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Tri-Power Armed Alliance Assured For 'Peace Front'

Chamberlain Tells Commons that Negotiations With Russia Nearing Conclusion.

London, May 24.—Negotiations for a three-power mutual assistance pact among Britain, France and Soviet Russia has advanced so far today that Prime Minister Chamberlain expressed confidence in full agreement within two weeks.

In a two-hour meeting, the British cabinet accepted a plan which Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax discussed with Ivan Maisky, Russian delegate to the League of Nations, at Geneva. The plan was said by informed quarters to have been approved by Moscow.

After the cabinet meeting, Chamberlain told the House of Commons that "all relevant points of view have been made clear" and that he believed he would be able to announce conclusion of an agreement with Russia when parliament reconvenes June 5, after the Whitsun recess.

Chamberlain was somewhat vague as to just what action the cabinet had taken, but the foreign office spokesman later said Moscow's latest proposals on the mutual assistance pact had been approved in principle.

Conclusion of such a pact with Russia would further extend Britain's alliances in Eastern Europe, where she has reversed her former hands-off policy. She first departed from this policy by guaranteeing Poland's independence and later made similar guarantees to Rumania, Greece and Turkey.

Some details of the British-Russian accord remained to be worked out, but Chamberlain said he did not anticipate that there were "likely to give rise to any serious difficulties."

Scope of Pact.

Provisions of the proposed pact have not yet been disclosed, but informed sources said general principles, already agreed upon, include:

A guarantee of mutual assistance among Britain, France and Russia for aid in the event that any one of the three powers is attacked; and agreements for immediate consultation and military staff talks among the three countries.

Note will be taken of pledges which Britain already has given to Poland, Rumania, Turkey and Greece, but it is not known just what provisions will be made in this connection.

The Baltic countries will be left out, but Russia may give them her own guarantees if she wishes.

These terms follow closely the original proposals of Russia, which Britain first opposed on the ground that they were too far-reaching. It has been generally known for several weeks, however, that Britain was prepared to go to almost any lengths to line up Russia with the British-French front.

Loans For Homes Show Sharp Rise

Building and Loan Association Did Record Business in 1937 and 1938.

Raleigh, May 24.—North Carolina building and loan associations lent more than \$37,000,000 on 25,759 homes in 1937 and 1938, the best two year record since 1925, Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Roney revealed in a biennial report yesterday.

The commissioner said \$18,000,000 of the loans went into new homes and the remainder toward repairs, improvements and purchase of homes already built.

An increase in home building and a heavier trend toward investment in building and loan stock were noted by the commissioner, who said the general condition of mortgage loans had improved during the past two years.

Shareholders drew over \$4,700,000 dividends and payments on stock during 1937 and 1938, the report showed.

Assets of the 163 associations operating in North Carolina were listed at \$75,250,263.47 at the close of 1938, an increase of \$15,000,000 or 25 per cent above the close of 1936.

The decided increase in number of loans for the construction of new homes was noted by the commissioner, who said that the building and loan industry had been stimulated by the employment of hundreds of workers which was fast building the communities of North Carolina and play such an important part in stimulating business.

Stores To Close For Half Holiday

To Begin Summer Closing Custom Here Wednesday, June 7th.

Practically all of the business houses in Farmville will begin closing their doors Wednesday afternoon, on Wednesday, June 7th, following a custom adopted a few years ago of allowing a mid-week afternoon of recreation for employees.

The stores will close at noon Wednesday, on the summer schedule which will be continued through August 16.

Tribute Paid To Mrs. Bertha B. Joyner On Mother's Day

The service of the Farmville Methodist Church, which with other churches of the town did honor to mothers of all time on the Sunday set aside as Mother's Day, was featured with a tribute, brought by R. A. Joyner in behalf of his family, which paid especial honor to his mother, Mrs. Bertha Barrow Joyner, widow of the late R. L. Joyner, who is held in highest esteem in this community, where she has resided for more than seventy-eight years, establishing a home, noted for its hospitality and Christian atmosphere, rearing sons and daughters, who have become outstanding and useful citizens, and exemplifying throughout her long useful life the noble virtues of Christian womanhood.

