

Daladier Voted Decree Power; Anglo-Italian Pact Nearly Ready; Rebels in Sight of Mediterranean

Daladier Voted Financial Power

PARIS, April 13 (U. P.).—Premier Edouard Daladier's "National Defense" Government rode into full power to rule French financial and economic policies by decree today when the Senate voted overwhelmingly to support the Chamber's endorsement of the new policy.

Thus endorsed by both houses of Parliament, the Premier was free to go ahead for the three months' parliamentary recess with his program of pulling France out of its financial morass and easing the social unrest which has tied up the heavy industry and rearmament program in the Paris region.

Theoretically, M. Daladier would be permitted to issue decrees on any subject, but his declaration to Parliament indicated he would confine them to financial and economic matters and seek as far as possible to solve labor problems by negotiation and conciliation.

The Chamber by the reassuring vote of 508 to 12, gave the Cabinet in the early hours of today full financial powers until July 31 with the provision that the decrees were subject to Parliamentary ratification before Dec. 31.

To get the powers, the Cabinet had to assure the Chamber that it would seek recourse to none of the bold measures which resulted in the overthrow of Leon Blum's cabinet—capital levy, revalorization of the Bank of France gold reserves and centralization in the Bank of France of foreign exchange dealings.

There was a minor increase today in the number of sit-down strikes in Paris-area metallurgical strikes. But tenseness was ended because of an agreement reached late yesterday with workers of nationalized airplane and airplane motor factories, who agreed to return to their jobs today; and M. Daladier hoped that the strike wave would have been ended by tomorrow.

Airplane factory workers agreed to abandon their rights under the 40-hour work week law, and work for 45 hours a week in the interest of national defense, in return for a 7 per cent wage increase.

Japan's Reinforcements Halt Chinese Drive

SHANGHAI, April 13 (U. P.).—China failed today to consolidate her victories in Shantung Province and the Japanese Imperial forces made plans for an immediate drive on the Chinese provisional capital of Hankow.

Strong Japanese reinforcements appeared to have broken the Chinese counter-offensive in North-Central China. Chinese spokesmen admitted that their forces had encountered sudden and serious "resistance" in all parts of Shantung.

Informed foreign military observers said there were indications that five Japanese divisions would open an immediate, broad counterdrive in which Shantung, and perhaps the entire China "Maginot line" along the Lunghai railroad would be threatened. The Lunghai defenses guard key "gateway" cities to Hankow.

Rebels Advance To 12 Miles From Sea

HENDAYE, April 13 (U. P.).—Rebel troops, renewing their drive to cut Barcelona off from Valencia and Madrid, battled their way today to a point only 12 miles from the sea in the region of San Mateo.

The rebels made their new advance south of "Torreón line" despite strong Loyalist resistance. Rebels announced that they had taken the towns of Cati and Chert and were within two miles of San Mateo on a front of approximately 10 miles.

In the north they claimed a strong Loyalist offensive against the Balaguer sector had been stopped.

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THE FOREIGN SITUATION

PARIS—Daladier granted full financial decree power.

ROME—Anglo-Italian treaty to be initiated Saturday, reports say.

HENDAYE—Spanish Rebels near sea; Loyalists counter-attack halted.

GIBRALTAR—German experts reported at Algeiras.

SHANGHAI—Chinese offensive halted; Japanese plan Hankow attack.

TOKYO—Mediation reports denied.

MANILA—"Mystery ships" reported destroyers or submarines.

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Anglo-Italian Pact Nearer Reality

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

WASHINGTON, April 13.—On May 9, at Geneva, Great Britain will pave the way for recognition of Ethiopia as an integral part of the new Roman Empire.

At the same time, or a little later, France will follow Britain's lead. Sooner or later, so will the United States. For if the other, more directly interested powers recognize the status quo in Ethiopia, the United States, for practical considerations, is expected to do the same.

Thus will end what the British Government now calls an "anomalous situation"—a situation which at one time had Britain and Italy on the edge of war.

Great Britain and Italy intend to initial their new friendship agreement in Rome Saturday. It was reported in reliable quarters at London and Rome today.

