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Vandenburg Attacks Reciprocal Trade Pacts

Says Nation About To "Lose Shirt"

Michigan Senator and Republican Presidential Candidate Outlines Objections to Program and Suggests Trade Commission.

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—Senator Vandenburg, Republican, Michigan, told the Senate today that the United States was about to "lose its shirt" under the reciprocal trade program.

The Michigan senator, in a speech against continuing the administration trade policy, made these six objections:

- 1.—The trade agreements law is unconstitutional.
- 2.—It is "economic dictatorship sent to America."
- 3.—It is driving the country to a state of uncompensated low tariffs.
- 4.—War and post-war trade competition involve a multitude of dangerous trade weapons which the agreements law cannot touch.
- 5.—It is not working and cannot work as intended.
- 6.—The alternative is to provide a concentrated foreign trade authority which can cope with all the external trade penalties which American exports increasingly confront.

Under the policy of generalizing American duty reductions, he contended, foreigners "get everything" but "we get precious little generalized reciprocal benefits in return."

Altmark Safe In Homeland

Copenhagen, March 27.—(AP)—The German prison ship Altmark was believed safe in German waters today after having slipped down the coast of Norway and through Danish waters in spite of the British blockade.

The Altmark from which the British cruiser Cossack rescued 299 British merchant seamen February 16 in Norwegian territorial waters, was reliably reported to have reached Longland Island at the southern end of the Great Belt Sunday.

She left there today, apparently without incident.

Virginian Fatally Hurt

Norfolk, Va., March 27.—(AP)—Daniel Lee, Jr., 19, son of a prominent Virginia Beach family, died today of injuries, suffered when, according to police, he was caught between two automobiles near his home last night.

Lee, police reported, was caught between the side of the parked automobile of W. F. Hudgins of Norfolk and the rear of an automobile listed as driven by Woodrow Benter of Bethel, N. C., last night.

Charges of assault with an automobile placed against Benter last night were changed to manslaughter today.

Burns Named In Divorce

Los Angeles, March 27.—Expressing determination to "go through with this thing" Daniel W. Hoge, 55, petroleum engineer, said today he would file a second suit concerning his divorce action against his estranged wife, Mrs. Mollie Hoge, 38. Hoge sued Burns and his studio, Paramount, and others Monday for \$75,000 false imprisonment damages, charging he was forced under threats of violence to sign a denial that Burns had stolen the affections of Mrs. Hoge and also a paper releasing the studio from any claims.

Mrs. Hoge said she was "utterly amazed" at the damage suit.

Burns is also denying the charge, described the damage action as a "suspense suit that will have to be disposed of in the usual course."

Shows Red Card in FDR's Name



Robert Lynch (standing), investigator for the Dies Committee, shows a Communist party card to James Hulse Dolsen at a committee hearing in Washington. The card was made out in the name of "Franklin D. Roosevelt." Dolsen, a Pittsburgh Communist, was cited for contempt when he refused to name the party member who had assumed the President's name. This is a phonograph.

Woodring Defends Sale Of Warplanes

Finn Government Reorganized To Rebuild Country

Helsinki, March 27.—(AP)—Prime Minister Risto Ryti, who negotiated peace with Moscow, reorganized his government today, forming a cabinet officially described as a coalition ministry uniting all parties for the task of reconstruction.

Vaino Tanner, foreign minister in the old government who was the target of bitter personal attacks by the Soviet press and radio, was stepped down to the post of minister of welfare.

Nine Homeless Persons Die Under Building

Santa Rosa, Cal., March 27.—(AP)—The bodies of nine homeless persons, two of them women, were placed in a morgue today after being recovered from beneath a warehouse that collapsed and dropped 250 tons of stored prunes on them.

Forty rescue workers toiled all last night under the glare of floodlights hunting more bodies.

The victims, eight of whom were Indians, crawled under the warehouse yesterday to get out of a pelting rain. They were crushed to death when the storm and the weight of the prunes caused the old building to slip from its silt-like supports.

Two German Planes Downed

London, March 27.—(AP)—The air ministry announced today that two German air craft had been shot down in flames yesterday near Metz, France.

The official British account said that one British fighter plane was shot down.

The British said that a formation of seven German reconnaissance planes escorted by fighters was intercepted by a royal air force unit.

"Several combats took place and our fighters having broken up the enemy formation forced the enemy to abandon its reconnaissance."

