

Washington, Apr. 26 (AS)—President Roosevelt's appeal to the Dictators of Germany and of Italy,—Hitler and Mussolini—to agree to make no further warlike efforts to extend their powers, and then to sit down in a world conference of nations to try to find a peaceful way of settling their grievances, whatever they may be, is easily the most dramatic gesture Mr. Roosevelt, with all his fondness for dramatic gestures, has yet made.

How far it takes the United States into the field of European "power politics" is a question which official Washington is still puzzling over.

As an appeal for peace, the President's message to the Dictators is in line with established American policy. At the same time that the announcement was made that such a message had been sent, orders were given to the Navy to send all of the fleet except the Atlantic Squadron back into the Pacific Ocean.

No explanation was given, but the movie was taken here as an indication that there was no thought in the President's mind of warlike measures in case the Dictator powers refused to come to his conference.

No Disagreement
There is no important disagreement with this or any other effort to smooth out the unsettled condition of the world. There is a great deal of disagreement expressed in Washington as to the effectiveness of this particular method.

This is the third time Mr. Roosevelt has asked the Dictators to be good boys and not grab off any more nations that didn't belong to them, and they haven't paid any attention in the past.

This time, however, official Washington and the most experienced observers here believe that the President is counting upon backing up his peace plea by a show of force if he finds public sentiment here and abroad strongly enough behind him.

The appeal to the dictators came as the climax to a week in which the President made several warlike utterances. Leaving Warm Springs on a Monday to return to Washington he had remarked: "I'll be back in the Fall if we don't have a war." That remark started not only newspaper men but the public generally to speculating whether he meant he saw a possibility of a war in which "we," the people of the United States, would be involved, or whether he meant by "we" the human race in general. It also started the peoples and governments of Europe to guessing what he meant.

Explains Statement

On Tuesday he explained to the Washington newspaper men that what he had in mind was that if the expected war broke out in Europe it would have a serious effect upon the American nation and our people; but that since the war had not yet started when he spoke, it might be averted if the free nations, including the United States, took a stand before it was too late.

His intention was, in short, to warn Hitler and Mussolini that if they started a world war they would have to count on the opposition of this country as well as England and France.

A few days later, on Friday, the President did some more talking which set the public guessing. Addressing the Pan American Union, the organization of all the nations of North and South America he called upon the people of the totalitarian nations of Europe to break the bonds of the ideas which enslaved them and were leading them toward war, and declared that the United States would meet any invasion of the independence of any nation of the Western Hemisphere, "force with force."

Then on Saturday came the circular letter to the dictators.

Speaks At Mount Vernon

In the meantime, however, on Friday afternoon, Mr. Roosevelt motored down to Mount Vernon and there, on the portico of George Washington's old home, on the 150th anniversary of the official notification of the Revolutionary hero that he had been elected the first President of the new nation, Mr. Roosevelt made a speech which has stirred up almost as much discussion as his remarks on war did.

After remarking that he had always believed that Washington would have refused the Presidency if times had been normal, he said that "the summons to the Presidency had come to him in a time of real crisis and deep emergency."

Critics of the President read into this, if not a bid for a re-

The Baptist annual Sunday School convention

—will be held at New Hope Church on Sunday, May 7, beginning at 10:00 a. m. At this convention, brief reports and talks, interspersed with special music, will be made by pastors and Sunday School superintendents of the association.

The leading feature of the morning session will be an address by Mrs. John B. Lane, State Sunday School worker, of Raleigh.

The main address of the afternoon will be given by Rev. W. B. Whittington, pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist Church.

The program, as follows: Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Devotionals—by Rev. William Hamm; Special music, by Mount Carmel Choir; Standard of excellence: Report of Superintendent of each Sunday school in Association; Report of Department Superintendents; Special music; Announcements and appointments of committees; Address, by Mrs. John B. Lane, of Raleigh; Prayer; Lunch, to be served by the host church; Hymn, Stand Up for Jesus; Devotional, by W. F. Doughton; Report of Committees; Talk: Report on Regional S. S. meeting, by Rev. A. F. Absher; Talk: Daily Vacation Bible School, by Rev. H. J. Ford; Quartet, by Sparta Sunday School; Address, by Rev. W. B. Whittington, and Benediction.