Leslie Hore-Belisha, War Secretary, is to visit Premier Benito Mussolini in Rome April 23 to discuss future relations, and then is to go on to Paris to confer with French leaders.

Collective Security Buried By this act, Britain will formally bring to an end the final, tragic chapter of the postwar ideal of world peace based on collective security. And by it she will consign to the past an era which is not really new because it is based on the old conception of balance of power.

By this act, too, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain will cross his Rubicon and burn his bridges behind him. He will stake his political life on the hoped-for Triple Entente between Italy, Britain and France and on the European appeasement which he hopes to build from this according.

By his stand, Premier Chamberlain completely reverses the policy of former Foreign Minister Anthony Eden. Capt. Eden's resignation, due to this reversal, gave rise to a storm of disapproval directed against the Prime Minister. Unless Mr. Chamberlain makes good with the new policy, therefore, he will almost certainly be overthrown by the house of Commons.

Personal Feud Charged Mr. Chamberlain's opponents charge that his plan to secure recognition for Italy's Ethiopian conquest constitutes the "final betrayal" of the only attempt Britain ever made to uphold the sanctity of peace and justice in international affairs.

His friends, however, insist that "common sense" is merely having its belated innings. They charge that Capt. Eden's Italian policy was dictated largely by his personal dislike for Premier Mussolini, and that war is too big a price to pay for a personal feud.

There is reason to believe that Premier Mussolini has always desired an understanding with Britain and France, rather than with Germany. As these two powers remained hostile, doing everything they could to break him, he had little choice of friends. He was pushed into Adolf Hitler's arms.

Premier Chamberlain is convinced a reversal of this policy is imperative if the peace of Europe is to be saved.

EX-BASEBALL STAR FREED IN SLAYING SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario, April 13 (U. P.).—Vernon Spencer, acquitted of a charge that he murdered Helen Grier in a northwoods hunting lodge last Oct. 26, prepared today to return to his Wixom, Mich., dairy farm "to make a new start."

A jury of North country farmers and tradesmen deliberated less than three hours last night before they found the former major league baseball player not guilty. In the crowd that rushed forward to congratulate Spencer was the wife he left behind on their farm while he went moose hunting in the North woods with Miss Grier, 28-year-old stenographer.

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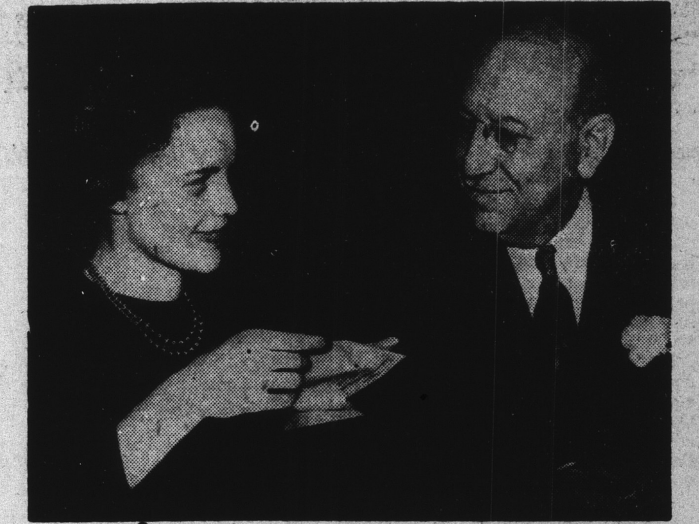
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Primary Brings Gloom and Cheer



Governor Horner of Illinois (top, voting) was cheerful today as he read reports that assured Rep. Scott Lucas (left, below) of the Democratic nomination for the Senate. Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago (right, below) was sober-faced as he cast his ballot yesterday and disappointed today at the defeat of candidates his organization sponsored. (Story, Page One.)

'Sterile' Gold May Aid Spending; Roosevelt Defends Profits Tax; Ludlow Will Revive Amendment

New Wage-Hour Bill in Committee; Rail Aid Expected.

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depression tactics, swiftly formulated his new program.

