

Americas United, Hull Claims; Democracies to Face Test; Hungary Reinforces Border

British to Try Italy's Attachment to Berlin.

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colonial possessions, to discuss withdrawal of Italian troops from Rebel Spain and, possibly, to talk of a broad network of antiwar pacts among Italy, France, Germany and Great Britain.

But actually Europe's diplomats will be watching for something more important. They will be looking for the first indication of how successful the democratic nations have been in their struggle to unite and rearm sufficiently to restore the balance of power in Europe; to offset the ability of the totalitarian states to gain their ends by threatening war at any moment.

British Prestige Now Rising

Mr. Chamberlain and Sig. Mussolini will face each other under conditions sharply contrasting with their last meeting. That was at Munich, when the Nazi-Fascist dictatorial combination was met, the world has witnessed a vast transformation. Fundamentally, what is happening is that the democratic powers are on a "come-back" campaign in which success or failure may decide whether 1939 is to be a year of peace or of war.

Great Britain has pushed its gigantic rearmament program with emphasis on equality with the Nazi air fleet.

The United States has projected a \$1,800,000,000 defense program.

France has resorted to a dictatorial economic recovery plan designed to get its great aerial arms program going after long delay.

Great Britain has reaffirmed its ties with France and gradually stiffened its attitude toward Nazi Germany. Mr. Chamberlain will stop off in Paris en route to Rome to emphasize support of France.

France Offers to Fight

The United States has fostered a plan, as yet untested, for closer unity of the Americans against foreign influence and President Roosevelt has publicly challenged the dictators in a message to Congress.

France has shouted "No!" to Italian demands for concessions in the Mediterranean and Premier Daladier returned Saturday from a tour of Corsica and North Africa which emphasized that France is ready to fight.

Those developments have highlighted the "come-back" of the democratic powers in the three months since Munich. In a broad sense, they form the first stage of a struggle which will confront force with force; to present a united democratic front against a united totalitarian front.

Duce at Disadvantage As Conference Nears

LONDON, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—Prime Minister Chamberlain intends to test the strength of the Berlin-Rome axis of diplomatic co-operation in his talks with Premier Mussolini at Rome, it was understood today.

Mr. Chamberlain has no hope that he can break the axis now, it was said, but desires to find out whether there is a chance of getting Italy back on the diplomatic fence where she was before the Ethiopian war.

Cabinet ministers met today for a final talk over the international situation before Mr. Chamberlain, Viscount Halifax, Foreign Secretary, and a corps of aids leave for Rome tomorrow.

Sig. Mussolini seemed to have lost the first round in the new phase of diplomatic negotiations, starting with the "spontaneous" clamor in Italy for concessions from France. It was evident that the Duce hoped to induce Mr. Chamberlain to force concessions from France. That he had failed was made evident both here and in Paris, Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax will stop off for a conference with French Premier Daladier and Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet in Paris, on their way to Rome.



Loyalist Gen. Jose Miaja

REBEL GENERAL MAY BE OUSTED

Loyalist Advances in South Threaten Queipo de Llano's Command

HENDAYE, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—Generalissimo Franco may remove Gen. Gonzalo Queipo de Llano from command of the Spanish insurgent forces in the south because he has failed to stop a vigorous Loyalist offensive, it was reported today.

It was reported persistently that Gen. Franco had been forced to withdraw troops from his own Catalonia drive to strengthen the Rebel army in the southwest. Loyalists said that despite Rebel gains on the Catalonia front yesterday, today they attributed the withdrawal of reserves to reinforce the Southern army.

Reports regarding Gen. Queipo de Llano, the famous "radio" general whose fire-eating broadcasts made him internationally famous in the earlier periods of the civil war, were unconfirmed. However, the reports said that Gen. Franco blamed Gen. Queipo de Llano for the success of the Loyalist drive and intended to replace him with Gen. Vignon.

