

## Italy's Budget Sets 6 Million as Foreign Propaganda Fund; Schools Abroad Receive Half

Private Associations in Two Americas Also Help Program and Spread Culture of Homeland Among Youth

By STEWART BROWN  
ROME (UP)—Italy spends 124,000,000 lire (\$6,522,000) annually on propaganda of various kinds in foreign countries in an effort to make new converts for Fascism and to keep Italians living abroad in closer contact with their homeland, a study of the current financial budget reveals.

Almost half of this money, most of which comes from the budget of the ministry for foreign affairs, is spent on Italian schools abroad. The Italian government maintains 138 schools in foreign lands and gives financial assistance to an additional 654.

This alone costs the government \$3,000,000 yearly. These schools, which are chiefly established in the United States, South America and France, have a total attendance of 65,000. The pupils are almost exclusively sons and daughters of Italians living abroad and the main aim of the schools is to teach them Italian and get them interested in Fascist Italy.

**New Citizens Sought**  
Naturally, the Italian government hopes the majority of these boys will seek for Italian citizenship when they become of age, rather than accepting the nationality of the country in which they were born.

The Fascist party boasts that more than 89,000 Italian boys and girls living in foreign countries are now regularly inscribed in the Ballia organization, recently renamed the "Gioventu del Littorio."

According to a recent party communication, some 10,000 applications for membership in this organization were received in Latin-America alone last year. The government yearly spends between \$250,000 and \$300,000 in assisting these foreign branches.

Last year the government at its own expense brought 18,500 of these Italian boys back to Italy to spend a few weeks in summer camps with their young Fascist brothers. Many of them came from the United States and Latin-America. The same thing will be done this summer.

**Private Organizations Active**  
In addition to the Fascist organizations which are directly subsidized by the government, there are many private Italian associations and clubs supported by wealthy Italian communities. This is particularly true in the United States, where the Order of the Sons of Italy is a flourishing organization. In South America there is an Association of Italians in South America.

Most of these non-official organizations have a distinct bond with Fascist Italy. Many of them operate on programs laid down by the "Dante Alighieri," which is a government supported organization created to spread Italian culture and propaganda in foreign countries. This organization has 200 committees in foreign countries with a total membership of 23,000.

To further this work the government spends more than \$500,000 annually, which is entered in the Foreign Affairs budget as "defense of Italianity abroad." Exactly how this sum is expended is not divulged.

**Tourist Trade Sought**  
The second biggest item for foreign propaganda, after schools, is \$1,000,000 annually for "tourist propaganda." This appears in the budget of the ministry of popular culture. This money mostly is spent on foreign advertising to attract tourists to Italy.

In addition, the ministry of popular culture spends about \$100,000 annually on keeping Italian press attaches in the big capitals of the world. The chief task of these men is to try to obtain a better press for Fascist Italy in foreign newspapers.

Other items of a propaganda nature in the budgets of the ministries of popular culture and foreign affairs are: special political missions abroad, \$150,000; broadcasts to foreign countries, \$75,000; foreign conferences and congress, \$80,000; secret expenses, \$55,000.

**FILES FOR LEGISLATURE**  
LINCOLN, May 7 (UP)—J. B. Douglas, 61, Tecumseh business man and a member of the state game commission filed today as a candidate for the unicameral legislature from the first district.

Douglas said "it seems important at this time for someone to be sent to the legislature who carries a stop watch on expenditures."

## Nations Seek to Settle Czech-German Trouble

British and French Ministers Confer in Effort to Secure a Peaceful Solution of Dispute.

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PRAGUE, Czech., May 7 (UP)—British and French ministers to Czechoslovakia were expected to confer with Foreign Minister Kral Krofta today in an effort to effect a peaceful settlement of the demands of the German minority for a greater measure of self government.

It was understood that the cabinet at a meeting yesterday approved the draft of a new minority statute and this would be submitted to the envoys. The government is ready to rush the statute through parliament at once it was reported, if it offers a real hope for solution.

The government also approved the make-up of a Czech economic delegation which will leave for Berlin tomorrow for a conference which is designed to review German-Czechoslovak economic relations. This meeting, ostensibly a routine one, may give the first sign whether Germany is preparing to exert economic pressure against Czechoslovakia in an effort to force sweeping concessions to the German minority.

Believing that such pressure is certain, the government already has started a study of its position as regards foreign trade. Alternative transportation routes and alternative markets have been considered.

In these discussions the United States plays a big part, Germany is Czechoslovakia's best customer but the United States comes next—and as regards actual cash, is the best customer. Hence, the government would look to the United States as the best field for increased exports if the German markets were closed to it.

The representations to be made today by the British and French envoys were the result of the British-French conference at London.