More than 900 delegates and bishops gathered
—in Kansas City during the past two or three days, from the three major branches of Methodism to attend the month-long uniting conference, from which the three long-divided religious denominational groups hope to emerge as one Methodist church. Yesterday (Wednesday) morning, the churchmen were to kneel in one common communion service.

The theory of union to end divisions created by a first schism in 1828 and a second in 1844 already has been approved by conferences of the three churches—the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal, South, and the Methodist Protestant.

The work of the Kansas City uniting conferences will be to perfect a discipline under which the nearly 8,000,000 members of the three groups may operate as the largest Protestant church in America.

The 900 voting delegates, working with the 61 bishops of the two Methodist Episcopal churches and the leader of the hitherto bishopless Protestant branch, must iron out such problems as the financing of missions, creation of a unified youth movement and coordination of all the church educational functions.

From the communion service today, following a ritual common to all three churches, the delegates and bishops march in procession two blocks to the arena of the huge municipal auditorium where a gallery will accommodate 10,000 lay and clerical observers.

There Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal church, was to open a worship service—the first of the conference; Bishop Hughes, of Washington; Bishop John M. Moore, of Dallas, representing the Southern church; and Dr. James H. Straughlin, of Baltimore, president of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant church, were to preside at the opening business session.

Elder S. G. Caudill will preach at Piney Creek Saturday
—morning, May 6, at eleven o'clock; at Fox, Va., Saturday afternoon, May 6, at 2:30 o'clock, and Sunday morning, May 7, at eleven o'clock, and at Piney Creek, Sunday afternoon, May 7, at 2:30 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

F. F. A. Treasurer



Bruce Osborne (above), of Piney Creek High School, is treasurer of the Parkway Federation of Future Farmers of America, which held a field day event on Monday, April 17, at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone. The federation has chapters in Alleghany, Ashe and Avery counties.—Photo Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal.

Closing exercises at the Little Pine school were held

—on Friday morning, April 21, at ten o'clock, and the program consisted of songs, etc., and Seventh Grade graduation exercises. Four girls and three boys received diplomas.

The invocation was offered by Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the Sparta Baptist Church.

The literary address to the graduating class was delivered by Isom W. Wagoner, rural mail carrier in the Ennice section, who used as his subject: "The Value Of an Education."

The sermon to the class was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Ford, who used as his subject: "The Abundant Life."

Twenty-five students received perfect attendance certificates. Each of these was also awarded a silver dollar.

Other prizes for distinctive scholastic work were awarded to the following pupils: Helen Bedesaul, Lynn Tompkins, Hattie Vaughan, Eula Mae Evans, Robert Mack Johnson, Wretha Murphy and Hurst Higgins, Jr.

The school term is said to have been very successful, under the management of T. C. Osborne and Mrs. Ruth Choate.

The Grassy Creek Methodist W. M. S. held a meeting

—on Saturday afternoon, April 15, in the home of Mrs. Mattie Spencer, with Miss Myrtle Pugh, joint hostess. Nineteen members and visitors were present.

Mrs. R. C. Pierce was program leader, "New Realization of Democracy in the Local Community" being the topic for study.

Interesting discussions were given by Mrs. M. W. Reynolds, Misses Julia Hagar and Elizabeth Payne.

Miss Myrtle Pugh read the scripture, and Mrs. F. C. Nye led the group in prayer. Mrs. J. E. Starling, Mrs. Lula Hudler and Miss Minnie Haynes had interesting parts in the program.

After the business session, a social hour was enjoyed and beautiful refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The May meeting will be held in the new home of Mrs. G. D. Sturgill, which is nearing completion on the property recently purchased from W. A. Weaver. The program will be in charge of Miss Minnie Haynes.

The intense struggle over U. S. neutrality

—was further prolonged Tuesday in Congress when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee decided to continue its hearings until May 6.

The committee, which has been receiving testimony on a half dozen proposals to amend or kill the law, decided to hear an additional list of witnesses, many of whom were suggested by Senator Johnson (R., Calif.). Johnson wants to repeal the law outright, and have the United States take its stand on international law.

