

Military Aid From Russia Asked Only If Britain Fights

Chamberlain Stated in Commons Intended To Clarify Situation to Russians; Says Soviets Would Not Be Left Alone

London, May 10.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that Britain sought Soviet Russia's promise of military aid in eastern Europe only after Britain and France themselves had taken the field.

Breaking his silence on the government's security alliance proposals to remove what he said appeared to be a misunderstanding of the offer in Soviet Russia, Chamberlain said the proposals "made plain it was not a part of their (the British) intentions that the (Soviet) government should commit themselves to intervene irrespective of whether Great Britain and France had already, in discharge of their obligations, done so."

Asked whether, in view of the delay in the negotiations, Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax would "proceed to Moscow and have straightforward discussions" with the new Soviet Minister Molotov, the prime minister replied: "We had better await a reply of the Soviet government."

Chamberlain sought to allay any Soviet suspicions that Russia might be left alone in intervening in behalf of smaller states in some circumstances. He said Russia could make her intervention contingent on that of Britain.

Russia's position in regard to Poland and Roumania, to whom Britain and France already have given separate guarantees, thus would be the same as in the Soviet-French pact with the old Czechoslovakia, where Russia was obligated to aid only if France did so.

Coal Group Seeks Plan Of Operation

New York, May 10.—(AP)—Soft coal operators and miners, seeking to comply with President Roosevelt's demands that they find by tonight a way to reopen closed mines in 26 states, studied today a definite formula designed to break their long deadlock.

As representatives of the two sides met with federal conciliators after yesterday's conference with the President, there was no indication what the plan was. However, sources close to both groups said they saw no immediate possibility of a resumption of mine operations under a tentative agreement.

Dr. John Steelman, director of the U. S. Conciliation Service, who has participated in the contract negotiations for several weeks, remained optimistic that an agreement of some sort would be reached.

"I think you can reassure the country," he said, "that some settlement here is under way."

Steelman interpreted Mr. Roosevelt's demand for a solution by tonight as a midnight deadline, and indicated the conferees would remain in session almost continuously. Just before entering the conference room to reopen negotiations on a new contract, one of the conferees shook his head sadly and said:

"The President sure put the heat on us yesterday."

He declined to permit use of his name.

Navy Saves 66 People On British Ship

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—Admiral Harry Yarnell, Asiatic fleet commander, reported to the Navy today the rescue of 66 passengers and crewmen of the British steamer Lindenbank, which sank in the Sulu Sea, Philippine islands.

They were taken to Iloilo by the destroyer Pope. No lives were lost and all escaped injury.

The Lindenbank sank, Admiral Yarnell reported, in waters 3,000 feet deep at 10 a. m. today (9 p. m. eastern standard time last night) after being freed from a reef. The steamer, operated by the Bank Line, of London, struck a reef on the south side of Arena island last night and a large hole opened in the bow. Shortly after midnight the vessel was refloated and proceeded on its voyage.

Three hours later, the admiral said the Navy received a wireless call for assistance at Manila, and the destroyers Peary and Pope were dispatched to the scene.

Seized by Nazis



American consul has intervened in case of Richard Rosson (above) arrested by Nazi secret police at Graz, Ostmark, because "he took pictures in a forbidden zone." He is brother to Hal Rosson, Hollywood cameraman and third husband of the late Jean Harlow.

Doctors On Cruise Hear 2 Speakers

New Pneumonia Treatment Described; President Sidbury Praises Standards of Medical Care in Nation

Aboard S. S. Queen of Bermuda, Enroute to Bermuda, May 10.—(AP)—Dr. C. F. Busby, of Salisbury, told the North Carolina Medical Society's section of general practice of medicine and surgery this afternoon that "approximately ten percent of all patients admitted to hospitals in the State (North Carolina) have syphilis, many of whom require surgical operations."

His subject was, "The Surgeon and the Syphilitic Patient." He discussed the necessity for a thorough routine diagnostic study of all patients admitted to hospitals, with special reference to syphilis, and the danger of infection to the surgeon and operating room personnel.

Aboard the S. S. Queen of Bermuda, Enroute to Bermuda, May 10.—(AP)—The highly successful use of sulfapyridine in treatment of pneumonia and related ills in children was described before the North Carolina Medical Society today by Dr. A. F. Hartmann, professor of pediatrics at Washington University, St. Louis.

