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ENGLAND ASKS GOOD WILL OF ALL NEUTRALS

'Your Rights Are Respected,' Chamberlain Says; Japan Gets a Nod.

DORCHESTER HOUSE, London, Jan. 31 (U. P.).—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain appealed today for the friendship of neutral nations of the world, emphasizing the Allies' desire for good relations with Japan and for future trade pacts with European states embodying the idea "behind our agreement with the United States."

The Prime Minister made an almost personal appeal to the Japanese Government and people to settle controversy over the incident arising from the seizure of 21 German seamen from the Japanese liner Asama by a British warship.

Mr. Chamberlain admitted that the British and Japanese Governments may disagree as to interpretation of international law in the Asama incident, which aroused angry protests in Japan, but he said that "such issue are not the strongest influences in the lives of nations or the hearts of men."

Remarks Are Palliative

His remarks concerning Japan were the most friendly heard here in a long time.

Except for a passing remark about the secrecy surrounding Adolf Hitler's speech in Berlin last night, Mr. Chamberlain made little reference to the Nazi leader. He did, however, announce the destruction of another U-boat by British sea and air forces and charged Germany with threatening the existence of small European states.

"Such a shriek betrays dread of British power," said the conservative Daily Telegraph in a typical editorial. "Hitler knows, and he cannot refrain from blustering out, the easy knowledge that he has roused the whole world against his regime."

The main part of Mr. Chamberlain's speech was devoted to assuring the European neutral states that they had nothing to fear from the Allies.

He declared that the Allied powers intend after the war "to return to the idea behind our (economic) agreement with the United States a little over a year ago... we must put an end to the vicious policy of economic nationalization and autarky, which upset the last peace settlement."

Neutral Rights Unquestioned

"There is not a single non-belligerent country that feels itself threatened by this enormous (Allied) accumulation of powers," the Prime Minister said, "and the British military preparations at a luncheon meeting.

"We do not for a moment question the rights of neutrals to decide whether they shall go into conflict or stay out, or if they choose to stay out, in what fashion they shall use the neutrality they have chosen."

Mr. Chamberlain's speech generally was intended to offset the anger aroused in neutral nations by recent suggestions of Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, that the neutrals join up with the Allies to guard against being divided between Nazism and Bolshevism.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the Empire now had upwards of 1,250,000 men under arms and that the toll of German submarines—estimated here at close to 40—had been increased by yesterday's air and naval operations.

Expect Wave of U-boats

Naval circles indicated today that a fifth wave of German U-boats believed to have been sent to sea in another attempt to break up the British convoy system would be met with an increased number of anti-submarine patrol squadrons.

In a recently created safety zone the British have laid a mine barrage for 400 miles off the coast of the Atlantic, this has presented a severe hazard to the German U-boats. The German Air Force has been attacking ships in the area, the British said, because of the difficulties encountered by U-boats.

German air raids on British shipping within the last two days have taken an estimated 50 lives.

AGED TAILOR BEATEN, ROBBED BY 2 THUGS

Hyman M. Marcus, 62-year-old tailor, was beaten severely on his head today by two men who invaded his tailoring shop at 1005 W. Morris St. and robbed him.

He told police they said nothing at all but that one of them began beating his head with a poker as soon as they entered. They took his wallet which contained some articles of jewelry and \$1.40 in cash, he said.

Police sent him to City Hospital where his condition was described as serious.

HOG PRICES FALL; STOCKS IRREGULAR

Hog prices fell 25 cents at Indianapolis today for weights over 150 pounds and 15 cents for lighter weights. The Agricultural Marketing Service estimated receipts at 6500 head.

New York stocks drifted aimlessly in quiet trading. Low-priced issues occupied greatest attention as Loft closed at \$25.35, highest in several years. World currencies were steady, cotton futures lost earlier advances and British Government bonds were active and firm in London trading.