Rebels Gain in North

Gen. Queipo de Llano has been one of the leading figures of the civil war, though little in the news in past months. He has been in supreme command of the South and has refused several times to leave his post to enter the Rebel Government.

Dispatches indicated that the Loyalist drive in this country was continuing unchecked. The offensive is being commanded by Gen. Jose Miaja, hero of the defense of Madrid early in the war.

Both Sides Gain

However Rebel military headquarters also announced a 15-mile advance along the highway to Barcelona with the capture of Molera, an important railroad and highway center 18 miles east of Lerida. At the same time, Rebel forces were fighting their way southward from Artesa on the north wing in an effort to join up with the Rebel troops on the Lerida-Barcelona highway. From the south sector, around Borjas Blancas, they were encountering stiff resistance, in their efforts to advance northward toward Tarrega and Cervera.

The Loyalists reported steady progress in the drive to seize the rich lead, zinc, copper and phosphates mining area in the Berlanza zone of southwestern Spain. Granja de Torre-Hermosa was occupied as the Loyalists struck forward from Puentes Ovejuna, occupied Saturday.

Southwestward another Loyalist column took Coronado and advanced on both sides of the road toward the Artaga mining region.

Trouble Area Is Quiet; Syrians Strike for Independence.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—Hungary has decided to reinforce her frontier troops to guard against a repetition of recent serious clashes with Czechs, an authoritative source declared today.

It was announced that the Hungarian Government, besides protesting through diplomatic channels a new border incident at Nagyloc, in which Czechs are alleged to have fired into the town, would take "protective measures of various dimensions" that the Czechs will have to realize that any new attack would have incalculable consequences.

At the same time it was reported from the frontier that Czechoslovak troop concentrations had been observed near the village of Dercel. The Hungarian frontier defense corps at that point was hurriedly reinforced and no attack ensued.

The neighborhood of Munkacs, where the most serious clash occurred last week, was quiet. The Czechs had agreed to withdraw their troops.

The Hungarian protest sent to Praha over the Nagyloc incident demanded severe penalties against those responsible, as well as guarantees that similar attack will not occur in the future.

Soviet Cuts Wages, Speeds Up Work

MOSCOW, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—A 14 per cent decrease in the piecework rate in the machine industry and a 25 per cent increase in the required unit of production or norm for each worker, were announced today. Simultaneously, it was announced that equivalent advantages would be available to industrial workers who exceeded their unit of production. The orders were part of a big plan to make labor and production more efficient.

No Accord Likely On Jewish Refugees

BERLIN, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—Well-informed quarters held little hope today that George S. Rublee, American director of the International Refugee Commission, would be able to effect any agreement on emigration of German Jews after his arrival here tomorrow.

It was forecast that Mr. Rublee would see Herman Wilhelm Goering, dictator of the Four-year Economic Self-Sufficiency Plan. Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Reichsbank president, and various financial and economic experts. It was doubted whether he would see Fuehrer Hitler.

Four Killed in Colombian Riot

BOGOTA, Colombia, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—Four persons were killed and nine wounded in a fight between Liberals and Conservatives at a political meeting at Gacheta, a dispatch said today. The fight started during a Conservative rally and shots were exchanged across the principal square of the town until police re-established order.

