

Washington Correspondence

Americans Dislike Being Pushed Around

Adolf Hitler made a sad psychological mistake when he engineered the recent treaty between Germany, Japan and Italy. He underestimated the courage of the American people.

The mistake is not new. Kaiser Wilhelm II did the same thing in the first World War. He ordered unrestricted submarine warfare and tried to dictate the terms under which the United States could send its ships on the high seas. In doing so, he finally pushed America into the fight—with disastrous results to himself.

Hitler apparently failed to profit by the error of the Emperor. He did not remember that Americans dislike being pushed around, and that they do not scare easily. For that reason his newest treaty may turn out to be a boomerang.

At first glance, a treaty involving united military action against this country is very ominous indeed. But observers point out that the treaty only made formal a situation that has long existed. It did, however, make clear to the people of the United States one important thing that may prove vital in the defense program. It set down in black and white, for the whole world to see, the names of the enemies of the United States. There is no doubt but that the totalitarian powers are working together to destroy America.

On the other hand, this country's recent steps against the Axis are both new and far reaching. In the space of a few short days, the United States decreed an embargo on scrap iron exports to any nations except Great Britain and the Latin-American Republics; made arrangements to loan China \$25,000,000, and came to an agreement with Britain and Australia relative to defense of the Far East—an agreement that involves American use of Singapore and other important British naval bases.

The scrap iron embargo is important both for its own sake and for the threat it carries of further economic sanctions against Japan. Japan still depends upon the United States for its most vital war materials—scrap iron and oil—and sells most of its raw silk, biggest single export product, in this country. Further, it depends upon American and Canadian copper mines for this metal, and its only other source of supply would be American controlled copper mines in South America. And, as if this were not enough, Canada exercises, to all intents and purposes, a monopoly on nickel.

Naturally Japan has something on the other side of the ledger. By seizing the Dutch East Indies, it could cut off America's rubber and tin supply. But the United States, through other markets and the development of synthetic substitutes, is in the better position.

The treaty, making Japan a partner of Italy and Germany, does not supply the Japanese with any of these vital products. It does not add to Japan's naval might, because its partners' fleets are bottled up by British warships. But it does line Japan up as an official enemy of the United States. The Japanese military clique has committed Japan's millions to an anti-American policy.

To put teeth into the new treaty, Germany must first de-

Our world...

A Decided British Naval Victory

London.—A smashing British naval-air offensive against Benito Mussolini's war machine has sent three Italian destroyers to the bottom of the Mediterranean and established Britain's mastery of the sea and air in that region. The three Italian destroyers—two of 679 tons and the other a latest-type 1,620-ton warship—were sunk by shellfire early Saturday off Malta in the British Mediterranean fleet's biggest victory of the war thus far, the admiralty said. The two smaller destroyers went down under the guns of the 6,985-ton cruiser Ajax, scarred veteran of the Montevideo battle with the later-scuttled Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee 10 months ago.

Russia Watches Diligently

Budapest, Hungary.—Reports of two German troop movements in the Balkans raised new fears last night of an extension of the war, and there was talk that Soviet Russia is negotiating a military assistance pact with pro-British Turkey. Men in Sofia, Bulgaria, who are friendly to the Soviet declared they had been informed that Moscow was prepared to promise the Turks armed support if Germany and Italy should try to seize the Dardanelles. They added on the authority of "high Communists" that Russian-Turkish negotiations had "every chance of success."

Germany Still Pounds at England

London.—A huge German time-bomb, the biggest ever dropped here, fell early today near a famous building and remained unexploded along with a shower of other delayed-action bombs. In this heavy assault upon the capital, loosed last night after day-long thrusts at the city which had been turned back six times in a furious chain of engagements here and over England's coast, big German bombers and fighter planes came over for a time at the rate of one a minute.

Thurmond Chatham for Willkie

Greensboro.—Three prominent North Carolina Democrats, Thurmond Chatham of Winston-Salem, Miss Carrie McLean of Charlotte, and W. B. Kiker of Reidsville, last night authorized publication of statements pledging support to Wendell Willkie under the banner of the Democrats-for-Willkie movement, Paul Leonard, secretary of state headquarters, announced.

"Preparedness is an Experts' Job"

Buffalo, N. Y.—Asserting that "preparedness is an experts' job," Wendell Willkie last night promised, if elected president, to make the national defense commission "the real working defense authority." "They will be the best qualified men in the country," he said in answer to a question put to him on the second of a series of question-and-answer broadcasts over the NBC Red network. "They will know how to organize our raw materials, plants and factories—to produce efficiently and quickly all the equipment we need to make your home and mine—your children and mine—safe from attack."