"Of the first 100 children treated in the St. Louis children's hospital, only one died, the patient being a 15-months old infant who died with scurvy, who survived a first attack of pneumonia, but succumbed to a second two weeks later, the doctor said in discussion of the drug.

"Seventy percent of the treated

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Russian Aid For Poland Discussed

Warsaw, Poland, May 10.—(AP)—V. P. Potemkin, Soviet Russia's first assistant commissar of foreign affairs, conferred today with Foreign Minister Colonel Beck on vital Polish-Russian relations in the face of Germany's demands for Danzig.

Talks between the two officials, ostensibly to improve Polish-Russian relations, were expected to center on possible Soviet military assistance to Poland.

Methodist Conference Nears End

Landon Precipitates Sharp Debate on War-time "Conscientious Objectors"; Three Units Join 8,000,000 Members.

Kansas City, May 10.—(AP)—The Methodist Uniting Conference turned to international and social problems today after rejecting a proposal by Ali M. Landon to reconsider a clause of the church creed pledging support to all members who "conscientiously object" to military service.

Delegates faced a crowded final day calendar. Tonight they will complete formation of a single church of 8,000,000 members from three branches which have been separate more than a century.

Landon, 1936 Republican presidential candidate, last night precipitated the sharpest debate of the two weeks session when he moved to refer to committee the conscientious objector clause, along with a resolution proposing the conference oppose shipment of munitions to Japan.

The Japanese munitions resolution, termed by Landon an "unfriendly act to a sovereign power," had been referred to committee earlier. The committee must determine whether it can be brought back to the floor, since the Uniting Conference was empowered only to harmonize the disciplines of the three churches—the Methodist Episcopal Church (North), the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church.

Chandler To Force Mines To Reopen

Frankfort, Ky., May 10.—(AP)—Governor Chandler said today that unless eastern Kentucky coal miners were operating by Monday he would send National Guard troops into the area to give protection to men wishing to work.

"There is no dispute between representatives of the mine union and the operators with respect to wages, working hours or working conditions," the governor said. "The whole controversy is a demand for 'closed shops' and elimination of penalty clauses to prohibit illegal strikes, both of which are aimed at keeping American Federation miners from the mines, and both provisions are being insisted upon by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and the CIO.

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State's Bank Resources Reach To New High Mark

Combined Resources of \$356,205,463.24 in 156 State Banks as of March 29, Commissioner Hood Announces; Hoey Sees Business Climbing

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, May 10.—Continuing a climb checked only once since 1933, North Carolina's commercial banks reached a new spring peak in total resources: the State's 156 banks (with 113 branches) showing combined resources of \$356,205,463.24 according to the report of Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood, based on his call of March 29.

This figure has been exceeded but once at any time in the history of the State, resources as of last December 31 being some \$300,000 up, at \$356,589,153.53.

Simultaneously with the increase in resources of commercial banks, there was a corresponding increase in resources of North Carolina's 34 industrial banks to a total of \$19,309,

998.64, up \$1,653,336.75 from last March's \$17,656,661.89.

Issuing the complete statement of bank resources, Commissioner Hood pointed to a marked increase in loans and discounts as a particularly pleasing barometer of better business conditions in the State. Loans and discounts totaled \$102,132,176.31 against \$89,543,301.56 in March last year, a healthy increase of \$12,589,874.75.

Another particularly pleasing feature of the report, in Mr. Hood's opinion, is the very small drop in resources from the December 31, 1938, statement of condition. He pointed out that it is almost uniformly the case that resources slump sharply by reason of the fact that large with-

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Woolard Is Named Head Of Bankers

R. G. Harrison and M. W. Wester, of Henderson, Given Posts; President Pope and James G. Hanes Praise Bankers of State for Work

Pinehurst, May 10.—(AP)—W. H. Woolard, of Greenville, advanced to the presidency of the North Carolina Bankers Association today, and R. F. Holding, of Smithfield, was placed in line for the office three years hence.

B. R. Roberts, of Durham, was advanced to the post of first vice-president, and R. C. Llewellyn, of Mount Airy, moved up to second vice-president. Holding was elected third vice-president. Woolard succeeds R. L. Pope, of Thomasville.

Gordon C. Hunter, of Roxboro, was re-elected treasurer.

A record crowd attended the association's annual convention.

