

# Germany Sounds Out Nations on Aggression Fear

### Also Questions Nations as to Advance Knowledge of the Proposals of President Roosevelt.

BERLIN, April 22 (UP)—Germany has "discussed the question broached in President Roosevelt's peace message" with the nations mentioned in his appeal to Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini for an anti-aggression pledge, it was made known today.

Information was made available to the foreign press that Germany had sounded out the 31 nations concerned. It was admitted that communications had been received from some of the nations but it was denied that the semi-official source had knowledge of the countries and the replies.

It had been reported abroad that Germany had questioned a number of powers as to whether: 1 They had feared aggression by Germany and 2 They had advance knowledge of the president's appeal or, by implication, had asked him to aid them. Adolf Hitler was understood to be intending to mention the replies in a speech which he is to make to the Reichstag next Friday, replying to the president.

Lithuania, Hungary and Jugoslavia were reported abroad to have replied "no" to both questions. Holland was reported to have said that it did not think it was menaced but could not be sure that its present sense of security would endure. It was announced at Bern that the Swiss federal council had replied that it placed confidence in Switzerland's neutrality, defended by its own military power and expressly recognized by Germany and other neighbors.

Helsingfors announced that Finland, like Lithuania, Hungary and Jugoslavia, had given negative answers to the inquiry. The information made available here indicated that Hitler had questioned every nation mentioned by the president.

The president asked Hitler and Mussolini to give a 10 year pledge, and if possible a 25 year one, that they would not attack any of the following nations:

Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, The Netherlands, Belgium, Great Britain, and Ireland, France, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Russia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Iraq, the Arabian states, Syria, Palestine, Egypt and Iran.

Thus the peace pledge would have covered Europe and the near east. Mussolini rejected the president's appeal in a speech at the Campidoglio world fair grounds at Rome; Hitler was to make his own reply next Friday.

The source which disclosed the German inquiry held that the action was natural "in view of the action of the American president."

The same source said that reliable quarters were unable to confirm reports aboard of impending general staff discussions among "axis" powers and powers friendly to them, or of prospective military conversations here among German, Italian and Spanish generals.

Germany was reported to be planning a vigorous diplomatic campaign particularly in eastern and south-eastern Europe to consolidate the position of the totalitarian powers and defeat British and French efforts to form a "peace front."

## CASHIER PLEADS GUILTY

AUBURN, Neb., April 22 (UP)—Charles Harris, cashier of the bank at Brock, pleaded guilty to charges of embezzlement when arraigned before County Judge John Ferneau here today and was bound over to district court in \$1,000 bond which he was not immediately able to furnish.

Harris is charged with taking \$1,536 over a period from January 1, 1938 to January 25, 1939. He is married and has one child.

Harris told County Attorney John F. McKnight and Sheriff Troy Evans the money went to pay doctor bills incurred during his wife's illness, the county attorney said. The couple has a 10-year-old daughter. They formerly lived at Nemaha.

## GOLDEN SPIKE LEAVES

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22 (UP)—The golden spike that tied together rails of the Central and Union Pacific railroads at Promontory, Utah on May 10, 1869 to complete North America's trans-continental rail line was shipped to Omaha today for premiere of the moving picture, "Union Pacific."

## ALMONDS ON PALM TREE

HANFORD, Cal. (UP)—The Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Black see no reason why a palm tree shouldn't be useful as well as ornamental. They pruned away a few fronds, inserted almond sprouts and now have a palm tree that has several flourishing almond shoots on it. One of the sprouts has attained a height of 5 feet and is bearing 30 almonds this year.

## Gov. Cochran Gives Praise to Morton Memory

### State Executive Is Speaker at the Largest Observance in State At Arbor Lodge Today.

NEBRASKA CITY, April 22 (UP)—J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day, made what probably is "Nebraska's most original contribution to the sum of human progress," Governor R. L. Cochran said today in an Arbor Day address commemorating Morton's birthday. The governor eulogized the former U. S. secretary of agriculture as "for fifty years a leader in the political, commercial, educational, and agricultural life of Nebraska."

"He was Nebraska's first master farmer. He was Nebraska's first statesman. His outstanding contribution to the welfare of his state and nation, and upon which his fame rests securely, was his proposal that a day be devoted annually to the planting of trees."