"One of our patrols encountered a formation of nine enemy fighters. Two enemy aircraft were shot down in flames."

Relief Needs Studied By Roosevelt

Request For Increase in Budget Estimates Would Raise Question of New Taxes Or Increased Federal Debt Limit.

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt began a study today to determine exactly how much money will be needed for relief in the next fiscal year.

In his original budget estimates the Chief Executive said he believed \$1,300,000,000 would cover activities of the Works Projects Administration, Civilian Conservation Corps, National Youth Administration and Farm Security Administration.

He said at the time the figure represented a large reduction below expenditures for the current year and declared that if the curve of employment did not go up, as was hoped, it might be necessary to ask for additional funds.

The Chief Executive arranged a conference on the relief problem today.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said a message would be sent to Congress at a later time after possibly several more conferences had been held.

How much more, if any, the President may request beyond the \$1,300,000,000 was a matter of speculation. Should he ask for any substantial increase it would bring into even greater prominence the problem of raising the federal debt limit or voting new taxes.

Maxwell Leads In Naming Of Managers

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, March 27.—(AP)—Emerald Denny, state manager for J. M. Broughton's gubernatorial campaign, today announced three more county managers for his candidate; but even with this addition to his field forces, the Raleigh attorney still was running far behind A. J. Maxwell in the matter of announced county managers.

The Commissioner of Revenue, in fact, had more announced county managers than all the other candidates combined, if releases given this bureau form a complete list of the managers who have actually been announced.

A recapitulation showed that Maxwell has announced his chief lieutenants in 27 counties. Broughton and Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton have named eleven each; Lee Gravelly has publicized the name of

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Candidates' Claims For Buncombe Are Illustrative Of Muddled State Campaign

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, March 27.—J. M. Broughton came back to Raleigh from a trip to Asheville fairly oozing optimism at every pore over his chances to capture the major share of the votes of Buncombe county and other far western bailiwicks in the many-sided governor's race; but conversation with headquarters aides of other candidates give the very definite impression that the Buncombe votes, for instance, are going to be well divided.

Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton, with Broughton getting only the leavings, if any.

It will probably take a count of the votes cast on May 25 to settle the matter of who is right and who is wrong; but the difference of opinion about it and the really great difficulty of getting more than a faint idea of the actual facts are typical of this muddled campaign.

First, let's consider what Mr. Broughton reported. He said that never in his life has he seen such a

seemingly spontaneous favorable reaction. He told how he went to an Asheville hotel and engaged five rooms in which to hold conferences with leaders from the entire Eleventh District.

"And before I got through I had to get two more rooms," he added.

He indicated that he made no effort to line up in his behalf either of the two major Asheville factions—the so-called "Ring" and "Anti-Ring" groups.

"I conducted a Broughton for Governor campaign up there just like I am doing everywhere else," he said.

"I want the support of voters from all classes. I do not intend to concern myself with factional fights, but to stay completely clear of them."

He expects to get a tremendous support from both factions—that's clear.

"Why, I had men together in pledging me support who hadn't spoken to each other for five years and, I'm told, hadn't been in the same room together before in ten

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England's "Ration War"



Like Germany, England has been forced by the war to ration its meat supply. Here a London butcher is tearing stamps from a housewife's meat rationing book after her purchase of beef. (Central Press)

Mackenzie King Is Given Record Vote

Liberal Government In Canada Returned For Five-Year Term With Even More Seats Than Held Formerly In Parliament.

Ottawa, March 27.—(AP)—Winning landslide support of its conduct of the war against Germany, the liberal government of Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King was returned for a new five-year term today with a record majority in the Canadian house of commons.

As late returns from yesterday's general election came in during the day, Mackenzie King and his followers surpassed the record majority of 169 seats which they had held in the parliament dissolved by the prime minister last January 25 after opposition charges that Canada's war effort was weak and inefficient.

With only eight seats in doubt and election for one deferred, the liberals had won 174 seats out of a total of 245. The national government group, including the conservatives and constituting the chief opposition group, filled only 38 seats. The other 24 seats went to seven other scattered parties.

Mackenzie King and every member of his cabinet was returned to office and Dr. Robert J. Manion, conservative party leader and head of the opposition, was defeated by a liberal in his home city of Fort William, Ontario. A number of Dr. Manion's aides also lost their parliamentary seats.