Her son's words of appreciation in presenting a life membership insignia of an organization, to which she has given loyal support for many years follow:

A tribute and presentation of a life membership in the Woman's Missionary Society to Mrs. Bertha Joyner in behalf of all of her children by her son, Richard A. Joyner.

Mother: This is the greatest privilege of my life to be able to represent your eight living children, seven being with you today and through the facilities of your Missionary Society and your Church, present to you this Pin, which represents a Life Membership in your Woman's Missionary Society.

This Life Membership Pin, combines three symbols, the star, the cross, and the circle. The star reminds us of that star which pointed to Him who is the light of the world. The cross is the symbol of the atonement, that He, bearing our sins, offers unto us eternal life, and we have faith to believe can certainly claim the promise of everlasting life. The circle is symbolic of Christ's eternity. He, who has no beginning or ending, He who is from everlasting to everlasting. The star, the cross, the circle—the star so bright with hope, the cross on which we place our faith, and the circle which stands for him which is love.

Mother: We your children know of no one that is more entitled to wear this pin than you, for we who know you best, know that your entire life has been and is a living example of the principles of the three symbols so represented in this Life Membership Pin.

We love you and love you for that Christian life that you have so earnestly lived and endeavored to so plant in the lives of all you came in contact, more especially your children. For our lives have been your life, our sorrows have been your sorrows, our joys have been your joy.

We present this pin not for its intrinsic worth or value, but in our sincere appreciation and love of that life you have lived so devoted to God, your church, your missionary society and to your children, grand-children and great grand-children. And in the event that you may live to be a living tomb through the lives of those you have so loved.

May this pin be an inspiration in the continuance of that noble life, and a continual reminder of the love and affection that your family has for you.

May you wear it for many years with pleasant memories of this day.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Can you give the real names of Barbara Stanswick and Robert Taylor?

2. What is the strength of the National Guard?

Can Stanswick be extracted from the National Guard?

Deathrags Airs Further Details Of War On Jews

Tells House Members He Has Evidence of Conspiracy Against America.

Washington, May 24.—George Deathrags, chief of the Knights of the White Camellias, today told the House committee on un-American activities that he has buried in the West Virginia hills two tons of documents proving an international Jewish conspiracy to overthrow democracy in the United States.

Chairman Martin Dies, D., Tex., said a committee investigator would be sent to the "hiding place" with Deathrags to check the "evidence" and present it before the committee if it seems authentic.

Deathrags, whose organization has been accused of fomenting Fascism, also testified that he had founded the "American Nationalist Confederation," which has no membership as yet, but hopes to consolidate all anti-Jewish groups in this country into a powerful political bloc. The confederation, he said, has a swastika on its letterheads.

Commerce members sat dumbfounded as he related a bizarre tale of international conspiracies, conferences with German embassy officials, and contributions to the anti-Jewish cause from American millionaires allegedly frightened by the imminence of Communism.

He said he was informed three months ago by Freiherr von Gienath, whom he described as a German embassy attaché, that there is more anti-Semitism in the United States now than there is in Germany before the rise of Adolf Hitler.

Deathrags said he was so convinced that a leftist revolution was about to sweep this country that he used his personal fortune of \$25,000 to fight it, in addition to cashing his insurance.

The Knights, he said, started with 200 dues-paying members, but found that plan unsatisfactory and now operate with 10-man posts which pay their own expenses, but contribute nothing to the national movement. Anonymous contributions are received "occasionally," he said.

POST COMMANDER JOYNER URGES COMMUNITY WIDE OBSERVANCE POPPY DAY

World War veterans of Farmville were urged to remember and pay tribute to their comrades who died in the war by wearing a poppy on Poppy Day, Saturday, May 27, in an appeal issued by J. W. Joyner, Commander of the Local Post of the American Legion No. 161.

