

Washington Sees Peace Hopes In Hitler Speech

Officials View It as Offering Basis for Greater European Stability

Washington, May 21.—Adolf Hitler's speech today was viewed by high government authorities as a possible basis for new European stability.

Reports of the speech received here were interpreted as combining an insistence that Germany's newly-declared independence be recognized with a conciliatory gesture toward her neighbors, especially France.

Three points particularly impressed officials here as they read cable dispatches of the address before the German Reichstag. They were the offer for collective action to maintain peace; for non-aggressive pacts; and for a strict adherence to the Locarno Pact and a willingness to "complete" it with an air agreement between the powers.

Observers pointed out that the statement that self-sufficiency generally is harmful was somewhat akin to the beliefs of Secretary of State Cordell Hull that national economics has its dangers.

Officials "avoided" even on "off the record" comment on Germany's demand for return of her former colonies. They have declined consistently to discuss this question which would, if successful, reinstate Germany as a Pacific power controlling hundreds of islands there which passed to Japan under League of Nations mandate.

While the United States has insisted upon a legal right to share in the disposition of all territories Germany ceded to the Allied powers at the close of the World War, this government usually has declined to exercise that right. Frequently the argument was that since most of the colonies were in Africa the issue was one involved in European policies and the United States did not wish any entangling agreements.

Some experts believed that the United States would prefer to see Germany regain her Pacific mandates from Japan for whom they constitute potential naval outposts capable of blocking access of the United States to Asia. Since Japanese officials frequently have intimated that they would fight to retain these mandates, it was pointed out there it little likelihood of any change in status in the near future.

London, May 21.—The first impression in responsible British quarters of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's speech tonight was that his refusal to reduce his plans to increase his armed forces overshadowed his more conciliatory gestures.

Diplomatic quarters agreed Der Fuehrer's tone was noticeably more friendly toward France than toward Great Britain, despite feelings to the contrary elsewhere, notably in Geneva.

Paris, May 21.—French government quarters generally were disappointed tonight with Adolf Hitler's speech in Berlin.

It was interpreted simply as a return to the doctrine he expounded before March 16 (when he announced plans for his conscript army), which disquieted the French because it conformed with ambitions outlined in Hitler's book, "My Struggle."

Geneva, May 21.—Delegates to the League of Nations who listened in on Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's speech in Berlin tonight interpreted it as primarily an appeal for British sympathy.

Several points were believed aimed directly at Britain. One was Hitler's willingness to limit the German army to 35 per cent of the British fleet and British submarines. Others included his readiness to join an aerial pact and help check the arms race.

Hitler's announcement Germany is ready to sign a pact of non-aggression and non-interference as a gesture of goodwill, especially because it may facilitate conclusion of a new north-eastern European pact which the French and Russians are urging to replace the original eastern Locarno.

Although Hitler repudiated the council's condemnation of German rearmament, delegates believe his speech will not improve relations between Germany and the League because he always insisted Germany was unable to return to Geneva until equality rights are granted.

Berlin, May 21.—The question of whether Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler suggested his next step would be to demand return of Germany's colonies was mentioned in many news columns tonight.

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Through State Capital Keyholes

By Dean Hinton Silver

STORM BREWING—In the Fourth Congressional District, so ably represented for more than a third of a century by the beloved late Edward W. Fou, it now appears there may be a lively scrap. It is rumored around Raleigh that Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, known to one and all as the co-author of the McClellan plan in the late Legislature and "a peoples candidate" may offer in opposition to Congressman Harold D. Cooley. Mr. Lumpkin was a bitter opponent of taxing "fat-back and molasses," always a friend of the schools and an avowed "liquor control" man. He has carved a name among young Democratic leaders. The rumor-graph also reports that former Representative Otway Binn Moss, of Nash, is feeling out the Fourth District Congressional waters. Others mentioned as possible foes of Congressman Cooley are State Senators Carroll Weathers, of Wake, and W. P. Horton, of Chatham.

RE-DEALS—Is there to be a re-deal in North Carolina politics? Some of the natives think so. Representative Wm. Schell, of the great State of Mecklenburg, has announced his candidacy against Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, and Representative Ed. Summerill, of Onslow, would not surprise his neighbors if he announced against Congressman Graham Barden of the Third District.

UNUSUAL—George Ross Pou, Raleigh Attorney, probably emerged as the most popular of the so-called lobbyists in so far as the people as a whole are concerned. Pou represented those interested in preventing diversion of highway funds and the outcome of such legislation was not displeasing, although there is an additional contingent diversion. Mr. Pou fought side-by-side with the school forces seeking higher school appropriations. He also favored better pay for teachers, highway and prison employees, as well as more cake and coffee for all State hired help. Unable to attend the session in person, Mr. Pou made one radio appeal from his bed and radio officials said it was probably the first radio "bed-side" talk made in North Carolina.