"Nebraska's growth and advancement from a raw undeveloped territory to a highly-developed state of more than one and one-third million citizens is eloquent tribute to the faith of Morton and reflects results of his early pioneer efforts."

Governor Cochran criticized excessive governmental spending and the tendency to seek economic advantage by special legislation as abnormal products of civilization.

"I am convinced," he said "that the character of our people has undertaken no fundamental change since the days of Morton and that their strength and character will protect us from these and all other dangers that face us."

## CAPONE HAS BAD NEWS

LOS ANGELES, April 22 (UP)—Al Capone received the bad news in Terminal Island federal prison today that his plea for release on a writ of habeas corpus has been denied, and that he must serve until next November, at least.

Federal Judge Harry Holzner ruled that the time Capone spent in the Cook county jail of Chicago awaiting disposition of his appeal should not be allowed as time served on the sentence for income tax evasion that has kept the racket king behind bars since 1931.

The court held that it was Capone's own fault that he delayed serving his sentence, and chose to remain in jail instead of the Atlanta penitentiary until exhausting all legal appeals.

Capone, through his attorney, claimed he finished his time March 12. Had the writ been granted, he would have been entitled to immediate release.

## FATHER AND FIVE CHILDREN DIE

OTTUMWA, Ia., April 22 (UP)—A father and five of his children were burned to death today in a fire at their small home here. The dead are: Charles Helmick, 41; Lola and Leota, 12 year old twins; Donald, 8; Helen, 7; and Darrell, 4. Three other children suffered burns. Mrs. Helmick and two other sons escaped injury.

The five children were asleep upstairs when the fire broke out after a kerosene explosion. Assistant Fire Chief Sam Russell said. He said he understood two of the other children were trying to start a fire in the stove. Joe and Max Helmick were burned critically and are not expected to live. The father died when he went upstairs to try and rescue the children.

## FRENCH TO PROBE CRASHES

PARIS, April 22 (UP)—Guy La Chambre, air minister, ordered a rigid inquiry today into three crashes in the French air force in which twenty men were killed.

All of the planes involved were old models not included in the types now being delivered to the air force. The third in the series of disasters occurred near Oudja in Algeria where a four-motored bomber crashed, killing the crew of six.

Five were killed when a bombing plane on a practice flight crashed at Beauvais. Nine were killed when two bombing planes collided 300 feet above Tours Flying Field as they were landing.

## Claimed \$5,000 Paid for Luring of Dillinger

### Joseph Dunn, Former FBI Head at Los Angeles Tells of Sum Being Paid to Anna Sage.

LOS ANGELES, April 22 (UP)—The federal bureau of investigation was revealed to have paid \$5,000 to Anna Sage, the "woman in red" for luring John Dillinger into a death trap outside a Chicago theater on July 22, 1934.

Joseph Dunn, formerly head of the FBI office in Los Angeles, said he was assigned to pay her the money. Dillinger was killed by a blast of G-Men's bullets when he walked into a trap at the theater entrance. The story of how he was trapped came out while Dunn was testifying in defense of \$1,000,000 libel suit. Dunn has explained why he advanced \$200 to a former lobbyist as a means of gaining the man's confidence. He testified that he had used these methods while he was a G-man and said:

"As an example of this method of investigation which in the language of investigators is called 'roping' was—"

A lawyer's objection restrained him from citing the example but outside the courtroom Dunn admitted he was referring to Anna Sage.

"She was to receive \$5,000 for informing the government operators where they could find Dillinger," he said. "Mrs. Sage told Melvin Purvis, FBI officer, that she would accompany Dillinger to a Chicago show-house on a certain night and wear a red dress, Dunn said. "After Dillinger was shot the department of justice in Chicago were afraid she might be killed so they sent her to Los Angeles. Two months later she was sent \$5,000 to pay her."

Later the woman was deported.

## THREAT TO KILL PUBLISHER

LOS ANGELES, April 20 (UP)—Publisher George Palmer Putnam claimed today that three threats had been made on his life because he was publishing a book entitled "The Man Who Killed Hitler."

The third threat, said Putnam, who is the widower of Amelia Earhart, was received yesterday. It was a letter in German, signed "Greater Germany." He turned it over to authorities. The first two threats were oral, conveyed by telephone.

"The Man Who Killed Hitler" is a novel about a Viennese doctor whose wife was killed by Nazis.