Syrians Strike for Freedom From France

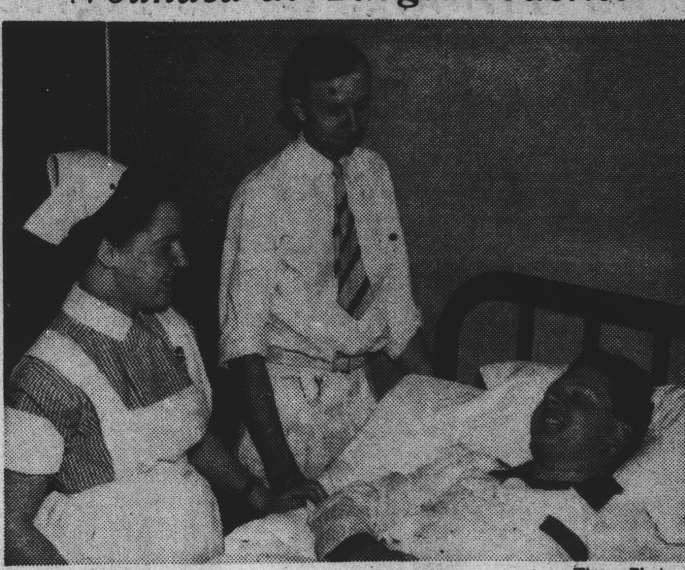
DAMASCUS, Syria, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—A general strike in favor of independence from France was in progress throughout Syria today. In Damascus and Aleppo demonstrations were led by parliament members and the National bloc. Premier Mardam Bey and Dr. Abdul Shabbandar, opposition leader, addressed the demonstrators, saying they are ready to unite.

The Syrian Foreign Minister, Saadallah Aljabri, declared: "Syria is not French property. We are ready to defend our independence by all means."

Japanese-British Relations Are Strained

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—The Japanese press today said the strain on Japanese relations with Great Britain was "assuming grave proportions" as a result of action by the British military to close a Japanese-controlled police station in the "extra-settlement" area of Shanghai.

Wounded at Target Practice



"Well, here I am again!" That's the way John G. Walker, 20, took his second visit within a year to St. Vincent's Hospital. This time he is recovering from a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted yesterday at his home. A year ago he had an appendectomy. With him are his nurse, Miss Mary Stucker, and an orderly, Joseph Thie, who welcomed him back. (Story, Page 18.)

Fight On, Says President, Standing Firm on New Deal

New York Mayor Arrives in Capital to Give Hand To New Deal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—Members of a House Subcommittee, after receiving requests for a WPA appropriation ranging up to one billion fifty million dollars, recommended privately today that the new bill will be cut even below the eight hundred seventy-five million dollars recommended by President Roosevelt.

The subcommittee had not agreed on a figure to meet relief needs until next July 1 when it ended hearings today. It will meet again tomorrow to recommend an amount for financing continuation of WPA activities until the end of the current fiscal year.

Cut Is Predicted

Although the hearings were executive, it was learned that Committee members received proposals for increased appropriations coldly and privately predicted the recommendations will be cut.

The three witnesses who testified today each submitted requests materially above President Roosevelt's \$75-million-dollar recommendation.

Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia of New York, spokesman for the United States Conference of Mayors, suggested 915 million dollars, and termed 875 million dollars inadequate.

David Lasser, President of the Workers Alliance, organization of relief workers, asked for one billion, 50 million dollars.

Ralph Hetzel, unemployment director of the CIO urged one billion dollars.

Congressional New Dealers welcomed the President's Jackson Day speech dinner here. The dinner cost \$5 a plate to serve and, not allowing for a few nonpaying customers, the 1200 guests must have raised around \$114,000 for the party.

The address was variously interpreted. It challenged "nominal Democrats" to battle and invited them to join the opposition after they had been licked in intraparty strife. Mr. Roosevelt and other Jackson Day speakers minimized reports of Party dissension.

WPA Vote Is Watched

But the reports persist. And this week's vote in the House on WPA funds will indicate how wide and deep the cleavage has become. Another test is likely in the Senate where Democrats will lead a movement to earmark relief funds. That would deprive Mr. Roosevelt and WPA officials of discretion in allocating funds to aid the jobless. This plan gains impetus from charges of "politics" in relief in the last campaign and the fears of conservative Democrats that lump sum appropriations to the President might be used against them if indirectly, in punishment for their opposition to New Deal policies.

Air Expansion Urged For U. S. Protection

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—The National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, which Col. Charles A. Lindbergh is a member, recommended to Congress today the expansion of aircraft production facilities "in the interests of peace and safety."