NEW TARGET—Now that the General Assembly is no more (at least for ninety days or more) Tar Heels will focus their attention more acutely to national affairs and instead of petitioning State Senators and Representatives, appeals will go to U. S. Senators and Congressmen. Right at this time North Carolinians probably are more interested in agricultural, bonus, and public utilities legislation. Many a letter will go forth to Washington concerning the Warren potato control bill, the Patman bonus bill (fated for a Presidential veto). Probably as many communications will protest that section of the Wheeler-Rayburn bill which proposes to place operating gas and electric companies under Federal rather than State control. Proponents and opponents of both the Bonus and Rayburn bills are reported active.

BLACKEYE—R. E. Clark, columnist of the Greensboro Daily News, does not fail to crack down on Secretary of State Stacy W. Wade, for his reported failure to take a voluntary salary cut along with the enforced shortened rations of other State employees. Clark wrote: "The constitutional officers whose pay could not be cut as a matter of law, were asked to voluntarily contribute a specified amount to the State in its hour of need. Some of them did. One State Official was listed and published as refusing to contribute on this time. He is among those on the salary increase list. Since it seemed impossible to leave him out, we may hope it is not pay, but honor that he is receiving and when the salary begins to yield an increase." Mr. Clark might have added that State Auditor Baxter Durham, publicly declared to be neither Auditor nor Public Accountant, made a "palatable and miserable" contribution. It has been intimated that both Secretary Wade and Auditor Durham may be faced with strong opposition in the Primary next spring.

SPECIAL SESSION—All this talk about a special session of the legislature to do something about liquor and social security is coming from outside the Governor's Office despite the fact that the Governor is the only man who can call such a special session. In the office of Governor Ehringhaus there are no signs of a special session and unless something bigger than a shoe-string budget there is not likely to be one this year. (Continued on page 5)

Officials Will Hear Bailey & Doughton

Institute Of Government To Hold Annual Meeting June 10-11

A number of representatives from this County are expected to attend the annual meeting of North Carolina's Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, Monday and Tuesday, June 10-11, when public officials from all over the State will gather to hear State and National legislators interpret the New Laws.

The unprecedented interest in the results of the nation's epochal Congress and the State's hectic Assembly are expected to draw a record attendance, surpassing even that of the 1933 meeting, which attracted upwards of a thousand officials, representing 98 of the State's 100 counties and a majority of its cities and towns.

A splendid program is being arranged, featuring Sen. Josiah W. Bailey and Rep. Robert L. Doughton. They will be assisted in their discussion of the new Federal laws and agencies by the State heads of the various Federal divisions, who will have charge of administering the vast federal program of public works and relief in this State.

Some of the vital questions that Senator Bailey and Representative Doughton will discuss are: How will the four billion dollars appropriated by the Federal government for public works and relief be allotted and administered in this State and its counties, cities, and towns? How will the program be financed? And what will be the cost and the benefits to North Carolina?

Lieutenant-Governor A. H. Graham and Speaker Robert Grady Johnson are in charge of the sessions for the interpretation of new State laws. Summaries of the New Laws affecting each group of officials are being prepared by members of the Institute staff and will be distributed along with summaries of the new Local Laws affecting each county, city, and town.

One session, that on Tuesday morning, is being held open for different groups of officials to discuss mutual problems and to analyze the New Laws affecting their particular offices. Arrangements are being made to provide accommodations in University dormitories at a minimum cost. An attractive program of entertainment is being planned, featuring a luncheon and buffet supper. The meeting will open Monday night, June 10, and conclude Tuesday afternoon, permitting those who wish to attend the University's graduation exercises that night.

Buy a Poppy
Saturday the United States will pay its annual tribute to its World War dead by wearing their flower, the poppy. Millions of Americans in almost every city and town throughout the country will wear the blood-red memorial poppy to show that they still honor and are grateful for the services of those men who gave their lives in defense of the nation seven years ago. In purchasing the poppies, they will contribute to the welfare of the disabled veterans and the families left in distress by the death or disability of a veteran.

Women from Farmville Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets here all day distributing the memorial flowers. They will be part of an army of nearly 100,000 women which will carry out the Auxiliary's nation-wide distribution of poppies. Fully 10,000,000 of the little red blooms are expected to be given out, with \$1,000,000 received in contributions in exchange for them.

