmers will restrict planting operations in accordance with Federal control programs, which are intended to reduce surpluses of some crops and to prevent accumulation of greater supplies in others. This cooperation by the farmers led many growers to hope for some improvement in the general farm price level, now at its lowest point since July, 1934. Department economists said increased uncertainties in foreign markets had served to cloud the price outlook, but that they expect some improvement in domestic purchasing power this summer and fall, a development which should reflect favorably on farm prices. As far as cash income is concerned, American farmers have not fared quite so well this year as last year. The Agriculture Department estimates their income at five per-

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"You Can't Start a Civil War!"



Director John R. Steelman (second from right), United States conciliator, flatly tells John L. Lewis (left), CIO chief, and Charles O'Neil, spokesman for the coal operators, that "you can't start a civil war" in persuading them to resume negotiations in New York on the coal strike. The deadlocked factions were packing up to go home when Steelman demanded they continue the negotiations.

Settlement Is Desired By London

Britain Ready To Lend Good Offices in Arbitration of Danzig Problem; Seeking Fullest Cooperation of Russia for Democracies

London, May 8.—(AP)—The British government dropped a guarded hint today to her new ally, Poland, that she would welcome amicable settlement possibly through arbitration, of Poland's quarrel with Germany over the free city of Danzig. Both Richard Butler, under secretary for foreign affairs and Prime Minister Chamberlain intimated to the House of Commons that Britain would be ready to lend her good offices in establishing some form of international machinery to arbitrate the Danzig question should Poland and Germany ask her to do so. Butler said the question of the future of Danzig was "primarily a matter for negotiation between parties to the Danzig settlement." The principal allied and associated powers undertook by the World War treaty of Versailles to establish Danzig as a free city under protection of the League of Nations. Aid of Russia Sought. In the Commission session, Chamberlain also said the government was attempting to obtain fullest cooperation with Soviet Russia in its present policy. Negotiations are under way to bring Russia into the British-French line-up. The House was in an uproar during discussions of the Soviet negotiations, when Laborite leader Clement R. Attlee asked: "Does the prime minister not realize that public opinion is disturbed by the contrast between the rapidity of acceptance of onerous obligations by this country and the dilatory methods in seeking for lateral security?" The opposition cheered Attlee, while government supporters shouted for Chamberlain, when he replied: "I do not agree there have been any dilatory methods." "The British government," Butler said, "stands for a settlement of international questions by friendly negotiations, arbitration or other peaceful means."

Funds Approved for Air Bases For U. S. Islands In Pacific

Record Fund May Be Hit On Farm Aid

Whether New Spending Will Reach New Top Depends on \$300,000,000 for Farm Benefits, Considered Likely

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—A Senate vote this week on an additional \$300,000,000 for farm benefits probably will determine whether total government appropriations for the year starting next July 1 will surpass this year's expenditures. The benefit funds are included in a record-breaking \$1,216,000,000 bill for Agriculture Department appropriations, called up for Senate debate today. At the same time, a \$770,000,000 naval supply bill, largest in peace-time history, came before the House.

A survey shows that regular appropriations bills, either enacted or well on their way through Congress, carry \$572,899,733 more than the same measure did this year. Two more regular supply bills and next year's relief program are still in the House Appropriations Committee. President Roosevelt has requested \$1,763,000,000 for various relief agencies, against an aggregate of \$2,163,000,000 which Congress voted for relief in the current year.

This potential saving in relief funds, however, would be more than offset if the extra farm benefits are authorized on top of the increases already voted in other departmental funds. The House approved \$500,000,000

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Cotton Price Badly Mixed

New York, May 8.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened four points higher to two lower on Bombay and spot house buying in distant positions and selling by New Orleans brokers. At the end of the first hour, prices were four points up to one lower. Around noon, prices were two points higher to three lower. Futures closed seven higher to eight lower. Spot, nominal; middling 9.40.

Expect New Turn In Coal Parleys

New York, May 8.—(AP)—A possibility of imminent developments in the deadlocked contract negotiations between bituminous coal miners and operators was indicated today by Dr. John Steelman, chief conciliator for the United States Labor Department. After the morning session, at which it was presumed Dr. Steelman presented a compromise proposal, the conferees recessed until afternoon.

