



Washington, D. C., Nov. 11.—Campaign arguments may have confused the people of this country on the attitude of the present administration toward the war. High officials remind us, therefore, that the prospect of the U. S. declaring war on either Germany or Japan is nil.

American policy will probably embrace a program something like this: continue giving all possible aid to Britain short of war; defend the Philippines so long as they remain American soil; defend this hemisphere from all attacks, whether direct or indirect, and gradually cut down on war supplies shipments to Japan until no more leave these shores for that country. It goes without saying that the rearmament program will continue as the leading item of our policy.

Federal authorities are finally beginning to crack down on foreign agents in the U. S. whose object is to hamper or delay our defense effort and that being made in behalf of Britain. Insiders claim that the evidence gathered during a long period of caution and delay involves consuls and even officials of an embassy in Washington.

From usually reliable sources comes news that a great mass of the German Army is being moved southward presumably for transport to North Africa. Some reports assert that the Nazis are to aid the Fascists in a fierce thrust, supported by an enormous weight of mechanized vehicles and aircraft, against the Egyptian port and British naval base of Alexandria.

Although inspired London circles now agree that Adolf Hitler's scheduled plan for the invasion of Britain has, for the moment, been abandoned, there is still a strong possibility (if not a probability) that the Germans will attempt a landing in Eire, to keep Britain preoccupied near home while the African campaign develops. It is true that the prerequisite for successful invasion of the British Isles—airial supremacy—has not been obtained by the German Luftwaffe, but the Nazis' shelving of the project is regarded as due less to that than to the dangerous situation in Italy.

Washington salons are whispering about the reported shakeup in President Roosevelt's third term cabinet. Henry L. Stimson, who is expected to retire soon, may be replaced by Robert A. Patterson, now Assistant Secretary of War. Attorney General Robert H. Jackson is slated to fill the first Supreme Court vacancy—no successor mentioned. Postmaster General Walker is known to have only temporarily accepted by the post vacated by James A. Farley, and will probably retire before the end of the year. Democratic National Chairman Edward J. Flynn is the man mentioned for that post. Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins may be replaced by either Sidney Hillman or Daniel Tobin—both national figures in the labor movement. Slated to be retained are Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones and Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox.

### Babson Predicts A New Party

Roger W. Babson, business analyst and Prohibition Party Presidential nominee, predicted yesterday the birth of a successful new political party "within four to eight years."

"The time is coming," Mr. Babson declared at a campaign rally, "when the voters will cast aside both major parties and go either to a coalition government or to some third party."

"It is up to you to see that it is a conservative third party and not some Socialist or Communist group."



## Our world...

### Winter's First Fierce Blast

Chicago.—A raging pre-winter storm, accompanied by tornado winds, blizzards and sub-freezing temperatures, swept across the nation Monday, killing many and causing heavy property damage. The storm extended from the Rocky Mountains to the Appalachians and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, bringing snow in the north and tornadoes and a cold wave in the deep south. The nation's storm death toll reached at least 98 Tuesday night as terrific winds continued to pound Great Lakes and Eastern Seaboard regions and bitter, subnormal cold gripped most states. Minnesota, whose motorists were beleaguered by heavy snows and whose hunters were caught in freezing temperatures or heavy winds on lakes and streams, had the highest death total—23. Eight hunters and 15 motorists were counted among the state's fatalities.

### Is This Sabotage?

New York, Nov. 13.—Three plants manufacturing explosives—one working on defense contracts—were struck by death-dealing blasts within 50 minutes Tuesday, leaving a toll of 14 dead and at least 25 injured. All three plants were in the important northeastern industrial area, although in widely-separated sections of Western and Eastern Pennsylvania and the New York harbor shoreside of New Jersey. The Federal Bureau of Investigation quickly swung into action, announcing that operatives already were investigating the blast which took three men's lives at the Trojan Powder Company plant near Allentown, Pa. The concern has army and navy contracts totaling at least \$202,150.

### Earthquake, Fire, Terror

Bucharest, Rumania, Nov. 11.—Huge fires burning out of the heart of Bucharest and new earth shocks spread fresh terror in earthquake-devastated Rumania tonight and made vastly more dangerous the national task of succoring thousands of injured and homeless.

### African French Colony Surrenders

London, Nov. 11.—The surrender of Libreville, principal port of the Gabon colony of French equatorial Africa to the "free French" forces of General Charles de Gaulle was announced today. The announcement said the commanding officer at Libreville surrendered at 4:40 a. m. Sunday and the "free French" warships Savorgnan de Brassac and Commandant Domineof had entered the city harbor.