## KINGSLEY SPEAKS AT SYRACUSE

SYRACUSE, April 22 (UP)—D. W. Kingsley, Tri-County power district president, told 150 Otse county residents here last night Nebraska faces another critical crisis if anything interferes with power district's projected irrigation system. State Railway Commissioners F. A. Good and Duane Swanson outlined rural electrification in Nebraska.

## Senator Burke Says Wagner Act Causes Bitterness

### Causes Feeling Among Employees That Employers at Fault for Labor Disputes.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 22 (UP)—Sen. Edward R. Burke, D., Neb., last night blamed the "underlying principle" of the Wagner labor act and "fanatics" on the national labor relations board for bitterness which he said is developing among employees.

"That principle," he said, "is the belief that employers are to blame for all labor relations trouble."

He spoke at a banquet meeting of Wisconsin member of the American Foundrymen's association. He sharply criticized portions of the Wagner act which he is seeking to change by amendments, now before a senate committee hearing.

"The present act," he said, "is a punitive measure aimed at employers."

"It attempts to fix responsibility on no one else but employers—giving no recognition in the act that a large majority of employers are not guilty of the accusations against them."

He predicted that all amendments he has proposed for the law would be accepted at this or the next session of congress with one exception.

"That one—prohibiting a closed shop—is the most important of them all," he said. "It is unlikely to be accepted by congress, at least for some time."

## WINS KANSAS MEET

LAWRENCE, Kan., April 22 (UP)—E. Lee Todd of Imperial, Neb., who competed unattached today won the decathlon of the University of Kansas relays by five points. His total was 6,557 points.

Clarence O'Dell of Oklahoma A. & M. college made a spurt in the closing events and piled up 6,562 points to make the race the closest in the history of the ten-event program.

## Glamorous Dorothy Seeks Early Divorce

### Lamour Says Finds That Career as Movie Star and Matrimony Will Not Mix.

HOLLYWOOD, April 22 (UP)—A slight glimmer of real life came through the chinks in the artificiality which surrounds a Hollywood star today.

Dorothy Lamour said she had been "only fooling" a year ago when she said what she wanted most in the world was a baby; what she really wants is a divorce because marriage and a career don't mix.

There were tears in the eyes of the movie glamor girl while she talked, and more than a suggestion of the poignant emotions which had wracked this beautiful occupant of a Beverly Hills mansion with swimming pool attached, who began life humbly and once ran an elevator in a department store.

But she was no less eager than her studio that her public understand and sympathize with the reasons why, with her consent, her husband, the orchestra leader, Herbie Kay, sued for divorce in Chicago yesterday.

"Honey," she said "won't you please write it up nice?" Miss Lamour's glamor is partly based on her being a southern girl and she calls everyone honey.

Then she told her story for transmission to her public. It seems that her view of the matter is similar to that of Joan Crawford on the occasion of her divorce from Franchot Tone several weeks ago which was apparently acceptable to Miss Crawford's admirers. Through their divorce, Miss Lamour expects to like her husband better than ever before.

"I really think Herbie and I will be better friends now than I ever before," she said. "We hope to see lots of each other."

## REPORT GERMANS MOBBED

BERLIN, April 22 (UP)—The official DNB news agency continued today to report anti-German riots in various parts of Poland. It said that the Polish patriotic organization "West Union" beat Germans living in towns and villages near Katowitz and stoned the windows of German homes. The agency added that Polish police measures to protect German were inadequate.

Rubber Stamps, large or small, at right prices at the Journal.

# Boundary Line of Youth Extended To Include Women of Forty To Fifty

By Frances Kay Johnston

So you think you're getting old and it doesn't matter? Don't be that way. According to Dr. Ainsop of Barnard College, "The woman of forty is in the prime of her life."

Some authorities would extend this boundary line to fifty, but only when and if she uses the wisdom of her years to build character of manner, takes active interest in outside activities and guards against fatigue and nerve strain—prime enemies of youth, vitality, poise and even mental balance. Results from "good" or "faulty" posture habits, most experts say, usually begin to show up after a woman is past twenty-eight to thirty.

An interesting and progressive movement which should help not only figures and charm, but health also, is Camp National Posture Week which schools and colleges all over the country will observe the week of May 1st to 5th and which is sponsored by S. H. Camp of Jackson, Michigan, who sent the Camp Transparent Woman on her 15,000-mile health exhibit and lecture tour of the country as a demonstration of the relation of "good" posture to internal health.