In its annual report, transmitted to Congress by President Roosevelt, the Committee urged the development by the Army and Navy of "adequate and effective air arms," and the adoption of a program to increase aircraft manufacturing capacity. It also suggested the early initiation of a plan for training "necessary active and reserve personnel."

The committee's report followed the submission by Col. Lindbergh of secret memoranda on German air strength to the Army, Navy and State departments.

Senate Group Takes Up Hopkins Nomination

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—A Senatorial coalition was expected to protest the elevation of Harry L. Hopkins to the Cabinet today. The Senate Commerce Committee begins consideration of his nomination as Commerce Secretary.

Senator Bailey (D. N. C.), anti-New Dealer, a political and personal enemy of the former WPA Administrator, called a meeting of the committee, whose membership includes several others of Secretary Hopkins' congressional foes. A vote to hold public hearings on his nomination was anticipated.

Among the Committee members who have expressed a desire to question Mr. Hopkins about his political philosophy and his administration of the Relief Agency were Senators McNary (R. Ore.), Vandenberg (R. Mich.) and Bennett Champ Clark (D. Mo.).

A judiciary sub-committee will hold a hearing tomorrow on the nomination of Prof. Felix Frankfurter.

Bills for Cut in Auto Tag Fee and Monthly Pensions Completed; Unionists Plan Wide Program

Repeal, Refund on Truck Weight Tax Law Are Sought.

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companies located outside the State, Rep. Wolf said.

"Under my proposal, the State fund would become self-supporting after a period of time, and taxpayers would be guaranteed a 100 per cent return of all shortages."

His proposed amendment to the primary election law would give candidates five days after the last day of filing to withdraw from the race. This provision was contained in the original 1915 act, but under terms of a 1931 amendment, the final day for filing also was designated as the final day for withdrawing.

Raps Textbook Changes

Rep. Hoover also is prepared to introduce a measure to limit the number of textbook changes which can be made by the State Board of Education. A recent text adoption by the State Board resulted in price increases in elementary grades ranging from 4 to 28 cents.

Declaring that Marion County and other large cities and counties are not receiving a fair share of the distribution of State funds for road building and repair, the Marion County delegation announced it would introduce a measure to change the basis of distribution by the State of motor vehicle license, gasoline tax and other funds. The delegation said it hoped to increase the amount of money

returned here approximately 40 per cent.

Other legislative developments expected early this week include:

1. A conference between Governor Townsend and Dr. Verne K. Harvey, State Health Board secretary, on final details of the bill to revise the State marriage laws. Introduction of the measure is scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday.

2. Favorable report of Senate Judiciary "A" Committee on two election law reform measures introduced by Democratic Senators.

3. Introduction of a Republican House bill to repeal the clause in the Welfare Act which requires needy persons to assign their property to the County Welfare Department when they receive assistance.

4. Introduction in the House of the first of the Republican State Committee's bills designed to alter present governmental organization and plan the "Two Per Cent Club" under the Corrupt Practice Act.

5. Completion of a Senate Democratic bill to extend the primary to all state offices, including the Governor and U. S. Senator. A similar measure was introduced in the Senate Friday but is expected to die in committee.

G. O. P. Ponders Election

6. Introduction of a Democratic Senate measure to increase old-age pension payments, increasing the minimum to \$20.

7. Completion of Republican election reform bills to be introduced in the House.

Officials of the Indianapolis Bar Association announced three of their members had been named to a committee to examine a bill to

change the method of examining applicants for admission to the bar.

Under the present practice, the Indiana Supreme Court promulgates rules governing requirements and examination for admission. The State Board of Bar Examiners is charged with the responsibility of conducting the examinations.

According to Indianapolis Bar Association officials the change is sought by persons who have not been able to meet the present requirements. Members of the association's committee are Henry M. Downing, Thomas D. Stevenson and Joseph G. Wood.