Tuesday's action meant that the committee will not make its decision on the neutrality issue before the "cash and carry" provisions of the present law expires May 1.

The Spring term of the Alleghany Superior Court

—will convene in the Court House here on Monday morning, May 1, at nine o'clock, with Judge J. H. Clement, Winston-Salem, presiding.

Solicitor J. Erle McMichael, Winston-Salem, will handle the prosecution in the cases on the docket, and Miss Lillie Leake, also of Winston-Salem, will act as court stenographer.

It is expected that the court will consume a full week, as there are a number of cases to be tried, one of which is a murder case, and one a manslaughter case.

Glenn Maxwell (colored) will be brought back from State Prison in Raleigh to stand trial a second time for the alleged murder of Charlie Shepherd a little more than a year ago. Maxwell was sentenced to die for Shepherd's murder in Superior Court here last year, but won a new trial when his case was carried to the state supreme court.

Commencement at Glade Valley High School closed

—with the graduation exercises on Friday night, April 21, when Rev. James Ficklin, pastor of the Mount Airy Presbyterian Church, delivered the literary address, using as his subject: "The Greatest Thing—Friendship."

Medals and awards were received as follows: Miss Edith Hayes, Music award; Miss Willeen Mullis, recitation medal, and also the Home Economics Department prize; Misses Mary Louise Branch and Mary Emma Logerholm, room prizes for girls; Marvin Warren, room prize for boys; Miss Maggie Sapp, award for best all-round school activities; Miss Juanita Darnell, Dramatics award, and Miss Peggy Edwards, scholarship medal, with an average grade of above 95.

Miss Juanita Darnell, who made the highest average grade during her high school career, delivered the valedictory address, and Miss Maggie Sapp, who made the second highest four-year average, delivered the salutatory address.

Diplomas were presented the following: Misses Maggie Sapp, Juanita Darnell, Peggy Edwards, Alene Phillips and Arlene Davis, Clayton Shoemaker and Claude Dancy. Dean Earl Harris was class mascot. Each member of the graduating class was presented a Bible, donated by friends in Winston-Salem.

Roosevelt asked Congress Tuesday to make a start

—toward placing the government on an efficient and economical basis by creating three new agencies to coordinate vital federal security, works projects and lending operations.

Invoking for the first time his hard-won and restricted power to streamline the government, the President said in a special message that he proposes to place in the White House direct control over the budget bureau, the national resources planning board and the central statistical board.

He estimated that these changes would save the federal government between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 annually, and would result in larger economies to state and local governments. They will become effective in 60 days unless rejected by both houses.

Elder Eli A. Long will preach Sunday at Zion

—Primitive Baptist Church. The sermon is scheduled for 11:00 a. m.

F. F. A. President



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National And World NEWS At A Glance

N. C. COAL SUPPLY LOW
Washington, Apr. 19.—Representative Doughton (D), N. C., discussed with President Roosevelt the possibility of a better distribution of the available supply of coal if the coal strike continued.

Doughton told newsmen the fuel supply of many North Carolina industrial plants was alarmingly low, some having only enough to last two days.

LINDBERGH TALKS

Washington, Apr. 20.—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh told President Roosevelt and the national advisory committee for aeronautics today that the United States must remain ahead of the rest of the world in aviation research and aircraft quality in order to be prepared for any emergency.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH 13

Windsor, Eng., Apr. 21.—Princess Elizabeth entered her teens today and received from her mother, Queen Elizabeth, a gift symbolic of the fact that the heiress presumptive is becoming a young lady. It was a box of long silk stockings.

The princess arose early to greet this 13th birthday, which started her on an intensive training period for her debut at 18 and, ultimately, for the time when England may again be ruled by a "Good Queen Bess."

SHIRLEY TEMPLE IS 10

Hollywood, Apr. 22.—The focal point of attention after a recent preview was the star of the picture—the amazing Shirley Temple, who will be 10 years old tomorrow.