Deaths

COX

Wiley Everett Cox, age 87, died suddenly at his home in Stratford on Wednesday October 9. He had been in declining health a year or more. After a brief service at the home on Friday, October 11, the funeral was conducted at Shiloh Church, where he had been a member, by Rev. Mr. Strader, Rev. Mr. Berry, Elder S. G. Caudill, Governor Doughton and Rev. Lee Hampton.

"Judge" Cox as he was familiarly known represented this county at one time in the State Legislature, was clerk of the court here for eight years, and had served on the County Board of Education.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Laura Maxwell, and the following children, Dr. Luther Cox, of Clovis, N. Mexico, Mrs. Cynthia Fender of Sparta, Homer Cox of Stratford, and Mrs. C. W. Ervin of Glade Valley.

TOMPKINS

Lum Tompkins, whose death on Sunday, October 6, was noted in these columns last week, was buried at Little Pine Cemetery on Tuesday, October 8. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Allie Tompkins, by the following children: Mrs. Emmeline Murphy, Mrs. Mallie Greene, Mrs. Clyde Holloway, Mrs. Ennis Greene, Mrs. Rosie Greene, Dock, Roby, and Young Tompkins and by 31 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

JOINES

Little Greta L. Joines, age 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Joines died Monday night, Oct. 14, at the home of her parents in Bledsoe community after a lingering illness of more than a year.

She is survived by her parents and a younger sister, Mona Faye. Interment was at Antioch Wednesday, Oct. 16, with Elder S. G. Caudill officiating.

The display of jewelry in Mr. Hayes' window suggests that Christmas is nearing.

In two-thirds of the accidents involving pedestrians, the pedestrians are in fault.

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Sparta Will See A Real Democratic Rally Friday

Congressman R. L. Doughton, of Laurel Springs, Alleghany County's own representative who has gone to the National Congress for 30 years and is chairman of the Ways and Means committee, will speak to his fellow citizens in Sparta about 2 o'clock Friday.

Of course, as announced in the advertising columns, at noon Sparta will enjoy a grand Fish Fry to which everybody is cordially invited.

And then, in addition, Sparta is to have the privilege of hearing Mr. J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, the Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina. And not many but expect him to be duly elected. Doubtless Alleghany County will turn out handsomely to hear the discussion of national and state issues which these two outstanding men will bring.

Wendell Willkie Program of Broadcasts

For those who desire to hear Mr. Willkie on the radio the following schedule will be useful. In each case the hour is Eastern Standard Time.

Thursday, Oct. 17, Wendell Willkie will speak in St. Louis, Mo., at 10:30 to 11 p. m. and will be heard over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Monday, Oct. 21, Wendell Willkie will speak in Minneapolis, Minn., 10 to 10:30 p. m. and will be broadcast over the National Broadcasting Co.

Tuesday, Oct. 22, Wendell Willkie will conduct one of his popular Questions and Answers broadcasts through the National Broadcasting Co. at 10:30 to 11 p. m.

Tuesday, October 29, Wendell Willkie will again conduct his Questions and Answers program through the National Broadcasting Co. at 10:30 to 11 p. m.

Thursday, Oct. 31, Wendell Willkie will speak in Chicago at 10:30 to 11 p. m. and will be heard over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Saturday, Nov. 2, Wendell Willkie will speak at a big rally in Madison Square Garden, New York, 10:15 to 11 p. m. and will be heard over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Monday, Nov. 4, Wendell Willkie, Senator Charles L. McNary, and Joseph W. Martin, Jr., will speak over the Columbia Broadcasting System at 10:15 to 11 p. m.

It is real news and a genuine public service when the old broken sidewalk between Jay Hardin's warehouse and Sparta Service Station is repaired as it was Tuesday.

Centralized Power

Franklin Roosevelt believes inherently and basically that the American people will be happier, that society will function better in direct ratio to the amount of power exercised by a strong central government. I believe exactly the reverse.—Wendell Willkie.

Educator



CLAUDE R. JOYNER

Eighteenth Annual Convention of Teachers

The Northwestern District Teachers Association of the North Carolina Education Association will hold its Eighteenth Annual Convention in Winston-Salem on Friday, Nov. 1, at 10 o'clock in the Reynolds Memorial Auditorium. Claude R. Joyner, Principal of the Richard J. Reynolds High School of Winston-Salem, is president of the Northwestern Association.