"The poppy is the memorial flower of the World War dead," said Commander Joyner, "and brings back visions of the poppy-studded fields of France and Belgium where so many of our comrades gave their lives in the nation's service. It is very fitting that once each year we should put on a poppy to show that we still remember those dead and still are devoted to the ideals for which they gave their lives."

Every World War veteran, of course, will join with the other patriotic citizens in wearing a poppy on Poppy Day and contributing as generously as his means will afford to the welfare of those who are still suffering from the war, the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead. The red and white flowers of remembrance will be offered to us by the women of the American Legion Auxiliary, our wives, mothers, sisters and daughters, who will work through the day as unpaid volunteers.

"We veterans should set an example by being among the first to have a poppy on our coat in honor of our fallen comrades."

LOCAL WAR VETERANS TO HONOR DEAD

The Farmville American Legion Post number 161, of which J. W. Joyner is commander, will be joined by the local camp of the Spanish War Veterans in a Memorial Day program, to be given at five-thirty o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 25, at Forest Hill cemetery.

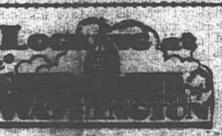
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CRUSADES FOR COTTON



She's 19-year old Alice Hall, the "Maid of Cotton" flying ambassador of the National Cotton Council. In major cities from coast to coast she is spreading the story of National Cotton Week and the Cotton Carnival. Outfitted with an ultra-smart wardrobe of all-cotton materials, she is modeling cotton garments at cotton fashion shows, taking cotton on the stage and over the air, making personal calls and appearances in 29 cities plus the New York and San Francisco world fairs. She will return to her home in Memphis for the opening of the South's great cotton party on May 9. Next to cotton she is devoted to flying and amateur theatricals.



(George B. Shaw, Washington Correspondent.)

ECONOMY-DISAPPEARS HOUSE VOTES FUNDS. SO DOES THE SENATE. NEW BUILDINGS GALORE. F. D. R. TO TRAVEL SOON. TO TALK ABOUT POLICIES.

The much talked of economy is nowhere evidenced in Congress. Here and there one runs across a legislator who is insisting upon economy, but when the last comes, the votes are always sufficient to pass appropriations. In fact, the present Congress is appropriating much more money than the President requested. It will always be the case. The only opportunity for economy in this country, so far as we can see, depends upon the leadership of an executive, ready and willing to veto excessive appropriations by the Congress itself.

There was little of economy in the \$305,183,514 War Department appropriation bill passed by the House last week. It was largely composed of funds for flood control and rivers and harbors improvements in the year beginning July 1st. The bill carried \$68,040,647 more than was appropriated for the War Department's civil functions in the current year. It provided \$173,000,000 for flood control and \$96,000,000 for river and harbor improvements under the direction of Army engineers. The budget bureau had recommended only \$110,000,000 for flood control and \$71,000,000 for river and harbor work.

When the Senate added nearly \$400,000,000 to the Agricultural appropriation bill, there was no roll-call. Economy-minded Democratic senators were silent. Even the Republican leaders who have denounced spending placed no obstacles in the way of passage of the measure. In this case, pressure from the farm group was too strong to be withstood. In fact, students of American government realize that Congress, made up of individuals seeking reelection, is not likely to put a curb on spending. Attachment results only from aggressive executive opposition to spending.

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Move To Advance Vote On Control

Tobacco Men Want AAA Election On July 1, Instead of November 15.

Raleigh, May 24.—An AAA amendment to empower the Secretary of Agriculture to call a tobacco control referendum on or after July 1, instead of after November 15, will be proposed in Washington today by a delegation of North Carolina tobacco men.

The recommendation was approved here yesterday at a joint meeting of the State Tobacco Advisory Committee and the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation which also voted to ask for farmer representation when warehousemen and buyers meet to pick the sales season.