Today's the Last to Pay Gross Income Tax Without Penalty



1. Today is the finale for filing gross income tax returns for 1939. Those on the right are clerks helping Mr. and Mrs. John Indiana file their returns at the Gross Income Tax Division, 141 S. Meridian St. 2. This is the pay-off window. These Hoosiers are paying 1 per cent on all of last year's income over \$1000. One per cent per month interest will be charged for delinquents, plus a 10 per cent penalty. 3. Miss Mary Beckner, 962 N. Penn. St., a clerk at the division, has a big job sorting out and filing returns received by mail. Two hundred sacks of mail have been received this month.

DEFIANT TALKS ALARM EUROPE

War's Intensification Feared—Allies Prepared for Nazi Spring Offensive.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS

United Press Foreign News Editor

Prospects for intensified warfare in Europe mounted today as a result of a series of challenges by the leaders of belligerent governments. Adolf Hitler, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and French Premier Edouard Daladier all joined in a chorus of threatening speeches designed to prepare the people both for major attacks by the enemy and for attempts to seize the offensive when spring comes.

The word from Paris is that the Allied High Command expects and is ready to meet a smashing German offensive in the spring.

Hitler Needs Oil

Many military observers in France, however, insist that Herr Hitler cannot undertake an offensive involving the whole German army without assuring himself of ample oil and other supplies.

For that reason, the three-day meeting of the foreign ministers of Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey which starts in Belgrade Friday is being watched intently in the Allied capitals.

The ministers undoubtedly will report on increased German pressure to get the lion's share of Balkan production of oil, copper, bauxite, chromium and wheat, to the detriment of the Allies.

Germany was pleased by Rumania's creation of a national oil, believing it will gradually lead to German dominance over the supply.

Balkans Seek Neutrality

The French believe that the present German economic strategy consists of attempting to obtain formation of similar national offices for control of wheat in Hungary and Rumania and of copper in Yugoslavia, through which Germany, by direct approach to the governments concerned, could cut off deliveries to the Allies in favor of concentrated shipments to the Reich.

Balkan sources, however, say that the Belgrade meeting will be devoted not only to keeping war out of the Balkans but to establishing Balkan economic neutrality.

Authoritative informants in Rome expressed agreement today with most of the points in Herr Hitler's speech yesterday, but there was some disappointment at his emphasis on economic neutrality.

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655 MILLION NAVY PROGRAM APPROVED

Committee Ignores Edison, Stark Pleas in Action.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (U. P.).—The House Naval Affairs Committee agreed tentatively today on a limited two-year expansion program for the United States fleet estimated to cost about 655 million dollars.

It ignored pleas of Navy Secretary Charles Edison and Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, for authorization of a six-year \$1,300,000,000 program. Both warned that the possibility of Allied defeat in the European war must be considered in planning expansion of the U. S. fleet and that this nation must match foreign building programs lest we emerge from the war period with a Navy ranking third or fourth among world powers.

The committee took the position that it was not hampering Naval expansion by limiting the program.

Asks Millions for Air Attack Signals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (U. P.).—The United States Army plans to spend \$40,000,000 of its billion-dollar 1941 budget for an air attack warning service.

The plans were revealed by Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, in secret testimony before the House Military Affairs Committee.

Music Appreciation Drive Is Indorsed by Clubwomen

The music appreciation campaign for Indiana has received the enthusiastic support of the clubwomen of the state.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Federation of Clubs pledged whole-hearted support to the program at their mid-winter meeting yesterday at the Claypool Hotel.

At the same time, headquarters announced that no more reservations for the banquet tomorrow night at the Claypool can be accepted. The banquet will open the campaign.

The statement read: "The unexpectedly large number of acceptances of the invitations to attend our opening dinner has taxed the capacity and every facility of the Claypool Hotel."

"It has been found necessary to seat many of our guests in dining rooms other than the Riley Room. However, a public address system will clearly carry the program of speeches to every section of the hotel."

"A seating list, alphabetically arranged, will be found in the lobby of the hotel in order that our guests may conveniently locate their places. We greatly regret that those whose acceptances were received later than Wednesday morning, Jan. 31, cannot be accommodated for."

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CHEER UP, WARMER WEATHER FORECAST

Mercury May Even Go Above Freezing, Bureau Says.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. ... 28 10 a. m. ... 28
7 a. m. ... 28 11 a. m. ... 29
8 a. m. ... 28 12 (Noon) ... 29
9 a. m. ... 28 1 p. m. ... 30

Take cheer and buck up! Temperatures in Indianapolis may go to 32 degrees or above today or tonight for the first time in 15 days.