A very comprehensive program has been prepared and the Convention Theme will appeal to many beside professional teachers. It is, "Teaching to Perpetuate our American Form of Democracy."

The Convention speaker is Dr. Franklin H. McNutt, Professor of Education of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mt. Zion Sunday School Picnic At Comers Rock

The Mt. Zion Sunday School picnic was well attended last Sunday. Seventy-five or more started on the trip, and another group from Piney Creek joined at Comers Rock, Va.

The Comers Rock Lookout tower is perched high up on the summit of a mountain, where one can look for miles and miles in each direction and view the lovely scenes of nature. To really know what Comers Rock looks like, one needs to visit it and look, with eyes, that can see the beauty of nature.

The material for this tower which overlooks many hills and valleys evidently must have been carried to this point by hand as no road is seen near the top, only a path with stone steps leading up.

A number of group pictures were made, and then back to the picnic grounds we came. We signed the register, which shows the number of persons visiting there each day.

In a lovely grove tables and furnaces are dotted about, prepared for picnics. After putting the coffee to boil, dinner was spread on two tables side by side. Next was the devotion by Rev. R. L. Billings, then more group pictures. We were all hungry enough to eat — and such a dinner. We ate and ate, that's part of a picnic, anyway—eating, chatting, and laughing with neighbors and friends.

It is needless to say all enjoyed this outing and scenery.

Lucille Ford Circle Met Tuesday Night

The Baptist W. M. U. Lucille Ford Circle met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. J. G. Mitchell, with Mrs. J. C. Relham as joint hostess. Mrs. F. Roy Burgis was program leader. Mrs. V. W. Sears was elected president, to succeed Mrs. Walter Taylor who has moved away. The November meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Duke Bledsoe, with Mrs. Bruce Wagoner as leader.

Farm Youth Wins Top Honors at State Fairs

At the two largest state fair market barrow shows in the United States, Illinois and Indiana, veteran hog showmen were defeated for the coveted top honor, grand champion over all breeds and crossbreeds, by two up-and-coming 4-H Club boys. Moreover, the same honors at the Iowa, Wisconsin and Missouri state barrow shows were also won by either 4-H or FFA youths.

In spite of a strong barrow exhibit by experienced breeders and showmen at the Illinois State Fair at Springfield, it was 18-year-old Bob Theobald of Elkhart, Ill., who won the purple ribbon on his 186-pound Duroc which later sold to Pabst Breweries for \$1,000 a pound. Another Duroc shown by young Theobald was grand champion of the Illinois 4-H show, selling to Phillips Petroleum Co. at 66 cents a pound. Envy by every hogman were Bob's total profits from his winning Durocs—\$648.09.

In a barrow show of well over 400 head at the Indiana State Fair, it was 4-H'er Raymond Smith of Rensselaer, Ind., who made a clean sweep of both single pen of three barrows grand championships, also with purebred Durocs. In addition, young Smith showed a half-sister of the grand champion barrow to first place in a ring of 76 junior Duroc gilts in the breeding classes. Smith's total profit from his winning Durocs was \$624.92.

Other Cornbelt state fair market barrow victories for farm youth were; at Wisconsin where Teddy Hulberg, FFA boy from West Salem, Wis., won grand champion over all breeds with a Duroc for the third consecutive year; at Missouri where Herbert Hemme of Sweet Springs, Mo., had the open class grand championship on a Duroc; and at Iowa where a Chesterwhite shown by Bernard Ebbing of Eagle Grove, Iowa, took top honors.

New Haven Church

The Peace program of the Willing Workers' Class of New Haven Church, which was to have been given last Sunday, will be given Sunday night, October 20, at 7 o'clock, after which Bro. W. H. Handy will preach.

Rev. Gilbert Osborne, of North Wilkesboro, will preach at New Haven Church next Sunday, October 20, at 11 o'clock.

There was no school Wednesday, for many of the teachers were rendering valuable service in the matter of conducting the draft registration. And the children were not all downhearted at a holiday, either.

Robert Joines' barber shop has given up one corner to another line of business. Cliff Evans has his bench and tools installed and is doing watch repairs with enthusiasm.

Alleghany Exhibits At State Fair Win Awards

The 4-H Club boys and girls of Alleghany County made a fine showing of their baby beef calves at the Raleigh State Fair last week.

