

Indiated British Ban On U.S. Tobacco to be Eased

Empire Tobacco Interest Understood To be Conferring With Government Officials On Possibility of Relaxing Embargo Against Import Of American Tobacco

London, Feb. 21.—British Empire tobacco interests were understood reliably today to be conferring with the government on the question of resuming buying of American leaf tobacco, halted last September 8 to conserve foreign exchange.

Unofficial reports persisted that the government was likely to relax the ban on United States tobacco at least to the extent of a percentage of the pre-war imports.

Dwindling reserves of American leaf and increased consumption—resulting from war boomed employment and greater buying power of British workers—are expected by the trade to result eventually in higher prices for cigarettes.

Prices have been boosted twice already since the start of the war.

The Financial Times, commenting editorially on the annual meeting of the Imperial Tobacco company, said it was fortunate that the company had sufficient reserves of Virginia tobacco to last some time.

But it added that "at the same time, the inadequacy of alternative sources of supply means that the company can not remain independent of the American market for long."

Empire-produced tobacco and the government's purchases from Turkey were said to be insufficient to offset the lack of American leaf.

British manufacturers, informed sources said, had only about two years of Virginia tobacco reserves on hand when American buying was stopped.

HELP FOR FINNS

London, Feb. 21.—Finnish Minister G. A. Gripenberg appealed today to Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax to speed British aid to Finland in view of the situation on the Mannerheim Line.

Halifax replied by outlining aid Britain already has dispatched, which included 144 warplanes.

Halifax said Britain had dispatched to Finland 120 fighter planes and 24 bombers, of which between 40 and 50 already had reached Finland. The others are en route.

Halifax listed other British war material sent to Finland as including 150 anti-tank rifles with ammunition, 10,000 anti-tank mines, 50,000 hand grenades, 25 howitzers, 100 machine guns with ammunition, 25 anti-aircraft guns with ammunition, a considerable quantity of small arms, 30 field guns, four six-ton tanks, 12 six-inch mortars with ammunition, 10 three-inch mortars with ammunition, respirators (gas masks), gas decontamination equipment, tents, clothing and field telephones.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. John H. Nanney

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Frances Nanney, 61, wife of John H. Nanney, were conducted from her home near Farmville Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Charles Pell, Free Will Baptist minister. Interment was made in the cemetery here.

The death of Mrs. Nanney occurred on Saturday morning at eight o'clock as the result of kidney complications. She was formerly Miss Emma Frances Bundy, daughter of the late Noah and Sarah Bundy. A loving mother, a devoted wife and friend, she will be greatly missed in her community. She had been a loyal member of the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church for the past forty years.

Surviving are her husband, three daughters, Mrs. E. J. Moore, Mrs. W. D. Holcomb and Miss Emma Frances Nanney; six sons, J. H. Jr., J. L., Robert, G. S., David and Harvey Nanney; a sister, Mrs. Frank Owens; and two brothers, J. H. and Ed Bundy, all of the Farmville community.

APPROPRIATION

A. C. Ray of Parkton, Route 1, Cumberland County, has placed an order for 2,000 longest pipe seedlings to replant some of his worn-out land.

Unofficial returns from 1,451 of the state's 1,705 producers show that the 1939 crop of sweet potatoes was 1,100,000 bushels, or 10 per cent more than the 1938 crop.

Federal Agency Aids Tenant To Buy Farm

Lester A. Clarke, tenant farmer, of Route Four, Greenville, has received notice that his application for a loan to buy a farm has been approved by the Farm Security Administration, subject to satisfactory title.

Robert L. Edwards, Assistant County Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, Greenville, has instructed Mr. Clarke to exercise the option he holds on the 94-acre farm he purposes to buy and to have the seller prepare the necessary papers. A check will be passed in payment for the property when satisfactory title has been furnished by the present owner.

Another tenant farmer for whom a loan has recently been approved in this county is Willie Ray McLawhorn, Route One, Ayden.

4-H Calendar For Year Is Announced

Dates of events important on the North Carolina 4-H Club calendar for 1940 have been announced by L. R. Harrill, State 4-H leader of the Extension Service. The list begins with the period from April 27 to May 4, which has been designated as Boys' and Girls' Week.

Harrill has called upon the 4-H leaders in the counties to co-operate with civic clubs and other organizations in presenting programs on 4-H work during that week.