### Hitler and Molotoff Bargaining

Berlin, Nov. 13.—In a "strictly business" atmosphere, Adolf Hitler and Soviet Premier Vyacheslav Molotoff sat down yesterday to talks which may prove portentous for the entire world. Out of them, some informed Nazis believed, the Soviet union may emerge as a partner of Germany, Italy and Japan in their shaping of a "new world order." But authorized sources made it clear that nothing official could be expected on the trend of the conversations for the time being.

### British Smash an Italian Warship

Rome, Nov. 12.—An Italian warship was severely damaged by bombs early yesterday in the first British air raid—a raid which Fascists termed costly—on the naval base at Taranto, at the head of the Gulf of Taranto which forms the instep to Italy's boot. The high command, acknowledging the damage, said six of the attacking planes were shot down and three other probably hit badly.

### England Mourns As Death Claims Chamberlain

Neville Chamberlain, whose life's aim was to promote peace in Europe, found his own peace in death, November 9, while England was being torn by the bombs he had tried to keep from falling.

The former prime minister died early Saturday night in his countryside home, a weary warrior, spent from his crusade for peace, and the taxing toll of years of bitter struggle.

His strength sapped by months of illness, the 71-year-old statesman had lain gravely ill in his Hampshire home for several days and had been so deeply in coma prior to his demise that it is doubtful whether he knew that King George VI and Queen Elizabeth spent an hour at his bedside during the week.

His wife and two sisters were with him in his old farmhouse when he passed away.

Probably Chamberlain's body will be taken to London, and buried in Westminster Abbey, in whose crypts lie the remains of many of Britain's great.

This great apostle of peace was Britain's prime minister from 1937 until May 10, 1940, during the troublous years which saw the Munich "peace" and the first nine months which followed the declaration of war which Chamberlain broadcast to the world Sept. 3, 1939. On the day he resigned, Germany invaded the low countries of Europe and began the swift western campaign which cost France her liberty and Britain her one active ally.

As soon as his death was made known to the populace, all England went into mourning. The Rev. H. R. P. Tringham said in a brief eulogy of the former premier:

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God, and no one has worked harder for our peace. Although his work seemed a failure, it was grand failure."

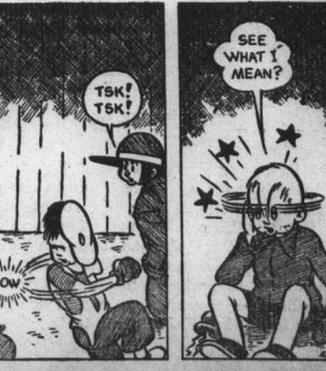
### Boy Trained by Red Cross Rescues Eight

When eight people get into a rowboat, it often results in trouble. Clarence Walker, a 14-year-old mid-western boy learned this in a Red Cross Life Saving Class. Disregarding Clarence's advice, his mother and several friends set out one afternoon in a rowboat riding dangerously low in the water. Several of them were unable to swim, so Clarence went along, just in case. The inevitable happened; the small craft capsized and came up bottom first. The seconds that followed were a busy time for Clarence. Drawing on his knowledge of Red Cross water safety, he succeeded in getting all of the party but one to grasp the sides of the rowboat—which he knew would support them safely until help came. In the confusion, one person was missing. Clarence made several surface dives and found his friend lying on the bottom, under the boat. Clarence pulled him to the surface as a rescue boat arrived. Twenty minutes later, through Clarence's ability to give artificial respiration, the near-drowned friend regained consciousness. Countless incidents like this are happening every summer on our lakes and beaches to demonstrate the value of Red Cross training.

Farm income in North Carolina for the first six months of 1940 is 20 per cent greater than for the same period last year, reports Russell P. Handy, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture.



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### Senator Pittman, Foreign Relations Chairman, Dies

Senator Key Pittman, 68, chairman of the United States Senate committee on foreign relations, died at the Washoe general hospital in Reno, Nevada, just after midnight Sunday morning, Nov. 10.

The veteran legislator, although not in vigorous health when he went home to campaign successfully for re-election, had not complained of any illness. But last Saturday, when he failed to appear at a political rally in Reno, his failing health became known publicly.

Monday night—election eve—he was taken to the hospital, and his physician, Dr. A. J. Hood, disclosed that he had been in bad health throughout the campaign.

Senator Pittman, first elected to the United States Senate in 1912 for an unexpired term of four years, defeated Samuel Platt, Republican, in last Thursday's election—his sixth successive victory for that office.

The senator's wife, Mimosa Gates Pittman, was at his bedside when death came. His brother, Dail Pittman, newspaper publisher of Ely, Nevada, was en route to the senator's home when death occurred.

Probably interment will be in Tonopah, his home city.

Key Pittman was born in Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 19, 1872. He was educated at the Southwestern Presbyterian University and at George Washington University. In 1892 he began law practice in Seattle, Washington.