The State's organization of the American Bankers Association elected officers as follows:

State vice-President Pope; member of the nominating committee, Millard Jones, Rocky Mount; alternate for the nominating committee, C. R. Roberts; vice-president for the national bank division, R. G. Harrison, of Henderson; vice-president for the savings bank division, D. M. Darden, Wilmington; vice-president for the State bank division, R. B. Lewis, of Raeford; vice-president for the trust division, R. H. McDuffie, of Asheville.

Pinehurst, May 10.—(AP)—President R. L. Pope, of Thomasville, urged members of the North Carolina Bankers Association today to "take a larger interest in the affairs of government," and specifically called for efforts to repeal the postal savings law.

Pope reported on 1938-1939 in North Carolina on a banking standpoint as the 43rd annual convention opened here.

Robert M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, who is slated to become president of the American Bankers Association this fall, also spoke.

Elections were set for late in the morning, with W. H. Woolard, of Greenville, scheduled to advance from the first vice presidency to succeed Pope. The other vice-presidents, B. R. Roberts, of Durham, and R. C. Llewellyn, of Mount Airy, were to advance a notch each, and a new third vice-president was to be placed in line. R. P. Holding, of Smithfield, bore the endorsement of several group meetings for the post. Gordon C. Hunter, of Roxboro, was expected to be re-elected treasurer.

As a formality, the association elected members of the executive committee nominated from the odd number districts: J. G. R. Everett, Robersonville; J. C. Thompson, of Warsaw, and 9. W. Frank Phillips, of Charlotte. To serve one year for the fourth district, M. W. Wester, Henderson, was named succeeding J. W. Medford, of Oxford, who now resides in Washington, D. C.

The annual banquet will be held tonight. Prominent bankers will speak at tomorrow's session, and Friday Preston Delano, comptroller of the currency, and Governor Hoey will address the final session.

Pinehurst, May 10.—The banking business in North Carolina has been stabilized to a higher degree than many other states have yet attained, declared Robert M. Hanes, president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company of Winston-Salem, and first vice president of the American Bankers Association, in addressing the opening session of the North Carolina Bankers convention here today.

"There has not been a bank failure in North Carolina since March, 1933," stated Mr. Hanes. "The reply of the average person to that statement would probably be that this is due to the insurance of deposits. Deposit insurance has played an important part in helping to stabilize banking throughout the country, but there are other factors in the North Carolina situation. As a matter of fact, since deposit insurance became effective in 1934, there have been failures of insured banks in 33 other states."

The banking business in North Carolina, he said, is a barometer of the fact that the bankers of this State are determined to operate sound and safe institutions has done much to stabilize banking.

"Since 1933 the chartering of new banking institutions has wisely been confined to those situations justified by actual need and available capital and management. Let us hope that the time will never return, in this or any other State, when we shall attempt to put a bank opposite every filling station or at every crossroads in the country. The expansion of the banking business must be confined to meeting legitimate economic needs and restricted to institutions that can provide adequate capital and capable management."

Bankers Given Credit

"A large share of the credit for the six-year record of banking sta-

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LARGE APPROPRIATIONS FAVORED BY COMMITTEE FOR NON-MILITARY WORK



In Mexican Oil Spotlight

Presence in Mexico City of the German Economic wizard, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht (left), caused headaches in Washington, where it was feared he is trying to wreck Mexican-American oil negotiations being conducted by Donald R. Richberg (right), counsel for 17 American oil companies. Richberg, who recently reported to President Roosevelt, returned to Mexico to confer with President Cardenas about settlement of the expropriation problem. Mexican oil wells pictured at bottom.

Cotton Plan Gets Farmer Opposition

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—Spokesmen who said they represented "the little cotton farmers" sharply protested today a bill which would shift all cotton trading from the present gross weight to a net weight basis. Senator Bilbo, Democrat, Mississippi, author of the measure, who presided at hearings of a Senate Agriculture sub-committee, promised he "would withdraw the bill if you can prove it would hurt the farmers, because I'm one of 'em."

Dr. F. V. Taylor, of Murphy, N. C., who said he "raised a small cotton crop and baby crop each year," testified the net weight bill "would take 4,000,000 a year out of the pockets of the cotton farmer and put it into other pockets."

Appeal Made For Life Of Jail Slayer

Raleigh, May 10.—(AP)—James Godwin, who allegedly murdered a textile worker a few hours after being released from prison by the jailor's daughter, was insane when the slaying occurred, his attorneys argued before the State Supreme Court today. The lawyers, Thomas Gold, Thomas Turner, Jr., and John A. Meyers, all of High Point, also asserted that 27 errors were committed in Godwin's trial in Guilford county last October. The youth was sentenced to be asphyxiated at Central Prison here.

