

Chamberlain's Pledge Stirs Neutrality Law Fight

Provides New Arguments On Revision Of Neutrality Law

Proposed Amendments Tend to Draw U. S. Closer to Participation in Foreign War, Says LaFollette.

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain's pledge that Great Britain and France would back the independence of Poland, stirred fresh controversy in congress today over proposals to change the United States neutrality law.

Discussing the proposal of Chairman Pittman (D., Nev.) of the senate foreign relations committee that the law be amended to permit arms sales to warring nations which pay cash for their purchases and transport them in their own ship, Senator LaFollette (Prog., Wis.) told reporters: "Chamberlain's statement, as I see it, only serves to strengthen the arguments in opposition to the Pittman resolution, which, if passed, would result in the United States furnishing arms, ammunition and instrumentalities of death and destruction to belligerents which have the cash and control the sea.

"The inevitable consequences of such a policy would be to draw us closer to actual participation in a foreign war, if such a disasterous event should occur."

The present law provides that when the President finds a state of war existing between two foreign nations, he shall prohibit forthwith the export of arms to each. The law provides also that sales to the belligerents of such other goods as the President designates shall be on a "cash and carry" basis.

Pittman, whose proposal would benefit France and England because presumably they would control the seas in event of war, amended the measure yesterday in an effort to win support.

The amendment, giving congress equal voice with the President in invoking the act, is a concession to senators like Bone (D., Wash.), Nye (R., N. D.) and Clark (D., Mo.), who want to restrict the President's discretion.

Senator Reynolds (D., N. C.) said today he believed Chamberlain's statement, which was interpreted in White House quarters as putting the responsibility on Germany for any general war that might develop, strengthened the position of so-called "isolationists" in the senate.

Senator Norris (Ind., Neb.) said he thought Chamberlain's statement made the possibility of a European war more remote.

AUTO DRIVERS, WITHOUT NEW TAGS, ARRESTED

Columbus, April 1.—(AP)—Police in a number of Ohio cities began today arresting motorists without 1939 license plates.

Twenty-five were taken into custody at Cleveland before 10 a. m., and several arrests were made at Canton. The state highway patrol and police of most cities were under orders to apprehend drivers without the new blue and white tags.

Although the tag deadline expired last midnight, Cincinnati gave its drivers until 7 a. m. to change plates while in Dayton motorists with 1938 licenses were warned to get new ones immediately.

C. W. Wallace, registrar of motor vehicles, announced that no time extension could be granted, although thousands of new plates remained unsold despite a last-minute rush to buy them from agents who kept their offices open last night.

Oriental Courtesy.

Seattle, Wash., April 1.—(AP)—Each year the Japanese American courier selects 10 outstanding players from the basket ball league it sponsors. The 10 league teams vote to select the winner of the K. Okamoto inspirational trophy. This year's first ballot left George Okamura, Dyke Itami and Arthur Louie tied. On the second vote Louie won. He's a Chinese.

Miss McElhaney Will Tour Europe After London Meet

Combining pleasure and business, one of the most interesting summer vacations yet to be announced was today described by Miss Marian McElhaney, Licking county home demonstration agent, who plans to attend the triennial conference of the Country Women of the World in London, England, this summer.

Miss McElhaney, who will shoulder her own expenses during the 38 days she expects to be away, will probably be the only woman delegate from Licking county at the conference.

Held every three years, the last session of Country Women of the World was in Washington, D. C., in 1936. Nearly 4,000 women attended. Miss McElhaney said today that the London gathering will probably draw a similar number. Seventy-five countries will be represented, she said.

The conference will open May 30 and conclude June 6. Miss McElhaney stated, Delegates will then participate in numerous European tours, any of which is optional with the individual, she said, outlining the itinerary she has proposed for herself.

It will include 14 days spent in Amsterdam, The Hague, Brussels, Cologne, Mayence, Heidelberg, Lucerne, Interlaken, Paris and Cherbourg. Longest stay en route will be made in Paris where the tour will rest four days, branching out on excursions to Versailles and Malmison.

The period at the Interlaken, Switzerland, will include two days of visits to Kussnacht, the Chapel, the foot of the Alps, the

Prepare for District V. F. W. Conference



Committee chairmen arranging the district conference of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which will be held tomorrow in Memorial hall, checked final details last night in a meeting in the hall. In the group are these chairmen: Mrs. Victor Martindale, dining room; Mrs. David Conrad, dinner; Mrs. T. R. Reason, auxiliary president; Mrs. Clarence Moody, secretary; W. E. Schoeller, general chairman; Victor Martindale, registration; Mrs. Wanda Schoeller, district president (seated).—Advocate Photo.

