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## Roosevelt Plans No Further Move For World Peace

### Associates Say President Feels War Tension in Europe Has Lessened.

Washington, May 3. — President Roosevelt contemplates no new direct or diplomatic action in the European crisis, at least for the time being, close associates revealed today.

They said that late official reports from abroad have convinced him that tension between Great Britain and France and the Rome-Berlin axis has lessened and that the time is not ripe for a second gesture for world peace.

The Chief Executive's position was made known when he was pressed on the matter of following up his recent peace appeal to Italy and Germany with a speech of another diplomatic maneuver. He was said to feel that the threat of immediate war has faded, although he intends to keep in constant touch with developments.

Tempering of official anxiety over the international situation highlighted other national defense and foreign affairs developments, including:

1. Disclosures that War and Navy department officials are studying plans to establish air and naval bases in Mexico and the Galapagos islands of Ecuador to fortify Pacific approaches to the Panama Canal.

2. Increasing indications that new neutrality legislation is improbable at this session of Congress.

## FARMVILLE COUNTRY CLUB PLANS INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENT

### Entire Membership To Play During Week of May 7; Event To Be Concluded With A Dinner Honoring Winners

The Farmville Country Club has been divided into two teams, the Reds and the Blues, with B. O. Taylor heading the former and W. S. Royster the latter in an inter-club tournament, beginning Sunday, May 7, and ending Friday, May 12.

The following announcements are made by the team managers for information of players:

Players on Red team will call opposing players on Blue team and set

THE REDS		THE BLUES	
B. O. Taylor, Captain		W. S. Royster, Captain	
R. D. Rouse	vs.	L. T. Pierce	
J. B. Lewis	vs.	Lath Morris	
Mebane Lee	vs.	Leroy Parker	
Rex Hodges	vs.	James R. Lang	
R. J. Wainright	vs.	F. M. Davis, Jr.	
C. B. Mashburn	vs.	Lynn Davis	
Dr. Paul E. Jones	vs.	R. A. Joyner	
J. I. Morgan	vs.	Irvin Morgan	
L. E. Walston	vs.	F. C. Sproul	
Will Moore	vs.	Stanly Garrison	
Alton Bobbitt	vs.	Billy Morton	
E. R. Sykes	vs.	Andy Martin	
W. A. Pollard, Jr.	vs.	Bob Fiser	
Dick Harris	vs.	Jack Horton	
M. V. Jones	vs.	L. T. Reese	
C. A. Lilly	vs.	H. H. Bradham	
Gradin Liles	vs.	Lowell Liles	
Ted Albritton	vs.	Dr. E. B. Beasley	
Rev. D. A. Clark	vs.	Geo. W. Davis	
John W. Holmes	vs.	G. A. Rouse	
Neal Howard	vs.	Dr. J. M. Mewborn	
John D. Dixon	vs.	Lynn Eason	
Henry Johnson	vs.	Robt. Lee Smith	
A. C. Monk, Jr.	vs.	Robert Monk	
Jack Taylor	vs.	W. R. Burke	
C. A. Lilly, Jr.	vs.	John Hill Paylor	
Alex Allen	vs.	James Monk	
Bruce Beasley	vs.	Ferebee Beasley	
B. L. Lang	vs.	T. C. Turnage	

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Mrs. B. O. Taylor	vs.	Mrs. C. A. Lilly	
Mrs. Kathleen Moore	vs.	Mrs. W. S. Royster	
Mrs. P. E. Jones	vs.	Mrs. G. A. Jones	
Mrs. R. S. Scott	vs.	Mrs. James R. Lang	
Miss Malette Green	vs.	Mrs. F. C. Sproul	
Mrs. W. A. Pollard, Jr.	vs.	Mrs. R. D. Rouse	
Mrs. Alex Allen	vs.	Mrs. Sallie K. Horton	
Mrs. Irvin Morgan	vs.	Miss Mary Frier Rouse	
Mrs. Marvin Jones	vs.	Mrs. J. W. Holmes	
Miss Vernice Lang Jones	vs.	Miss Gene Horton	
Mrs. M. V. Horton	vs.	Mrs. R. A. Joyner	
Mrs. A. C. Monk, Jr.	vs.	Mrs. J. M. Hobgood	
Mrs. John D. Dixon	vs.	Mrs. Hazel Monk	
Mrs. Ted Albritton	vs.	Mrs. Bert McCullum	
Mrs. D. R. Morgan	vs.	Mrs. George W. Davis	
Mrs. Will Moore	vs.	Miss Evelyn Horton	
Mrs. J. L. Shackelford	vs.		