Not only that, it is going to be warmer tonight and J. H. Armstrong, meteorologist, says there is no new cold wave in sight just now.

The skies, however, will be cloudy both today and tomorrow.

At Last, Floridians Can Get in Swim

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 31 (U. P.).—Crowds returned to Florida's beaches today as the mercury climbed toward the 70-degree mark and the break in a prolonged cold wave appeared convincing.

Although northern and northwestern Florida experienced freezing temperatures again last night, most of the state had June-in-January weather. The temperature rose to 70 degrees at Miami yesterday in the first real moderation of the frigid wave of nearly two weeks.

The minimum temperature here last night was 50 degrees. This morning the mercury stood at 36 at Orlando, 35 at Daytona Beach, 32 at Jacksonville and 28 at Pensacola.

Calamity continued among citrus and vegetable growers, who lost millions in last week-end's bitter temperatures. Efforts were being made to give them financial aid.

Frigid Weather Believed On Way From Alaska

By Science Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A new cold wave may be on the way. Temperatures between 20 and 30 degrees below zero are reported from various interior points in Alaska, whence cold waves normally move over a southeasterly path through the Canadian prairie provinces and into the Northwestern United States.

Ordinarily, the progress of such a cold wave is reported as it crosses Canada. Under war conditions, however, the "blackout" of meteorological information causes the chill area to be "lost" for a time, until it emerges below the international boundary.

TWO GET 10 YEARS ON HOLDUP CHARGES

Two 21-year-old youths who admitted participating in six armed robberies were sentenced to 10 years each in the Indiana Reformatory by Criminal Court Judge Dewey E. Myers today.

The two were Thomas Hazel and Charles Rush, who live on the West side. They pleaded guilty to charges of robbery and auto banditry in the holdup Jan. 3 of Keith Simpson, filling station attendant at 1702 W. Washington St. They fled in a car after obtaining \$14.55. The youths admitted five other robberies, including one of an aged couple whose life savings they stole.

PASTORS FAVOR STATE COUNCIL

Approve Constitution for New Church Group; Women Give O. K.

The formation of an Indiana Council of Churches seemed assured today after the proposed constitution was approved without change by the Indiana Pastors Conference meeting in the First Baptist Church.

The same constitution was approved yesterday by the Indiana Council of Churchwomen. The proposal takes effect as soon as similar ratification is given by the Indiana Council of Christian Education and at least 10 denominational central bodies.

Resolution Condemns War

New pastors' officers elected today are Dr. Clive McGuire of Indianapolis, president; the Rev. Howard J. Baumgartel, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer; and the Revs. W. L. Zimmern, South Bend; Armin Haessler, Evansville; John Farr, Frankfort; R. S. Mosby, Indianapolis; B. F. Smith, Kokomo, and Dr. J. B. Ferguson, Indianapolis, vice presidents.

Resolutions adopted by the pastors this morning condemned war and "social injustice" and urged county and township local action on liquor.

War was called "un-Christian" in a resolution declaring the "church is under obligation to find some method of bringing international peace. No peace based on force can endure."

The resolution also urged the U. S. to stay out of the war and express its position as the largest and strongest neutral power for peace.

Dry Forces' Proposal

Another resolution asked pastors and laymen to keep on guard "because we see signs of religious, racial and social injustice in our country."

The dry resolution was the same one adopted by the churchwomen yesterday. It was proposed by the United Dry Forces. It claimed the repeal of prohibition has "increased drinking, drunken driving, crime and the population of insane hospitals" and urged support of candidates.

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MOTHER SAVES BABY, HUSBAND FROM FIRE

UPLAND, Ind., Jan. 31 (U. P.).—Mrs. Joseph Carter calmly braved flames which followed explosion of a heating stove in her home today and dragged her husband and two-year-old daughter to safety.

Carter is in a critical condition but the baby was unharmed. A frozen main prevented firemen from saving the house.

