

Peace Meeting Called By Belgium

Witness Says Germans Trying To Influence U. S. Colleges

Dies Group Hears Story Of Educator

Says German Consul Frankly Stated Books Offered Were to Be Gift of German Government; Offer Refused by Tampa U.

Washington, Aug. 21.—(AP)—John Harvey Sherman, president of Tampa, Florida, University, told the Dies committee today that a high German consular official had offered to donate books to his university's library, but that the offer was rejected.

The official, whom Sherman named in testifying at the committee's inquiry into un-American practices, was Baron Edgar Von Und Zu Teckelsheim, consul general at New Orleans.

"The baron said," Sherman testified, "this was a practice they followed to encourage the study of German in American colleges." Adding that the baron had said such donations had been made to other educational institutions, the university president declared:

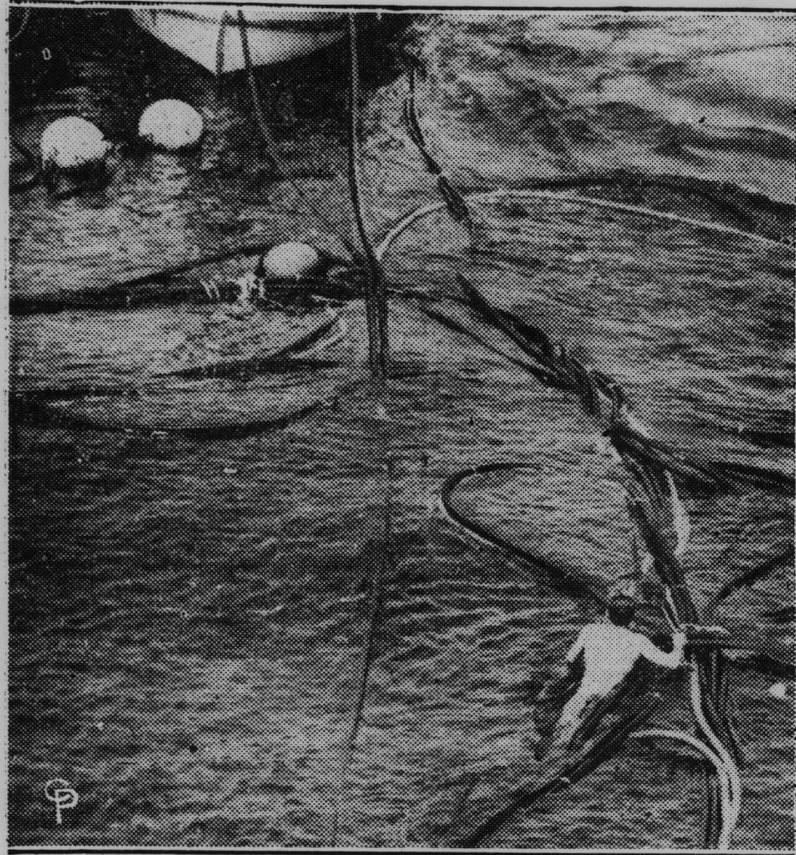
"He did not say where; I did not ask."

Sherman said that an interview with the baron at the university followed a telephone call from a stranger.

"He said he had a friend who he believed could be induced to give us some books and asked if we would like such a donation," the

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Maze of Danger—Raising Squalus



Risking his life, a sailor pulls himself through chill waters off Portsmouth, N. H., to sever cords binding air hoses, as task of raising the submarine Squalus continues. Second lifting operation raised the ill-fated craft to 90 feet of water.

Fair, Good Quality Leaf Offered For Openings In East

Raleigh, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Offerings which warehousemen termed fair to good grades flooded the 14 auction markets of the new Bright Belt today on the eve of the opening of the 1939 sales season.

Farmers, hoping for an average of 18 cents a pound or better, were generally optimistic. The Border Belt average of 18 cents lent weight to this view.

Offerings have been piling up on warehouse floors for more than a week, and opening breaks of more than 1,000,000 pounds were expected on several markets.

The weather was generally fair throughout the belt.

At Wilson, largest market in the world, preparations were made for handling the largest opening day offerings in history.

Walter C. Jones, president of the

Kinston Tobacco Board of Trade, estimated that between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 pounds would be on the floors there tomorrow. Offerings were over a wide range, with a considerable sprinkling of tips, he said.

At Greenville, an opening break in excess of 1,000,000 pounds was expected. Offerings consisted chiefly of first primings, and the quality was termed fair by warehousemen.

The Greenville market has a federal grader for the first time, following a vote of farmers.

From 500,000 to 700,000 pounds already were on the floors at Smithfield, and the market was expected to be blocked the first day. M. A. Morgan, farm agent, predicted 33,000,000 pounds would be raised in Johnston county this year. The preferences in history.

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State Labor Plays Cards Near Chest

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Aug. 21.—The most significant political gathering in Raleigh last week was the State Federation of Labor convention and the most significant feature of that convention was unmistakable evidence that Tar Heel labor leaders are playing their political cards very, very close to their chest.