Only brief mention was made of Godwin's escape from the Lexington jail at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon of October 3. Myers said simply that the defendant and Bill Wilson, held in the jail on charges of robbery with firearms, were given the keys to the lock-up by Lula Belle Kimmel.

Five or six hours later, in High Point, Donald Moss was fatally wounded. Turner said the defendant at the time of the killing was "as abnormal mentally as a man without arms and legs is abnormally physically."

Evidence which purported to show that Godwin and Wilson commandeered two automobiles shortly after their escape should not have been admitted, he added.

The court excluded one alleged confession by Godwin, Turner explained, but admitted another.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Thursday; slightly cooler in northeast portion tonight.

Women Are Denied Seat On Vestries

Episcopal Diocese Votes at Raleigh; Mr. Hughes in Debate; Miss Godfrey Named on Executive Council

Raleigh, May 10.—(AP)—With a masculine chorus of "No," the 123rd annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina today voted down a resolution to allow women to serve on vestries.

J. S. Holmes, of Raleigh, and Rev. Isaac H. Hughes, of Concord, led the fight for the women, termed the issue one of "sensible participation" by both sexes in management of the parish affairs.

"The church needs women in closer touch," said Holmes. "The proposed change is in no way compulsory."

Leading the opposition were Rev.

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Judge Kerr Fights For State Fund

Demands Rivers and Harbors Money for North Carolina, With Fifth Largest Shore Line in Nation; Roosevelt Again Has Sinus Trouble

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—After a bitter fight behind closed doors, the House Appropriations Committee recommended a \$255,188,514 appropriation today for non-military activities of the War Department, chiefly for river and harbor improvements and flood control. It refused, however, to take an additional \$50,000,000 for the purpose from next year's relief funds.

The military appropriations subcommittee, in charge of the bill, previously had recommended that an extra \$50,000,000 be approved, and deducted from the relief appropriation when it comes up for consideration later. This procedure was recommended after administration spokesmen had said President Roosevelt was willing to allocate \$50,000,000 from relief funds for flood control and rivers and harbors work, if proponents of such work agreed not to boost the total of direct appropriations.

The total finally agreed upon was \$445,940 below the amount originally recommended by the Budget Bureau, but still was \$16,040,647 in excess of the current year's appropriation for the same purpose.

Other developments:

Roosevelt Has Sinus Trouble. President Roosevelt stayed away from his office to doctor a sinus cold, the third he has had in recent months. White House officials said it was not serious, and that the President had no fever.

Representative John H. Kerr, North Carolina's new member of the House Appropriations Committee, is watching out for his State. Published testimony before the committee on the War Department's annual civil functions appropriations bill, released today, disclosed Kerr want-

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High Point Man Heads Burial Group

Raleigh, May 10.—(AP)—A. J. Koonce, of High Point, today was elected president of the North Carolina Burial Association, at the closing session of a two-day convention here. He succeeds W. D. Hardin, of Scotland Neck.

Erroll Hayes, of Elkin, was named vice-president, and W. C. Moody, of Mount Airy, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The 1940 convention city will be announced later.

Business Is Frightened Over Thought Of New War

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, May 10.—Anti-war talk was long and loud at the United States Chamber of Commerce convention which ended in Washington the other day with the election of W. Gibson Carey, Jr., head of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing company, as the chamber's new president.

I never before heard the horrors of war so graphically dwell upon by orators at a gathering exclusively of business men. One expects it at an assemblage of clergymen or at peace society meetings of students of international economics and other world affairs. It's common in both houses of Congress, too.

However, past big confabulations

of plain business men that I've observed treated the subject quite purely as of business interest alone. From that angle I've heard them discuss it aplenty, but not with tears in their voices, and shudders and things. This time I listened to their spokesmen give warning that another world conflict will "end civilization as we've known it"—they fairly threw catfits at the very idea. I never realized before that business set so high a value upon civilization. What's more, I don't believe that it used to do so.

Not So Satisfactory.

The fact is, I surmise, that the 1914-18 struggle didn't prove as satisfactory to business as perhaps some earlier wars did.

Probably there were earlier and smaller wars which were profitable to certain groups—not to folk in general, but to individual businesses, here and there. Even during 1914-18 I guess there were profiteers. For a little while after the strife was over maybe they reckoned that they'd made a pretty good thing out

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