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Washington, May 10 (AS)—There has been a decided let-up in war talk in Washington since public officials and members of Congress have had time to study and analyze Hitler's long and rambling reply to the President's proposal of guarantees of non-aggression.

The feeling is gaining ground that the United States has gone as far as it can properly go, in trying to extract assurances from the German government, and that from now on it is none of our business what Germany does.

It is the general feeling, however, that the President's appeal to Hitler and Mussolini served as reassurance to Britain, France and Poland that the sympathies of this country were with them, and encouraged them to take a firmer attitude toward the dictators. Out of the whole situation the prospect for peace in Europe seems from here much brighter than it has been for a long time.

The belief that public opinion in America is strongly opposed to any move which would tend to lead this country into another European war has been strengthened by the flood of letters and telegrams which Senators and Representatives have been receiving.

It seems quite definite that a revision of the neutrality laws will be made, to insure the United States complete freedom to trade with any belligerent power on terms which would not involve this nation in their disputes between themselves.

Defense Not Slackening

At the same time, the strengthening of our national defenses is not slackening. As near as our foreign policy can be defined, it seems to be simmering down to putting ourselves in the strongest possible position against attack from abroad, and to be prepared to help any other nation in this hemisphere to resist foreign aggression.

Within an hour after President Roosevelt had signed the \$550,000,000 appropriation bill for increasing our fighting air force, the War Department had let contracts for 571 new military airplanes, bombers, pursuit planes and "interceptors." These will be the speediest planes of their type yet produced, and still more speedy ones are contemplated.

Among the reports which Col. Lindbergh brought from Europe is that Germany is now building some war planes with a speed of 475 miles an hour. Upon Lindbergh's report, after he has finished his tour of inspection of American aircraft plants, the future air program of the Army and Navy will be shaped.

The first part of the President's reorganization program, as submitted to Congress, follows closely the forecast in these dispatches. Three new Government agencies are created by grouping existing independent offices, or bureaus previously attached to departments in which they did not fit.

Grouping of Bureaus

The new Security Agency takes over the Social Security Board, the Employment Service, the Office of Education, the Public Health Service, the National Youth Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In the new Works Agency are the WPA, the Public Works Administration, the U. S. Housing Authority, the Bureau of Public Roads and the Public Buildings Division of the Treasury.

The Federal Loan Agency includes the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Electric Home and Farm Authority, the Home Loan Bank Board, the Federal Housing Administration, Export-Import Bank, Disaster Loan Corporation, National Mortgage Association, Home Owners Loan Corporation and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

The Federal agencies having to do with farm credit are transferred to the Department of Agriculture, and the President himself takes direct charge of the Budget Bureau, the National Resources Committee and various statistical bureaus.

Very little criticism of this part of the reorganization program is heard. It appeals to almost everybody as being a common-sense regrouping of Governmental functions, which should make for more efficiency and some economy. Instead of waiting sixty days, the inclination of Congress is to give affirmative approval to the plan with little delay.

Relief Request

The President's request for the appropriation of a billion and three-quarters for all relief purposes, including WPA, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, seems likely to run into hard sledding in Congress. While it is (turn to page six, please).

The Duke of Windsor made an appeal for peace

—in all the world Monday night, breaking his two and one-half years of silence, and speaking "simply as a soldier of the last war," broadcast a fervent appeal to the heads of all nations. The Duke spoke from the hallowed battlefields of the World War, at Verdun, France.

The former king in exile sent his peace plea across the Atlantic to the United States—whence it was re-broadcast back to Europe—despite loud objections from British court circles and the press and a boycott clamped upon his speech by the British Broadcasting Company.

The duke's speech also was boycotted in Canada, where it was felt to be "untimely" in view of the voyage across the Atlantic to the United States and Canada of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on a peace mission.

Windsor appealed to the leaders of nations to "renew their efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement."

"It is not for me to put forward concrete proposals; that must be left to those who have the power to guide their nations toward closer understanding," the duke said.

"God grant that they may accomplish that great task before it is too late."

Without directly mentioning it, Windsor spoke gravely of the widening tension between the dictators and the western nations, including his native Britain over which he once ruled.

He asked for an end to "all that harmful propaganda which tends to poison the minds of the people of the world."

"I personally deplore, for example, the use of such terms as 'encirclement' and 'aggression,'" he said.

"Statesmen who set themselves to restore international security and confidence must act as good citizens of the world, not only as good Frenchmen, Italians, Germans, Americans and Britons."

