

DUCE REPORTED PREPARING FOR WAR BEFORE '39

Editorial Attacks Support Rumors Peace Hope Is Abandoned.

By United Press

ROME, July 5.—Bitter editorial attacks on Great Britain and France gave point today to reports that Premier Mussolini has abandoned hope of an understanding with England and is making thorough preparations based on the possibilities of a war in the Mediterranean within a year.

(Diplomatic circles in London doubted the reports on the ground Britain's resources gave her too great an advantage over Italy although it was conceded that Fascist extremists are exerting pressure to "pick a quarrel now.")

From sources close to Il Duce came information that the dictator of forty-one million Italians is now convinced Great Britain will take measures to "humble" him when his present high-pressure three-year disarmament program is completed. Mussolini has not indicated he has been influenced by this advice and his friends insist that he does not want war, but modifications of Italy's military set-up are under way. A supreme naval command has been created in Libya, the islands of Pantelleria and Leros have been fortified; new submarines are being built and a great land, sea and air demonstration is scheduled for Sicily in August.

Spain Projects United Attack

By United Press

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, July 5.—Reports reached here today that the Loyalist high command in Spain has ordered immediate offensives on all fronts because it believes the imminent collapse of the nonintervention plan will result in heavily increased aid to Rebels from Italy and Germany.

Gen. Jose Davila, driving on Santander after the capture of Bilbao, today claimed the capture of 40 villages and towns.

The Rebel command has been advised that the Loyalist general staff has transferred its headquarters to Sestao, called "The Gibraltar of the North."

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VALENCIA, July 5.—The suburbs of Valencia were subjected today to the heaviest air raid of the war, in which seven Rebel planes took part. Two were killed and many injured.

CONGRESS LEADERS SEEK TO AVOID JAM

House Chiefs Speed Work On Administration Bills.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Congressional leaders today sought to accelerate committee action on Administration measures in order to avoid a legislative log-jam and a stampede for adjournment when—and if—the judiciary reorganization issue is disposed of.

House chiefs worked to get the wage and hour bill, low cost housing measure and the proposal for eight "little TVAs" through committees so they may be acted upon before the court bill reaches the lower chamber.

In addition the Congressional Joint Tax Inquiry Committee arranged to start work this week on legislation to plug loopholes in the revenue structure. Some form of Government reorganization bill will be in shape for House consideration by July 15, it was reported.

The power program, involving spreading of the Tennessee Valley Authority set-up throughout the nation, is before the House Rivers and Harbors Committee.

First phase of the President's reorganization program will come before the House next week in the form of a measure providing the President with six new secretaries, their salary limited to \$10,000 each. The Tax Inquiry Committee will meet tomorrow to decide on future plans. Chairman Doughton predicted that the group would start executive conferences at once with tax experts looking toward early drafting of a loophole closing bill.

CEMENT ANTITRUST COMPLAINT IS FILED

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The Federal Trade Commission charged today that 75 leading cement manufacturers banded together to eliminate price competition and raise the cost of cement to the consumer. The Commission issued a complaint alleging violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Clayton anti-trust Act against the Cement Institute, an unincorporated association whose membership produces 95 per cent or more of all cement made in the United States.

PURDUE U. APPOINTS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Times Special

LAFAYETTE, July 5.—Dr. Frederic B. Knight, University of Iowa education and applied psychology professor, has been named to direct the newly formed education and applied psychology division at Purdue University. President E. C. Elliott announced today. He is to assume his duties Sept. 1.

5 BITTEN BY DOGS

Times Special

Two persons today were to face charges in Municipal Court of harboring vicious dogs. Five persons were bitten by dogs during the week-end. Two were treated at City Hospital.

60th Birthday of Courthouse Here Brings Memories to W. W. Spencer, Who Began Law Practice Same Year

Prosecutor's Father Says He Gave Life to Politics.

By United Press

The old Courthouse seemed pretty quiet on this Independence Day to W. W. Spencer.

For Mr. Spencer remembers the celebration at the building's dedication 60 years ago—July 4, 1877. It was an auspicious occasion. Bands played in the staid courtroom, and—at least, so it seemed—a good part of Indianapolis' then 70,000 population danced in the now musty corridors.

Mr. Spencer, who has practiced law here since that year, recalls the celebration. It was a gay day, he says. The county was moving from the old brick Courthouse on Delaware St. into its imposing new quarters.

Building Stays Same

The building hasn't changed much since its dedication. Dirt formerly was piled high around it and terraced to the streets, and a fence surrounded the grounds. The rock fountain has been added.

But essentially, it's the same on its 60th birthday as it was when it was dedicated.

And 1877 was a big year for Mr. Spencer, who is the father of the present Marion County prosecutor, Herbert M. Spencer. That year, he was graduated in law from Indiana University and had come to Indianapolis and entered a law firm.

Since then, he has been active in Democratic politics. He was twice city Democratic chairman and once township chairman. For eight years he was secretary of the Democratic County Committee, and was County Attorney six and a half years.

Life Given to Politics

But that is only what the record shows. "I've given my life to politics," Mr. Spencer said.

For Mr. Spencer is the man who got Tom Taggart to run for county clerk, the first office Mr. Taggart held and the one that started him on his political career.

Mr. Spencer knew all the politicians in the old days.

He took options for the property on which the present Marion County jail is built.

