

# O'CONNOR ASKS 'SENSIBLE' DEMOCRATS TO PICK LEADER

## Attacks 'Radicals'; G.O.P. Condemns 'Dangerous Power'

**NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

ROOSEVELT may cut cruise short, Washington hears. MORGENTHAU says business is in "rest period." AMERICAN LEGION starts pension ball rolling. 18 TIRE companies face million-dollar trust suit. PRESIDENT, unburned, to join in naval games today. PLANE sale may be sought in Senate. ANNUAL WAGES hinted in wage-hour regulation. ANTILYNCHING bill introduced by Senator Barbour.

(Editorial Cartoon, Page 10)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (U. P.).—A public plea for "sensible" Democrats to oust "radicals" from party control and a report of "dangerous" power lodged in President Roosevelt by various emergency laws placed the New Deal under a cross fire of conservative attack today.

These developments coincided with unfavorable reports from abroad which may compel the President to cut short his sea-going vacation. He is observing Panama Canal defense maneuvers aboard the cruiser Houston in the Caribbean Sea. There were indications that he and his advisers feared a German-Italian territorial coup of some kind at the expense of French colonies.

Serious developments abroad would materially alter political conditions at home and probably quiet much of the anti-New Deal activity developing now among Republicans and conservative Democrats. But pending some extraordinary international calamity, Democratic conservatives apparently were determined to regain control of their party to prevent either the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt in 1940 or the naming of a 100 per cent New Dealer to succeed him.

Former Rep. John J. O'Connor of New York, only conservative Democrat Mr. Roosevelt succeeded in defeating in the 1938 elections, brought the controversy into the open today with a letter calling on "sensible" Democrats to unite in "pushing the radicals out of control of our party." He said Republicans would win the 1940 election otherwise. He made the statement in a letter to Rep. Patrick H. Drewry (D. Va.) Elections Committee chairman.

"If drastic steps are not taken by sensible Democrats," he wrote, "the result in 1940 is a foregone conclusion because we are right back where we started from in 1932. Prior to that, the average voter, and especially the small businessman, believed the Republican Party assured prosperity. We rode into office on the backwash of the Hoover depression.

"Someone must boldly speak out even at the danger of becoming additional victims of the purge."

He said the Democratic Party was liberal but that the word had been usurped by "the radicals, only a shade off red."

Rep. O'Connor, reached by the United Press at his Bayport, N. Y., country place, preferred not to suggest possible candidates who might oppose the New Deal for Presidential nomination at the 1940 national convention but said he had heard several mentioned, including Vice President Garner, Postmaster General Farley, Secretary of State Hull and Senator Bennett Champ Clark (D. Mo.).

Coinciding with Rep. O'Connor's challenge, the Republican Party's New Deal emergency powers. Chairman Jesse P. Wolcott of the House Republican committee named to examine various authorities conferred on the President reported that "dangerous powers" reside in the Export-Import Bank and other emergency New Deal agencies. His committee was critical of a large loan recently made by the bank to China.

"The preliminary study," Rep. Wolcott reported, "has disclosed that the potentialities for the use of these various extraordinary powers to dominate or influence the domestic and foreign policies of other nations by the President of the United States are numerous and dangerous."

"I do not know what you mean by 'meeting our situation,'" Secretary Morgenthau replied. "I mean doing it in an efficient and economical manner."

"If you will add the word 'humanity' in order to take care of the needy," he said, "I would say yes."

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County Deaths	Speeding	18
(To Date)	Reckless	9
1939	driving	5
1938		16

  

City Deaths	Running	14
(To Date)	preferential	10
1939	streets	5
1938		10

  

Feb. 19	Drunk	21
1939	driving	8
1938		29

  

Arrests	Others	38
1939		99
1938		99

**MEETINGS TODAY**

American Savings and Loan Institute, convention, Claypool Hotel, all day.

American Society for Metals, dinner, Hotel Washington, 6:30 p. m.

National Association of Women, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.

American Society of Women Accountants, dinner, Hotel Washington, 6:30 p. m.

National Small Businessmen's Association, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Marion County Agricultural Agents, meeting, Hotel Washington, 10 a. m.

Associated Retailers, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Paint & Wall Paper Credit Group, meeting, Columbia Club, 445 P. D. D.