When we are young, responsibilities rest lightly on our shoulders, but as we grow older we must face them. As a consequence, nerve strain and fatigue are two of the things which women of forty and over must try to guard against especially, as well as laziness, a tendency to worry over small trifles, and to take one's self too seriously.

It may seem a far cry indeed to look to undergarments as having any relation to strain and fatigue, but such may be actually the case, if it seems. Physicians tell us that unscientifically designed corsets, for instance, which bind at wrong places, and fail to support at necessary points may cause back strain.

Excellence in sports as you know depends on rhythm. It is necessary in maintaining body balance—possibly even mental balance. A number of other factors, including keeping free from worry and finding diversified interests, are very important of course, but good posture is fundamental.

"If I only didn't stick out in the wrong places," wails Aunt Bessie, "I could dress smartly even on Ed's salary. Too much laziness, poor dear, is her trouble. Here's what happens: A set of muscles in the front



Ind. Claire of M.G.M. pictured above, is a living exponent of the expanding boundary line of youth.

of the body exactly counter-balance a set of muscles at the back, which act to maintain its upright position. When extra weight is added in the abdominal region, it tends to sag. The back muscles, in order to straighten the body, tug and pull, thereby placing them under a strain, until they actually become

stretched and stay that way after a period. But cheer up! There's still hope. We have been assured by one physical instructor, who claims success for his clients, that it's really possible for the woman with the settled "dumpy" look to take the kink out of her spinal cord, and straighten rounded shoulders by using a special set of exercises. However it is wise before adopting anyone's suggestions to seek the advice of a good physician acquainted with the physiological and neurological aspects. In the matter of "making yourself over"—in case you are properly enthused by now, and ready to start—you probably don't need to be reminded that it will be necessary to think, stand, sit and walk correctly every hour of the day until your subconscious mind has become accustomed to the new posture routine.

It takes practice—a little each day—to work up gradually to the acrobatic pose shown here for keeping abdominal and back muscles in tone.

## THE PRACTICE HOUR FOR MUSIC PUPILS

The study of any instrument requires the action of both the body and the mind. Most people overlook the mental part. Let us consider the various elements that should constitute our practice and divide them up into two groups:

**Physical**  
Concentration on the body.  
Control of fingers and feet.  
Accuracy of pitch and duration.  
Hearing all the voices.  
Visualization.

**Mental**  
Concentration of the mind.  
The ability to listen.  
Development of rhythm.  
Understanding of the fundamental harmonies.  
Freedom of expression.

When you sit down to your piano, close your eyes for a moment and be silent. Sweep from your mind all thoughts extraneous to the subject. Then go over the above list and follow it out in your work. Think what your teacher asked you to do and find the most practical way of doing it.

The physical side of the composition will be studied first. With the mind concentrated on the body the kind of technique to be used in each phrase will be studied and decided upon with the fingering. The pedaling or the bowing must be worked out in relation to the harmonic and the melodic lines of the phrase.

Accuracy of pitch is often neglected by pianists. Even those who are tone-deaf, if they persist, can learn to sing a simple melody true to pitch. This is the preparation for serious ear training work. The duration of each note should be accurately counted until it has made a firm impression upon the mind. Then counting is no longer necessary.

The fundamental harmonies must be analyzed and understood. This is not difficult. Many students are helped in difficult passages by visualizing not only the notes, but the fingering. An organist can close his eyes and visualize his feet on the organ pedals.

The mental side, while more tiring, is by far more interesting. Half the students do not really hear what they play. If they did they would surely improve it. Indeed, when a pupil has developed the power of listening to himself, his improvement never ceases. Think what that means.

Young people want the man who has rhythm to play their dance music, no matter how many wrong notes he may play. In the old-fashioned waltz they used to step the time, while in the modern waltz they glide the rhythm.

Sopranos hear the melody, but not the bass. Men who sing bass do not hear the melody. Every student should work for the ability to hear all the voices together. When all these things have been mastered, try to get the composer's thought in mind and convey it to your listeners by means of your instrument. Just playing mere notes is like writing words from a spelling book and expecting your friend to get a message from them. It is not the notes you play, but the thought with which you play them, that makes people want to listen to you.