Leaders' schools will be held during the month of May. The first will be at the Millstone 4-H camp from May 7 to 11, the next at a place yet to be selected for Eastern Carolina from May 14 to 18, and the third at the Swannanoa 4-H camp from May 21 to 24.

The State Older Youth Conference, for Service Club members, will be held at N. C. State College June 4 to 8. The National 4-H Club camp in Washington, D. C., will be from June 12 to 19. North Carolina will send a delegation of two boys and two girls.

The No. 1 event of the year no the 4-H calendar is next on the list. It is the annual 4-H Club Short Course to be held at State College July 22-27. Following this will be the State Wildlife Conservation Conference, to be held at a camp not yet chosen, from August 27 to 31.

The State 4-H Dress Review at State College is set for October 4, and the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh will be held October 8 to 12. The National Dairy Show is scheduled October 12 to 18, and the State contest at the short course will determine the North Carolina representatives.

Concluding the calendar are the National 4-H Achievement Day radio program on November 2, and the International Livestock Show and National Club Congress at Chicago December 1 to 8.

The baseball fan is beginning to stir after hibernating.

Long Dynasty In Louisiana Dies at Polls

Attorney Sam Jones Piles up Lead of 20,000; Others on Slate Defeat Machine

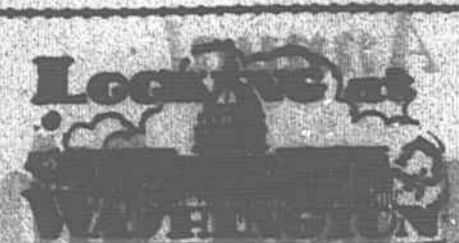
New Orleans, Feb. 21.—The Huey P. Long political dynasty, born of years of dictatorial violence, died peacefully by ballot yesterday after one of the longest and bitterest election campaigns in Louisiana's history.

Voters in the Democratic gubernatorial run-off primary swept to defeat Governor Earl K. Long, brother of the "Kingfish" and leader of the machine, and nominated attorney Sam Jones of Lake Charles as the state's next governor.

Sam Jones, an avowed politician, pledged himself to restore democracy to Louisiana, regain much of the millions of dollars he said administration officials had stolen from the state and jail those found guilty of graft and corruption.

The machine vote appeared complete with Jones' slate of secondary candidates, including cabinet members, judges, and school board members.

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THE REPUBLICAN ATTACK "NEW DEAL FAILURE" FOREIGN RELATIONS QUIET. DEMOCRATIC PLANS. F. D. R. TO TAKE A HAND. DECISION ON CRUISE? ECONOMY NOT CERTAIN. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION. "EXPANSION" NOT SHIPS. SOME NAVAL HISTORY.

Recent Republican oratory indicates very plainly the line of attack to be followed during the presidential campaign. The party's appeal to the people will be based upon criticism of the New Deal, with its over-centralized authority in the hands of the Federal Government and the allegation that, despite this and the expenditure of huge sums in pump-priming the plight of the unemployed, the farmer and the nation is about as bad, or worse, than it was seven years ago.

From now on, the Republicans will not be hampered by Democratic strategy to postpone debate on the issues of the day. Uncertainty as to when the Democrats will meet will not deter Republican speakers from lambasting the record of the New Deal. Silence on the part of the President as to his intentions will not preclude acceptance of his challenge to make the results of his Administration the issue. Regardless of whether the Democrats nominate a New Dealer or a Conservative, the essential Republican strategy will be to hammer along the same lines, stressing the incompetence of the Democrats and their unfitness to govern this country.

The Republicans will turn their guns upon the deficit-spending theory, assail the continued line of unbalanced budgets and insist that a victory for their party will decrease interference with business which, freed from restrictions and fears, will take the lead in restoring a permanent prosperity to the nation.

This, it seems, will be the strategy of the Republican leaders, so far as domestic issues are concerned. Upon foreign relations, there seems to be no present crystallization of position and the attitude of the Republican party awaits clarification in respect to the President's foreign policies. With international affairs in the present state of confusion, with one man knowing what the next month will produce, it is difficult for opponents of the Administration to pedantically outline a position to be taken next year. Only the trend of events and the course of the campaign will definitely outline positions on foreign affairs.

