

### Russia Announces Pact With Romania

#### Likely Forerunner To Other Treaties

London, Feb. 5.—(UP)—Radio Moscow announced today that Russia has signed a mutual aid military pact with Romania binding both countries to fight against any aggressive threat from Germany or any other state.

Soviet foreign minister V. M. Molotov, in a statement on the treaty, said it was directed against "fomenters of a new war from the imperialist camp."

The treaty runs for 20 years. It will be renewed automatically every five years unless it is denounced a year before the end of the five-year term.

In event of aggression against either country, the treaty provides specifically that "the other contracting party will immediately render military and other assistance by all the means at its disposal."

Political observers expressed belief the Soviet-Romanian treaty was the forerunner of other treaties binding Russia directly to the other states of the Balkan confederation.

The Balkan states already are bound together by an intricate system of interlocking treaties among themselves.

"The contracting parties pledge to take in common all possible measures for elimination of any threat of aggression being repeated on the part of Germany or any other state that should join Germany either directly or in any other way," Moscow said.

Generalissimo Joseph Stalin and Molotov were present at the signing ceremony in the Kremlin, the broadcast said, with Romania represented by premier minister Petru Groza and foreign minister Ana Pauker.

The treaty was signed yesterday after several days of negotiations.

### To Probe Shortage Of Natural Gas

#### Shift Attention From Oil To Gas

Washington, Feb. 5.—(UP)—House investigators of the fuel shortage today shifted their attention temporarily from oil to natural gas.

Chairman Charles A. Wolverton, R. N. J., said his interstate commerce committee will take up—probably next week—reports that gas is running short in many cities, especially in the midwest.

Wolverton emphasized that the group has not abandoned its long study of the heating oil crisis. "It's just that we can't do two things at once," he explained.

The gas investigation was prompted by complaints from Michigan congressmen that industrial plants in Detroit are closing for lack of natural gas. They said resulting unemployment is widespread.

Chairman Walter E. Hallanan of the national petroleum council today named a 26-member advisory committee to handle the oil industry's emergency conservation program in midwestern states. Headed by B. L. Majewski, vice president of Deep Rock Oil Corp., Chicago, the committee will recommend pooling of supplies and transportation facilities wherever necessary to relieve the shortage.

In a report to the house on its month-long investigation of petroleum, the commerce committee took a swing at price-sougers in fuel oil, and hinted that congress may want to put some brake on price boosts.

The committee asked the commerce department to make an immediate investigation of petroleum prices and report the results to congress. It said its earlier fears of price boosts have been borne out.

### Berne Auditorium Officers Retained

Berne, Feb. 5.—All the old officers and directors of the Berne Community Auditorium Association were retained at the annual stockholders meeting held last night. Jerome J. Yager is president. Other officers are C. T. Habegger, vice-president; Sherman Stucky, secretary; treasurer; Clovis Oberli, manager. Directors are Yager, Habegger, Stucky, W. O. Neuenchwander, John Soldner, Clifton H. Sprunger and Grover Neuenchwander. It was decided to retain all the same officers until the town of Berne decides what to do about the Berne Auditorium.

The town board is negotiating for the purchase of the building after a mandate from the people of Berne at a special referendum last November. In the meantime the building will be operated by the board as usual. A committee of three was appointed to plan an athletic show to be held at the auditorium in April. This committee is comprised of Clifton H. Sprunger, Clovis Oberli and Grover Neuenchwander. The Aeolian choir of the Decatur G. E. plant has also been booked for a concert in April.

### Trade In A Good Town — Decatur

#### REP. MUNDT

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Leaders had better cut it \$4 billion before trying to win senate approval.

Democrats—The southern revolt hit the Democratic party where it hurt most—in the pocketbook. In protest against President Truman's civil rights program, Gov. Ben Laney of Arkansas announced that the Democratic state committee would take over the proceeds of the party's annual Jackson day dinners on Feb. 19. Similar steps were discussed in other states.

Rationing—Sen. Ralph E. Flanders, R. Vt., said he's going to request today on his "voluntary rationing" bill unless the administration comes up with an effective meat-saving plan pretty soon. The bill would appropriate \$250,000 to carry on a meat conservation drive at the local level.

#### FRENCH QUINN

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stalwart in patriotism and his audience was always impressed with his sincerity and devotion.

A student of Lincoln history, Mr. Quinn expressed his fervor for the immortal Lincoln on many occasions, not in a political vein, but to bring out the greatness of the Civil War president as a humanitarian and public benefactor. For 20 consecutive years, he delivered the Lincoln day address to the high school students in this city. He relinquished the assignment a few years ago.

Besides the widow, Mr. Quinn is survived by one brother, Don Quinn of Oak Park, Ill. Two children, Reba and Robert, preceded him in death.

The body was moved to the Zwick funeral home, where services will be held. Funeral arrangements were incomplete this afternoon.

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- Beef Liver, lb. 32c
- Pork Chops, lb. 55c
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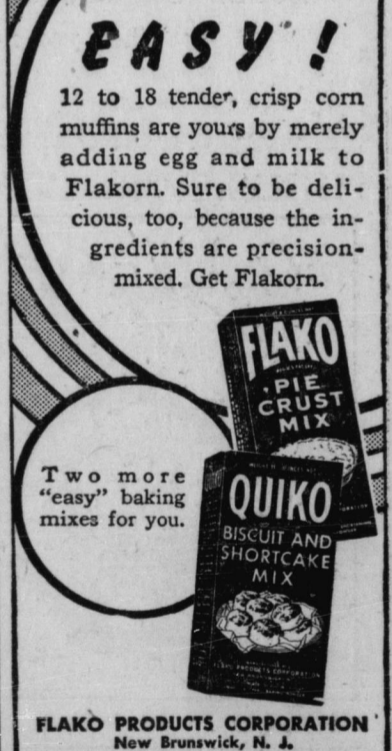


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From where I sit, that's what being a good neighbor means. In-

stead of complaining about the other fellow's habits, try to understand and share his interests.

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Joe Marsh

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