## Egypt Gets Rome Pledge; Danzig Worries Italians

Rome, May 2. — An Italian pledge to respect the frontiers and integrity of Egypt has been sent to King Farouk at Cairo by King Victor Emmanuel in the name of the Italian government, it was reported reliably tonight.

The assurance of friendship was sent to the 36-year-old Egyptian monarch shortly before Col. Gen. Walther von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of the German army, arrived by airplane at Tripoli to inspect Italian Libyan defenses adjoining Egypt and French Tunisia.

King Victor Emmanuel's personal message to Farouk was said to have been transmitted through the Italian ambassador at Cairo.

Diplomats believed that the message was sent in an attempt to counteract anti-Italian propaganda in the Mediterranean and perhaps as a move to strengthen Italy's demand against France for a share in control of the Suez Canal.

Under the terms of the Anglo-Italian pact of friendship put into effect last mid-November and subscribed to by the Egyptian government, Italy agreed to reduce her military forces in Libya, but recently has been accused of increasing them.

time for their individual matches: Due to the crowded conditions, which are expected to prevail on Sunday, May 7, the ladies are requested to play their matches during the week days of May 7.

All players will be required to pay one dollar before playing and members of the winning team will have this fee refunded on the occasion of the Victors' Dinner, which will be given by the losers at the Municipal Park on Friday evening, May 12.

In arranging the matches some players may have been overlooked by the committee, which requests that it be advised in order that every one desiring to do so may participate.

Players matching their strokes and ability to slice, hook and lose balls have been selected as follows:

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Mrs. J. L. Shackelford	vs.		

## Honor Roll 1938-39 Farmville School

First Grade — Johnny Barrett, Robert Rollins, Billy Russell, Patricia Corbett, Thurber Dudley, Dorothy Lucas, Geraldine Prescott, Connie Rollins.

Second Grade — Charles Joyner, Mary Frances Allen, Elsie May, Ruth Moore, Fannie Quinn, Janet Stansall, Helen Thomas.

Third Grade — Cedric Davis, Neal Howard, Charles Parker, Dora Mae Barrett, Lola Gray Kemp, Cora McConnell, Claudie Ann Moore, Vivian Scott, Joyce Tyson, Betty Rose Wilkerson, Emily Barrett, Mary Ann Rouse.

Fourth Grade — Billy Batton, Bruce Darden, Sterling Gates, Harold Rouse, Bobbie Russell, Maynard Thomas, Sybil Barrett, Dora Speight Trevaughn, Babs Willford.

Fifth Grade — L. D. Braxton, Harry Davis, Milton Williamson, Flora Dean Johnson, Jamie Kemp, Johnnie Mae Moore, Mary Leah Thorne, Cordelia Vinson.

Sixth Grade — Bob Paylor, Bobbie Smith, Shirley Winders.

Seventh Grade — Nancy Gates, Lois Jones, Agnes Quinley, Wilma Stansall.

Eighth Grade — John C. Parker, and Alice Harper Parker.

Ninth Grade — Dorothy Lewis, Minnie Mae Moore, Yvonne Smith, Bill Mashburn, Bobby Rouse, Boots Thomas.

Tenth Grade — Elizabeth Moore, Margie Lee Parker, Retha Mae Simpson.

Eleventh Grade — Hazel Jones.

