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For one thing, the crisis that developed in Europe several weeks ago about the Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia, with the threat of immediate warfare, aroused the interest of the people of the United States in what is generally referred to as "foreign affairs."

The average American found it hard to believe that the world was on the brink of a great war. At the same time, there were snappy phrases to the effect that "We don't get in the next one," and words of similar import affirming the absolute determination of our people not to become involved in war at any time.

WHAT IS OUR POLICY?

This leads us to wonder whether the people of the United States, as a whole, have any idea of what the foreign policy of their nation should be what it has been in the past, or what it is today. Our people, in general, have not accepted any responsibility in connection with the world situation although insistent upon all rights and privileges that, they think, belong to the United States.

FIGHT FOR WHAT?

It is a very dangerous thing to demand rights unless they are recognized or the party asserting them is confident that they can be upheld. In the present condition of world affairs, it seems the only worthwhile arguments in a dispute involving certain nations, is the willingness and ability of a nation to use force to protect itself and its vital interests.

Naturally, the impression exists in many foreign countries that the people of the United States are so anxious for peace that they will not fight under any circumstances, short of an actual invasion of the continental area of this country. It is, no doubt, assumed in some quarters that the demand for peace is so strong in America that nothing short of a violent assault upon our homes and our persons will arouse the people of the United States to a fighting pitch.

It is assumed everywhere that we, as a people, will fight to defend our country. It is by no means fixed in the minds of foreign observers whether we will go to war to defend outlying possessions, to defend South America from European or Asiatic attack, or to protect our just rights in connection with commerce anywhere in the world. It is doubtful, in foreign circles, whether the people of the United States will fight, in the future, to uphold a treaty to which we are parties but which is violated by some other signatory power.

HAVE WE DECIDED?

In short, the foreign policy of the United States is uncertain and not understood by foreigners. The assumption that it is certain and understood by either the people of the United States or the government of the United States would be a violent presumption. The truth is that the people of the United States have not passed upon foreign policies with any degree of exactness and consequently, even the government itself is not in a position to know what the people of this country actually desire as a foreign policy.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE?

There have been assumptions from time to time, such as the belief that popular opinion supports the Monroe Doctrine, even to the defense of territory anywhere in this hemisphere from attack of European and Asiatic powers. So far as we know, however, there has been no direct expression of the will of the people on this lone policy. Certainly, there has been nothing like a popular acceptance of the burden of armament that such a policy entails in the face of present world conditions. In fact, there is hardly a general understanding of the necessity for armaments even in the face of a conviction that we should uphold the Monroe Doctrine.

There has been the assumption, often repeated and proclaimed, that the people of the United States are in favor of a nationalistic policy in world affairs, insistent upon complete isolation from all obligations and responsibilities that might lead to "complications," that they do not want to spend money for enlarging the Navy or equipping the Army that should be spent on internal public improvements and that, in a haphazard, hazy way our people are for peace at any price because war is the worst evil that can befall a people.

HERE ARE SOME "IFS"

There is no general agreement, so far as we are aware, by the (Turn to page ten, please)

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BIG DOLLAR DAY EVENT HERE FRI., SAT., MON.

You Will Profit
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Times' Advertisements

Methodists are now gathered in Charlotte

—for the annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference, with Bishop Clare Purcell presiding.

Bishop Purcell is one of the new bishops elected last spring at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Birmingham, Ala.

Bishop Purcell and his cabinet of presiding elders met Tuesday to consider business of the conference. The church officials had before them questions of appointment of ministers to churches and nominations to the various conference boards and commissions for the next four years. The regular business sessions will get under way today (Thursday).

The session is being held in the large First Methodist Church in Charlotte, of which Dr. Charles C. Weaver is pastor. Dr. Weaver is a former member of Holston Conference, and, as such, was for a number of years president of Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.

The Charlotte conference is probably the last that will be held by the group under the banner of Southern Methodism, in view of the pending unification of the three major branches of Methodism, which is to be perfected at a uniting conference in Kansas City next April. A major matter of business before the conference in Charlotte is the naming of 20 delegates to attend the Kansas City conference.

Another important item to be disposed of by the conference early in its session, is the election of a secretary to succeed Rev. W. L. Sherrill, of Concord, who has resigned.

Candidates for the ministry were to be examined yesterday (Wednesday) and a meeting of the Historical Society was planned for last night. Dr. W. A. Lambeth, presiding elder of the Winston-Salem District, was to be in charge of this meeting, and Rev. Norman A. Huffman, of Lilesville, was to be the speaker.