There was a sudden revival of minority German complaints of police oppression. German news sources published at Berlin reports of clashes between police and minority Germans here, at Falkenau, at Saaz, and at Asch. In each case it was asserted that the police had been the aggressors. As fast as the reports appeared they were denied by government sources here.

It was announced that the government's ban on political meetings would be lifted immediately. The ban was decreed on March 31 and became effective April 1.

Its lifting was interpreted as a concession to the Sudeten Germans, who protested.

## SECOND QUEST UNDERWAY FOR OIL IN ALASKA

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—The steamer North Wind, with a full oil drilling equipment and crew, which had been sent to drill a wildcat well in Alaska, has made a successful landing, three California oil companies that are backing the enterprise have announced.

It will be the first attempt to strike oil on the Alaska peninsula since 10 years ago when the same companies made a similar attempt. That venture was unsuccessful.

The landing for the present enterprise has been made southwest of the volcanic "Valley of 10,000 Smokes."

The exploratory well will be started about May 15 on the Bear-Creek-Salmon Creek incline.

The Suaco, a former purse-seiner, has arrived at Jute Bay from Seattle and will serve as a tender for the expedition. It is equipped with radio to keep in touch with the Alaskan outposts of civilization.

A modern radio-direction finder also is carried due to heavy fogs which settle close down along the rocky Alaskan shore.

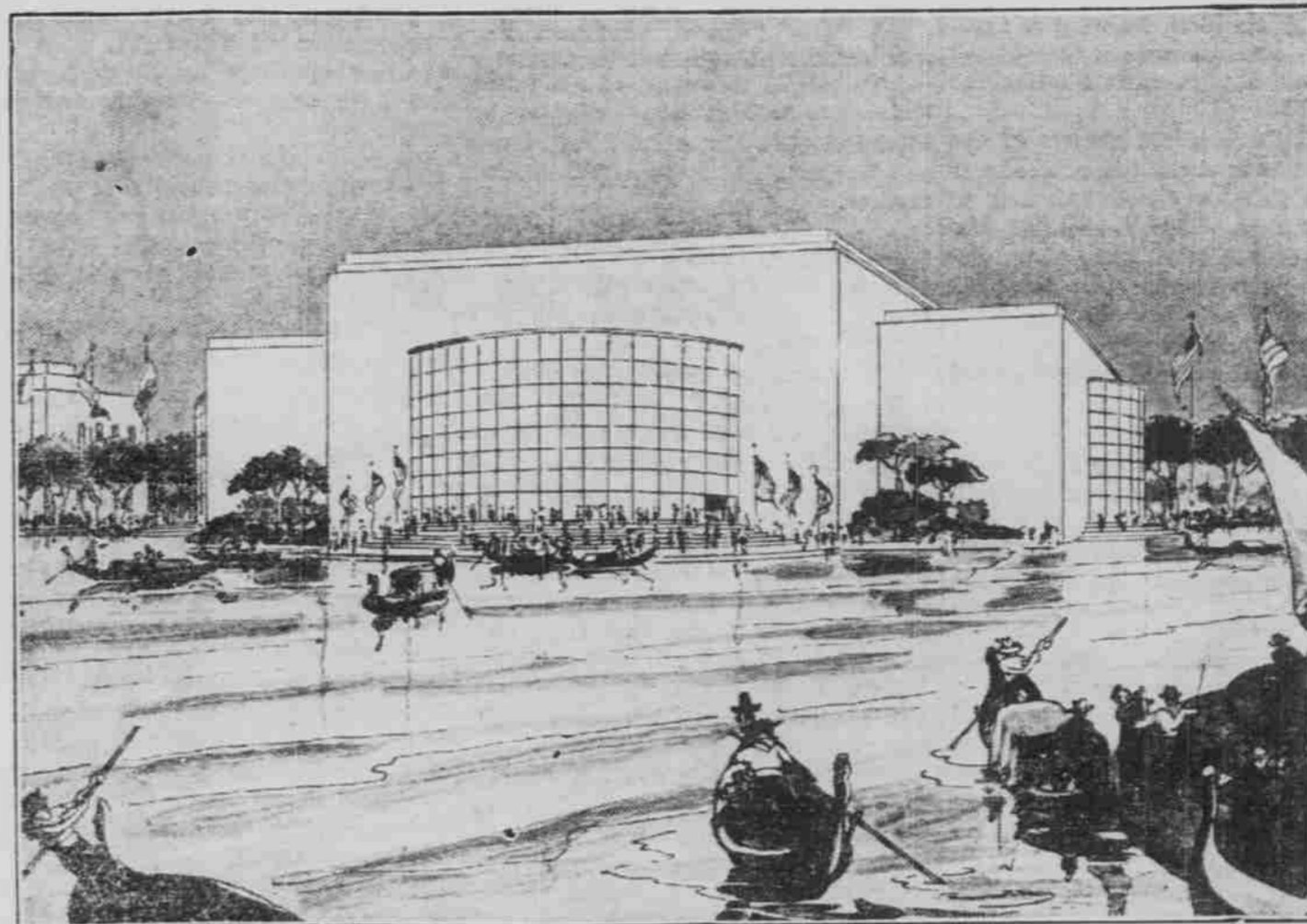
It is expected that the expedition this time will be able to establish definitely whether there are oil possibilities on the Alaskan peninsula.