## High School Graduates Hear Inspiring Talks

### Rev. Mr. Rountree and Prof. Deal Address the Senior Class Numbering Thirty-two; Class Day Exercises Held on Monday.

Rev. J. R. Rountree, Episcopal minister, of Kinston, and rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Farmville, brought a message of deep thought and great inspiration to the graduates of the high school, in the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening.

Taking his text from Joel, "And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions," the minister impressed upon the seniors that as they enter into the larger realm of life they should take the "wisdom of yesterday" and give it to a new knowledge, understanding and strength, weaving the thought they had mastered, the information acquired and ability that had been developed, into the warp and fabric of their lives.

"This is a day of change," the speaker warned his hearers, "a day when the people clamor for the new. Youth laughs at age and declares its usefulness is spent." "But," he continued, "there is very little that is really new. Modern inventions are built upon the wisdom of yesterday. Marconia took an idea of yesterday and gave us the radio. Prophets of long ago warned against the very pagan recklessness that is so prevalent today."

Pleading for the wisdom of yesterday, the speaker urged that old mistakes be avoided as Youth moves forward, investing minds and personalities in the possibilities, which lies ahead, and upon them build a more noble future. "Nothing is too trivial to claim your attention," he declared, "a flaming bush drove a man back to lead his people out of Egypt into a land of promise; a Child was born and the thought of the world was revolutionized. You have built a character during these past few years, you are possessed of certain talents and capabilities. What will you do with them? Will you think only of investing them for material gain, or will you make some contribution to the solution of problems that will render a service to mankind?"

Holding up the gentle Galilean as an example of a character that touched with the benediction of blessing everything with which He came in contact, Mr. Rountree exhorted this group of young men to emulation of His life of loving service, and to the dedication of their talents to the uplifting of humanity.

Rev. D. A. Clarke, of the Methodist Church, offered prayer and the Scripture lesson, taken from the second chapter of Acts, was read by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Christian minister.

J. H. Moore, superintendent of the school, introduced the speaker, and the service was brought to a close with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. B. B. Fordham, of the Baptist Church.

Anthems were rendered and hymns led by a choir of voices from the various churches under the direction of Mrs. Daisy H. Smith and Mrs. Haywood Smith.

Jesse Mack Carraway, the small, winsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Carraway, mascot of the class, preceded the thirty-two seniors in the procession.

Marshals were: Pauline Farmer, Retha Mae Simpson and Elizabeth Moore, Juniors; Alton Thomas, Dorothy Lewis and Yvonne Smith, Sophomores; Alice Harper Parker, John Parker and Cornelia Knott, Freshmen.

The stage committee was composed of Miss Mary Alice Beaman, Mrs. L. T. Pierce, Mrs. C. A. Tyson and Mrs. Mack Carraway.

The graduation exercises were held on Monday evening with superintendent J. H. Moore presiding. The invocation was given by Rev. H. M. Wilson, of the Presbyterian Church.

Rachel Louise Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barrett, as salutatorian, made the opening speech, and Robert Pittman Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Pierce, was valedictorian.

Mayor George W. Davis introduced the speaker of the occasion, Professor Ralph C. Deal, French instructor at East Carolina Teachers College, who gave the young graduates much sage advice bound up in witticisms.

Prof. Deal began his address by paying honor to the graduating class, stating that they deserved much commendation as only 50 people out of 100,000 do the things they set out to accomplish. "And so," the speaker

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## Presbyterians To Hold Meetings

### Rev. R. C. Clontz to Preach Week of 15th At Presbyterian Meeting.

Beginning Monday evening, May 15, a series of services will be held at the Farmville Presbyterian Church. From Tuesday through Friday of that week there will be brief morning services from 9 till 9:30 o'clock, and each evening except Saturday, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. R. C. Clontz, of Whiteville, is expected to preach throughout this series of meetings. Mr. Clontz served for a number of years as superintendent of Home Missions in Wilmington Presbytery, and is now pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Whiteville and Chadbourne. He is a preacher of unusual attraction and power and has had good success in all of his evangelistic meetings.

