

**Confusion Reigns**  
The confusion that exists in the popular mind as to the foreign policy of the United States is duplicated, it appears, in Congress, where one hears the demand that the President make a statement and tell the people exactly what is the nation's foreign policy.

The truth of the matter is that our national foreign policy is in process of developing, with no one, even the President himself, being able to definitely outline what this government will do under all the circumstances that might arise. The world itself, is in a precarious condition, unlike anything in our generation, and slowly the nations take cognizance of new situations.

The conflict between totalitarian and democratic states is not entirely new but it is to be noted that Germany, Italy and Japan are working together to secure the fundamental readjustments of territory and the political and economic concessions that they want. To gain their ends these three nations are not only arming themselves but they are subordinating every phase of domestic existence to gain military power.

To any one who keeps up with developments, such as Japan's naval expansion, German military preparations and the air activity of Germany and Italy, it is plain as daylight that these powers plan to use their force, if necessary, to secure what they want. In each of the three countries the people are subjected to stress and strain to support the national objectives and the organized activity of the nations, together with all resources, are being mobilized frankly to put them on a fighting basis.

**A Different Picture**  
It would be a far different picture if either, or all, of the powers adopted a dictator form of government, instituted internal reforms and set about to live at peace with the world. Such is not the case. The re-arming, the economic plans and the propaganda spread among their peoples are justified in order to make others give them what they term their natural rights.

Neither of the three militant powers stand alone. The anti-communist pact is only a blind, behind which is being prepared the forces for an attack upon the powers that at present dominate the world. If the real force of the treaty between Italy, Germany and Japan was enmity of communism, a war with Russia would be the goal but, so far, no direct pressure has been applied against the Soviet by either of the powers. Their raids have been launched against the nations that do not espouse communism.

In this world situation the people of the United States are confronted with the choice of following an isolationist theory in world affairs or of taking cognizance with new situations and following the policy of cooperation with democratic powers. Gradually, the President has moved toward the latter policy. In Congress, there is abundant support of rearmament but a slow acceptance of the necessity of a new orientation in world affairs.

There are reasons for this reluctance. Behind us is a long record of avoiding foreign entanglements, of depending upon the two oceans to protect us from invasion and of neutrality toward the quarrels of the rest of the world. Besides, in our population there are millions of individuals who are closely identified with other nations. Americans of German and Italian descent, for example, find it difficult to accept the new world picture and continue to view European affairs in the light of their ancestry. They are not disloyal to the United States and as the issue becomes more clearly drawn will, almost without exception, back the American Government to the limit.

**Love of Peace**  
Moreover, in the United States there exists a profound love of peace, with a realization of the futility of war. Sincere men and women, with great zeal, denounce anything that looks like acceptance of war philosophy. They are sure nobody will attack us, they would set the world the example of love and they are sure that they will ultimately triumph. Their very earnestness makes them a factor to be considered in any political situation arising out of foreign affairs and defense preparations. Gradually, however, in our opinion, this important group is concluding that the cause of

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## DOLLAR DAYS TO BE BIG VALUE EVENT

### A Big Dollar Days Event Will Be Held In Sparta On Friday, Saturday and Mon.

—March 17, 18 and 20, in which Smithey's Store, Belk's Department Store, Cash and Carry Store, Jay Hardin and B. & T. Drug Company are cooperating to bring to the people of Alleghany County and adjoining trade territory a veritable feast of exceptional bargains. The cooperating business firms are

ready and eager to serve the public with the merchandise they need during the three big bargain days 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, Smithey's Store and Jay Hardin's, while those who visit the B. & T. Drug Store will find specials that will delight them. Amazing values in foods await the buying public at Cash and Carry Store, Smithey's and Jay Hardin's.

Every effort is being made by each business firm cooperating to make this one of the greatest bargain events ever offered to the buying public of this section. Drastic reductions in the prices of merchandise, of many kinds, has been made and all who are interested in getting the most in real value for the money invested, are urged to turn at once to the big double-page advertisement in this issue of THE TIMES and see for yourself 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 invitation is being extended by the cooperating merchants to their customers and friends to take advantage of the big bargains offered during this big three-day selling event.

### Economy forces in the General Assembly suffered

—another setback Tuesday in Raleigh when the House of Representatives made two additional increases in allotments and then passed the biennial appropriations bill.

The measure, which in amended form calls for record state spending of approximately \$155,000,000 during 1939-41, was sent to the senate.

The increases voted Tuesday would boost the biennial allotment for vocational education by \$45,000, and for the department of weights and measures by \$7,620. The representatives also raised the per diem pay of members of the highway commission, the school commission, and the advisory budget commission from \$7 to \$10.

For a time, it appeared that administration forces unwittingly had opened the gates for a spending spree that would have thrown the proposed budget far out of balance.

Monday night, Governor Hoey and his followers gave the house an appropriations compromise, calling for increases totaling \$500,000 in the allotments for school teachers, the Greater University, Womens College of the University of North Carolina, North Carolina College for Negroes, department of health, and state advertising fund.