It was the duke's first public speech since his historic "the woman I love" address to the British Empire on the night of December 11, 1936, when he abdicated the throne and sped into exile.

Beside him at the microphone established in Verdun's rustic Le Coo Hardi Hotel Monday night was "the woman I love," the former Wallis Warfield Simpson who became his duchess and who closely edited his radio appeal.

"The Scarecrow Creeps" will be presented here

—at Sparta High School, by eleven members of the Senior class, on Saturday night, May 13, at eight o'clock.

The production is a mystery play in three acts.

The combination of comedy and shiners, in which a ghost is set to catch a thief, works out to a surprise ending and promises to provide a period of unusual entertainment.

Characters are as follows: Adam Thio—master of the house, Charles Dean Choate; Maudie Hobbs—the maid, Treva Jarvis; Roderick Gage—master of Gage Manor, Bernice Andrews; Dr. Kenneth Gage—his nephew, Frank Osborne; Aunt Zinnia Washington—the cook, Mearle Jolly; Trailing Arbutus—her son, Retha Evans; Perry Gage—Roderick's nephew, Louise Irwin; Mrs. Annabelle Gage—Perry's mother, Jessie Lois Jones; Miss Amelia Gage—Roderick's cousin, Ella Edwards; and The Scarecrow—Patryae Reeves.

"RED" PARLIAMENT TO MEET
Moscow, May 5.—Russia's Red parliament—the supreme Soviet—was summoned today to meet May 25, but British circles in Moscow asserted there was no clarification tonight of the Soviet attitude toward the British-French alliance.

SOVIET RUSSIAN OFFICIALS INDICATED DISSATISFACTION
—Tuesday night in Moscow with British counter-proposals on formation of a triple alliance.

Honored At College



Miss Evon Eldridge (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Eldridge, Glade Valley, a Junior student at Flora McDonald College, who has been elected president of the Zetesian Literary Society. She has been re-elected to the student council and is an honorary member of the varsity basketball team for two years. She is listed in the Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities.—Photo Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal.

Ladies of the Glade Valley Presbyterian

—Church Auxiliary were entertained at the home of Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Sparta, yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, at three o'clock.

The occasion was the annual birthday party for the auxiliary. The president, Mrs. Clay Thompson, presided at the meeting, the first part of which was devoted to business.

The program leader for the month, Mrs. R. L. Berry, called the ladies to worship, after which Mrs. Bruce Wagoner sang, unannounced, "The Light of the World is Jesus."

The pastor, Rev. R. L. Berry, gave the scripture meditation, basing his remarks on "Jesus, the Light of the World."

A prologue, entitled "What of the Day," was very effectively given by Mrs. P. L. Choate.

A most impressive presentation of the Birthday Objective, in pageant form, was given by Miss Clarice Thompson, Mrs. Ralph Gentry, and Mrs. Rush Thompson, after which an offering was taken to be used for the Girls' Home in Congo, Africa, the 1939 Birthday Objective. The gifts were dedicated with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Berry.

Mrs. E. B. Eldridge discussed some of the highlights of the recent meeting of the Presbyterian in Winston-Salem.

At the conclusion of the program, a delightful social hour was enjoyed, at which time the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Clay Thompson, served a sweet course.

Attention of property owners has been called

—by the District Health Officer, Dr. Robert R. King, that certain contractors from out of the district have been

recommending the installation of sewage disposal plants emptying untreated sewage directly into streams. This is strictly contrary to the laws of North Carolina, it has been pointed out, and all residents are advised to confer with the district sanitarians before signing contracts for sewer systems.

Chapter 71 of the Public Laws of 1919 covers the approved types of sewage disposal and all contractors and builders of Alleghany County are advised to acquaint themselves with this law so as to protect their patrons from unnecessary annoyance and expense.

Harry S. Webster, Alleghany County Sanitarian, will be glad to advise with contractors and property owners as to their plans so that the work done will meet with the approval of the North Carolina State Board of Health, according to Dr. King.

National And World NEWS At A Glance

WOULD HAVE NEUTRAL U. S.
Kansas City, Mo., May 3.—Alf M. Landon said tonight that President Roosevelt, "in so far as he speaks and is able to do so," has abandoned United States neutrality in the troubled affairs of Europe.

"Let's stop fooling the American people that economic quarantines and economic assistance mean anything less than sending American boys into the cockpit of Europe to fight," he warned.