Special music will be rendered and the singing at the evening services will be led by C. F. Baucom.

A cordial invitation is extended to the other churches of the town and to the people throughout the community to attend these services.

## Local Business Man To Attend National C. P. Association Meet

New Orleans, La., May 4. — J. I. Morgan, Farmville, will be among leaders in the cotton oil industry attending the annual convention of the National Cottonseed Products Association to be held here May 8-10.

Mr. Morgan, North Carolina-Virginia representative on the Board of Directors of the Association, has been a leader in the industry for many years and served as president of the organization in 1936-38. He is president of the Farmville Oil and Fertilizer Company.

Nearly 800 representatives of cotton oil mills and other industries are expected to attend the three-day meeting here, according to S. M. Harmon, Memphis, Tennessee, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

T. J. Kidd, Birmingham, Alabama, is President of the Association; T. H. Gregory, Memphis, Executive Vice-President; A. L. Ward, Dallas, Texas, Educational Director; and Christie Benet, Columbia, South Carolina, General Counsel.

## First May Snow Brings Lowest May Temperature

Mercury Falls To Only Two Above Freezing; But Crop Damage Believed Slight.

Raleigh, May 3. — Freak spring storms yesterday brought the lowest temperature and latest snow flurry noted in this section since the Raleigh Weather Bureau started keeping records in 1887.

On the top of pleasant weather Monday, rain began to fall shortly after midnight, as the mercury declined from 60 degrees early in the morning to a phenomenal 34.5 degrees at 2:30 p. m. Only comparably low in weather history was 37.5 degrees on May 10, 1906.

Accompanying the freakish cold was nearly an inch precipitation in the forms of rain, hail and snow, the latter falling in the Capital City around 2 p. m. The temperature drop was accompanied by biting winds, but the warm ground caused the snow to melt rapidly.

No trace of snow had ever been recorded here later in the year than April 14 (1907).

Heavy rain turned into pelting hailstorms at 7:30 yesterday morning. Early ones to work found the streets led over, and dotted with torn leaves and twigs. On St. Mary's Street, near Needham Broughton High School, traffic was freed to de-tour around a limb, severed from a tree and leaning against a telephone cable.

Included in the weatherman's tricks here were thunder and lightning, one bolt damaging to the roof and chimney of a house at 12 Home Street.

The snow was unforecast, but Weatherman H. E. Kichline extended a prediction of fair and warmer today.

The surprising weather spread over a large part of North Carolina and part of Virginia, but the remainder of the nation was enjoying clear and milder weather.

PITT COUNTY REPORTS SMALL CROP DAMAGE Greenville, May 2. — Only slight damage to small tobacco plants, was

## SUDDEN LITVINOV RESIGNATION COMPLICATES EUROPEAN CRISIS

### Congress Faces Prolonged Stay

### Adjournment Move To Bring Demands For Longer Session To Stop War Step.

Washington, May 2. — A demand that Congress stay in session to guard the nation from being "eased" or "driven" into war was made in the Senate today in reply to a move for June adjournment.

It came from Senator Johnson (R. Calif.), a veteran exponent of American isolation and a critic of administration foreign policy. He asserted that it was to Congress that the people looked for protection against war.

"It is the Congress, with all its faults and shortcomings, and the Senate will all its sins of omission and commission, that will keep us out of war, and no other person or individual, no matter who he may be, will do it," the Californian said in a tense and solemn tone.

"We must be on our guard every minute of the day and every minute of the night in order that we do not participate in a war in which we are not concerned—in order that we are not eased or driven into it."

"For the people of the United States," he concluded, as galleries burst into lively applause, "Let's keep out of war."

Senator Connally (D. Tex.) emphasized Johnson's appeal with a statement, as soon as the ovation subsided, that he foresaw no immediate prospect of war in Europe, but:

"There may be a war, and the United States has no business in that war. Nobody but the Congress of the United States can determine whether we will be in that war or not."

