

Nationalists in Spain Push for End of War

Land, Sea Offensive and Bombardment Hoped to Clear Way for Capture of Catalonia.

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With the Spanish Nationalist Army, Catalonia Front, April 2 (UP)—Nationalists are preparing to put the Barcelona-Valencia highway, last great artery between Catalonia and the rest of Loyalist Spain, under a joint land-sea bombardment, it was learned today.

Warships were patrolling the coast today opposite the point at which Nationalists expected to drive for the sea.

It was asserted officially that troops under Gen. Gracia Valino had smashed their way to within half a mile of Gandesa, which is 22 miles from the sea at the southern end of the Catalan front.

Nationalists hoped, it was indicated, to have the coastal highway under a heavy fire from the warships and artillery within a few days.

There were reports today that the Loyalists during the night had evacuated Lerida, first key city to the east of the Nationalist drive into Catalonia.

Nationalist outposts found streets deserted this morning. However, it was soon found that the government troops were still holding their positions and Nationalist planes swept down on them in a bomb and machine gun attack.

Nationalists proceeded steadily to invest the town from the northwest in a movement that seemed certain to force the Loyalists out soon.

Troops under Gen. Jose Moscardó reached the Aragon canal only nine miles from Lerida to Monzen and the Loyalist position was becoming untenable.

In the southern part of the line, the Nationalists were driving against both Gandesa and Morella. Drives continued from these sectors would take the Nationalists to the sea north and south of the swampy area which forms the mouths of the Ebro river.

Moreover, they seemed to be about 17 miles, according to reports, from Tortosa, which is a city on the main Barcelona-Valencia highway.

In the far north part of the line, north of Huesca, Nationalists are forcing more Loyalists to flee toward France. All roads to the south have been cut.

It was estimated that as many as 30,000 Loyalists are north of Huesca, unable to reach their own lines.

ORGANIZE AN ACCIDENT ASSOCIATION AT OMAHA

OMAHA, March 31 (UP)—Persons of all ages, bearing marks reminiscent of automobile accidents, hobbled into Nicholas Senn hospital last night to form an organization for the purpose of reducing "avoidable accidents."

They chose as a name for their organization the Veterans of Automobile Accidents which is said to be the only known one of its kind in the United States.

Thirty-three accident victims were signed as members while all persons injured in accidents are urged to join in the safety campaign.

Electing John A. McKenzie, who lost several ribs recently, as president the group set their regular meeting day as Wednesday, "the safest day in the week," according to Captain Frank Haley of the police bureau. Members appeared in high spirits telling of their disabilities.

Most of those attending were from Omaha, although one youth came from and a woman from Council Bluffs.

CANTOR RECEIVES THREATS

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP)—Eddie Cantor, comedian revealed before the Hadassah society that he has received anti-Semitic and Nazi threats against his life and the lives of his wife and children.

"My home, my wife and my children have been threatened," he said in an address to the society. "These Nazis have called up my wife and told her 'tell Cantor to get out of Los Angeles before he is carried out in a pine box.'"

"I don't care if they do get me now."

FUNERAL TO BE REHEARSED

KINGSTON, Tenn. (UP)—Bush Breazeale hopes to hear his own funeral here June 25. Breazeale wanted to see for himself what his funeral would be like, and requested Rev. Charles E. Jackson, former Rockwood, Tenn., pastor and now in charge at the First Christian church at Paris, Ill., to preach at the "rehearsal."

TEXANS CREATE EXPRESSION COVERING INDEFINITE TIME

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Texans are proud of their new slang retort, which seems destined to become a part of the nation's informal vocabulary. It is:

"When the dogwood blossoms in East Texas." It is used as an answer meaning that a time is indefinite or may be set back successively.

The phrase, originally used several decades ago by the late Gov. James Hogg, was revived by Gov. James V. Allred when he was harried for a statement on whether he would run for re-election.

In the few days since Allred revived the famous retort, it has been taken up by thousands of Texans.

And in the meantime, the dogwood has blossomed, but Allred has kept silent on his plans.

Ask Supreme Court to Rehear Moratorium Case

Contented That Matter of Decision as to Emergency Rests With the Legislature.

LINCOLN, April 2 (UP)—Attorneys for Walter C. Smith, lumber and coal dealer at University Place asked the supreme court today to rehear its recent decision invalidating the Nebraska mortgage moratorium law.

The high court, by a 6 to 1 decision held the law unconstitutional in a case involving foreclosure suit brought by the First Trust company of Lincoln against Smith because it impaired the obligation of contracts.