'Red' Probe Author Irked by Senate; Withholds Evidence

Columbus, April 1.—(AP)—Senator Robert A. Pollock, Republican, Stark, asserted today he would submit no evidence to the senate military committee, assigned to determine whether charges of subversive activities in state universities warrant a senate investigation.

"I haven't any evidence and I'm not submitting any," said Pollock, author of the resolution proposing an inquiry.

"They (the senate) said my evidence was not strong enough and so I won't bother the committee with it."

Several senators who led a fight which caused the senate to rescind its order for an investigation on the ground that evidence of un-Americanism produced before the rules committee was too weak, are primed to subject proponents of an inquiry to a severe cross-examination.

Six attorneys are on the committee. Four of them were among the 17 senators who voted for reconsideration of the resolution on the senate floor.

One is Senator Horace S. Keeler, Republican, Clark, who declared the demands for an investigation were "concerned in a spirit of Fascism" and its supporters were "Fascist-minded."

Chairman Ray Palmer, Republican, Belmont, said the military affairs committee would inquire into activities considered Communist as well as any that might be of a Fascist nature.

The committee was selected to study the resolution because the Republican leadership felt that since all its members were ex-service men, their Americanism could not be questioned.

The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Florence Bell.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. G. W. Reed. Mrs. Virginia Bell will serve as the leader.

The April meeting of the Eastern Star circle will be held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hile Montross, assisted by Mrs. Aria Burkholder and Mrs. William Fry.

The 13th anniversary of the circle will be observed at this time. Mrs. Glen Rine, Mrs. A. F. Barnard, Mrs. Floyd Christian and Mrs. Stanley Sperry are the program committee members.

Each person will take a piece of material to make a tiny apron. Charter members are especially invited.

Tuesday Night Etchre club members will be entertained by Mrs. Earl Dove, next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shoemsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blackstone who have spent the winter at Manatee, Fla., have returned home. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blackstone and son who spent the past month in Manatee and Miami, Fla., are expected to return tonight.

Card of Thanks—We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness shown us at the death of our beloved father, Charles A. McLaughlin. Also for the beautiful floral offerings and Rev. C. C. Smith for his consoling words.—The Children. 4-1-39

SENATOR HOLT'S FATHER DIES

Weston, W. Va., April 1.—(AP)—Death last night ended the career of Dr. Mathew S. Hoyt, physician, former newspaper publisher, amateur poet and twice mayor of Weston. The father of Sen. Rush D. Holt (D., W. Va.), he was 88.

The physician, who had been ill for four weeks, died of acute heart dilation.

Born on a farm near Glenville, Dr. Hoyt enlisted in the union army during the Civil war and was promptly withdrawn. He was 13. He practiced medicine for 66 years, was the editor and publisher of the Weston Republican from 1882 until 1893 and was a former president of the West Virginia Press association.

Experts predicted a drop in hog prices for the 1939-40 marketing year—unless consumer demand picks up.

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THREE HERE LOSE POSITIONS

Age Pension Office Employees Ousted In McCaw Order.

Dismissal of three provisional appointees in the Licking county office of the division of aid for the aged was announced today by Tom McCaw, chief of the state old age pension division.

Released were Wilfred R. Powell, assistant administrator; Raymond Day, investigator, and Jesse M. Schaus, office assistant. All of the persons live in Newark.

According to a dispatch from Columbus, Powell's salary was \$1,500; Day's, \$1,500, and Mrs. Senaus', \$960.

Today's dismissals of 24 appointees in 15 county offices brought the number let out in the last two months to 345, McCaw said. He stated they were made "in the interest of efficiency" after county surveys had been made. McCaw indicated some new replacements will be made.

Sherman B. Fristoe, sub-division manager of the Licking county office, declined comment this morning on the dismissal notices. With the department at the present time manned by seven other Democrats, several other dismissals are expected. McCaw said the division has surveyed 75 of the 88 county offices since the new Republican administration took over.

Included in the other dismissals were:

Muskingum—G. W. Appleman, investigator, \$1,440; John L. Benjamin, investigator, \$1,500; Mrs. Clev. C. Schneider, investigator, \$1,500; Mrs. Helen E. Wolfe, investigator, \$1,500; and Carolyn L. Dosterly, office assistant, \$960, all of Zanesville.

Peru—Fred A. Bennett, Crooksville, investigator, \$1,320, and Georgiana Maines, McLuney, typist, \$960.

PREDICT RAIN FOR NEXT WEEK

Chicago, April 1.—(AP)—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

Ohio Valley: Precipitation Monday afternoon or night, probably ending Tuesday, and again about Thursday night or Friday. Warmer at beginning of week, followed by colder Tuesday, rising temperature again about Thursday.

Great Lakes: Unseasonably low temperatures most of first part of week, probably higher thereafter; precipitation beginning of week, then mostly fair.

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