From 1897 to 1901 he was in the Northwest Territory and served on the committee which formulated the "compact" form of government for Nome, Alaska. He was first prosecuting attorney of that city.

In January, 1902, he went to Tonopah, Nevada, which was his home until his death.

He was secretary of the Senate Democratic caucus, and secretary of the committee on platform resolutions of the Democratic national convention of 1924, and he was also appointed by President Roosevelt as United States delegate to the Economic Conference in London in June of 1933.

Pittman's first try for public office was in 1912 when he ran for the Nevada senatorial seat, won, and remained in that job for 28 years.

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Chairman Norman H. Davis American Red Cross

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### Young Women Meet Tonight

The Young Women's Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at the home of Mrs. P. H. Tompkins, Jr., on Thursday evening, November 14, at 6:45 o'clock. Miss Wilma Ratledge will be associate hostess and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill program leader.

### Sparta High Joins 4 County Athletic Association

For the first time in the sports annals of Sparta High School, it has joined an athletic association and established a regular schedule of games.

The local academic boys and girls basketball quintets are now full fledged members of the Yadkin Valley Four County Athletic Association. The four counties represented in the athletic combine are Alleghany, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin. Beginning Friday night, when the local five take on their Jefferson rivals at Jefferson, the Sparta Hi basketballers will follow their new official playing schedule, which, for the entire '40-'41 season lists their games as:

- Nov. 15, Sparta vs. Jefferson, at Jefferson.
- Nov. 19, Sparta vs. Millers Creek, at Millers Creek.
- Nov. 22, Sparta vs. Mt. Park, at Mt. Park.
- Nov. 26, Sparta vs. Beulah, at Beulah.
- Dec. 3, Sparta vs. Millers Creek, at Sparta.
- Dec. 6, Sparta vs. Beulah, at Sparta.
- Dec. 12, Sparta vs. Ronda, at Ronda.
- Jan. 9, 1941, Sparta vs. Ronda, at Sparta.
- Jan. 14, Sparta vs. Boonville, at Boonville.
- Jan. 30, Sparta vs. Mt. View, at Sparta.
- Feb. 4, Sparta vs. Mt. View, at Mt. View.
- Feb. 7, Sparta vs. Dobson, at Dobson.
- Feb. 11, Sparta vs. Boonville, at Sparta.
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### Thousands Perish When Earthquake Rocks Rumania

Rumania's worst earthquake in history occurred when the forces of nature put on a devastating blitzkrieg of their own early last Sunday morning, killing and injuring thousands and setting fires to raging in rich oil fields.

Thousands were made homeless, while most of the buildings within the thickly populated 5,000 square mile area in and about Bucharest were damaged. Entire towns were leveled to the ground, and tens of millions of dollars in property destroyed. Hardly a house in the city of Bucharest was untouched.

The violent temblor struck at 3:39 last Sunday morning, at which time it is averred that nearly 2,000 persons were killed outright.

It is said that the damage done to Galati, site of a Rumanian submarine base, will hamper any immediate plans of the German general staff to initiate a large-scale movement of troops through Rumania in any Balkan campaign. It is probable, also, that production of vital oil supplies for the German military machine will be interrupted or slowed down.

### North Carolina Farmers Ready for Any Defense Call

"Uncle Sam, we are ready for any defense call!" North Carolina farmers can now say, according to the facts and figures compiled by the N. C. Agriculture Extension Service.

This opinion is no more pipe dream, but is based upon the careful observations and knowledge of North Carolina's 359 farm and home agents in the 100 counties of the state, plus its 80 subject matter specialists at N. C. State college.

The physical condition of North Carolina farmland is better today than at any time since before the World War. The fertility of the soil has been built up through the Agricultural Conservation program. Restricted production has enabled farmers to "rest" a part of their land each year, to raise and plow under legumes, and to control erosion.

Although the cash income from tobacco in 1940 is less than in 1939, the '39 farmers produced about 60 per cent more tobacco than in 1940, while they used correspondingly larger amounts of (turn to page five, please)

### Aunt Betty's Birthday Dinner

A birthday dinner was given last Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tolliver's home for Mrs. L. M. (Aunt Betty) Andrews who was 79 years old on Nov. 11th.

A bountiful dinner was spread and thoroughly enjoyed by about sixty guests and friends who had come to do Aunt Betty honor. The religious service by Rev. Johnnie Tolliver was a splendid tribute to a mother, neighbor, and relative, loved by all who have ever known her. She is the mother of six living children. The three who were not there were George L. Andrews, of Raleigh, N. C., Kennie R. Andrews of Johnson City, Tenn., and Mrs. Myrtle Hudson of Princeton, W. Va.

Aunt Betty is somewhat feeble, but enjoys seeing her relatives and friends and talking with them.

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