Indiana Press Club, dinner, 48 Monument Circle, 6 p. m.

Seaside Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Service Club, luncheon, Hotel Lincoln, noon.

Irvington Republican Club, meeting, 544½ E. Washington St., 8 p. m.

Delta Upsilon, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

North Side Realtors, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Notre Dame Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Indiana University Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

**MEETINGS TOMORROW**

American Savings and Loan Institute, convention, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Rotary Club, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Actuarial Club, dinner, Hotel Washington, 6:30 p. m.

Indiana Press Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Indiana Press Club, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.

University Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

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

Knights of Columbus, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Lutheran Service Club, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

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

Gilbert O. Underwood, 29, of 1818 Broadway, married D. Miller, 21, of 233 E. Washington St.



Here's what happened when a runaway freight engine wrecked a passenger train in Iowa. Two persons were killed and 22 injured in the freak accident. (Story, Page One.)

## Congress May Face Issue Of World War Pensions

By THOMAS L. STOKES  
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The long-expected drive for pensions for World War veterans is breaking upon Congress.

The cat was let out of the bag by John Thomas Taylor, American Legion legislative representative. He asked the House Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation to provide pensions for all World War veterans over 65, of which it is estimated there are 25,000 now.

This is regarded as the opening wedge for a later campaign to pension all World War veterans.

Mr. Taylor also urged an increase from \$30 to \$40 in the compensation of totally disabled World War veterans whose disability is not connected with their war service, and said the time has come to consider extension of pensions to all widows and orphans of World War veterans. Such pensions are now limited to dependents of veterans who were disabled.

Thus the Roosevelt Administration, plagued on one flank by Townsendites and others who are seeking old-age pensions far beyond the Social Security Act allowances, now finds itself attacked on the other flank by veterans' organizations. For that American Legion spokesman is not alone in edging toward a flat pension program.

Gen. Frank T. Hines, Veterans Administration, will appear before the House committee tomorrow to present the Administration's opposition to the pension movement, along with his views on numerous other bills supported by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. Their measures would greatly increase the Government's liability to war veterans by modification and expansion of existing laws.

Eugene I. Van Antwerp, Veterans of Foreign Wars national commander, deplored as "misrepresentation" reports that his organization was agitating for universal pensions, but said nevertheless that if the employment problem isn't solved so that veterans can get jobs, his organization would be willing to entertain consideration of a general pension system for all war veterans.

Other national defense developments:

1. Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, Army Air Corps chief, declared the United States should arm for air defense immediately to avoid the mistake of France and England, which "must now realize that they began too late."

2. The Naval Aviation chief, Rear Admiral Arthur C. Koeb, before the same forum, urged development of more air bases.

3. The House Rules Committee gave right-of-way tomorrow for six hours of debate on the Emergency Defense Bill, authorizing increase of the Army Air Corps to 5500 planes, and expected to send it to the Senate floor late this week.

**Committee Approves Miller and Arant**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (U. P.).—The Senate Judiciary Committee today approved nomination of Shafter Miller as Federal Judge for the Western Kentucky District after hearing A. F. of L. charges that the nomination was a reward for his services as campaign manager for Senator Barkley (D. Ky.).

The committee also approved the nomination of Dean Herschel Arant as a Judge of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. It was revealed, however, that Senator Donahue (D. O.) will not support Dean Arant for confirmation on the Senate floor.

**18 Tire Companies Face Big Antitrust Suit**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (U. P.).—The Justice Department today inaugurated a new type of antitrust action, seeking damages of \$1,053,474 in Federal courts from 18 tire manufacturing companies alleged to have participated in a price-fixing conspiracy.

Suit was prepared for filing in the New York Federal District court for recovery of triple damages alleged to have been suffered by the Government as the result of submission of identical bids by the companies for tire supplies over an 18-month period from Oct. 1, 1935 to March 31, 1938.

The action invoked a new technique in the drive of Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold to revive enforcement of Federal antitrust and monopoly statutes.

**Triple Damages Sought**

The seldom-employed triple-damage section of the Sherman Antitrust Act provides that any person suffering injury as a result of practices forbidden by the act may sue the alleged violator of the act and recover three times the amount claimed to have been lost.

The Government action charged that excessive tire prices cost it at least \$351,158.