Johnson argued that so long as there was a chance of war, Congress should remain in session.

If, he said, the United States should go to war to destroy "these two dictators," referring to Hitler and Mussolini, the result will be a dictator for America itself.

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## Wholesale Order

Nearly 2,000 bushels of Coker 100 cotton seed, purchased co-operatively through the county agent's office, have been distributed to Northampton County growers.

## Municipal Primary A Mere Formality

Lack of Opposition Regarded As Proof of Satisfaction With Administration.

With Mayor George W. Davis, running for re-election, unopposed, and nomination, the municipal primary only five commissioners slated for Tuesday, was merely a formality and a light vote was cast.

Joining the "official family" composed of Mayor Davis, Dr. W. M. Willis, J. W. Joyner and R. O. Lang, were J. M. Stansall and R. LeRoy Rollins, who put their bid in for the seats vacated by Irvin Morgan, Jr., and A. J. Flanagan.

Lack of opposition to any of the candidates was regarded by citizens here as proof of satisfaction with the present administration, which has been most successful and marked by great progress and development in municipal improvement projects.

Votes were cast as follows: Mayor George W. Davis, 201; Board of Commissioners: Dr. W. M. Willis, 195; J. W. Joyner, 198; R. O. Lang, 198; R. LeRoy Rollins, 195; J. M. Stansall, 195.

C. H. Flanagan served as registrar and C. A. Tyson and T. W. Lang as poll holders.

## Veteran Russian Commissar of Foreign Affairs Replaced By Molotov.

Moscow, May 3. — Maxim M. Litvinov tonight was replaced as Soviet Russia's foreign commissar, a post he had held for 10 years, by Premier Viacheslav M. Molotov in what foreign observers regarded as a victory for Soviet "Isolationists."

The announcement of the shift by the supreme Soviet's Presidium, the hierarchy of the U. S. S. R., was a complete surprise to diplomats. It said Litvinov resigned at his own request, but did not give his reasons. Molotov will retain the premiership for the present at least.

There was speculation that, because of Molotov's reported isolationist views and his known contempt of the League of Nations in which Litvinov played an active role, the last possibilities of enlisting Russia in the Anglo-French "Peace Front" against Nazi-Fascist aggression may have been shattered.

It had been predicted for several days that Russia would break off negotiations with Britain and France if the latter nations refused to extend their military alliance to include the Red Army.

Fear Collapse. (In London, it was feared that Litvinov's resignation, of which British diplomats said they had received no prior intimation, meant collapse of the Anglo-French-Soviet negotiations of the anti-aggression alignment, already in a state of virtual deadlock.)

Foreign speculation ran along the line that Litvinov, because he favored a "Western policy," might have been subjected to great pressure by the isolationists in view of the reluctance of Britain to enter into a tight alliance. The isolationist, reported to include chiefs of the Red Army, may have felt that it was useless to seek Franco-British aid in halting aggression in Europe and that Russia should therefore withdraw behind her own frontiers and concentrate on measures to repel any direct attack against Soviet soil, it was said.

(In Italy, the news of Litvinov's resignation was received with enthusiasm by Fascists who regarded him as one of Italy's foremost enemies. The average Italian, recalling Josef V. Stalin's recent "purges," was inclined to believe that instead of resigning, Litvinov had been removed from his post.)

Molotov, like Litvinov, is a veteran Bolshevik revolutionary who helped prepare the way for the rise of Lenin and Trotsky. Later, however, he was described as the man who drove Trotsky out of Russia and into exile.

Twice in his youth he was exiled for revolutionary activities. Molotov's real name, which he abandoned 25 years ago, is Scriabin.

## FINED; GETS TICKET

Seattle, Wash. — When William Murphy emerged from Police Court to pay a fine for speeding, he found that he would have to return. A parking ticket was attached to his car.