The Democrats, after selecting Chicago for their meeting place, left the date of the convention to be fixed by Chairman Fawcett. This maneuver will permit the party in power, if it chooses, to hold its convention after the Republican convention has named a candidate and framed a platform. Meanwhile, the President will vigorously defend his Administration and attempt to convince the country as a whole that his Administration has made significant progress in meeting the problems of this nation.

The reader may take it for granted that Mr. Roosevelt is more interested in perpetuating the New Deal reforms than in promoting the strategy of the Democratic Party. The Chief Executive is not only sincere in his belief that great strides have been made forward, but equally sincere in the opinion that the nation will take a serious step backward if it abandons the gains which have been made.

Leaving Washington last week for a cruise, the President will have an opportunity to escape some of the pressure which always exists in Washington. Undoubtedly, he will regard the possibilities of the future with a keen eye.

There is no doubt that the "Crane Roosevelt" movement in his party assumes formidable proportions. Generally, it is agreed that Mr. Roosevelt can get the Democratic nomination and that he will get it unless he takes action to prevent his renomination. Regardless of the general debate about the third term and the conflicting interests of the party, there is no doubt that the movement to re-nominate Roosevelt is gathering momentum.

Europe, in his opinion, makes it desirable, or if it appears that without the aid of the New Deal program the world would be in a worse state of being up to date.



WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessing of liberty, to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Those words are the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States, whose first signer was George Washington, President. In great wisdom and with true courage he led the American people to freedom. With continued wisdom and courage he served as their President. That the destiny of our nation was best furthered by his leadership, none can deny, and it is in recognition of the importance of his birthday—February 22nd, 1732—that this message today appears.

School Lunch Room Gets Generous Aid

Total of \$97 Raised In Cash; Others Help In Movement To Provide Food For Needy Children

Contributions have been constantly swelling the fund for providing lunches for undernourished school children since the movement got underway and the lunch room, which has been sorely needed here for some time, was opened in the school building on February 9, as a result of the combined efforts of the Parent-Teacher Association and the WPA.

In addition to the funds made available from regular sources, it is necessary for the Parent-Teacher Association to raise \$3.50 daily in order to provide food for the hundred children the organization hopes to serve, and who will go hungry unless means are forthcoming. Donations of any amount of money or food of any kind will be gratefully received by the committee in charge.

Mrs. Claude L. Barrow, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, and her committee today expressed gratification at the response of citizens and organizations called upon for aid, and for the interest being taken in the project by the public in general. Parents are requested to cooperate by allowing their children to patronize the lunch room, as the paid lunches will help establish the local project on a permanent basis.

A large number of organizations have not been solicited for funds as yet. Those making contributions to date are: Town of Farmville, \$25; American Legion Post, \$25; American Legion Auxiliary, \$10; Rotary Club, \$14.75; Junior Woman's Club, \$14; Merry Matrons, \$4.50; Literary Club, \$4; 1 case salt, salt salesman; one-half of all oil used, Briley Oil Co.; paint for kitchen and dining room, Mr. Connolly; 25 coca-cola trays, Greenville Coca-Cola Bottling Works; 5 gal. boiler, Davis Supply Co.; shoulder, Mrs. W. M. Willis; shoulder, Mrs. B. O. Taylor; 1/2 bushel, Farmville Sea Food Market & Mill; 500 lunch room tickets, The House Printer. A certain amount of milk is being contributed by individuals.

The lunch room was opened in the school basement two weeks ago with Mrs. J. T. Flanagan in charge and Mrs. Lillian Parker, assistant. Dora Joyner and Adeline Edwards are the colored workers.

Meats for the week of February 26th: Monday—Meat balls, gravy, rice, scalloped tomatoes, biscuit, 10c Hamburger sandwich 5c, (Ice cream 5c, milk 5c every day).

Tuesday—Vegetable soup, crackers, apple cinnamon bun 10c, soup and crackers 5c, peanut butter sandwich 5c.

Wednesday—Creamed chipped beef on grits, apple and cabbage salad, biscuits 10c. Creamed chipped beef on grits 5c, pimento sandwiches 5c.

Thursday—Salmon croquettes, potato salad, corn bread 10c, Potato salad and crackers 5c, banana sandwich 5c.

Orthopedic Clinic To Be Held Friday, Mar. 1st, In Greenville

We wish to remind our readers of the State Orthopedic Clinic to be held next Friday, March 1st, in Greenville from 12:30 to 4 p. m.