Tire firms named in the suit were the Cooper Corp., Dayton Rubber Co., Dunlop Tire & Rubber Corp., Falls Rubber Co., Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Fisk Rubber Corp., General Tire & Rubber Co., B. F. Goodrich Co., Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Kelly-Springfield Tire Co., Lee Tire & Rubber Co., Mohawk Rubber Co., Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co., Pennsylvania Rubber Co., F. O. Schenck Rubber Co., Seiberling Rubber Co., U. S. Rubber Products, Inc., and U. S. Tire Dealers Corp.

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## Report Franco May Visit Italy; Arabs Foment Syrian Rebels; Peruvian Revolt Is Suppressed

**Fascist Army Chief Inspects African Defenses.**

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ratification of the treaty after he had studied the situation. M. Puaux, however, made a country-wide tour during which he witnessed demonstrations against the creation of an independent state with the capital at Damascus. Druses, Alouites and Bedouins demonstrated for federal independence and the Bedouins particularly demanded that the capital be at Tadmor.

The High Commissioner therefore recommended postponement of ratification of the treaty and the Premier took it as a defeat for his pro-French policy.

**France Reoccupies Area Ceded to Italy**

PARIS, Feb. 20 (U. P.).—France, moving to offset Italian claims in East Africa, has reoccupied a triangle of territory on the western border of French Somaliland which was ceded to Italy in 1935, a Foreign Office communique reveals.

Premier Mussolini recently denounced the 1935 agreement, preparatory to pushing new and more extensive claims. Since Italy never entered into military occupation of the cede area, the French Senegalese reinforcements recently sent to East Africa moved into the triangle.

**Rumor Worries Capitals**

As this was revealed Europe's capitals were flurried by the sudden blazoning in newspapers of a day's rumor that Benito Mussolini, Premier Mussolini and Generalissimo Franco might hold a meeting to discuss a joint policy.

This rumor originated in Berlin last week.

Italian newspapers smashed it yesterday as a probability, basing their report on dispatches from Paris and Berlin.

There was no official news regarding any such meeting and the reports met with at least tentative denials.

The reports, however, served to overshadow developments of major importance in the general European picture, including:

1. The arrival of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, chief of staff of the Italian armies, at Tripoli, yesterday. He was presumably inspecting Italy's defenses in Libya, opposite French Tunisia.

**Reservist Call Denied**

It was said authoritatively today in Rome that the Earl of Perth, British Ambassador, received assurances from Count Galeazzo Ciano Saturday that reports that Italy had called up a great number of Army reservists had been exaggerated, and that all recent Italian troop movements had been defensive.

2. The arrival of Sir Edmund Ironside, Governor of Gibraltar, at Gibraltar last night after a secret visit to Casablanca, French Morocco, and Tangier, the International Zone opposite Gibraltar. Gen. Ironside was assumed to have discussed the situation in North Africa and the Strait of Gibraltar with French authorities.

3. The arrival of Senator Leon Berard, French special agent to the Spanish Rebels, on French soil to telephone the results of his conference at Burgos to Paris. If the conference was satisfactory, it is expected France will recognize Gen. Franco almost immediately.

4. A report from Paris that General Robert Hodgson, British special agent to the Rebel Government, definite assurances that he would respect Great Britain's position at Gibraltar, thus removing the last obstacle to British recognition of the Rebel Government.

5. A report from Lisbon, credited to the Spanish Rebel Salazar radio, that Generalissimo Franco had ordered to Barcelona a large part of the Italian air force based at Majorca, in the Balearic Islands. This report if confirmed would be one of the most important developments of recent weeks. France has been worried more than by anything else, by the presence of Italian airplanes in the Balearics.

**Madrid's Ration of Bread Reduced**

PERPIGNAN, French-Spanish Frontier, Feb. 20 (U. P.).—The bread ration at Madrid was reduced to 2.52 ounces a day today as Loyalist leaders continued to discuss their chances of continuing the civil war.

Both Rebel and Loyalist air communications reported all fronts quiet.

**BURGOS, Spain, Feb. 20 (U. P.).**—Well-informed quarters, discussing a report that Generalissimo Franco, Fuehrer Hitler and Premier Mussolini might meet in Italy, said today that it was most unlikely that Gen. Franco would leave Spain until all of Spain had been captured by the Rebels.