Also on the program for yesterday were meetings of the Board of Trustees of Brevard College, and the Missions and Christian Education boards.

Entertainment for visiting women has been planned, including a reception Saturday afternoon. About 500 women were expected.

The conference is scheduled to close next Monday, when Bishop Purcell will read the appointments of the ministers for the coming year.

The Piney Creek H. S. baseball team defeated

—Sparta High School's team last Thursday afternoon, in an interesting game played on the Piney Creek diamond. The final score was 8-7.

For Piney Creek, Clint Jones pitched and Eddie Smith caught. For Sparta, Charles Castevens pitched, relieved in the sixth inning by Olen Carpenter. Robert Mac Wagoner caught.

This game climaxed a successful season for the Piney Creek team, which won two out of three games with Glade Valley, two out of three with Oak Hill, and the two that were played with Sparta. This per cent of victories should give Piney Creek the county championship, it is said.

The Piney Creek players are as follows: Clint Jones, captain and pitcher; Eddie Smith, catcher; Clay Joines, first baseman; Ray Joines, second base; Cecil Warden, shortstop; Bruce Osborne, third base; Eugene Joines, right field; Hobart Delp, center field and Howard Brown, left field.

Lewis Hash is manager of the team and W. R. Francis is the coach.

Freed By Girl Jailer



LEXINGTON, N. C. — This is James Godwin, 19 years old, who while waiting sentence in jail here on a charge of first degree burglary, persuaded Lula Kimmel, 22-year-old daughter of the jailer, to release him and a companion. Police believe that after being released they fatally shot a mill worker.

Large increases were requested at hearings

—held Tuesday in Raleigh, in appropriations for the Greater University of North Carolina and the State Highway and Public Work Commission.

The hearings were held before the advisory budget commission.

The Greater University asked for maintenance appropriations of \$3,847,978 during 1939-41. During the present biennium the Greater University is receiving \$2,898,656.

Highway department officials requested a total of approximately \$60,800,000 in 1939-41, compared with \$53,000,000 during the current biennium. The \$53,000,000 figure, however, does not include \$4,000,000 appropriated by Governor Hoey for highway betterments, or \$3,100,000 set aside in a reserve fund for possible diversion from the highway to the general fund.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina and veteran of many legislative battles for university appropriations, presented requests for the three-cornered educational machine, composed of the university at Chapel Hill, State College, Raleigh, and the Woman's College at Greensboro.

Besides an increased maintenance appropriation, Dr. Graham said, the Greater University should receive \$3,673,260 for permanent improvements, which would be divided as follows: N. C. State, \$1,198,260; Woman's College, \$945,000; University at Chapel Hill, \$1,520,000.

The unusually large requests for funds, which some persons said presaged a record-breaking budget, brought a warning from Governor Hoey that "if expenditures are increased, revenues must be increased."

Circle No. 2 of the Baptist W. M. U. met on Tuesday

—afternoon, October 11, at the home of Mrs. Claude Miles, with Mrs. R. L. Hickerson as associate hostess. Mrs. Odell Richardson had charge of the program.

Those discussing topics were Mrs. T. R. Burgess, Mrs. Hugh Choate and Mrs. Ed Lundy. During the social hour, the hostesses served plum pudding, with whipped cream, and Russian tea, to eleven.

ELDER J. R. CRUISE IS SCHEDULED TO PREACH

—during the next few days at various times and places as follows:

Wednesday, October 26, Crab Creek; Thursday, October 27, Baywood, Va.; Friday, October 28, Zion; Saturday, October 29, Union; Sunday, October 30, Little River, and Sunday night, October 30, Galax.

The Mountaineers of A. S. T. C. will encounter

—the Elon College Christians in a football game under the floodlights in the stadium at Greensboro tomorrow (Friday) night.

The game, it is predicted, will be the four-star feature of the North State Conference this season. As in past encounters, this "root, hog, or die" fracas will feature the usual battle of battles with several private feuds on schedule, and the intensity of the rivalry threatens to challenge the legendary Martin vs. Coy set-up of earlier years.

Outstanding in the personal combats will be the show staged by the Boone Bomber, Huge Len Wilson, who will be on the firing line for Appalachian, and Jumping Joe Golembeck, the pile-driving, rough-riding mailcarrier for the Elons. This rivalry carries on from the point where it left off last fall when the snow fell in Boone, resulting in a 31-0 snowunder for the Mountaineers over their bitter enemies. Then, too, there is the test of wits and brawn between Appalachian's Roving Ted Reitzel and Captain Israel for the Henderson crew. These lads play a wicked center on their respective forces, and the fur will fly when they entangle Friday at eight. Fred Smith and Fritts will be knocking away at guard on opposite sides of the fence, and Gaffney will try his skill in trying to outshine the brilliant Shelton who is rated one of Elon's finest pass-pitchers.