This Clinic takes all types of cripples, both white and colored, free of charge who are unable to afford private treatments. It is desired, though not required, that patients be referred by a physician or the Welfare Officer, and that the patient bring such note to the Clinic.

The Clinic is set up to serve especially the Counties of Beaufort, Carteret, Pamlico, Pitt and Tyrrell, though patients from other Counties who desire to come may do so.

The Clinic is conducted by Dr. Hugh A. Thompson, orthopedist, Raleigh, North Carolina. This Clinic has been running for something over three years and is now serving a large number of cripples, adults as well as children, in this area.

The Pitt County Health Department Offices are located at the corner of Third and Greens Streets, Greenville, North Carolina.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. F. M. Davis, Sr., recently placed on the Southern Literature shelf of the Farmville Library, a complete set of the Library of Southern Literature, which contains much information relative to Southern writers and their works.

The Library is indebted to the Junior Woman's Club for the following books for children: Frankie; Chips and Little Chips; Koedde; Peanut Butter Slide; Little Elephant's Picnic; Mr. Scrunchy; Ben and Me; What About Willie; Rufie Had A Monkey; Macaroni; Cook a Deedle Do; Joan of Arc; A Year of Promise.

Other new juvenile books now on the circulating list are: Circus Shoes; Mule Twins; One String Fiddle; The Land of Williams Tell; Pets Are Fun; Minnie, The Mermaid; Pilgrims Progress; It Happened in England; Ju-Ju; Rumpus Rabbit; Masha; Menhable.

The Library is open Monday through Saturday from 12:30 to 5:30 P. M.

WHO KNOWS?

1. How many persons have WPA jobs?
2. How much gold does the U. S. hold?
3. How many persons are unemployed?
4. Who is the Republican party leader in the House?
5. What son of a former President is seeking the Republican nomination this year?
6. Does the Government have a reserve fund for unemployment insurance payments?
7. Are sales of Government Savings Bonds increasing?
8. Who is the new Assistant Secretary of the Navy?
9. Is the "head of a family" entitled to the \$2,500 exemption if he is not living with his wife?
10. How much gold has Japan shipped to this country to pay for war supplies?

(See "The Answers" on Page 3)

IMPROVEMENT

By trying nesting his poultry, Lavon Woods of the Nation Creek community in Ashe County has been able to obtain from his birds more than 100 eggs in the past week.

Sweden Makes Protest Against Soviet Bombing Of Little Border Town

EUROPEAN SUMMARY

Stockholm.—Russian planes bomb and fire Pajala, Swedish town near Finnish border; Sweden protests to Moscow; incident threatens revival of Swedish movement for intervention in Finland.

Helsinki.—Russians batter eastern end of Mannerheim Line after pushing Finns back on western terminus in double offensive; Finns say invaders, numbering 30,000 and 35,000, lose heavily.

London.—Six neutral vessels added to victims of sea warfare; Britain arming fishing boats with anti-aircraft guns to counter Nazi air raids; R. A. F. scouts Helgoland Bight.

Bucharest.—Rumania bows to Allied economic pressure, bans shipment of high test gasoline and aviation oil to Germany. Germany challenges Rumanian ban, demands full oil quotas.

Istanbul.—Russia calls home hundreds of Soviet technical experts; German experts already gone.

HOEY TO AID DRIVE

Governor Clyde R. Hoey will serve as a member of the State committee of Fighting Funds for Finland, Inc., a group seeking contributions with which the Baltic republic can buy sorely needed military equipment, announced George Watts Hill, of Durham, chairman for North Carolina, recently.

Struthers Burt of Southern Pines, author, is State vice-chairman.

Other members of the committee announced by Mr. Hill are: Miss Beatrice Cobb, publisher of The Morganton Herald; Peter Brown Ruffin, Wilmington Business man; Dorsey Pruden, Edenton attorney; Kemp D. Battle, Rocky Mount attorney; Carl Goersch of Raleigh; Julian Miller, editor of The Charlotte Observer; W. T. Couch of Chapel Hill, director of the University of North Carolina Press; Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, president of the American Bankers Association; L. P. McLendon, Greensboro attorney; and Hiden Ramsey, general manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times.

SEARCH

A search for new and extended uses for animal fats and poultry products and by-products will be included in the initial work of the U. S. Department of Agriculture regional laboratories.