Marriage Bill Finished

The marriage law amendment was completed last week after approval of its provisions by the Nonpartisan Marriage Law Study Committee appointed by Governor Townsend, according to Dr. Harvey.

In its present form, the measure would:

1. Require medical examinations for marriage license applicants with the provision that laboratory blood tests be given for syphilis.

2. Authorize the State Health Board and the Indiana University pathological division to establish rules and regulations for detailed administration of the law and to standardize laboratory technique.

3. Allow judges of circuit or juvenile courts, to order issuance of licenses in specific cases of emergency.

4. Require that blood specimens be sent to the laboratory and returned by mail, thus placing a "waiting period" which would prohibit "haste or so-called gin marriages."

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(To Date)	2	1
1939	2	1
1938	4	1

City Deaths	Speeding	Reckless
(To Date)	1	1
1939	1	1
1938	2	1

Accidents	Speeding	Reckless
Jan. 7-8	13	1
Injured	11	1
Dead	0	0
Arrests	90	35

MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana Association of Optometrists, state convention, Hotel Severin, 8 a. m.
National Association of Women, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8:30 p. m.
Cervus Club, meeting, Hotel Washington, 1 p. m.
Technology Club, dinner, Hotel Washington, 8:30 p. m.
Indiana Small Businessmen's Association, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.
Pioneer Club, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7 p. m.
Indiana Insurance Adjusters' Association, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.
Indiana Press Club, dinner, 48 Monument Circle, 6 p. m.
Scientific Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.
Service Club luncheon, Hotel Lincoln, noon.
Irvington Republican Club, meeting, 3445 E. Washington St., 8 p. m.
Delta Upsilon, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.
North Side Realtors, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.
North Side Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.
Central Labor Union, meeting, Plumbers' Hall, 8 p. m.
Indiana University Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.
Industrial Union Council, meeting, Amalgamated Hall, 8 p. m.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indiana Lumber and Builders Supply Association, state convention, Claypool Hotel, all day.
Indiana Association of Credit Men, meeting, Claypool Hotel, 8:30 a. m.
Indiana Medical Society, annual President's party and dinner, Indianapolis Athletic Club, 6:30 p. m.
Indiana Lawyers' Association, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.
Indiana Hunting and Fishing Club, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.
Marion County Democratic Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Knight's of Columbus, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Alpha Tau Omega, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Gamma Club, luncheon, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.

Merceder Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Universal Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

University of Michigan Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Latter Service Club, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

BIRTHS

Boys
Irving, Ida Silver, at St. Vincent's.
Harold, at St. Vincent's.
Joe, Eleanor Skinner, at St. Vincent's.
Charles, Lorena Moore, at St. Vincent's.
Oto, Nellie Ryser, at Coleman.
Adler, Eleanor Adams, at Coleman.
Carl, Eva Ward, at Coleman.
Leard, Mildred Debon, at Coleman.
Neddie, Herbert, at Coleman.
Donald, Annie Herbert, at Coleman.

Girls
Carl, Emma Bever, at St. Vincent's.
Waller, John Sherr, at Coleman.
Leroy, Cecelia Drulin, at 1515 S. Meridian.

DEATHS

John Paul Marsh, 52, at Methodist, coronary occlusion.
Mabel Arundell, 10, at 1416 Shepard, chronic myocardiitis.
Mary Finch, 60, at 2112 Boulevard, cerebral hemorrhage.
James J. Lynch, 65, at 1264 W. New York, cerebral hemorrhage.
Ola Hammond, 25, at City, aortic aneurysm.
Lillian Ione Eberly, 63, at 609 N. Oakland, chronic myocardiitis.
Ben M. Bugbee, 60, at 3466 Kenwood, influenza.
Roy William Rudy, 13, at City, acute appendicitis.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Rain tonight and probably tomorrow; somewhat warmer tonight; colder by tomorrow night and on Wednesday.

Sunrise . . . 7:07 | Sunset . . . 4:38

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