**Poland Seeks Balance of Power**

WARSAW, Feb. 20 (U. P.).—Premier Felicjan Slawoj-Skladowski has left for a visit to Paris, it was understood today. Reports said he left here Saturday, ostensibly on a private visit, but that he was expected to hold conversations with French leaders.

Coincidentally, it was reported that Foreign Minister Josef Beck would visit London next month, but statements that arrangements for the visit already had been made were denied.

Semiofficial sources said the Premier left for Paris because of family affairs. His wife, who is French, accompanied him. But it was believed in well-informed quarters that he would effect contact with Premier Daladier, Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet and others in an effort to preserve a balance between the three nations.

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**Various Nationalities Are Included in San Diego Seizures.**

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 20 (U. P.).—Nine fishermen of "mixed nationalities" were arrested today for entering the prohibited zone of a naval reserve station.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents last night took them off two fishing craft which lay at anchor within 200 yards of the naval reserve station on San Clemente Island, 35 miles west of San Diego. The island has modern docks for small naval craft, a permanent barracks and meteorology station, and a rifle range. The fleet frequently engages nearby in gunnery exercises and naval planes land on the island. Naval regulations prohibit commercial vessels within 300 yards of the station.

The arrested fishermen were charged with trespassing and their cases will go before the Federal grand jury Wednesday. Richard B. Hood, chief of the Los Angeles FBI Bureau, said that no espionage was suspected. The suspects, allowed \$250 bail each, said they were fishing for abalone. They were taken from the vessels California II and Sea Ranger.

**20 CHINESE KILL JAP SYMPATHIZER**

Invade New Year's Party; Bodyguards Cower.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 20 (U. P.).—Japanese authorities sought clues today to the identity of 20 Chinese who commemorated their New Year by assassinating Chen Lo, Foreign Minister of the Japanese-sponsored "reformed government" of Nanking and former Chinese Minister to France.

Minister Chen was celebrating the New Year at a gay party at a friend's house last night. Fifteen Chinese bodyguards were in an ante-room. But they offered no resistance when the 20 Chinese presented pistols at them, prodded them into the party room and opened point blank at Minister Chen. The party broke up in panic.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (U. P.).—H. J. Anslinger, head of the Treasury Narcotics Bureau, it was disclosed today, told a Congressional committee that the Japanese Government failed to co-operate with the United States in curbing activities of international dope smugglers.

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**Strauss Says:**

This, Sir, is news! It's the AIRDOME... by DOBBS!

Feather light in weight, casual... note, please, the air holes—and the extremely narrow band!

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## Rebellious Member of Benavides Cabinet Is Killed.

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chinese gun units guarding the palace and said:

"You have been replaced by Capt. Acevedo of the police. Hand over your machine guns to him."

Capt. Ismodes went quickly up into the palace tower where his machine guns were mounted and locked himself in. He trained the guns on approaches to the palace, which the tower commands, expecting that troops and police would arrive to aid Gen. Rodriguez.

Gen. Rodriguez said to a group of palace guard officers: "The President has left for Europe. I have assumed the Presidency."

Capt. Ismodes meantime had telephoned from his lower to loyal officers. They called in loyal officers from the countryside and the city and ordered troops to surround the palace. Soon, through the crowds of home-going celebrants, Army trucks loaded with shock troops were sirening through the streets to the palace.

**Pair Enters Palace**

Capt. Luis Iparaguire, an aide de camp of the President, headed one column. Commander Luis Rizo Patron led the other. By agreement, they entered the palace to reconnoitre. Capt. Iparaguire at the main gate, Commander Rizo Patron at the back entrance.

Commander Rizo Patron encountered Gen. Rodriguez. It was now 7:30 a. m., and Gen. Rodriguez had held the palace with half a dozen men since 2 o'clock.

"I am the President," said Gen. Rodriguez. "President Benavides has gone to Europe."

"That is not true," Commander Rizo Patron replied.

"So you do not comply with my orders," said Gen. Rodriguez, and started to draw a pistol.

Commander Rizo Patron had taken the precaution, on entering the palace, of holding his pistol concealed at his side. He fired three times. Gen. Rodriguez fell on his face, dead.

Now the surrounding troops moved in. There was a brief exchange of fire and the revolt was over.

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