ROYALTY GIVEN DINNER
London, May 4.—King George and Queen Elizabeth dined tonight at the United States embassy and Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy served them with such American delicacies as Baltimore shad roe, Virginia ham, Georgia pickled peaches and strawberry shortcake.

CHANGES RECOMMENDED
Washington, May 9.—President Roosevelt today recommended to Congress the elimination of five federal agencies, integration of government, commercial and diplomatic activities abroad under the State Department, and other changes to save an estimated \$1,250,000 annually.

NAVY GETS BIG SUM
Washington, May 8.—With a minimum of debate, the House voted 296 to 58 today to give the navy its biggest peacetime appropriation—\$773,414,241 for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Married Recently



Mrs. Cola Croom Fulp (above), of Elkin, who was, before her recent marriage, Miss Bertha Miriam Roberts, Roaring Gap. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mack Roberts, Roaring Gap.—Photo Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal.

An end to the coal deadlock was demanded

—Tuesday in Washington, D. C., by President Roosevelt, who announced that he had asked coal operators and union officials for a quick settlement of the bituminous deadlock.

The request was made at a meeting in his office, attended by five leaders of the United Mine Workers, five mine operators and Secretary of Labor Perkins. Mr. Roosevelt advised newsmen later that he had told the disputants that the public good demands an immediate resumption of mining, and that by Wednesday night they should work out a method for reopening the mines.

The President spoke with unusual vigor and emphasis as he informed the reporters of the conversation, his voice rising to an indignant pitch when he asserted the two factions had agreed on every point at issue except one, and were agreed in principle on that. They had, he said, only to settle the details of that one point to reopen the mines.

On that point, he added, they agreed that there should be a vertical, or industrial, union in the mines and that for purposes of collective bargaining the United Mine Workers should be recognized as that union. They had not, he said, been able to work out the details for carrying that into effect.

The President's obvious insistence was such that many were left wondering whether, if an agreement were not forthcoming by Wednesday night or very soon thereafter, he would intervene more definitely. In response to a question on that point, Mr. Roosevelt said only that he was not looking that far ahead.

A program was presented at Glade Valley

—in the Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, May 7, by a delegation of young people from Westminster Presbyterian Church, in Greensboro, with Miss Flora McKeever as leader.

They gave a short program, consisting of songs and Bible reading. The group also gave special music at the morning church service.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Montgomery acted as chaperones of the group of eleven young people.

Thirty-seven bishops received assignments

—permanently Monday night by the uniting conference in Kansas City that sealed the plan of union for the three separate branches of Methodism.

One provision of the design for merger was that bishops should be assigned to one conference, or section of the country, for life. They may be reassigned within the conference. Before the union, a bishop could be sent anywhere.

The two new bishops of the united church, elected from the Methodist Protestant church, were assigned as follows: John Calvin Broomfield, of Fairmont, W. Va., to St. Louis, and James H. Straughn, of Baltimore, to special service in the northeastern jurisdiction.

Following is the complete list of bishops and their residences: Northeastern: Boston, G. Bromley Oxnam; New York, Francis J. McConnell; Philadelphia, Ernest G. Richardson; Pittsburgh, Adna Wright Leonard; Washington, D. C., Edwin Holt Hughes; and Syracuse, Charles Wesley Flint.

North Central: Cincinnati, H. Lester Smith; Detroit, Edgar Blake; Chicago, Ernest Lynn Waldorf; St. Paul, Ralph S. Cushman; Indianapolis, Titus Lowe, and Des Moines, R. Ralph Magee.

Western: Los Angeles, James C. Martin; Kansas City, Charles L. Mead; Houston, Tex., Angie Frank Smith; Dallas, Ivan Lee Holt; Oklahoma City, Charles C. Seleman, and St. Louis, John Calvin Broomfield.

Southeastern: Louisville, U. V. W. Darlington; Jackson, Miss., Hoyt Dobbs; Nashville, Tenn., Paul B. Kern; Richmond, Va., William W. Peele; Charlotte, N. C., Clare Purcell; Birmingham, Ala., William T. Watkins, and Atlanta, J. Lloyd Decell.

Central: Columbus, Ohio, Robert E. Jones, and New Orleans, La., Alexander P. Shaw.