Following up an evening session with Cabinet and fiscal officers last night, Mr. Roosevelt summoned to the White House for 5 p. m. conference today a picked group of Congressional lieutenants. They were: Senate Majority Leader Barkley (D. Ky.), Chairman Glass (D. Va.),

of the Senate Appropriations Committee; Chairman Byrnes (D. S. C.), of the Senate Unemployment and Relief Committee; House Majority Leader Sam Rayburn (D. Tex.), of the House Appropriations Committee; Rep. Clifton A. Woodrum (D. Va.), and Rep. Clarence Cannon (D. Mo.), both of the House Appropriations Committee.

Before conferring with the Congressional group, Mr. Roosevelt planned to spend half an hour at midday with Aubrey Williams, chief aid of Works Progress Administrator Harry L. Hopkins.

It was noted that Vice President John N. Garner was not included in either the White House conference last night or that scheduled today.

President Roosevelt, however, denied reports that Mr. Garner did not approve the proposed new spending campaign.

Lewis Demands Wage Bill Passage

WASHINGTON, April 13 (U. P.).—Chairman John L. Lewis of the Committee for Industrial Organiza-

tion today demanded that President Roosevelt's Administration provide leadership to break the deadlock on wage-hour legislation and clear the way for a bill this session.

Lewis demanded action as Chairman Mary T. Norton (D. N. J.) presented the House Labor Committee a bill to establish minimum wages of 40 cents and a maximum week of 40 hours. Mrs. Norton predicted a wage-hour bill would be reported favorably in some form tomorrow.

Her bill was the second before the committee, which already was considering a flexible wage-hour standard drafted by a subcommittee headed by Rep. Robert Ramspeck (D. Ga.).

Lewis endorsed the Ramspeck bill and said: "It's about time for the Roosevelt Administration to provide a little leadership."

AAA Announces Wheat Allotments

WASHINGTON, April 13 (U. P.).—The Agricultural Adjustment Administration today announced it had allotted 62,500,000 acres to 42 wheat producing states under the 1938 farm program.

Individual acreage allotments will be based on planting and diversion during the past 10 years.

Farmers who comply with acreage allotments will receive benefit payments of 12 cents a bushel for the average yield on the allotted acreage. A penalty tax of 90 cents a bushel on acreage in excess of allotments will be deducted from any benefit payments due farmers.

This year, the AAA said, no deductions will be made for exceeding wheat allotments if co-operating farmers reduce other soil depleting crops so as not to exceed the total

soil-depleting allotment for his farm.

The acreage allotment for Indiana was 1,689,970 bushels.

Ludlow to Renew Referendum Drive

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Rep. Louis Ludlow (D. Ind.) will again seek action on his war referendum proposal, he declared today. Without setting a definite date, he served notice on the House of Representatives that he intends to do so.

Congressman to Ask Road Fund Increase

WASHINGTON, April 13 (U. P.).—The Administration faced another Congressional fight today if it intends to cut Federal road funds for 1939 to half the amount appropriated in recent years.