The compromise was adopted, after a number of representatives had accused the Governor of infringing on legislative powers by "writing the budget."

### Hitler's armies marched into Czechoslovakia

—according to an official communique issued early yesterday (Wednesday) in Berlin, which announced that Chancellor Hitler "had taken the Czech people under the protection of the German Reich."

The announcement came at the end of a dramatic three-hour conference between Germany's Fuehrer and President Emil Hacha of the broken republic of the Czechs.

The conference ended at 4:15 a. m. after a day and night of rapid fire developments which had seen occupation of parts of the Czech country by German and Hungarian nation of the Prague cabinet, and formal dissolution of the federal state of Czechoslovakia.

What was post-war Czechoslovakia had collapsed under the blows of partition at Munich and yesterday's declaration of independence of the central province of Slovakia. The eastern province of Carpatho-Ukraine followed suit in the declaration of its Premier Augustin Volosin.

After the conference to determine the fate of the rest of the country—Bohemia and Moravia, (turn to page eight, please)

### A district music contest will be held

—at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, on Saturday, April 1. Plans for the contest were announced recently by Professor Gordon Nash, of Boone, chairman of the Boone District of the National Music Contest.

The Boone district includes the counties of Alleghany, Watauga, Ashe and Avery. The contest, restricted to high school students, includes events for vocal solos, duets, trios, quartets, etc.; glee clubs of boys, girls and mixed groups; instrumental solos and duets.

Winners in the division will compete in the state contest which will be held at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, during the second week in April. The Boone High School Band, directed by Gordon Nash, will be the only band from the Watauga District.

The first place winners in this state will compete with winners for other states at the southeastern division contest to be held in Charlotte during May.

### National And World NEWS At A Glance

**WANTS FINE REFUNDED**  
Washington, March 8.—Senator Reynolds (D), N. C., proposed today that the federal government refund a \$2,000 fine levied against Bernard McFadden, magazine publisher, 30 years ago for printing an article on venereal diseases.

**AGREE ON FINANCES**  
Washington, March 9.—The United States and Brazil today concluded a far-reaching financial and commercial agreement designed to strengthen economic and political relations between the two countries and eventually curb Fascist-Nazi incursions in Latin America.

**BOASTS AT EXECUTION**  
Tucker Prison Farm, Ark., March 10.—Boasting that he had killed "12 or 15 people," Buford Goad, black sheep of a prominent Little Rock family, today died in the electric chair for slaying Eldon Cooley, youthful operator of a chain of grocery stores, in a \$400 robbery last September. Goad was known to the underworld and even to his wife as Joseph B. Anderson.

**HOEY SEES GOOD TIMES**  
Pinehurst, March 11.—Governor Hoey predicted better times in the immediate future for North Carolina in an address before the Carolina-Virginia Purchasing Agents' Association, which ended its midwinter meeting here today.

Hoey said 120 new industries were started in North Carolina during 1938 and 78 established firms made expansions.

**COMMUNISTS SURRENDER**  
Madrid, March 12.—General Jose Miaja's national defense council announced tonight that all Communist strongholds had surrendered unconditionally and their uprising against the peace program with Spanish nationalists had been crushed after six days of fighting.

**NOT TO SEEK PENSIONS**  
Indianapolis, March 13.—National Commander Stephen F. Chadwick said plainly today that the American Legion would not ask general pensions for World War veterans during his term of office.

**DIPLOMATS TALK IN PARIS**  
Paris, March 14.—United States Ambassador William C. Bullitt conferred with Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet at the foreign office late today. It was understood he sought information on the break-up of Czechoslovakia.

### Wants 49th State



DETROIT, Mich. . . The secession of five counties from the State of Michigan to organize a forty-ninth state was visualized recently by Councilman John A. Kronk. Councilman Kronk also says another state would square up the United States flag.

### Estel Moxley is now being held in jail

—as a suspect in the Elva Brannock murder case, he having been arrested at Chestnut Hill, Md., near Bel Air, several days ago and brought back here by Sheriff Dewitt Bryan. Sheriff Bryan and a deputy went to Bel Air, and enlisted the aid of the Sheriff of Harford County, Maryland, in making the arrest.

It is expected that Moxley will be given a trial on charges of rape and murder in Alleghany Superior Court here in the near future.

The Brannock girl was criminally assaulted and murdered while on her way to school in the Saddle Mountain section of Alleghany in February, 1937.

### With a crowd of 350,000—Medieval splendor marked the joyous ceremonial in Rome, Italy, Sunday

—when the crown of the popes was placed on the head of Pius XII, 262nd pope of the Roman Catholic Church. The festive crowd thronged great St. Peter's square to watch the coronation on the balcony of St. Peter's basilica, the first out-of-doors coronation in almost a century. Within the mother church of Catholicism, a huge congregation of princes, prelates, diplomats, pilgrims, priests and faithful flocks witnessed the stately progress of the coronation mass and investiture.

Vatican authorities said 71,000 tickets had been issued and it was apparent that few had gone unused.

The estimate of 350,000 in horse-shoe-shaped St. Peter's square was conservative. Vatican sources said it was closer to 500,000 and many churchmen doubted if such huge throngs ever had witnessed the coronation of any pope or king in history.