Call of a tobacco referendum during late summer, when warehouses begin to open, might serve as a price stimulant in case of a slump, Secretary E. F. Arnold of the Farm Bureau pointed out, recalling the effect of the warehouse holiday on prices in 1932.

At present the AAA permits the Secretary of Agriculture to determine production and normal carry-over November 15 and call a referendum within 30 days thereafter. The new proposal would advance that authority even before North Carolina sales begin.

Chairman C. T. Hall of the Advisory Committee, President J. E. Wiseloff of the Farm Bureau and Arnold left Raleigh last night to confer in Washington this morning with representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Congressmen and tobacco men from other states.

The delegates also carry unanimous approval of four AAA amendments proposed at a similar conference May 10.

Three of them, submitted to Eastern North Carolina farmers who expressed strong favor of them, would make acreage a consideration in calculating tobacco allotments; uniform determination with an increase of 4,200 pounds or 20 per cent for small farms; and apply a uniform 10-centa per pound tax penalty rather than 50 per cent of value for excess sales.

A fourth amendment, not submitted to the questionnaire to farmers but unanimously approved by the joint session, would provide a penalty to enforce a proposal prohibiting sale or exchange of marketing cards. The suggestion was aimed at growers who might use their cards to sell tobacco to friends who had not complied with AAA regulations.

Approval was voted on a motion by J. W. Joyner, of the Senate, and by L. D. Smith, of the

Director John T. Thorne Discusses Cotton Problems

Dr. Annie L. Joyner Passes Suddenly

Last Rites Conducted Wednesday For Well Known Resident.

Dr. Annie L. Joyner, 68, well known throughout Pitt County and a highly esteemed citizen of Farmville, died in her sleep Monday night, after retiring at eleven o'clock in good health apparently.

Her death occurred in the home of Mrs. George E. Moore, where she had resided for the last seven years, and came as a result of heart disease, from which she had suffered at intervals.

Funeral rites were conducted from the Farmville Funeral Home, Wednesday morning, at eleven o'clock, by members of the Christian Science church, of Greenville, and interment was made in Hollywood cemetery.

Active pall bearers were: Edison, George, Theodora and Fred Moore, and Mr. Beaman, of Wilson, the last named a nephew. Floral bearers were members of the Christian Science church.

Dr. Joyner, the daughter of the late George and Louisa Blount Joyner was a descendant of pioneer families of Eastern Carolina. She led an active life, practicing osteopathy for eight years in Greenville and Farmville, and was connected with the high school here as librarian at the time of her death.

Intellectual and of broad sympathies, "Dr. Annie" was a woman of strong convictions and among her admirable qualities was a genuineness and a deep loyalty to family and friends that made her highly regarded in this section.

The last member of her immediate family, she is survived only by a half sister, Mrs. Mary Beaman, of Wilson, and several nieces and nephews.

Farmville Defeats New Bern In Golf Tournament Here

In one of the most exciting Golf tournaments ever held on the course of the Farmville Country Club, local golfers came out victorious in the tournament held on the course of the Farmville Country Club, local golfers came out victorious in the tournament held on the course of the Farmville Country Club, local golfers came out victorious in the tournament held on the course of the Farmville Country Club.

The tournament was played on the afternoon of May 21st, and although Farmville won every point, it was by no means a one-sided match, as in most cases it took the last stroke on the last hole to determine the winner.

We understand several birdies were recorded on both sides, but no Eagles or holes-in-one.

Swimming Pool To Open Wednesday

Youngsters Make Preparation To Take First Dip.

Together with announcement of the opening date of the swimming pool on Wednesday, May 27, by the Board of Aldermen, comes in formation regarding those who will have charge of this recreational center this season; W. C. Harrell, of Bure, the popular athletic coach and science teacher in the Farmville high school, will be manager, and Tommy Willis, Robert Pierce and Edward Harris, life guards.