The poppies have been made by disabled veterans working in 55 different government hospitals and convalescent workrooms located in forty states. The flowers which will be distributed here were made at Oteen, N. C. They will be offered on the streets by a corps of 35 volunteer workers under the leadership of Mrs. M. V. Horton, chairman of the Auxiliary's Poppy Day committee. No price will be asked for the poppies, each person being free to contribute as little or as much as he chooses for his flower. All funds received will be expended in the welfare activities of the American Legion and Auxiliary among disabled veterans and needy families of veterans during the coming year. The bulk of the money will remain here in Farmville to be used in the work of the local Legion Post and Auxiliary unit.

FOUNTAIN NEWS

(By Mrs. M. D. YELVERTON)

PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mercer visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Grimes in Raleigh, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith visited their daughter, Elizabeth, Sunday afternoon in Greensville.

Mr. W. M. Yelverton of Stantbury is spending the week end with his son, Mr. E. F. Yelverton.

Miss Mary Bundy and Miss Elizabeth Lewis, students at E. C. T. C. Greensville, spent the week end in Fountain.

Mrs. Irving Covey, Mrs. M. W. Uzzell and Mrs. E. U. Patrick all of Durham were guests of Mrs. Bruce Eagles this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gardner and sons, Adrian and Norman, and Mrs. A. W. Ware spent Sunday in Newport News, Va., with Mrs. J. E. Gardner, a sister of Mrs. R. A. Gardner.

REVIVAL SERVICES
The Rev. R. C. Clont of Wilmington will conduct a revival at the Presbyterian Church beginning Monday, May 27th and continuing for ten days.

BIBLE SCHOOL
The Bible School opened Monday morning at the Presbyterian Church, and will continue through next week. Sixty-five pupils have enrolled and the attendance is unusually good.

Miss Kotina Lee Owens is teacher for the beginners and Mrs. J. L. Doster for the primary class. The intermediate class has two divisions and is in charge of Miss Mary King Fountain and Miss Irene Doster. Miss Frances Dilla is teacher for the Junior High department, and Mrs. R. A. Fountain, Jr., directs the song service.

The students will be given a picnic at the close of the session. The closing program will be rendered on Friday evening.

Successful Series Of Meetings To Close Wednesday Evening

The series of meetings, which began in the Methodist church Monday evening, will be continued through Wednesday, May 29, according to the pastor, Rev. J. C. Wooten, who is conducting the meeting, and is gratified at the increasing interest and attendance on the part of the people of the community.

SEPTUAGENARIANS TO MEET FRIDAY, MAY 31

The annual meeting of the Septuagenarians will be held Friday, May 31, in the school auditorium at 10:00 a. m., for the purpose of transacting the business proceedings. There will be a luncheon served in the dining room at noon for the members of the society and invited guests, and from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. they will be entertained at the Esplanade Theatre by the manager, Worth Stewart, following which tickets to the swimming pool will be issued to all wishing to participate. Plates and seats will be served and reserved at 50c upon registering with the secretary.

Ford Restores \$6 Minimum Day Wage

Detroit, May 21.—The Ford Motor Company announced today the restoration of the \$6 a day minimum for all employees. The prepared statement, issued by the company's advertising counsel, said that all employees working at the previous \$5 a day minimum have been advanced to the \$6 a day standard, which, the statement added, was the 1929 minimum wage for Ford Company.

Employees engaged at rates above the minimum were also advanced to higher wage levels through heavy rate increases of five cents and more. The statement said that the new scales go into effect at all Ford and Lincoln Motor Co. plants and affect 124,000 employees, 81,000 of them in Detroit. Of the Detroit workers, 41,000 are minimum wage employees. The statement estimated the cost of the increase at \$2,600,000 a month.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT'S VETO



BENNY GOODMAN

Washington, May 22.—Some of the pertinent paragraphs of President Roosevelt's veto message on the Patman new money bonus bill were:

"It is easy to see the ultimate result of meeting recurring demands by the issuance of Treasury notes. It invites an ultimate reckoning in uncontrollable prices and in the destruction on the value of savings that will strike most cruelly those like the veterans who seem to be temporarily benefitted."

"The first person injured by rocketing prices is the man on a fixed income. This bill favors the able-bodied veteran at the expense of the disabled veteran."

"Wealth is not created, nor is it more equitably distributed by this method. A government, like an individual must ultimately meet legitimate obligations out of the production of wealth by the labor of human beings applied to the resources of nature. Every country that has attempted the form of meeting its obligations which is here provided has suffered disastrous consequences."

"The veteran who suffers from this depression can best be aided by the rehabilitation of the country as a whole."

"I have much sympathy for the argument that some who remained at home in civilian employ enjoyed special privilege and unwarranted remuneration. That is true—but a recurrence of that type of war profiteering can and must be prevented in any future war."