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House Refuses To Restore Cut In Wage-Hour Fund

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—The House stood squarely behind its appropriations committee today and insisted on slashing President Roosevelt's recommendations for wage-hour law administration.

It defeated on a teller vote of 115 to 148 an attempt by Representative Casey, Democrat, Massachusetts, to restore a \$1,035,000 cut in budget estimates for wage-hour salaries for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Col. Phillip Fleming, wage-hour administrator, was represented by Casey as believing that if Congress failed to provide adequate funds for enforcement of the wage-hour law, the law should be repealed.

Rural Electric Co-op Planned

Raleigh, March 27.—(AP)—The Tri-County Electric membership corporation applied to the Rural Electrification Authority today for the right to construct 200 miles of lines.

Dudley B. Gley, state REA director, said the cooperative had seven hundred prospective customers signed up and hoped to get two hundred more. It would get a federal loan to finance the construction of the lines.

The board of directors is composed of Lewis Outlaw of Seven Springs, Freely Smith of Pink Hill, L. F. Wells of Mt. Olive, W. T. Basmore of Seven Springs, W. C. Bird of Deep Run, J. A. Williams of Seven Springs, W. M. Griffin of Seven Springs, Mrs. Robert Williams of Mt. Olive and Street Price of Seven Springs.

Bill Would Limit Spending In Campaigns

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—A sub-committee of the House judiciary committee approved a Hatch act amendment today to put a three million dollar limit on expenditures of national committees to any political campaign.

In 1936 the Republicans spent about \$5,000,000 over this limit and the Democrats exceeded it by about \$2,000,000.

Chairman Walter, Democrat, Pennsylvania, said the limiting amendment which he offered was voted in a sub-committee hearing which gave unanimous approval to the broadened

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France Asks Recall Of Ambassador

French Charge Allies "Insulted" By Telegram Which Russian Envoy Attempted To Send; No War Declaration Likely Now

Paris, March 27.—(AP)—A complete break in diplomatic relations between Soviet Russia and France appears to be foreshadowed in the recall—at French request—of the Soviet ambassador to France.

An official spokesman charged today that France and her war ally, Great Britain, were "insulted" by a telegram which the envoy, Jakob Surits, recently attempted to send to Joseph Stalin, congratulating him on the peace treaty with Finland as a "stroke against 'British-French war mongers'."

A censor stopped the message before it could get on the wire to the Kremlin, it was disclosed in Moscow by an official account of the affair.

Even in view of the possibility of a complete rupture, there still was no indication that French military purposes would be served by declaration of a formal state of war between France and the Soviet Union.

But, if Russia makes a decisive move with Germany in the Balkans, that would be another matter, it was said.

As for that possibility, the French pointed to the huge allied force in the Near East.

The French demand that Russia recall Surits was interpreted as a warning to Russia from the new "win the war" government under Paul Reynaud that it intends to take a stiffer diplomatic course in the conflict with Germany, Russia's new-found friend.

Local Youths Admit Thefts

Raleigh, March 27.—(AP)—Director Frederick C. Handy of the State bureau of investigation said today that J. D. Mathews, 17, and Troy Vernon, 18, both of Henderson, had confessed stealing seven automobiles recently.

The youths were arrested after recovery of a stolen car near Louisville and it was found their fingerprints matched prints found on the automobile. Comparisons then showed their prints matched those found on other recovered cars and, Handy said, they confessed.

WELLES EXPECTED TO ARRIVE TOMORROW

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—The White House said today it was advised that Sumner Welles, under-secretary of State, would arrive in New York between 12 noon and 1 p. m. tomorrow from his fact-finding European tour.

U.S. Warship Is Damaged

One Sailor Missing and Six Others Injured by Gas Blast Aboard Destroyer.

Newport, R. I., March 27.—(AP)—One sailor was missing and six others were being treated for injuries today in the wake of a terrific blast which damaged the U. S. destroyer King yesterday at its mooring in Newport harbor.

Captain William S. Farber, commander of the neutrality patrol unit to which the 20-year-old 1190-ton vessel was assigned, said the explosion was caused by leaking gas in the after deckhouse.

Several containers of the gas, Captain Farber said, were situated in the deckhouse and one of them leaked. He ventured no opinion as to what ignited the gas.

Richard Carl Oehbert of Denver, Col., was reported missing after musters of the crew, and naval sources said he must have been thrown overboard by the force of the blast. The condition of one of the injured men was described as "critical."