Mr. Black our County Agent had prepared a beautiful banner, that he nailed across the head of the Alleghany calves stalls, which proclaimed to all the crowds that these fine steers belonged to the "4-H Club of Alleghany County." The Alleghany Club brought back some fine ribbons won by their calves. One group took second prize. All the calves rated near the top. In one group, Watauga was first, Alleghany second, and Wilkes third.

Wilmer Pruitt's 885-lb. steer took fourth prize in the individual group, and sold for \$16.00 per hundred weight, thus bringing him the highest price of any in the county.

This was a fine lot of cattle and a much finer bunch of boys and girls, of which the county can be justly proud.

The fruits and vegetables were so fine and carefully graded that in some instances the judges used magnifying glasses to determine the finest.

Surely the State Department of Agriculture's 40-ft. water fall was the most beautiful man-made water fall to be found anywhere.

Floyd Reeves, of Alleghany, was one of the first four 4-H Club boys chosen to receive a free calf by the Dickie Moore Calf Club. The calf is given by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moore, the parents of Dickie Moore, as a memorial to Dickie who was accidentally killed July 1st.

The Club plan is that each year four farm boys will be given a calf apiece, with the idea that the proceeds from the milk they get from the cows may pay their expenses through college.

County Teachers Will Meet Saturday

The chief topic for discussion at the county-wide Teachers' Meeting called for next Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10 o'clock at Sparta is the important matter of Grading. The meeting will open with devotions led by Rev. Mr. Sears. County Superintendent Thompson will make some announcements, and then J. B. Reed of Piney Creek will conduct the discussion of the topic for the High School group. Miss Anne Truitt of Sparta will conduct the discussion for the Elementary teachers, and all teachers are expected to take part.

Mrs. Wagoner and Mrs. Choate To Be Hostess

The Woman's Missionary Society, Circle I, will meet Thursday at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Amos Wagoner with Mrs. Lula Choate associate hostess.

Methodist Young Women Will Meet

The October meeting of the Young Women's Circle will be held at the Methodist Church on Thursday night, October 17, at 6:45 o'clock, it is announced by Mrs. Hazel Gambill.

All Day Rally And Fish Fry

EVERYBODY WELCOME

THIS FRIDAY

PUBLIC SPEAKING AT 2 O'CLOCK

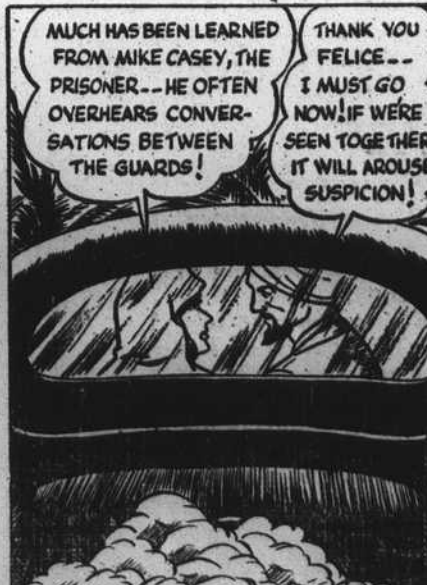
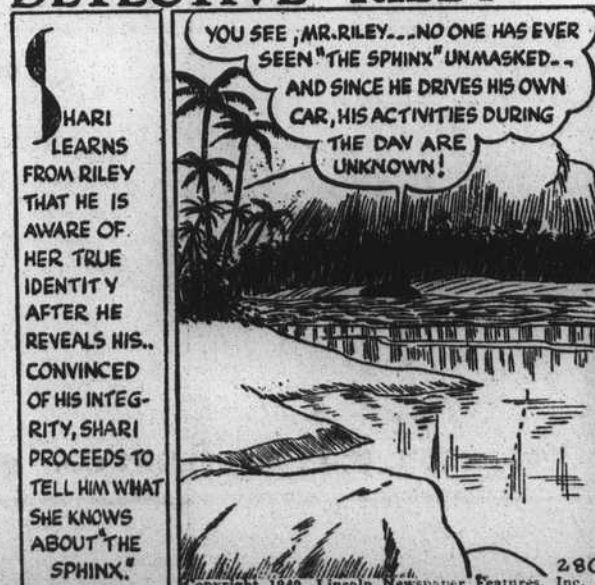
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Democratic Candidate for Governor

DETECTIVE RILEY



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