## ROCK PUT BACK IN SOIL

FISHKILL, N. Y. (UP)—By grinding slabs of rock from a stonewall on his property, A. M. Polhemus, Cedar Hill Road farmer, expects to fertilize his fields for spring planting. The wall, erected by an early settler, is made of limestone, specimens of which test 38 1/2 per cent pure.

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## 'Pacific House' at '39 Fair on S. F. Bay



Here is the colorful "Pacific House" to be erected at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. History, culture and customs of the nations of the Pacific will be dramatized here. The building will rise on the edge of one of the picturesque lagoons on Treasure Island.

## Salaries Show Upward Trends, Reports Show

Head of General Motors Corporation Exception to the General Upward Move of Salaries.

WASHINGTON, May 7 (UP)—Securities and exchange commission reports revealed today a sharp drop in 1937 salaries of William S. Knudsen, General Motors corporation president, and other General Motors officials.

The salary figures were presented in annual reports filed with the SEC by the corporation. In most cases, aside from General Motors, the reports indicated an upward trend in corporate compensation.

The General Motors report showed that Knudsen, who was executive vice president part of 1937 received total remuneration of \$140,380 compared with \$507,645 in 1930. Charles F. Kettering, vice president, drew \$95,120 in 1937, a reduction of \$258,635 from 1936. Both officials received a share of profits in 1936 but only salaries in 1937.

Under SEC regulations corporations must include in their annual reports the names and salaries of the three highest paid employees. Sonja Henie, Norwegian skating star and film actress, received \$210,729 from Twentieth Century-Fox Film corporation. The only other movie performer who rated among the top salary reported so far was Warner Baxter, another Twentieth Century-Fox star who received \$225,961 compared with \$284,384.

General Hugh Johnson, first administrator of the NRA and now a newspaper columnist, was in the SEC's high salary list in the roll of labor adviser to the Radio Corporation of America. The report disclosed that he received \$40,000 in fees in that capacity.

## RELIEF COST HIGH

WASHINGTON, May 7 (UP)—WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins told a house subcommittee that federal relief will cost about \$3,000,000,000 for the fiscal year 1939 with relief rolls of about 3,100,000 persons next winter it was revealed today.

Relief rolls now list about 2,600,000 persons, Hopkins said. An increase to 3,100,000 would exceed the previous WPA peak of 3,036,000 on February 29, 1936.

Hopkins gave his testimony before the house appropriations deficiency subcommittee during hearings on President Roosevelt's relief recovery bill, in which \$1,250,000,000 was requested for the WPA for the first seven months of fiscal 1939.

## NAMED AS DIRECTOR

OMAHA, May 7 (Special)—Parr Young of Nehawka, Neb., extensive Cass county livestock feeder, has been elected a director of the South Omaha Production Credit association, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Francis H. Hanson of Decatur.

Mr. Young will serve until the 1939 annual meeting of the association's stockholders.

Organized four years ago, the South Omaha association is a cooperative credit organization supplying funds for livestock and farming operations. Its territory includes Burr, Dodge, Washington, Saunders, Douglas, Sargy and Cass counties.

## DENIES LIQUOR LICENSE

LINCOLN, May 6 (UP)—The state liquor commission today denied a package liquor license sought by Mrs. Laura F. Long of Nebraska City.

Chairman J. A. McEachen said a license was refused Mrs. Long because her husband, her co-partner in a drug store was ineligible because his license was revoked last year.

McEachen said the law contemplated that both partners must be eligible for a license. Mrs. Long was represented at the hearing by Attorney Lloyd E. Peterson. Rev. Ralph C. Nelson of Nebraska City appeared as an objector. Character witnesses for Mrs. Long are George O. Meyer, John McCarthy and John C. Miller.

## 'Streamlined' Farms are to be Shown in State

Benefit of Soil Erosion Control in Conservation Program to be Demonstrated.

LINCOLN, May 6 (UP)—"Streamlined farms" will be featured at numerous farm tours to be held in Nebraska this year. On soil conservation service demonstration erosion control areas alone there are 1,300 farms.