Then, there are the Dukes.—this time it is Kidd Brewer and Horse Henderson, two of the Blue Devils' favorite sons, pitted against each other in a tooth and nail contest where no holds are barred, winner take all. These scheming professors of the great American Sideshow will be at their capiest for this gala celebration.

Regardless of the outcome there will be lots of color, lots of rivalry, and lots of twenty-four karat football displayed, and it has been said, be it Mountaineer or Christian, Greensboro will know that she has been to a football game and has seen two of the North State's finest elevens in a gruelling, bone-smashing contest of brain and brawn.

A singing convention is to be held here

—on Sunday, October 30. The morning and afternoon sessions are to be held in the Methodist Church and the High School auditorium, respectively.

The morning session at the church is scheduled to begin at eleven o'clock, and continue until 12:30, when the intermission for lunch will be given.

After lunch, or at 1:30 o'clock, those attending will assemble in the High School auditorium, as it seems, from the interest expressed, that more room will be needed to accommodate the large crowd that is expected to be present than could be seated in the Methodist Church, as first planned.

One of the group of singers will sing at the Sparta Baptist Sunday School, at 10:45 o'clock.

Next week's issue of THE TIMES will carry a complete program of the different groups that will appear during the singing festival. However, it is now known that the Men's Chorus from St. Paul's Methodist Church, Wytheville, Virginia, which was heard on the air last winter; the teacher from the Federal Hawaiian School of Music, from Pulaski and Wytheville; and others will play and sing, thus presenting a variety of sacred songs and hymns.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this singing convention and to bring a basket lunch.

Milk-Made Dress



NEW YORK — Sixty-three quarts of Italian cow's milk, made into wool at Milan, Italy, made this smart fall outfit—both the worsted suit and the woolen coat. Under a new scientific process, Italy now is making 10 tons of wool daily out of cow's milk.

Alleghany is in need of more and better cattle

—according to R. E. Black, county agricultural agent, who emphasized this fact in a previous article. Mr. Black

expresses the hope that the farmers of the county will recognize the decrease in quantity of cattle in this county, and that they will select their very best heifers and hold them for breeding purposes. Money invested in well-bred bulls of strictly beef type, Mr. Black said, would be money well spent.

However, if the farmers have beef cattle for sale, Mr. Black can help them find a market, it is pointed out. Almost daily there is some out-of-town farmer inquiring for feeders or heifers for breeding, the county agent said. Mr. Black said he would gladly assist any farmer who has any kind of cattle for sale find a market, if they will furnish him a list of the cattle they have to offer, he said.

Several Alleghany persons attended the State Fair

—held last week in Raleigh. Among the group were R. E. Black, Alleghany County Agricultural Agent, Mrs. Black, F. H. Jackson, Agriculture teacher in Sparta High School, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Miller.

High school boys attending and exhibiting baby beeves were Van Miller, Jr., James Andrews, Lonnie Lee and Charlie Dale Edwards, and John Pugh. Van Miller, Jr.'s calf sold for eleven cents per pound, the top price of the calves exhibited from Alleghany County, the average price of the Alleghany County calves being ten cents.

The baby beeves from Alleghany won a total of \$46 in prizes.

The boys who exhibited calves this year returned home filled with enthusiasm, saying that they expect to profit next year by the experience gained at the fair.

A British army took control of Palestine Tuesday

—bringing about a form of martial law to help British soldiers crush an uprising of an estimated 10,000 Arabs. The martial law was proclaimed throughout the Holy Land Tuesday night by Sir Harold MacMichael, commander-in-chief for Palestine.

Control of the entire country was placed in the hands of an army backed up by planes, tanks and artillery while rebels clung to the Moslem section of Jerusalem's old city after four days of siege.

REV. R. L. BERRY WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY

—morning, October 23, at eleven o'clock, and also at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night.

Several Sparta Merchants are participating in a big community dollar day event

—that is to be held here on Friday, Saturday and Monday, October 21, 22 and 24. The buying public of Alleghany County and adjoining

territory will be offered a harvest of exceptional values during this bargain period. The business firms of Sparta that are cooperating are ready and eager to serve the public with the things they need during Dollar Days at real bargain prices, and their stores are literally packed and crammed with bargain merchandise for this extraordinary selling event.