—Peter Gradoville, Cass county music director, music week committee member.

## RUMANIA REPLIES TO NAZIS

LONDON, April 22 (UP)—Rumania, in an astonishingly frank reply to a questionnaire from Germany on whether she considers herself menaced by Germany said today that "Germany is in a better position than Rumania to know her intentions."

The Rumanian reply, considered in diplomatic circles to be almost a snub, was obtained from British sources. It denied that Rumania was aware in advance of President Roosevelt's peace message.

The reply admitted that Rumania has certain apprehensions because of world conditions as to affect European peace. It said that Rumania, having no direct frontier with Germany, cannot see any direct possibility of a German attack and concluded with the reminder that Germany must know her own plans.

## TOWN CLEANUP DIRECTED

OGDEN, Utah (UP)—Ogden made its own version of Mark Twain's classic when the city chose a female Tom Sawyer to inaugurate its spring cleanup campaign.

Competing for the title "Queen of Cleanliness," a dozen pretty Ogden misses lined up with commissioners and Junior Chamber of Commerce members to try their hand at Tom Sawyer's task—whitewashing.

The fence to be whitewashed surrounded the site of the new city-county building and each contestant worked on a designated section.

## Harry Bridges Says Ready for His Hearing

### West Coast Labor Leader Long Object of Attacks as Alleged Alien and Communist Ally.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22 (UP)—Harry Bridges, Australian born west coast labor leader, said today he was ready and anxious for a labor department hearing on the latest efforts to have him deported as an undesirable alien.

Informed that Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins had ordered a prompt hearing on charges he was a member of the communist party, Bridges said "maybe now we can get this matter cleared up once and for all." He was sworn under oath he is not a party member.

Orders for immigration officers in San Francisco, Portland and Seattle to assemble all affidavits and information in the case led to a conclusion that the hearing would be held here.

Miss Perkins was reported to have said the date of the hearing would depend on how quickly information on the case could be assembled. A previous hearing was scheduled here a year ago but held up until the supreme court ruled on the Joseph G. Strecker case.

In the Strecker case, the supreme court ruled last Monday that past membership in the communist party was not grounds for deportation.

The court did not rule on whether the party was anarchistic.

The decision in favor of Strecker was expected by some to result in action against Bridges being dropped. Miss Perkins announced, however, she was informed by her aides the court's decision did not bar action against Bridges and other aliens whose expulsion is sought on grounds the communist party is a subversive organization.

The Bridges case, she said, would hinge on whether the party advocates overthrow of the United States government by force and violence.

Charges against Bridges have been made from time to time since 1934 when he gained prominence in the west coast waterfront strike. He entered the country in 1920, twice permitted applications for citizenship to lapse because he was "too busy with other things," and last month filed his third application.

## Heinke Praises Spirit of Hardy State Pioneers

### First District Congressman at Arbor Day Exercises Says Need Today for Pioneer Spirit.

WASHINGTON, April 22 (UP)—Representative George H. Heinke, R., Neb., speaking at ceremonies in observance of Arbor Day, today declared that the need for pioneering still exists in the United States.

Heinke spoke at the department of agriculture building where a tree taken from Arbor Lodge, Nebraska City, home of J. Sterling Morton was replanted. The Nebraska congressional delegation attended the ceremonies today.

Heinke praised Morton as a pioneer who "discharged every obligation to his country and the society in which he lived."

"Pioneering," he said, "is not confined to the subduing of inhospitable lands and converting them into a virtual paradise for those who follow, but it extends as well to current problems such as the science of government, man's relation with his fellows, issues which involve labor, industry, finance, jurisprudence, science in all its branches, conservation of our natural resources, and, in fact, a field so large that it not only embraces every conceivable activity of the race but challenges the ingenuity of every member of it."

Heinke said Morton "knew of no substitute for industry, courage, perseverance, frugality, thrift, and economy—was a practical man, not a theorist."

## STUDENT ODDLY "PLASTERED"

BUTTE, Mont. (UP)—One student at the Meigs School of Mines who got "plastered" will not be punished by the college authorities. He is Bob Blewett who, during a laboratory class in ceramics volunteered to have a mask made of his face. All went well until the mask hardened and every effort to remove it failed. Doctors finally succeeded in dissolving the hardened plaster.

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