78 DEAD IN SNOWSTORM

TOKYO, Jan. 31 (U. P.).—Heavy loss of life was reported today in an unprecedented snowstorm raging on the coastal areas along the Japanese Sea. Domei News Agency said 78 were dead and 40 injured.

Mrs. Borah, Who Expected to Economize, Finds \$207,000 in Safety Deposit Box

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (U. P.).—For many years Mrs. William E. Borah maintained a joint checking account and a safety deposit box in a Washington bank with her husband, the late Senator from Idaho. She had a key to the lock box, but never went near it.

When the Senator died earlier this month Mrs. Borah was not certain whether she could even afford the immediate costs of the funeral trip to Idaho. She did not expect to be able to continue living in their seven-room apartment, their only big luxury.

Then in arranging her affairs, Mrs. Borah sent a secretary to the bank to check the contents of the deposit box.

The box, it was learned today, contained \$207,000 in \$100 bills and government bonds.

"It was just as much a surprise to me as anyone else," Mrs. Borah said. "I had always believed that the Senator would leave me provided for after his death and I knew that he had policies in three companies. But we never talked much about his finances. I never believed that he would pass away before I did, as his people were all long-lived."

Mrs. Borah usually was regarded in Washington as a "poor" man, whose income was limited to his salary as Senator, \$7600 a year up to 1929; \$10,000 after that. He lived modestly, entertaining only close friends in the apartment for which he paid \$175 a month in rent.

However, when Mr. Borah came to the U. S. Senate 33 years ago he was a moderately wealthy man, judged by 1907 standards. When he was defeated for the Senate in 1902, he was making \$30,000 a year as a lawyer, according to reliable information. These sources said that Mr. Borah had a personal fortune of \$100,000 when he came to Washington.

After he became Senator, Mr. Borah refrained from accepting any legal business, although attractive, legitimate offers were made to him. He did invest rather heavily in life insurance policies, it was said, and cashed them upon their maturity.

The safety deposit box contained the fruit of these savings and investments, with a simply worded will bequeathing the entire fortune to Mrs. Borah.

So, Policemen Ate 170 Meals

It seems that on Sept. 25, 26 and 27 of 1931, members of the Police Department ate 170 meals while on duty at an air show and the check came to exactly \$255.

This check was unpaid, according to Carl Punde, 5135 College Ave., who told the Works Board today he served the food and held the check. At that time he had the catering concession at the airport, he said.

So, he presented the bill today for payment.

The City Legal Department ruled that the statute of limitation outlawed the bill, and that the police officers who ate the food should have paid in the first place. The Works Board informed Mr. Punde that it would not pay the nine-year old tab.

\$28,000 STRUCTURE IS PLANNED IN CITY

P. R. Mallory Co. Addition To Be Finished in 90 Days.

A one-story plant building for construction of a patented silver-bonding process will be completed within 90 days by P. R. Mallory Co.

The process will enable silver as thin as .001 inch to be bonded onto bearings and switches so as to minimize loss from friction.

The building will be constructed of glass bricks on a steel frame on property adjacent to the Mallory plant at 3029 E. Washington St. It will be of steel and glass construction and air-conditioned. It will be 40x160 feet. August Bohlen is the architect and the contractor is Orville Wise. Both are residents of Indianapolis.

The cost of the building will be approximately \$28,000, according to M. E. Hamilton, vice president.

Excavation work has already begun and the building is expected to be completed within two months.

Mr. Hamilton said he was unable to estimate what the increase in employment would be.

The Mallory company came here in 1928. This is the second building expansion in its decade in Indianapolis. An addition was installed at the present site in 1937.

The company manufactures two separate lines, radio parts and metallurgical products. It sells vibrators, condensers, wave chain switches and volume controllers to radio manufacturers and servicemen.

'GO,' AS ENCOUNTER, IS CREDITED TO ADE

CHICAGO, Jan. 31 (U. P.).—How a Hoosier writer contributed to the American language was told today in the ninth section of the New American English Dictionary published by the University of Chicago.

George Ade was credited with giving the word "go" a new meaning as "an encounter" when he reported a prize fight as "a six-round go."

Two cars of a Pennsylvania Railway wreck train were telescoped in an unusual accident two miles east of Woodstock, O., early today, killing two men and injuring seven.