Opening plans have not been announced as yet, but a majority of the youngsters and some water-minded adults are preparing to take the first dip of the season at this time.

The pool has been freshly painted and everything is in tiptop shape for the opening. Manager Harrell, who expressed himself as confident that it would continue to be the chief center of recreation here during the summer months. Since its construction it has been a great joy and of much benefit to the community and draws patrons from miles in every direction.

The usual prices will prevail this season; season tickets for children under 12 years of age, \$2.00; twelve and up, \$3.00; general admission for one hour, under 12 years, 5c, twelve to one hundred, 10c.

The 1937 season was a successful one for the swimming pool. The pool was open for the first time in the history of the city.

Local Man Addresses Annual Cotton Meet In Raleigh.

John T. Thorne, a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, delivered a comprehensive and enlightening address on the problems of King Cotton at the annual membership meeting of that organization, which was held in Raleigh, on Thursday.

Excerpts of Mr. Thorne's address follow:

King Cotton is proud of you and me today—proud that after years of retreat before the onslaughts of his enemies we have made up our minds to fight. Not to fight listlessly, but aggressively—consistently—intelligently—invariably. Not singly and alone, but as part of a powerful and determined army of American cotton men—cotton men united for the first time under a common banner—cotton men who recognize that it is THEIR job to save the crop and the markets on which they and millions of their neighbors depend.

The problem which we together are setting out to solve represents an accumulation of trends and events reaching farther into the past than any of us here can remember. I do not propose to review that past, for it is a story familiar to all of you—the first staggering impact of six million unskilled workers transferred from servitude to citizenship overnight—the long years of effort toward economic rehabilitation and simultaneous social readjustment in a crippled and impoverished cotton belt—the growing suction of an insidious and unbalanced tariff system—the invasion of cotton fields by natural pests and of cotton markets by virtual serfs from abroad whose entrance was made possible by domestic untelligence.

You know the result—an income so reduced and a standard of living so low that cotton belt today witnesses under its designation as the nation's foremost economic problem, its economy, its manpower and its social structure forced to the verge of a bog of despondency. In one decade the total value of its annual crop has been cut almost in half, skidding from a billion dollars a year in 1928 to approximately six hundred million today.

And the end is not yet. The prediction is obvious that at the close of the current crop year the world will have on hand more than fourteen million bales of American cotton—a million bales more than has ever existed as carry-over before. Impounded by the government alone will be as much American cotton as a full year's normal production.

Export figures will set a new low of 2,500,000 bales as compared with the normal annual export of 7,500,000 bales; and at the same time world consumption figures of foreign cotton will show an increase in ten years from 10,000,000 bales to 16,750,000. And still the whole story is not told, for in the last ten years alone the world price of American cotton, based on the gold dollar, has dropped from approximately 18 cents a pound to an all-time low of about 5 cents.

These are the facts and figures that stare at us today—figures which can not be side-stepped, juggled, disregarded or denied.

Desperately of late the federal government has sought to stem the tide (Continued on page 2)

'Save To Build — Build To Save'

April was the best month in five years for the building, savings and loan associations of North Carolina, according to John B. Craven of Lexington, President of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, who stated that these community associations had made over \$2,250,000 of loans during April. These represented 1874 loans of which 478 were for the construction of 478 homes, amounting to over \$1,000,000. 236 homes to the amount of \$480,000, were purchased through these associations. The balance of 600 loans, to the amount of approximately \$570,000, were for repairs and remodeling, refinancing, and other miscellaneous purposes.

The employment of hundreds of workers which was fast building the communities of North Carolina and play such an important part in stimulating business.

April was also an excellent month from the standpoint of savings. Associations throughout the State are reporting heavy subscriptions to the installment savings plan which is based during the month of April. The installment savings plan is a plan which allows the borrower to pay back the loan in small amounts over a period of time.