Foreign Service: Geneva Switzerland, John L. Nuelsen, assigned for residence to the north central jurisdiction; Stockholm, Sweden, Raymond J. Wade, assigned for residence to the north central jurisdiction; Delhi, India, Brenton Thoburn Badley, assigned for residence to the northeastern jurisdiction; Arthur J. Moore, assigned to the southeastern jurisdiction for residence to serve abroad—mostly in China; James H. Straughn, assigned to the northeastern jurisdiction for special service in the United States; Missionary Bishop Edwin F. Lee, of Singapore, assigned to north central jurisdiction for residence; Missionary Bishop John M. Springer, of Elizabethville, Belgian Congo, assigned to north central jurisdiction for residence.

THE CEMETERY AT UNION CHURCH WILL BE CLEANED

—on Monday, May 15, and all persons who are interested in its care and upkeep are urged to be present, with the necessary tools. Those who go are requested to take lunch, prepared to spend the day. In case of rain, the work is to be done on the following day. Union Church is in the Whitehead section.

GLADE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MAKING THE

—Honor Roll for the last quarter of the 1938-39 school term, with an average of 95 or above are: Juanita Darnell, Peggy Edwards, Maggie Sapp and Willen Mullis. Those making honorable mention, with an average of 90 or above, are: Alene Phillips, Bobby McCall, Eugene Metcalf, Bill Phillips, May Harris, Johnny Norman, Allie Vannoy and Rosa Jordan.

Electricians will wire a model home in Alleghany

—County in the near future. G. F. Messick, project superintendent of Caldwell Mutual Corporation, and the

various contractors who will wire the homes in Alleghany for electricity, met Tuesday at the home of Miss Pearl Fields, whose home will be used as a model, to work out plans for wiring her home. This job of wiring will be done by all the contractors of the county.

As the board of county commissioners was unable to agree on an inspector, and as each of the two local applicants for the position, Herbert Woodruff, of Cherrylane, and Everett Hoppers, of Whitehead, were equally well qualified, the board of directors suggested that the matter be decided by tossing a coin. This resulted in Mr. Woodruff being made inspector of the wiring in this county.

Ernest W. Hoppers, of Hoppers Electrical Company, is a native of Alleghany County, and has been a wiring contractor for 15 or 20 years. He is apparently extremely interested in the farmers of his native county securing good wiring jobs.

The Pless Electric and Furniture Co., is located in Galax, Virginia, and is well-known in Alleghany County. This company has been in the electric business for ten or twelve years. J. L. Busic, who is a native of Alleghany County, will represent his company in this county. He naturally is very anxious to see the farmers secure good wiring jobs, it is said, and will do everything in his power to be of service to the farmers along this line.

The Harris Electric Company is located in Elkin, and is well-known to the farmers of Alleghany County.

King Electric Company has wired homes in Caldwell, Watauga and Ashe counties, and is very efficient and interested in serving the farmers, it is said.

Home Electric Company has assisted in the wiring in Caldwell, Watauga and Ashe, and it is said the farmers of Alleghany will find this concern very efficient and anxious to serve.

Electric Service Company has been in the wiring business for a number of years and is located at Hickory in Catawba County. They have wired many homes in Caldwell, Watauga and Ashe.

It is expected that the farmers will cooperate with the wiring contractors and that the wiring job in Alleghany will be completed by June 1. Harry DeWar, project engineer, reports that the engineers will be ready to energize the lines in Alleghany by June 1, provided that a sufficient number of houses have been wired by that time. The Rural Electrification Administration insists that the project have an average of three homes wired per mile before the engineers are permitted to energize the line.

The motto for Alleghany County is "The Best-wired County in the Entire Project."

ALF M. LANDON LED AN UNSUCCESSFUL FIGHT

—at the Methodist uniting conference in Kansas City Tuesday night to refer back to committee a proposal pledging support to Methodists who are "conscientious objectors" to war.

WOULD STOP IMMIGRATION

New York, May 6.—Stoppage of all immigration for 10 years and the mandatory fingerprinting of all aliens was advocated today by Senator Robert R. Reynolds (D), North Carolina.

"Our danger today is not from without but within," he told the American Defense Society. "There is no danger of any attack from Europe."

POPE PLEADS FOR PEACE

Vatican City, May 7.—Pope Pius XII renewed his appeal today for "that peace so ardently desired by uneasy humanity" as announcement of a German-Italian military alliance caused fear of new tension in Europe.

The pope's plea was made in a speech delivered in French and broadcast from Vatican City to the eucharistic congress at Algiers, Algeria.