DR. WILLIAM MAYO ILL

Rochester, Minn., Apr. 23.—Twenty-four hours after he was operated on for a perforating gastric ulcer, Dr. William J. Mayo, noted physician and surgeon, was reported by Mayo clinic physicians to be in "satisfactory condition" today with no "untoward symptoms" having developed.

TELEVISION IS USED

New York, Apr. 24.—Television, both in the studio and out, was demonstrated for the first time to an annual meeting of the Associated Press this afternoon by the RCA-NBC system. The specially arranged visual broadcast was titled "Looking at Tomorrow."

CONSCRIPTION PLANNED

London, Apr. 25.—The cabinet agreed tonight to call for immediate military conscription bringing more than 750,000 men under arms after learning that Fuehrer Adolf Hitler had ridiculed Britain's ability to defend herself in event of war, it was reported on high authority.

R. FLOYD CROUSE HAS RECEIVED NOTICE

—recently that he has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge, for the Jefferson District, which includes Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties.

Two men are being held as suspects in the robbery of the Alleghany Motor Co.

—here recently. The two men, together with their wives, were taken into custody Tuesday at a tourist camp near North Wilkesboro by county and state police. Several hundred dollars' worth of merchandise, some of which has been identified as stolen from business firms in Virginia towns, was found in

their possession, Wilkes Sheriff C. T. Doughton said.

The men, Aubry Kitts, 29, and John A. Kitts, 32, half brothers, were taken to Wilkes jail.

They gave their address as Bluefield, W. Va., and said they were married on April 15 in a double marriage at Bland Court House, Va.

Officers in the raiding party said they had "reasons to believe" the men robbed the Sparta firm of a new car, a truck and a safe containing \$1,700 April 9.

A car used by the men and seized at the tourist camp was identified as one stolen from an auto dealer's storage room in Wytheville, Va., a few days ago.

Officers said the car was jammed with wearing apparel and various types of tools they described as "suitable for breaking into buildings and safes."

Officers from five nearby towns were called to North Wilkesboro in an attempt to identify completely the merchandise.

Officers said investigation will probably reveal the men have robbed many places in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and other neighboring states and have stolen a number of automobiles.

Wilkes officers were advised the suspects were in the vicinity by Alleghany County officers, they said.

"A high-powered rifle, two revolvers and a big supply of ammunition was found in the tourist cabin, officers said.

The raiding party was composed of Sheriff Doughton, Deputy Oscar Felts, State Patrolman Carlisle Ingle and Keller Eller and Harold David, of the North Wilkesboro police department.

The quartet was captured at Jim Williams' Tourist Camp, located a half mile west of North Wilkesboro.

No charges have been made against the men yet, officers said.

Secretary Hull declared Tuesday night in a speech

—in Washington, D. C., at the 75th anniversary dinner of the American Red Cross, that there was "not room on

this earth" for a nation or group of nations that would enslave all the others. Some observers interpreted the Secretary of State's remarks both as a warning and an appeal to Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany. His words were spoken three days before Hitler's scheduled reply to President Roosevelt's appeal for peace.

The State Department sent the major parts of the speech to all American diplomats in Europe and South America.

"There is ample room on this earth for the two billion human beings who inhabit it," Hull said. "There are ample known resources of materials and skill to enable all nations to enjoy a high level of economic prosperity and to face a future of continued plenty.

"But there has never been, and there is not today, room on this earth for a political organization of mankind under which a single nation or a group of nations will enslave and dominate all the others."

A moment before, Hull had said that there was no controversy between nations that could not be settled "with far greater benefits to all concerned, by the peaceful processes of friendly adjustment than by resort to armed force."

"Terrible as are the realities and consequences of war," he added, "sooner or later conditions arise in which peaceful and peace-loving nations prefer armed defense to subjection and slavery."

Earlier in the day, President Roosevelt praised the work of the Red Cross, of which he is president.

A giant distillery outfit was seized Sunday morning

—April 23, by Sheriff DeWitt T. Bryand and deputies, between Glade Valley and Cherry Lane, on C. L. Hash's property. The "still" was unusually well equipped, showing that the operators were financially able to buy the best of equipment, it was said.

Evidently, the outfit had not been in operation long. At the time the officers made the discovery, the operators were ready to make a run, but no one was found on the scene.