He has seen election boards many years, and he helped revise every election law in the state since 1895.

Mr. Spencer lives now at 3224 N. Illinois St. His wife died in 1920. He still is actively practicing law. His daughter drives him to work every morning. Alone, he conducts his business in a musty office at 204 Castle Hill.

"Business is good," he says. "Very good."

He will be 86 on Oct. 7.

MEETINGS TODAY

Federation of German Societies, picnic, German park, all day.

15th District American Legion, luncheon, 7 p. m.

4th Club, luncheon, 7 p. m.

Phi Gamma Delta, dinner, Athenaeum, 6 p. m.

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10 Per Cent Gain in Real Estate Values Cited in Two Reports

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showed new home construction has brought definite acceleration in the sale of home sites. Indianapolis reported that rising building material costs in the last 60 days and strikes have retarded sales here.

Keeping pace with gains in 78 per cent of the other reporting cities, the Indianapolis survey showed an increase of 10 to 15 per cent in rents for business district space. Rents for business rooms in neighborhood communities here remained about the same, while rents for similar properties in 149 other cities were advanced.

Office Rents Advanced

Indianapolis was among 110 cities reporting advances in office space rents. The increase here was estimated at between 5 and 10 per cent.

Indianapolis was among 223 cities in which apartment rents have been increased and among 230 cities in which dwelling rents have been advanced. The increase here was fixed at approximately 10 per cent.

A 3 per cent rate remained the most common rate for first mortgages on homes in Indianapolis and all the other reporting cities.

Urban Wilde, Indianapolis Board secretary, said the survey here for inclusion in the national report was conducted by Howard Fieber, William Bridges and William Keller. He said they consulted specialists in all real estate fields to collect the most accurate data possible.

FHA Applications Show 244 Per Cent Gain

A 244 per cent increase in Federal Housing applications for the first half of 1937 over the last half of 1936 was reported today by R. Earl Peters, Indiana FHA director.

Applications for new home construction in the period covered in 1937 totaled \$824,378. For the first six months in 1936 it was \$1,037,060, an increase of \$212,687. The total for the last six months of 1936 was \$2,377,675.

The first half of 1937 reached a new high of \$2,839,980. The increase for the first six months of 1937 over the corresponding period of 1936 was \$1,802,920.

Applications Total \$28,000,000

Total applications for insured mortgage loans under the FHA amortized payment plan for both new and existing construction to-



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Roosevelt Indirectly Replies To Critic of His Tax Returns

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his little automobile in a 10-acre patch of Christmas trees, that his estate was purely forest—not a farm with field crops.

Hopes \$40 an Acre

He said he counted on a \$40 an acre return from 80 acres of land planted with spruce and balsam to sell as Christmas trees. He hoped that 10 acres of trees, costing him about \$100 to raise, would bring \$500 into the Roosevelt treasury this December.

The President put another 300 acres in pines, larches, oak, black walnut and tulip poplars. He estimated they should yield \$35 an acre, as posts, lumber and cord wood.

The President enjoyed a quiet Independence Day. He attended church and entertained at an informal picnic. Guests included Emil Ludwig, who is writing his biography, and the family of Henry A. Morgenthau Jr.

Proclamation Is Issued

Only two pieces of official business drew the President's attention. He issued a proclamation asking the country to commemorate the period from Sept. 17, 1937, to April 30, 1939.

widely separated sections of the city. Damage estimated at \$200 was caused by a bolt which split the chimney at the home of Vernon Hathaway, 3342 W. 9th St.

Fuse Box Damaged

A fuse box attached to the rear of a restaurant at 3002 E. 30th St. also was struck. Damage to the building was slight, according to firemen.

Power failed in the Marion County Jail from 7:25 to 8:06 p. m.

Wires were damaged in the following locations: 1300 W. 27th St., 345 Congress Ave., Ogden and North Sts., Cold Springs and Lafayette Roads, 1900 Kentucky Ave., 1000 S. West St., 3600 N. Delaware St., Southeastern Ave. and Sherman Dr., 5800 Washington Blvd., Bethel and Perkins Ave., 30th St. and Sherman Drive, and Keystone Ave. and Allisonville Road.

Trees were blown down at 58th St. and Guilford Ave., 4215 Park Ave., 517 Berkeley Road and 6150 Cornell Ave.

Scouts Raise Their Flags at Jamboree

The flag-raising ceremonies in the area in Washington, Friday, as Scouts gathered from all parts of the nation prepare for another day's festivities at the Boy Scout Jamboree.

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He conferred with Youngstown officials last week, and although they refused to sign any agreement with the Striking Steel Workers Organizing Committee union, "directly or indirectly," he continued hopeful of reaching a settlement.

Sheet & Tube officials also said they planned to reopen their plant when the State provided "adequate protection."

Appeal Made After Poll

Indiana Harbor pastors made their appeal for troops after they said a poll they conducted showed "86.8 per cent of Sheet & Tube employees want to return to work with safety."

The Association of Steel Employees sent the following telegram, signed by D. L. Ehlendorf, secretary:

"In accord with Indiana State Labor Commissioner Thomas Hutson's request to hold in check the back to work movement at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. plant pending truce meetings, we have this far succeeded in keeping the men from using force to get through the picket lines. But employees insist that they have been working long enough and demand protection in their right to work and in time to work on Tuesday."

Barbara's Baby



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