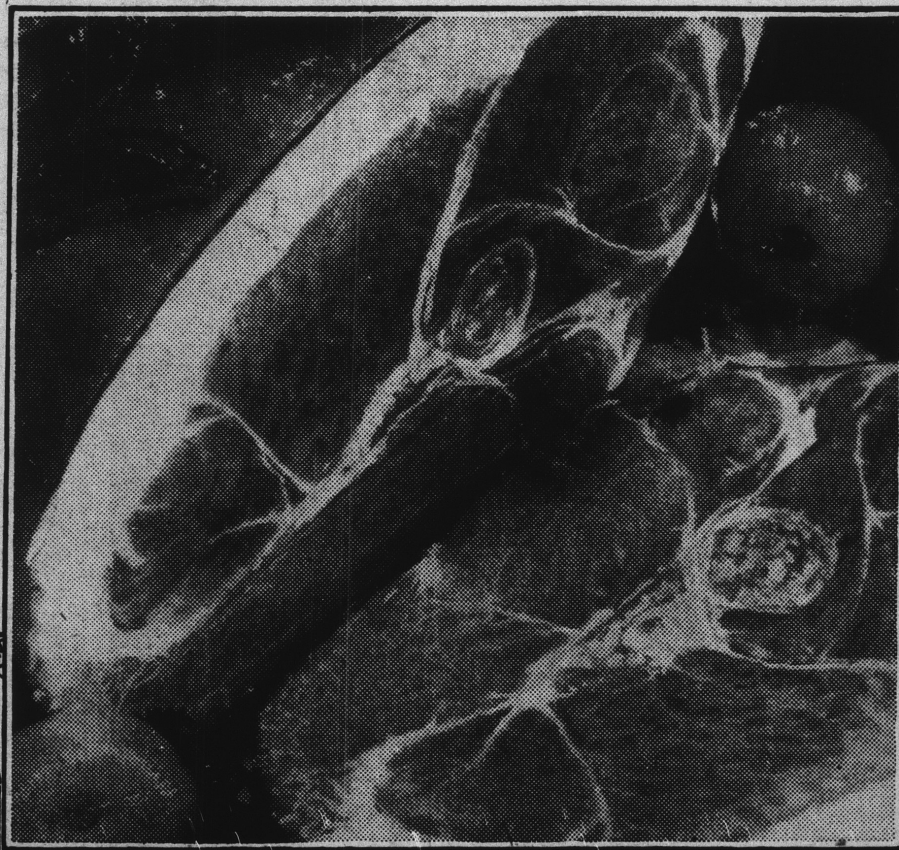
Chairman Wilburn Cartwright (D. Okla.) of the House Roads Committee served notice that he would move—unless the Administration capitulates—to increase the \$100,000,000 for highway construction in the Agriculture Department Appropriation Bill, now under consideration, to \$201,500,000. For this fiscal year, \$180,000,000 was appropriated for grants to states and other road purposes.

President Roosevelt's projected plan for public works spending indicated that the Administration might abandon the position it took in budget estimates submitted early this year.

House Majority Leader Sam Rayburn (D. Tex.), however, was described as "cold" to the proposed increase and ready to fight an amount as large as proposed. He will support Mr. Roosevelt's request last fall that Congress cut highway aid funds in half.

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County Deaths (To Date)

1938 37

1937 52

City Deaths (To Date)

1938 22

1937 37

(April 12 and 13)

Accidents 7

Injured 2

Dead 1

Arrests 62

Others 20

MEETINGS TODAY

Lions Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Apartment Owners' Association, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Indiana Bakers' Association, state convention, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Indianapolis League of Women Voters, lecture, Ciesle Mills auditorium, 8 p. m.

Yale Alumni Association of Indiana, luncheon, University Club, noon.

Beverage Credit Group, luncheon, Hotel Antlers, noon.

Kiwanis Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Young Men's Discussion Club, dinner, Y. M. C. A., 6 p. m.

Fundus Alumni Association, luncheon, Severin Hotel, 6:30 p. m.

Twelfth District American Legion, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Real Estate Board, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Indianapolis Merchants' Association, dinner, Hotel Antlers, 6:30 p. m.

Paper Packer, Credit Group, luncheon, Men's Club, 7 p. m.

Men's Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Chi. luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

American Business Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Acacia, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in names or addresses.)

William Andrew Tucker, 26, of 2117 E. Michigan St.; Margaret Gertrude Johnson, 22, of Lexington Ave., 20, of 621 Russell Ave.; Eleanor Anna Severance, 17, of 144 Highland St.

Charles Chambers, 22, of Noblesville; Julia Margaret Egan, 18, of 834 N. Gray St.

George Babannon, 42, of R. R. 4, Box 153; Nellie Leonard, 23, of 843 Madison Ave.

Lewis S. Ferguson, 54, of Indianapolis; Pearl Pearl Fleming, 44, of 336 E. Walnut St.

Edward C. Burnell, 44, of 114 Reiser St.; Dorothy Mae Moore, 24, of 114 Reiser St.

Frederick C. Harding, 23, of 3929 Sutherland Ave.; Albert E. Short, 18, of 1236 Central Ave.

BIRTHS

Boys

Alexander, Katherine Spratt, at Coleman.

Eugene, Mary Mariett, at Coleman.

Kenneth, Dorothy Toney, at St. Vincent's.

William, Joan Thompson, at St. Vincent's.

Richard, Opal Shover, at St. Vincent's.

Ralph, Dorothy Buckney, at Methodist.

J. Lloyd, Susan Allen, at Methodist.