H. F. Layman, 49, wreckmaster, and H. L. McMorrow, 24, laborer, both of Columbus, were killed.

The wreck train was en route from Columbus to Columbus with three "dead" engines, tool car, bunk car, six loaded coal cars and cabooses.

The coupling between the bunk car and the first coal car became detached and momentum sent the coal cars into the bunk car, which rammed about 30 feet into the tool car.

Passenger train No. 27, Columbus to Indianapolis, had to be rerouted through Dayton because of the wreckage.

ELOPERS GET RETURN FARE FROM PARENTS

Juvenile Court officers were informed today that the parents of an 18-year-old Lansing, Mich., youth, who eloped Saturday with a 16-year-old Lansing girl have sent money to return them from here.

The youth has been staying with an uncle here and the girl at the Juvenile Detention Home.

U.S. GRAND JURY INDICTS 5 HERE ON WPA COUNTS

Arthur V. Brown, Charles E. Jefferson, Miss Elizabeth Claypool, Arthur F. Eickhoff And Carl F. Kortepeter Named.

The Federal Grand Jury today indicted five Indianapolis persons on charges of conspiring to defraud the Federal Government by diverting WPA labor to private use.

Those indicted were: Arthur V. Brown, president of the Indiana National Bank.

Arthur F. Eickhoff, president of the Eickhoff Realty Co. Charles E. Jefferson, former member of the Marion County Flood Control Board.

Miss Elizabeth C. Claypool, 1734 N. Pennsylvania St. Carl F. Kortepeter, former Marion County WPA coordinator.

Two indictments were returned, each including counts charging conspiracy to defraud the Government and unlawful diversion of Government money and labor.

Judge Robert C. Baltzell set \$5000 as the bond on each of the five persons indicted. No date was set for arraignment. District Attorney Val Nolan declared, however, that he expected that the trials would be held early in the May term of the Court.

Will Irwin of Columbus signed Mr. Brown's bond. Mr. Eickhoff's bond was signed by Ida Bulestra of R. R. 9, Box 366 and Edward Behrman, R. R. 5, Box 552.

The Grand Jury was called after the conviction of Kortepeter and his father-in-law, Gurney G. Derbyshire, on similar charges in Federal Court last December. Derbyshire is serving a year and a day prison sentence. Kortepeter, sentenced to 18 months, is free under \$5000 appeal bond.

Mr. Brown, long active in civic affairs, is 76. A former president of the Indianapolis Community Fund and for years prominent in affairs of the Riley and Methodist Hospitals, he was named to the Indianapolis Staff of Honor last year by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Brown issued the following statement: "My attorneys say there is no violation of the law. I know that I had no intention to violate any law. I only ask the public to withhold judgment until the facts are presented in court."

Eickhoff Has No Statement

Mr. Eickhoff, who also is a teller in the Indiana National Bank, was a candidate for County Treasurer in the 1938 Republican primary. He is a brother-in-law of Rep. John W. Boehm of Evansville, Ill. at his home with the flu. Mr. Eickhoff said he had not been informed of the indictment and had no statement to make.

The Kortepeter home reported Mr. Kortepeter out of the city. He is expected home tonight.

Miss Claypool was reported to be downtown and unreachable by telephone.

Mr. Jefferson, a dredging contractor, also could not be reached by telephone.

Mr. Brown, Miss Claypool and Mr. Kortepeter were named in one indictment of five counts. The first three counts alleged they conspired to defraud the Government by using WPA labor to build a road about 4000 feet long between Spring Mill Road and Kessler Blvd.

Called Crows' Nest Drive

This road, said Mr. Nolan, is called Crows' Nest Drive and the District Attorney added, runs through property which is held in the name of Miss Claypool and the Union Investment Co. of which Mr. Brown is also president.

Mr. Nolan said Crows' Nest Drive cost the Government about \$27,000 and was completed on Dec. 21, 1938. The other two counts of the indictment charge that Mr. Brown and Mr. Kortepeter constructed a

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WRECK TRAIN WRECK KILLS 2, INJURES 7

Causes Rerouting of No. 27 On Way to Indianapolis.

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