J. A. and W. O. Brown, Smith's counsel asserted in a brief filed with the motion for rehearing, that the question of whether an emergency exists is primary for the legislature to decide and that the supreme court should give the judgment of that body due weight. The supreme court ruled that no emergency existed.

"Under the police power the law is a valid exercise of legislative authority notwithstanding that enforcement of certain contracts thereby may be somewhat delayed," the brief stated. "The state is sovereign and its sovereignty cannot be impaired by private contracts."

The attorneys pointed out that there are several thousands of cases involving moratory stays pending at this time.

"The situation is not only of grave concern to those interested, but it is a public calamity affecting thousands of families and the danger of summary disposition at the beginning of the farming season affects all kinds of business throughout the state," the brief said.

WINTER WHEAT PROGRESSES

LINCOLN, April 2 (UP)—Winter wheat has made more progress than usual this year and abandonment up to April 1 is the smallest in several years, the Nebraska cooperative corporation reporting service announced today.

"Surface moisture is ample for the present but it is still getting a little dry in places and subsoil moisture ranges from fair to poor," the report stated.

"More moisture is needed in south central and southwestern Nebraska as there is a very small amount in the soil in much of this area."

"The top soil moisture supply in eastern Nebraska generally ranges from 15 to 18 inches. In parts of south central and southeastern Nebraska the moisture supply is down to a depth of 6 to 12 inches except in summer fallow ground which carries a small amount of moisture to a depth of 2 feet or more."

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STILL EXPLOSION CONSCIOUS

LINCOLN, April 1 (UP)—Percy Grieves who escaped death last year in an explosion in his furniture store is still explosion conscious. He telephoned police headquarters about 2:30 a. m. today saying:

"Better send some officers to my home right away. I just heard two explosions and the crash of window glass."

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HORSEBACK RIDER COVERS 3,000 MILES IN 7 YEARS

UTICA, N. Y. (UP)—After traveling 3,000 miles by horseback, Ray Carr, World War veteran of Utica, is glad to be out of the saddle for a while and back in his home town for the first time in seven years.

Carr was working on a ranch near Ozona, Tex., until early last fall when drought forced the ranch owner to sell his cattle. Carr decided to start out for Utica, so he mounted Smoky, his favorite horse, and began his travels.

Because winter was approaching, he had to chart a southern course and accordingly traveled through 14 states.

Dodging automobiles seemed to be one of Carr's main problems. "In the south I kept pretty well to the dirt roads," he said, "but in going through Pennsylvania and New York I was dodging cars all the way."

He vetoed the act of the recent regime known as the Menahoe bill.

SAYS BILL OPPRESSIVE

ALBANY, N. Y., March 31 (UP)—Governor Herbert H. Lehman today defended his veto of a bill to prohibit communists holding public office by asserting that "it is the duty of democracy to protect minorities from oppression by the majority."

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Shrine Circus to Bring Greatest Attractions

Big Event to Be Staged at Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum From April 4th to 9th Inclusive.

OMAHA, April 1.—The ninth annual Shrine circus to be staged at Ak-Sar-Ben coliseum beginning Monday, April 4 to 9, headlined Clyde Beatty, world famous wild animal trainer, will present the greatest array of show talent ever to come to Omaha.

Of course, Beatty is the chief attraction of this circus extravaganza. He will enter a steel arena alone to pit his skill and courage against a score of lions and tigers. This intrepid fighter of the beasts of the jungles has faced death many times as a result of injuries sustained in clashing with the ferocious animals but each time has come back to resume his hazardous calling.

In addition to Beatty the circus will feature scores of trained horses, dogs, ponies, elephants, seals and an array of daring acrobats and aerialists that will thrill the thousands during the six-day circus.

A feature side show that is certain to hold the interest of many is the Siamese twins, Mary and Margaret Gibb of Holyoke, Mass. At birth no attempt was made to separate them because they are connected by one blood stream. If one dies the other will not survive.

Other acts which will keep the audience on the edge of its chairs include the Duberoff family of Russian acrobats; the Dobas troupe of four Russian performers, father and mother and their two daughters. This famous troupe made their first appearance in the United States at the Shrine circus two years ago. Circus officials tried to get them back for last year's show but failed because they were in such great demand.

Another thrilling act that goes back to Russia for its origin is that of the Duberoff family, four sensational acrobats. The Rollo troupe of whirling skaters will bring breathless moments to the crowds.

The two-hour show will be a brilliant and thrilling parade of exciting events which J. E. Davidson, potentate of Tanager Temple of the Shrine, predicts will be the best in the history of the organization.

OBJECT TO TAX

OMAHA, April 1 (UP)—An occupation tax on lawyers and doctors, proposed by City Finance Commissioner Harry Knudsen was scored by Wymer Dressler, president of the Omaha Bar association, today. Dressler said the suggestion was "ill-advised."