FRUIT SUPPLIES

The U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics has predicted that reduced export demand would make domestic fresh fruit supplies as large in the first half of 1940 as in the same period in 1939.

Education is not complete if all that the student gets is a trained mind.

Senatorial Body Again Postpones Action On Japan

The Foreign Relations Group Steers Clear of Dynamite-Laden Embargo Question

Washington, D. C.—Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee have again shied away from the explosive Japanese embargo issue while a subcommittee opened hearings on the Gillette resolution to invoke the neutrality act in the Sino-Japanese war.

Chairman Key Pittman of the full committee said the embargo bills still were the first order of business, but he would not conjecture when they would be acted upon. The subcommittee meantime heard testimony on "certain aspects" of Japanese-American relations from Dr. Stanley K. Hornbeck, chief of the State Department's Far Eastern division, and his assistant, John Hamilton.

Members of the subcommittee were executive about what Hornbeck said. He was called in connection with Senator Guy M. Gillette's resolution, Gillette was an uncommunicative as his colleagues, although it was learned that he testified in defense of his measure.

Senator Walter F. George (D-Ga.), subcommittee chairman, said that Dr. Hornbeck added nothing new to the State Department's already declared opposition to any military aid proposals.

Some quarters believed that the reported treaty proposals, as would be expected, would prevent the United States from withdrawing from the war with Germany.

A part of that type of aid would be to provide the United States with a large quantity of war material from the British Commonwealth.

Three Thousand Inhabitants of Pajala Escape Harm, But Half Of Town Is Burned By Raiders.

Stockholm, Feb. 22nd.—Swooping Russian planes today bombed and fired the little Swedish border town of Pajala, an incident that threatened to rekindle the fiery Swedish movement for intervention in Finland.

Although all of Pajala's 3,000 residents escaped death and the shower of 184 bombs was believed aimed at Finnish territory just six miles away, neutral observers expressed the opinion that Swedish "Activists" now would reopen their drive to help Finland "so vigorously that any other help is unnecessary."

Townpeople estimated that 34 of the bombs from the heavily laden raiders were explosive, the remaining 100 incendiary. The fact that there were no casualties was credited to a timely warning flashed from the border and by the heroic work of a girl telephone operator who stuck to her post.

Most of the lethal load was dropped in the center of town.

Among the demolished buildings were an apartment house and a saw mill from which workers just had time to flee. Bombs rained about a church in which terrified townsfolk had huddled, shattering many of its windows.

The weather was clear and the bombers flew as low as 3,000 feet.

Orders Protest.

The Swedish government ordered its envoys to Moscow to make an immediate and vigorous protest at the Kremlin.

Weight was added to the theory that there would be a resurgence of the "Activist" movement by the chief of the Swedish Finland committee, just back from Finland. He announced tonight that an agreement had been reached with Finland whereby the Swedish committee would intensify the recruiting of Swedish volunteers.

The bombing, which set half of Pajala afire, had terror-stricken inhabitants either racing to the fields or crouching nuggly in their homes.

It was the second Russian violation of Swedish neutrality and the occasion of a second protest.

On January 18, Russia apologized for violating Swedish territory, although in her admission she failed to specify the bombing of Kallaks Island in the Gulf of Bothnia four days previously. Ten missiles, identified as the Red army's fell mostly on off-shore ice.

More Violent.

Today's incident was much more violent.

There was but brief warning of the seven crushing bombers from the village of Kenigs, closer to the Finnish border.

As some of Pajala's terrified population took refuge in the church, several bombs exploded within 100 feet.

The church was uninjured, but an old hospital, from which patients had been moved only recently to a new building, was demolished with three other structures.

A direct hit was scored on a school gymnasium, but the bomb, although ripping through to the basement, failed to explode.

Miss Astrid Terttu, telephone operator, was the heroine of Pajala. Advised of the approaching raiders from the border, she struck to her switchboard, warning people to take refuge. The destruction of a building 150 yards away did not immerse her.

Large proposals under consideration since State Department abrogation of the United States-Japanese treaty of commerce on January 26, but is at loggerheads on what course to take.

Reports persisted at the Capitol today that the two committees will mark time until it is established whether Great Britain has negotiated, or soon will, a treaty with Japan covering various aspects of the Far Eastern situation.