"That budget (the one for the year), asked for appropriation in excess of receipts to the extent of four billions of dollars. The whole of that deficit was to be applied for work relief for the unemployed. That was a single minded, definite purpose. Every veteran on the relief rolls was included in that proposed deficit—he will be taken care of out of it."

"Today the credit of the United States is safe. But it cannot ultimately be safe if we engage in a policy of yielding to each and all of the groups that are able to enforce upon the Congress claims for special consideration."

"I do not need to be a prophet to assert that if these certificates due in 1945, are paid in full today, every candidate for election to the Senate or the House of Representatives will in the near future be called upon in the name of patriotism to support general pension legislation for all veterans, regardless of need or age."

"The people and the government of the United States have shown a proper and generous regard for the sacrifices and patriotism of all of the four and three-quarter million men who were in uniform; no matter where they served."

"The bill before me provides for the immediate payment of the 1945 value of the certificates. It means paying \$1,600,000,000 more than the present value of the certificates. It requires an expenditure of more than \$2,200,000,000 in cash for this purpose. It directs payment to the veterans of much larger sum than was contemplated in the 1924 settlement."

"Is it not better to treat every able-bodied American alike and to carry out the great relief program adopted by this Congress in a spirit of equality to all? This applies to every unit of government throughout the nation."

"This proposal, I submit, violates the entire principle of veterans benefits so carefully formulated at the time of the war and also the entire principles of the adjusted certificate settlement of 1924."

MUSIC ACTIVELY NOTED IN PREPARATIONS FOR BALL

Plans are rapidly taking shape to make the Junior Woman's Club Beauty contest and Ball, to be held here, May 31, one of the gala social events of the season and letters are being received daily from prospective queens, sponsors and chaperones of the various towns and cities, which have been asked to participate.

Music is to be furnished by Benny Goodman's orchestra which is nationally known, and everything for the enjoyment of those who love dancing and good music is being planned by the various committees connected with the affair.

Poppy Day Proclamation

Saturday, May 25th, was proclaimed Poppy Day in Farmville in a proclamation issued today by Mayor John B. Lewis.

The proclamation urged all citizens to honor the World War dead by wearing the American Legion and Auxiliary memorial poppy on that day, and to aid the war's living victims by contributing to the Legion and Auxiliary welfare funds.

"The City of Farmville during the great crisis of the World War sent forth its sons in response to the nation's call. They served gallantly in the nation's defense, and of their numbers some were called upon to lay down their lives in that service. The memory of their patriotic sacrifice should always be held dear by the citizens of Farmville."

"Others of these brave young men were called upon to sacrifice not life, but health and strength which makes life worth while. Their families and the families of the dead also were required to make heavy sacrifices. These disabled and dependents are still paying the human price of our nation's World War victory."

"From the battle front in France our returning soldiers brought the poppy as the symbol of sacrifice and the memorial flower of the dead. Each year on the Saturday before Memorial Day the men of the American Legion and the women of the American Legion Auxiliary set us to wear this flower in tribute to the nation's fallen defenders and to give in exchange for the flower's contribution to aid the war's living victims."

"Therefore, I John B. Lewis, Mayor of Farmville urge all citizens to honor the dead and aid the living by wearing the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary memorial poppy on Saturday, May 25th."

"And to that end, I do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 25th, Poppy Day in the City of Farmville."

JOHN B. LEWIS, Mayor.

Waiting On Neighbors In Whiskey Election

Snow Hill, May 21.—Greene county commissioners have not yet called a meeting to determine whether or not the county will vote on the liquor question. It is of local opinion that they will wait until surrounding counties vote, and should they all go dry, they will pass it up without calling a vote. Should they go wet, it is believed that the local board will call an election.

When last voting on the question the county voted four to one against whiskey.

The dry forces are rapidly organizing anti-whiskey clubs in every community of the county. Rev. J. D. Phillips of Hookerton is their chairman.

To Set Date Monday For Liquor Sale Vote

Greenville, May 21.—Roy T. Cox, chairman of the Pitt County board of commissioners, today called a meeting of the board, May 27 for the purpose of setting a date for Pitt county to vote on the liquor question. A petition containing approximately two thousand names calling on the election was handed the chairman on yesterday afternoon at his home in Winterville.

The commissioners at a recent meeting held here did not set a date saying that they would rather have the opinion of the citizens before issuing a call on the election.

Carson farmers have given more attention than usual to their seed wheat potatoes this spring and have used good seed treated for disease before planting.

Every woman thinks she understands men, but no wise man imagines that he understands women.