Exceptional values in ladies' ready-to-wear and in men's and children's dress and work clothes will await thrifty buyers at Belk's Department Store and Smithey's Store, modern and up-to-date department stores. All who visit E. & T. Drug Store, Sparta's up-to-the-minute drug store and pharmacy, during the three big Dollar Days will find exceedingly pleasing values, and amazing values in foods will be found in the grocery departments at the Cash and Carry Store and Smithey's.

Every effort is being made by each business cooperating in this event, to make the three days of this great bargain period a veritable feast of value for people living in Alleghany County and in the nearby adjoining trade territory. These business firms have made drastic reductions in the prices on merchandise of many kinds and all who are interested in getting the most in real value for the money invested is urged to turn at once to the big double-page advertisement in this issue of THE TIMES and see for himself the abundance of golden opportunities for real savings because of the unusually attractive prices on almost any kind of merchandise in which he may be interested.

A cordial and urgent invitation is being extended by the merchants cooperating in this Golden Harvest of bargains to their customers and friends to take advantage of the big bargains offered during this big three-day selling event.

WOMEN SEEK ABC POST

Richmond, Va., Oct. 17.—Gov. Price said today he has received applications from several women who seek appointment as a member of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control board.

The appointment of a woman member was advocated recently by Senator Leonard G. Muse in Roanoke.

NEGRO LYNCHED IN LA.

Ruston, La., Oct. 13.—A mob today seized R. C. Williams, 19-year-old Negro suspected of slaying a white man and beating his woman companion, refused to turn him over to the sheriff, hanged him to a tall pine tree and riddled his body with bullets.

ROOSEVELT AIDS DRIVE

Washington, Oct. 14.—President Roosevelt told the American people tonight that they always had been generous and that he had complete confidence they would prove so again in the community chest drives to be undertaken shortly throughout the land.

Speaking by radio from the White House, he said he was not making an appeal or speech for the 1938 mobilization for human needs, but was merely calling attention "to the past and present generosity of the people of America."

TRUCK INJURY IS FATAL

Floyd, Va., Oct. 16.—Albert Poff, 28, was fatally injured near the town limits on the Floyd-Willis road Saturday morning when he was thrown under a truck he was attempting to mount and his body crushed.

Poff's clothing caught on a hook and he was dragged under the wheels, the entire left side of the body being crushed, according to Dr. F. C. Bedsaul, who, with Dr. J. M. Harman, examined the body.

ROOSEVELT SEES PLAY

Washington, Oct. 15.—A gay musical comedy which makes fun of the government in early New York drew President Roosevelt to the National theatre tonight.

"He had attended only one other play in more than five years. The comedy, "Knickerbocker Holiday," was written by Maxwell Anderson and Kurt Weill.

LORD STANLEY DIES

London, Oct. 16.—Lord Stanley, secretary for dominions in the British cabinet and heir to the Earl of Derby, died at 3:30 a. m. today (10:30 p. m. EST Saturday).

He was 44 years old. Lord Stanley died in a London clinic following an illness of several weeks.

OIL FIRE RAGES

Linden, N. J., Oct. 12.—An eight-acre inferno of flaming oil, and bursting tanks raged out of control tonight as 1,500 firemen and volunteers worked at a killing pace to keep the fire from enveloping one of the nation's largest oil centers.

Changes in the hunting season have been made

—according to information given out through the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development and received here by R. D. Gentry, Alleghany County Game Warden.

The new dates were set by the Board of Conservation and Development at a meeting held on Tuesday, October 11.

The new dates are as follows: Quail, December 1 to February 15; Turkey, December 1 to February 15; Grouse (Pheasant), December 1 to January 15; Rabbit, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day) to February 15, and Opossum and Raccoon (with gun and dogs), October 1 to February 15. Giggling of fish is unlawful. Fish may be taken only with hook and line.

James Godwin entered Guilford Superior Court

—in Greensboro, shortly after two o'clock Tuesday, smiling, to sit through a long and tedious afternoon given over to the effort to get a jury to hear evidence in his trial for the October 3 slaying of Donald Moss, High Point textile worker.

A crowded court room followed the questions of counsel for state and defense as 35 prospective jurymen were examined. The afternoon session closed with but five accepted.

Godwin was calm enough in the court room during the afternoon, his composure being in dramatic contrast with the emotion shown by Mrs. Moss, a pretty young woman who sat back of the solicitor and who wept at intervals during the afternoon.