"Cities have no authority over either lawyers or doctors," Dressler said. "They are licensed by the state. Lawyers are officers of the courts and are a part of the machinery of the state for the administration of justice. To tax doctors is to tax the services to the sick and suffering humanity."

LOOK FOR LICENSE DROP

OMAHA, April 1 (UP)—A 20 per cent drop in the number of beer licenses this year was predicted by City Clerk Emmett Hannon as the deadline for filing for license renewals approached. Of the 260 liquor dealers operating last year, only 257 have applied for new licenses. Of 267 beer licenses, 101 sought renewals. Hannon expects other last minute filings, but said the total number will be far below that of last year.

FRED SHIREY NAMED COACH AT BEATRICE

BEATRICE, Neb., April 1 (UP)—Fred Shirey, University of Nebraska all-American football tackle today was named coach of athletics at Beatrice high school succeeding Robert Latta who resigned last week.

MISSOURIANS WED 70 YEARS

MENDOTA, Mo. (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mannon have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on the farm where they have lived, except for a few months, since their marriage.

HASTINGS LADY DIES

HASTINGS, Neb., April 1 (UP)—Mrs. Kittie Dutton, 77, widow of the late U. M. Dutton, Hastings wholesaler, died at her home here last night.

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SELLS CORN IN LOAN PROGRAM

LINCOLN, April 2 (UP)—The state railway commission today announced that 3,521,451 bushels of corn have been sold in 51 of the 64 counties eligible to participate in the seed loan program.

Ultimately about 4,000,000 bushels of corn will be impounded under the program, commission officials said. A total of 4,216 corn loan certificates have been issued. This figure does not represent the number of participating farmers because there may be several loans on each certificate.

The number of bushels, certificates and average bushels per crib by counties include:

County	Total Bushels	Certificates	Ave. Bushels per Crib
Cass	84,088	93	904
Douglas	58,155	72	807
Otoe	51,112	53	881
Richardson	69,564	85	712
Lancaster	5,872	13	452

Truckers May Appeal to Court on Load Limits

Law Works Hardship is the Claim in Limiting Loads to Maximum of 32,000 Pounds.

LINCOLN, March 31 (UP)—A group of truckers today considered possible court action to halt operation of the law limiting truck loads to a maximum of 32,000 pounds.

The truck operators, headed by Charles E. Hall of Omaha, secretary of the Nebraska Commercial Truckers association, told Gov. R. L. Cochran yesterday that the law worked hardship because they are forced to abandon heavier equipment and reduce pay loads as the weight of the truck is included in the maximum limit.

"I agree," the governor said, "that the law is unjust and unscientific but because it is a part of our traffic laws I see no way to stop enforcement of it. We can't ask our safety patrol to make any exceptions in traffic laws. It is the patrol's business to enforce all of them."

"The unfortunate part of the whole thing is that the law went unchanged in both the 1935 and 1937 legislative sessions. The reason was that there was no enforcement of the maximum weight provisions until the patrol came along."

Gov. Cochran said the heavier equipment was more desirable from a safety standpoint because of the heavier motors and better brakes.

STIES DANISH PARLIAMENT

COPENHAGEN, April 1 (UP)—Conservative Deputy Purcell caused a furore in the lower chamber of parliament last night when he exclaimed "I really hope that Franco will win."

The remark was made during a discussion of the Spanish war and the progress of Nationalist Generalissimo Francisco Franco's campaign.

The president of the chamber rebuked the deputy, saying that he regretted that a member of the Folketing (lower chamber) should have expressed hope for an uprising against the government of a country with which Denmark has good relations.

TO OBSERVE ARBOR DAY

LINCOLN, April 1 (UP)—Governor Cochran today asked Nebraskans to observe April 22 as Arbor day in honor of J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City who founded the tree planting day in 1872.

"Our state's need for trees and their value, thus recognized at so early a date have not diminished in the intervening years," Cochran said. "On the contrary as our state has become settled and developed the need of trees has increased and their value to us has been accentuated particularly by the heavy losses sustained throughout the state in recent years. It is vitally necessary that these trees be replaced to conserve our soil, water and wild life, to protect crops, to beautify our state and to fill other needs."

WPA SIT-DOWN STRIKE

LINCOLN, April 2 (UP)—A dozen women and six men staged a "sit-down" strike at state WPA headquarters today because of an order Thursday dismissing 30 women from a Lancaster county canning project.

Frank Franks, state chairman of the workers alliance which is sponsoring the sit-down said the strikers would remain for the week-end if necessary. The women sit-downers are among the group dismissed and the men are sympathizers in the workers alliance.