Appeal For Peace Voiced By Ex-King

Verdun, May 8.—(AP)—The Duke of Windsor this afternoon completed the text of his "appeal to reason" in international affairs to be broadcast tonight to the United States. He seemed determined to make his appeal, despite some advanced criticism. After numerous telephone calls between the duke's suite and London, a member of his party said the former ruler had a "very good reason" to proceed with his speech. The duke was informed that some British newspapers had criticized his plan to speak as "opportune."

(Both the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation announced that they would not carry the address.) The duke abandoned a tour of World War battlefields to write the speech. The broadcast, the former King Edward VIII's first since the historic abdication speech of December 11, 1936, will be made while his brother, King George VI, is on the high seas making a good will trip to North America.

LaGuardia Seeks More Cash to WPA

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York advised Congress today that 750,000 persons were out of work in his city, and urged that the WPA be expanded until the social security program and the wage-hour law become fully effective. Testifying before the House committee investigating the Works Progress Administration, LaGuardia said unemployment in New York City had increased since January, and that it was only slightly less

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New Warning Given Against Giving President Power of Declaring War, With Danger of Nation Immediately Becoming an Autocracy.

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—The House tentatively restored to the \$770,000,000 naval bill today a \$2,941,000 appropriation for air bases on Midway, Palmyra and Johnston islands in the Pacific Ocean. The appropriation committee had refused to approve a \$3,959,000 fund for the projects on these islands as well as at Wake island. But, without a word of debate, the House approved restoration of the three items, at the request of Chairman Scrugham, Democrat, Nevada, of the naval appropriations committee.

Meanwhile, Senator Johnson, Republican, California, presented to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a declaration by John Baskett Moore, former State Department official, that to confer "the power of peace or war" on the President "would at once make us an autocracy." The statement was in a letter Moore wrote Johnson shortly after former Secretary of State Stimson advised the committee that should a war come, this country should take sides by aiding Great Britain and France. Moore, one-time American member of the World Court, and State Department counselor of 1913-1914, asserted that "the agitation for an abandonment of our neutrality

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Dull Day On Stock Market

New York, May 8.—(AP)—You could take today's market or leave it alone, and the exceptionally small volume combined with a declining shift apparently indicated that many traders followed the latter course. Losses running to two or more points at the worst, however, were substantially reduced in most cases at the close. There also were a number of modest plus signs in evidence. Transfers for the five hours approximated 350,000 shares, one of the lowest totals since last June.

Table listing stock market activity with columns for company names and share counts. Includes American Raditor, American Telephone, American Tob B, Anaconda, Atlantic Coast Line, Atlantic Refining, Bendix Aviation, Bethlehem Steel, Chrysler, Columbia Gas & Elec, Commercial Solvents, Continental Oil Co, Curtiss Wright, DuPont, Electric Pow & Light, General Electric, General Motors, Liggitt & Myers B, Montgomery Ward & Co, Reynolds Tob B, Southern Railway, Standard Oil N J, and U S Steel.

Hoey's Plea For Short Campaign Is High Spot

Speculation on Effect of Governor's Request Takes Many Angles; His Power in State Politics Is Marvel of Administration

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

Raleigh, May 8.—North Carolina's 1940 gubernatorial campaign was all but stagnant last week, with the only outward interest shown in speculation over Governor Clyde R. Hoey's indirect appeal to all candidates not to make formal announcement until late this year.

On the lieutenant governor front there was increasing evidence that State Senator Erskine Smith, of Albemarle, is giving very serious consideration to the matter of becoming a candidate. Elsewhere there was little or nothing to point to any change in a situation which has developed to the point where Gordon Gray, Winston-Salem publisher, State senator and president of the Young Democrats (not to say millionaire scion of a tobacco family);

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Japan Desirous Of Military Alliance With Germany, Italy

Tokyo, May 8.—(AP)—Domei, Japanese News Agency, said today that Lieutenant General Seishiro Itagaki, minister of war, and General Kuniaki Koiso, overseas minister had told the Japanese press they favored conclusion of a military agreement with Germany and Italy. The agency guardedly quoted General Itagaki as saying that, if Germany desired, "it is not impossible" for Japan to conclude an agreement similar to the Italian-German accord. Germany and Italy decided yesterday to convert their axis relationship into a formal military and political alliance. General Koiso was quoted as saying he believed negotiations were under way for such a pact, but "whether such negotiations materialize depends on whether Italy and Germany fully understand Japan's position in east Asia as well as theirs in Europe."