New style farms have been brought about by changes made to conserve soil and moisture. These changes include a shift from straight rows to contour rows that run across slopes rather than up and down them, replacements of straight fences and farm roads with roads and fences that cross farms on the level, introduction of the practice of growing contour strips as soil-holding crops in alternation with strips of clean-tilled row crops, and the construction of terraces.

On pasture land a streamlined effect has been obtained on many farms by the plowing of contour pasture furrows to hold moisture. There are 750 miles of such furrows on demonstration erosion control farms in the state.

Areas where erosion control methods are being demonstrated are located at Albion, Beatrice, Blair, Columbus, David City, Deaton, Hebron, Humboldt, Madison, Pawnee City, Ralston, Ravenna, Syracuse and Weeping water.

## LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

LINCOLN, May 6 (UP)—A 1937 legislative act giving Mrs. Earl Cox of North Platte and others the right to sue the state for injuries received in a highway accident was declared unconstitutional by the Nebraska supreme court today.

By provisions of legislative bill number 20, Mr. and Mrs. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey were given permission to sue the state. Mrs. Cox asked \$10,000 in damages and costs alleging that negligence of the state highway department in failing to repair a washout in highway 183 caused their car to upset 20 miles south of North Platte in December 1935.

In sustaining a lower court dismissal of the case, the supreme court held the legislative act constituted special legislation in violation of the constitution because a general law could have been made applicable.

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## Warner Not to Withdraw from GOP Race

Feels That Filling Vacancy of Lieutenant Governor Would Not Bar Him From Race.

LINCOLN, May 7 (UP)—Speaker Charles J. Warner of the unicameral legislature announced last night he has decided his candidacy as a republican candidate for governor will not be affected if he performs such duties of the lieutenant governor as signing warrants and records.

Attorney General Richard C. Hunter, in an opinion last week, ruled that the speaker should take over these duties inasmuch as the attorney general's office has held that the office of lieutenant governor has been vacant since March 7 when Lieut. Gov. Walter H. Jurgensen was convicted of embezzlement.

Warner hesitated, however, until he could determine for himself whether the assumption of the lieutenant governor's duties would make him lieutenant governor and thus bar him, under the constitution, from running for governor.

"If the governor is absent from the state and the office of lieutenant governor is vacant, the speaker will be called upon to perform some duties in the office of governor," Warner said.

"In like manner performing duties normally performed by the lieutenant governor does not make the speaker lieutenant governor. The attorney general holds that the constitution of the state does not provide for a succession to the office of lieutenant governor, and that office remains vacant. No other question seems to be involved."

Warner's decision will enable permanent legislative employees to receive April salary checks aggregating \$600, which have been held up pending Warner's signature.

## BRIDE MISTRESS OF VAST RANCH

SYDNEY (UP)—Miss Maxine Darrow, in marrying "Bill" McDonald married into a family which has the biggest ranch in Australia owned by one person.

Under the countryside sounding name of Fossil Downs, it covers 1,064,000 acres and is situated in that western part of Australia that is so far west that it is known as the "Back o' Beyond."

The rise of Fossil Downs into its present immensity has an interesting story behind it. In 1883, two uncles of "Bill" McDonald started out from Goulburn with 1,000 head of cattle and 300 horses. They spent three years going westward until they found what they considered the best pastoral country on the continent.

They settled down and their ranch grew and their herds grew until when it was finally left to the present owner it was the largest cattle station controlled by one man in Australia. An entire native tribe is now working on the station and two adjoining properties.

Every one of the 1,000,000 and more acres has a knowledge of first aid, as there is no doctor or dentist nearer than Derby, 230 miles away.

Stores are received from Perth three times a year and newspapers are six weeks old when they arrive from Sydney.

Nevertheless the homestead house is made with ventilating pipes run through the concrete bricks and is equipped with electric lighting and refrigeration, while outside a swimming pool and golf course are under construction.

## MAY RUN FOR CHIEF JUSTICE

LINCOLN, May 6 (UP)—C. A. Sorensen, Lincoln attorney, said today he is giving "serious consideration" to filing as a candidate for chief justice of the Nebraska supreme court and may have a statement to make soon.

Reports have been current here for some time that Sorensen, former attorney general virtually has decided to enter the race. District Judges E. B. Chappell of Lincoln and Joe W. Yeager of Omaha have filed for this post.

## FALL VICTIM 'FAIR'

OMAHA, May 6 (UP)—George Malnick, 27, a window washer fell from a third story window to a second floor landing yesterday, but despite a severe leg laceration his condition was "fair" at a hospital this morning. In his tumble, Malnick hit a window ledge. A passerby applied a crude tourniquet to Malnick's leg wound after the accident.

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