Franks said D. F. Felton, state WPA administrator declined to accept responsibility for the step. Felton, according to Franks said Lancaster county had failed to provide sufficient sponsoring projects.

United States Notifies of Naval Strength Plans

Notification Given to France and the British Dominions of Invoking the Escalator Clause.

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP)—The American government today formally notified France, Great Britain and its dominions of its intention to invoke the escalator clause of the 1936 London naval agreement.

Secretary of State Hull dispatched a note to this effect to the British and French embassies and the Canadian legation. The note to the British embassy was also intended for communication to the Australian, New Zealand and British-Indian governments. A copy of the note was sent to the Canadian legation. A separate note went to the French embassy.

While officials declined to reveal the contents of the notes it generally was assumed it represented U. S. abandonment of the treaty limits of 35,000 tons for battleships. This abandonment and invocation of the so-called escalator clause would plunge the U. S. into the international naval armaments race.

United States' withdrawal from the 35,000 ton limits with prospective inception of construction of dreadnaughts far over that tonnage also expected to be followed by similar action by France and Great Britain.

The action was based on the refusal by the Japanese government to give assurances that it is not building or does not propose to build ships of more than 35,000 tons. It was understood that no top limit was put on the size of battleships constructed under the escalator clause. The contents of the notes are expected to be made public probably tomorrow.

OUTPUT NEAR ALL-TIME HIGH FOR OLIVE OIL

Rome (UP)—The European production of olive oil during the 1937-38 season was the largest since the record year of 1940, according to an official statement issued by the International Institution of Agriculture.

The total oil production of Europe's major olive growing countries, namely Italy, Portugal, Yugoslavia and Greece is as high as 1,065,000 tons.

Production has been exceptional in all countries. In Greece and Cyprus it is a record, while in Italy and Portugal it approaches the previous maximum reached in 1930.

Owing to the excellent production the Institute of Agriculture forecasts that Cyprus and even the Italian colony of Libya, which are usually of small importance in the field of international oil trade, will be exporters this year.

The report of the institute adds that owing to the general situation the export trade of olive oil will be in serious difficulty if the important countries do not demand larger amounts than usual.

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AVOCA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maseman were business visitors in Omaha Monday. J. F. H. Ruhge made a trip to Weeping Water last Monday to have some dental work done.

Marius Nelson was called to Lincoln last Monday to look after some matters of business.

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Visited Sister Here

Mrs. Alice Winslow, of Beverly Hills, California, a sister of Edwin Terrell, arrived in Omaha last Sunday. George A. Stites, of Union, son of Mrs. Terrell, took Mr. and Mrs. Terrell to Omaha to meet the sister, then brought the entire party back to Avoca. Mrs. Winslow has been visiting here for the past week and enjoyed her visit very much. She had not seen her brother for a number of years before coming here at this time.

Selected as Instructors Here

The board of education have selected the following as teachers of the Avoca schools for the coming year, most of whom have signified their intention of accepting: James Stoffey, superintendent; Leland Dannefel, coach and Science; Bertha TeSelle, Music and Mathematics; Elizabeth Riddell, grades five to eight, and Ella Biers, grades one to four.

Honor Dr. Brendel

Friends of Dr. J. W. Brendel called at the Brendel home Saturday night of last week, where they celebrated with him and his wife the passing of his birthday anniversary, playing cards and having a general good time. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom, Carl O. Zaiser and wife, Fred Marquardt and family, Mrs. Caroline Marquardt, Harry Marquardt and wife, John Marquardt, Edward and Fred Wolfe and their families were those present and all spent a most enjoyable evening together, extending best wishes to the Doctor for many more happy birthdays. A delicious luncheon climaxed the evening.

To Engage in Farming

Harry Marquardt and son John have made a trade whereby they come into possession of the farming equipment that was owned by Richard Lane and will engage in farming this summer. Albert Stock will assist them with the work.

Visited Plattsmouth and Omaha

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom and Miss Frances Dreunay went to Plattsmouth last Tuesday, where Mr. Hallstrom attended a meeting of the county board, of which he is a member. Mrs. Hallstrom and Francis went on to Omaha, where they did some shopping, and returned in time to pick Mr. Hallstrom up and bring him home. During the time of Elmer's absence, Uncle Louis Carsten was assisting in the bank.

RETIRES FROM ARMY

MITCHEL FIELE, N. Y., April 1 (UP)—Master Sgt. John Dolan enjoyed his first day of "sitting around and taking it easy" today after 30 years military service, 25 of them in the arm air corps. He was a member of the first aero squadron, the army's original aviation unit formed in San Diego in 1913. He was retired yesterday.

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