If there was any tip-off to the hand the laborites are holding, or the manner in which it is to be played, it entirely escaped the eye and ear of this observer. If there are any ace up the labor sleeve they were well concealed.

Catalogued very briefly, here are a few of the negative or affirmative angles which were observable:

(1) The labor group is still overwhelmingly pro-Roosevelt and pro-New Deal.

(2) The cooler heads among the labor leaders are holding themselves cannily aloof from committal to any candidate for governor.

(3) The State federation certainly does not plan to run a candidate in opposition to the present commissioner of labor, Forest Shuford; even if it doesn't plan to give the incumbent its completely-committed support.

(4) The labor men are in a fighting mood so far as their foes are concerned and do not plan to be kicked around by anybody, without retaliating to the full of their ability.

(5) There is a definite tendency to try for election of influential leg-

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Suicide Blow In Louisiana Prosecution

New Orleans, La., Aug. 21.—(AP)—The violent death of Dr. J. A. Shaw, key government witness, and keeper of Louisiana's "oil industry secret" for a decade, today gravely complicated the federal investigation of tangled State affairs, but government prosecutors promised no let-up.

Further indictments were expected

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Eastern Carolina Rivers Are Rising But Are Near Peak

Raleigh, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Eastern North Carolina rivers continued to rise today. The Cape Fear this morning reached a stand of 40 feet, five over the bank, at Fayetteville.

It was 28.7 feet at Elizabethtown, and was expected to rise to 30 feet, ten over the bank, by this afternoon, Weather Man H. E. Kichline said.

The Neuse was at 19 feet, five over the bank at Smithfield, and will reach a crest of 20 feet tonight or tomorrow, Kichline said. At Goldsboro, the stream was one foot and a half within its banks, will rise nine feet by Friday. The Roanoke pushed to 34 1-2 feet, 3 1-2 feet in flood; at Weldon, Kichline predicted it would reach a crest of 38 to 39 feet tomorrow afternoon or night.

The overflows are the heaviest since early March, Kichline said.

Britain And France Call Cabinets In

Grave Nature of Crisis Indicated by Joint Action; Statement of Warning Expected from Both Groups.

London, Aug. 21.—(AP)—A decision to hold a full cabinet session tomorrow coincident with a French cabinet session indicated important joint action was intended in the grave European situation, as Belgium today suddenly called seven small powers to a conference Wednesday.

Full cabinet status was given to tomorrow's meeting of British ministers after Prime Minister Chamberlain, returning from a holiday in Scotland, had conferred with Lord Halifax, foreign secretary.

The Belgian move in calling the foreign ministers of the six other neutral states associated called in Brussels Wednesday offered the possibility of a British-French action toward settlement of the German-Polish dispute over Danzig.

A joint statement by Britain and France, re-affirming in strong terms their pledge to aid Poland in event of an attack upon her, but at the same time advocating negotiations by Germany and Poland, was considered another possibility.

In some political quarters, there were suggestions the British Parliament should be recalled immediately and used as a medium for a new British warning to Germany.

Pacific Forests Closed in Battle On Flaming Fires

Seattle, Washington, Aug. 21.—British Columbia and Washington forests were closed today as Pacific Northwest fire-fighters continued a desperate battle against multiple blazes that taxed available man-power.

The British Columbia order closed forests to every one, loggers, trappers and vacationists; but in Washington the order affected only logging in the western part of the state.

These measures were taken as California controlled its dangerous blazes, and Oregon, the heaviest loser of the four commonwealths so far found new hope in rising humidity. A plan to close Oregon forests was held in abeyance due to improved weather. Idaho fires no longer threatened inhabited communities, although at least one still burned out of control.

"Happy's" Successor



A. B. "Happy" Chandler (left), Governor of Kentucky, and Lieutenant Governor Keen Johnson, who recently received Democratic nomination to succeed Chandler, talk things over in New York at the World's Fair Kentucky Day. Johnson received the nomination, tantamount to election, by open opposition to John L. Lewis.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy tonight, somewhat unsettled tonight and Tuesday.

Bund Girl Bares Death Threat



Helen Vooros, 19-year-old Brooklyn, N. Y., girl is shown with an iodine bottle label, on the back of which is penciled a death threat. The label was allegedly handed her after she returned from Washington where she testified before the Dies committee that immorality was rife at German-Bund camp.

Mussolini Not to Balk German Danzig Demands

Britain Will Use Force, if Needed

London, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Great Britain reaffirmed her policy of resistance of "aggression" today as King Leopold of Belgium initiated a peace plea in behalf of the small neutral European powers.

Meanwhile a British government spokesman, referring to a statement of policy by Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax on July 29, declared:

"The position remains as stated and is unchanged in any respect."

In that statement, Halifax said that the doctrine of force bars the way to settlement of Germany's claims, and that "in the event of further aggression we are resolved to use at once the whole of our strength in fulfillment of our pledges."

Spokesmen said Germany and Italy had had ample opportunity to be familiar with this policy.

Will Rather Follow Joint Policy of Rome-Berlin Axis; Does Not Want to Become Involved in War Over Danzig, However.