Germany, Italy and Japan were understood still to be trying to find a formula on which to base a pact.

Two Held In Slaying Of Burgaw Chief

Wilmington, May 8.—(AP)—Harry E. Fales, superintendent of the city-county identification bureau here, said today Arthur Walker, 57, Negro, of Burgaw, had named Thomas Bowden, 40-year-old white man of Burgaw, as the slayer of Sam Brothers, 51, night policeman at Burgaw, Saturday morning at 2 o'clock. Walker, Fales said, admitted being a passenger in the car from which the fatal blast was fired, and said that Bowden, driver of the car, was the man who fired the fatal shotgun blast into the face of the policeman after calling him from the post office to the curb, where the car stood. Both Walker and Bowden are being held in New Hanover county jail pending the outcome of a coroner's inquest to be held sometime this week. Clifton Moore, Burgaw attorney, who has been retained as private prosecutor, said tracks from Bowden's car had been trailed from the scene of the slaying to his home, and that "there is some other evidence in the

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Flood Control In Neuse River Will Be Up Next Week

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—The army engineers board will consider a division report on a Neuse River flood control and navigation project in North Carolina at a hearing May 15. Representative Barden, Democrat, North Carolina, said today the improvements would extend from the Johnston county line to New Bern. Barden said if the board approved the project, he would seek its inclusion in the rivers and harbors bill at this session of Congress.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, occasional rain tonight and Tuesday.

Two Held In Pull Needed To Get Jobs Non-Political

Washington, May 8.—Washington is developing a peculiar employment situation. Jobs which never before were classed as the least bit political in character are beginning to be regarded as within that classification. For example, stenographers, in entirely unofficial employment, are finding congressional recommendations highly essential to find work. Switchboard operators' positions are becoming political. Many another sort of work in the capital is best obtainable on the strength of political pull.

Possibly the same thing is true, to an extent, elsewhere. In Washington the development's acute.

As we know, senators and representatives are swamped with applications, from deservingly constituents, for government berths. There never are enough of them to go around. Just at present the dearth is worse than ever. Not only have all available places been filled in the last few years; governmental reorganization promises a cutting down. Political patronage is on the wane, if not obliterated.

They Get the Jobs. The harassed congressmen, be sieged, inclines to say, "I can't get you a federal appointment to save my life. But suppose I give you my personal recommendation to some place I'm personally acquainted with, that needs help?" Generally this suits the applicant. A congressman's indorsement is a pretty good thing. The congressman himself is substantial. Moreover, while in Washington, he's a middling good customer of some nobly hotel or apartment house and of some retail stores of consequence. Likewise the chances are that he has a pull with concerns in his home town. It's particularly in Washington, however, that the system causes ill-feeling.

Washingtonians are the ones who complain. They have no congressman to appeal to. I wouldn't go so far as to say that any of 'em have been fired to make room for outsiders, but

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Berlin Sees Italy Pact As Security

Military - Political Alliance Bulwark of European Peace, Is View Taken There; May Influence Russia Also

Berlin, May 8.—(AP)—Nazi officials hailed a new German-Italian military pact as a "mighty bulwark of steel guarding European peace" today, and took the occasion particularly to direct Poland's attention to its implications. Whether or not the new ideological re-shuffling is bringing Germany closer to Soviet Russia, the reaction to the agreement indicated plainly it was aimed not at the old Nazi bugaboo of communism, but at what Nazis call the "encirclement powers", especially Great Britain and France.

The pact, the result of talks by the Italian and German foreign ministers, was described by the news service Deutsche Dienst as a "crushing blow against the aggressive encirclement policy which England and France, with the cooperation of certain other states (Poland, Roumania and Greece) have long pursued against the powers of the axis—Germany and Italy."

This service said that the speech last Friday of the Polish Foreign Minister Colonel Joseph Beck, offered Germany and Italy no occasion for revising their conception of the character of that policy which London and Paris seek to establish as something ominously defensive.

Meanwhile, in Milan, Italy, hope for German-Polish reconciliation grew in Italian political circles as Fascists pondered the implications of their new military and political alliance with Germany.

Informed fascists who expressed

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