They said they were certain no such crowd ever before had assembled before St. Peter's because recent demolitions about the square had provided greater space than ever before.

The pope, slightly fatigued by the long ceremonial, rested in his private apartments during the remainder of the day.

Intimates said his holiness "thrived" on his arduous tasks and seldom felt physical weariness. They said he was affected mostly by the emotional strain.

For the first time, radio carried the sound and description of this precedent-making coronation around the world in half a dozen languages, enabling all Christians to share in the church's most joyful festival.

As he received the crown, Pope Pius sat on a gilded temporary throne on the balcony.

### A boost in the funds for WPA was opposed

—by Senator Pat Harrison (D., Miss.), who served notice Sunday in Washington, D. C., that he would fight President Roosevelt's expected request for an additional \$150,000,000 to tide the WPA through until July 1.

The Mississippiian, one of the leaders in the successful fight to reduce the WPA appropriation from the \$875,000,000 requested by Mr. Roosevelt to \$725,000,000 said he was opposed to voting any new funds.

The president's supplemental estimate of WPA's needs is scheduled to go to congress tomorrow or Tuesday and economy advocates already have indicated it will stir up a sharp fight.

The opponents of spending conceded, however, that it appeared doubtful the new relief request could be defeated, or whittled down.

Some house members have taken a stand similar to Harrison's but on the other hand, several Republicans, who joined in voting against the \$875,000,000 figure in the senate, have indicated they would favor additional funds if the president said they were necessary.

House opposition found expression in a decision by members of an appropriations subcommittee to make a separate investigation of relief needs before acting on any presidential request.

House Republicans, meanwhile, said they planned to make economy an issue in consideration of the \$160,000,000 interior department appropriation bill, up in that chamber today. Party leaders said they would propose a 10 per cent cut in the appropriations.

Senate consideration of the house-approved government reorganization bill also promised to have its economy tinge, with Senator Byrd (D., Va.) seeking to make budgetary savings one of the stated aims of the bill.

### Alleghany ranks 99th among the 100 counties

—of the state in the amount of local public debt in North Carolina, as revealed in a table, based on data appearing in the report of the North Carolina Classification Amendment Commission. The counties are ranked in the table according to the per cent. the total gross debt in each county—county and all subdivisions—is of the total assessed valuation for the year 1937.

The figures for Alleghany County are as follows: Assessed valuation, \$4,083,125; Total county debt—1937, \$158,285; Ratio of county debt to assessed valuation—per cent., 3.88; Total debt—county and all subdivisions—is \$158,235, and Ratio of total debt to assessed valuation—per cent., 3.88.

Surry County is 65th on the list, Wilkes County is 41st, Ashe is sixth, and Watauga is 51st.

### A FREE MOTION PICTURE ON "BAPTIST MISSION WORK"

—In China" is to be shown at the Spartan Theatre tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, sponsored by the Women's Missionary Union of the local Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend.

### May Be Candidate



NEW YORK, N. Y. . . District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, 37, whose successful prosecution of James J. Hines on charges of conspiracy in the policy racket has brought him into the limelight as a possible Republican candidate for president of the United States.

### Dr. J. T. Smith, well-known Surry physician, died

—Tuesday afternoon, March 14, at 3:15 o'clock, in Martin Memorial Hospital, Mount Airy. Dr. Smith, who was 61 years of age, had been considered for 40 years the physical and spiritual physician to Westfield and a good portion of Surry County.

Dr. Smith had been ill for six months. He had hoped to regain a part of his strength and a little over three weeks ago said in an interview that he didn't expect to be able to resume his practice, but "I hope to get on my feet and mingle with my friends of the years."

A native of Surry County, Dr. Smith was born at Westfield, November 25, 1877, a son of Captain John L. and Anne Cobb Smith. He spent his entire life in that section with the exception of his medical education. He was graduated from Davidson College and Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pa.

While a young man, Dr. Smith entered the ministry of the Baptist Church and served pastorates of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years. During the past few years his practice had grown so large he was forced to give up his pastorates, but he did not stop preaching.

Dr. Smith—he was "Doctor Tom," "Tom Smith" or just plain "Doc Smith"—to thousands in Surry—was one of the best-known men in Surry County.

Funeral services will be held at Westfield Baptist Church this (Thursday) afternoon, at three o'clock. Rev. R. W. Hovis, the pastor, and Rev. James B. Ficklin 3rd will conduct the services. Burial will be in the church graveyard with Masonic rites.

### Senator Borah said there would be no general war

—"so long as there are enough small countries for the big countries to divide up." This statement was made by the Idaho Republican senator Tuesday in Washington, D. C.

Senator Borah, formerly chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he had in mind the fate of Manchuria, Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia and Spain.

### JUSTICE OWEN J. ROBERTS, OF THE U. S. SUPREME

—Court, underwent Tuesday in Washington, D. C., what was described by a supreme court attache as a "minor operation." The operation appeared to be entirely successful. It was added. The justice is expected to leave Garfield Hospital within four or five days.