Rome, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini refrained today from giving any indication that he would intervene with a plan to avert possible war over German demands for Danzig.

To suggestions that Italy "save the peace" by intervention in the German-Polish dispute, well informed Italians answered that he would follow the joint policy of the Rome-Berlin axis.

They reiterated that Italy had advised Poland to negotiate directly with Germany for a settlement of the Danzig problem. The Italian press has urged Warsaw specifically to accept the proposal of Adolf Hitler last April for return of the free city to Germany, with a German road across the Polish corridor to connect Germany with East Prussia.

The fascist press and unofficial Italian comment have indicated that Italy did not want to become involved in a war over Danzig.

Foreign observers believe Mussolini would act willingly as intermediary for a settlement of the Danzig dispute, as he did last September in arranging the Munich settlement, which led to the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia.

But London and Paris have shown little inclination to lend themselves to another settlement of the Munich type.

Martin May Win G. O. P. Nomination

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Aug. 21.—Representative Joseph W. Martin, of North Attleboro, Mass., hasn't been much advertised yet as a 1940 Republican presidential possibility, but his friends are inflating a boom for him and it may prove to be a very sizable one.

Outside New England undoubtedly he'll require considerable introducing to the rank-and-file of voters.

Professional politicians, however, already know all about him. He's strong in G. O. P. ranks on Capitol Hill. Members of the Republican congressional campaign committee swear by him. He'll have their help in recommending him to the bulk of the electorate. And they have had onto a year to publicize him. That's time enough in which to provide a suitable man with a formidable buildup.

Martin isn't with a substantial foundation, either.

He's in his eighth term in the House of Representatives, and he's performed very creditably there, at least from his own party's standpoint.

And in the current (76th) Congress he's been the Republican minority's House leader. This is a job of importance. John Garner established his political reputation as Democratic minority House leader. To be sure, Martin hasn't been a minority leader as long as Garner was. Nev-

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King Makes Hurry Move To Balk War

Six Small Nations in Europe Invited to Speed to Brussels to Make Joint Appeal to Great Powers.

Brussels, Belgium, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The government of 37-year-old King Leopold of Belgium, often hailed as a potential mediator of Europe's possible troubles, today suddenly invited the ministers of six small powers to rush here by airplane to join Belgium in

France Is In No Mood for Another Munich Surrender

Paris, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Premier Daladier, after a long talk today with British War Minister Leslie Hore-Belisha, called an emergency meeting of the French cabinet for 5 p. m. Tuesday. The meeting undoubtedly will consider King Leopold's call for a conference Wednesday of the foreign ministers of the seven small nations to discuss a peace plea to the larger powers, but informed French sources emphasized that "France is in no mood to make Brussels another Munich."

The cabinet was called also for a second meeting Thursday.

a peace appeal to the larger nations of the Old World.

The conference will be not later than Wednesday. If all of those who have been invited have arrived earlier, there may be preliminary discussions Tuesday.

The seven nations associated in the Oslo trade convention were asked to send their foreign ministers. The nations involved at Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxem-

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Newlyweds Spend First Married Day Hungry, Penniless

Wilmington, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Sam Ragan, honeymooning reporter of the Star-News, and his bride of a night, spent their first day of married life penniless and hungry, and it required the combined efforts of three police departments to provide them with provender.

The Ragans were robbed on their nuptial night.

Sam's frantic SOS to Wilmington was delayed, and when finally received it was too late to wire money. A telephone call to a Fayetteville hotel revealed that he had checked out and headed north with nothing to give but love. State police located him approaching Varina.

Mayor Tom Cooper of Wilmington, called the police chief at Varina and arranged for the hungry honeymooners to be supplied with cash.

Ragan was married at Laurel Hill Saturday to Miss Margorie Usher, editor of the Onslow County Record.

German Army Is Ready For Quick Stroke

Zilina, Slovakia, Aug. 21.—(AP)—German army division, geared for lightning action, pushed on to northern Slovakia today.

Motorized troops, fully equipped with aircraft guns and light artillery, massed at the frontier. Slovakia's almost complete roads to Poland were commanded by German arms.

As large scale operations continued, involving a force estimated at 250,000 men, observers asserted the strategy was plain. If the Danzig dispute should start another war, German forces now are in position for a sweeping action against Poland's southern flank.

Silenced by the government, the controlled press left Slovakia's public in almost complete ignorance of the developments on the vital northern frontier.

Tientsin's Flood Loss Increasing

Tientsin, China, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The toll of death and property destruction increased today as one of the worst floods in Tientsin's history submerged much of the city under constantly deepening waters.

With the flood crest believed still to be at least a day away, the overflow of the swollen Hai river and other streams put the city's electrical facilities out of commission, and isolated it part of the time from the outside world.

An all-night rise in the flood level inundated the two remaining dry spots in the British concession; the water was three feet deep in the shallowest places. The Japanese blockade of the French and British concessions was washed out.

Telephones were dead. Small boats were the only transportation through streets.

Many persons braved waters often waist deep to carry out vital errands. The water system still functioned, but authorities warned that its failure was possible momentarily.

The food situation was acute.