

DEFIANT TALK BY AIR CHIEF

Field Marshal Goering Says Reich Air Force Ready for War and To Protect 10,000,000 Germans On Borders.

Berlin, March 1.—Germany's only active field marshal, Herman Wilhelm Goering, today rattled the saber in best Prussian fashion as he warned that the Reich's air force was ready to protect the "ten millions of Germans on our borders."

If Premier Milan Hodza of Czechoslovakia, which has 3,500,000 Germans, and Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg of Austria, which has about 10,000,000, did not hear him, it was not his fault.

His defiant address commemorating the third anniversary of the air force, which he as air minister created, was broadcast.

And if British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and French Premier Camille Chautemps do not see the complete text with all his strong words, it also will not be Goering's fault, since the speech later was officially released verbatim.

Raising his voice to a high pitch and pronouncing every word with studied emphasis, the air minister thundered to an audience composed largely of aviators:

"And so, my comrades, we have all helped lay the foundations to that force which no longer permits Germany to be exposed to impotence and violation of her national rights.

"And if the Fuehrer (Chancellor Adolf Hitler) in his Reichstag speech (on February 20) presented the proud record of achievement and used those proud words that we no longer can tolerate the maltreatment with impunity of ten millions of Germans on our borders, then you members of the air force know that if need be you must go the limit to make good those words of the Fuehrer."

That was plain language:

1. Warning Hodza to treat the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia as Hitler thinks they should be treated.

2. Warning Schuschnigg to give Austrian Nazis the liberty of action Hitler demands for them.

3. Warning Chautemps not to encourage Czechoslovakia too much by, as one semi-official commentator put it, "clinging to the doctrines of Geneva and adhering to military pacts with other powers."

4. Warning Chamberlain that only a "German peace" would be acceptable to the Nazis.

In conveying the latter warning, Germany's number two man said:

"May the spirit of comradeship always be an exemplary one in our air force. In that case the force will be a guarantor of German peace."

"I confess openly, however, it will be terrible once it is ordered into action. Then we will throw consternation into those who attack us; then there will be nothing to deter us from uncurbed recklessness. All obstacles wherever we may find them will be overcome."

Goering spoke at the air ministry a short time after Hitler presented him with a field marshal's baton, symbol of the new rank Hitler accorded him in his army shake-up February 4. The anniversary celebration was observed at all military airports and air force garrisons with flag-raising, parades and speeches.

As is often the case with Goering's speeches, the beginning of his address furnished no real clue to the belligerent close.

The air minister, seemingly beginning a merely historical review, calmly traced Germany's defenselessness in the years immediately after the World war.

He spoke of the days when Friedrich Ebert was president and of the time when Paul Von Hindenburg was the head of the nation and on three occasions he denounced the republican regime for "cowardly pacifism."

Then he outlined the growth of the air force, declaring that the resurrection of Germany military air power began in 1933 a few days after Hitler came to power.

It was "camouflaged" at first, he pointed out, but later the development was carried on openly.

Then, on March 1, 1935, he said, the military shackles of the treaty of Versailles were thrown off and Hitler could show a skeleton air force to astonished Germans.

Throughout this period, Goering explained, Germany was willing to negotiate for arms limitation on a basis of equality, but equality was what "the others" never really were willing to grant.

SUMMER SCHOOL PLANNED

Presbyterian college, following its plan of several years past, will conduct a summer school opening on June 6 and continuing through July 15. At a meeting of the faculty during the week, Prof. Bothwell Graham was elected director for the session, and Hugh Holman, director of public relations, as secretary.

1938 Feed Loans Now Being Made

Offices Opened In Laurens By R. P. Henderson, Field Supervisor. Loans Limited To \$400.

Application for emergency crop and feed loans for 1938 are now being received at the court house by R. P. Henderson, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of the Farm Credit administration.

The loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1938 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock, and the amount which may be loaned to any one farmer in 1938 may not exceed \$400.

Farmers who can obtain the funds they need from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern are not eligible for crop and feed loans from the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of the Farm Credit administration. The loans will not be made to standard rehabilitation clients whose current needs are provided for by the Farm Security administration, formerly known as the Resettlement administration.

As in the past, farmers who obtain emergency crop and feed loans will give as security a first lien on the crop financed, or a first lien on the livestock to be fed if the money borrowed is to be used to produce or purchase feed for livestock.

Where loans are made to tenants, the landlords, or others having an interest in the crops financed or the livestock to be fed, are required to waive their claims in favor of a lien to the governor of the Farm Credit administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of approved loans will be mailed from the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan office at Columbia.

Laurens Visitors Here March 8th

The Chamber of Commerce, at its March meeting on Tuesday evening, the 8th, at 7:30, will have as its special guests the membership of the Laurens Business League.

The committee in charge announced yesterday that J. B. Britton, member of the house of representatives from Sumter county, will be the guest speaker for the occasion, and will discuss taxation and business conditions in the state.

An added feature will be several musical selections by the college male quartet.

The Clinton and Laurens commercial organizations have held exchange meetings for the past two years in order that the two cities may know each other better, and work together for the common interests of the county.

The Clinton organization has been invited by the Laurens leaguers to be their guests in October.

Bishop Denny To Speak In Columbia

Sponsored by laymen of the two South Carolina Methodist conferences, a state-wide meeting will be held at Washington Street Methodist church in Columbia on Sunday, March 13th, at 3:30 p. m., at which time Bishop Collins Denny will speak in opposition to the unification question now before the Methodist church bodies.

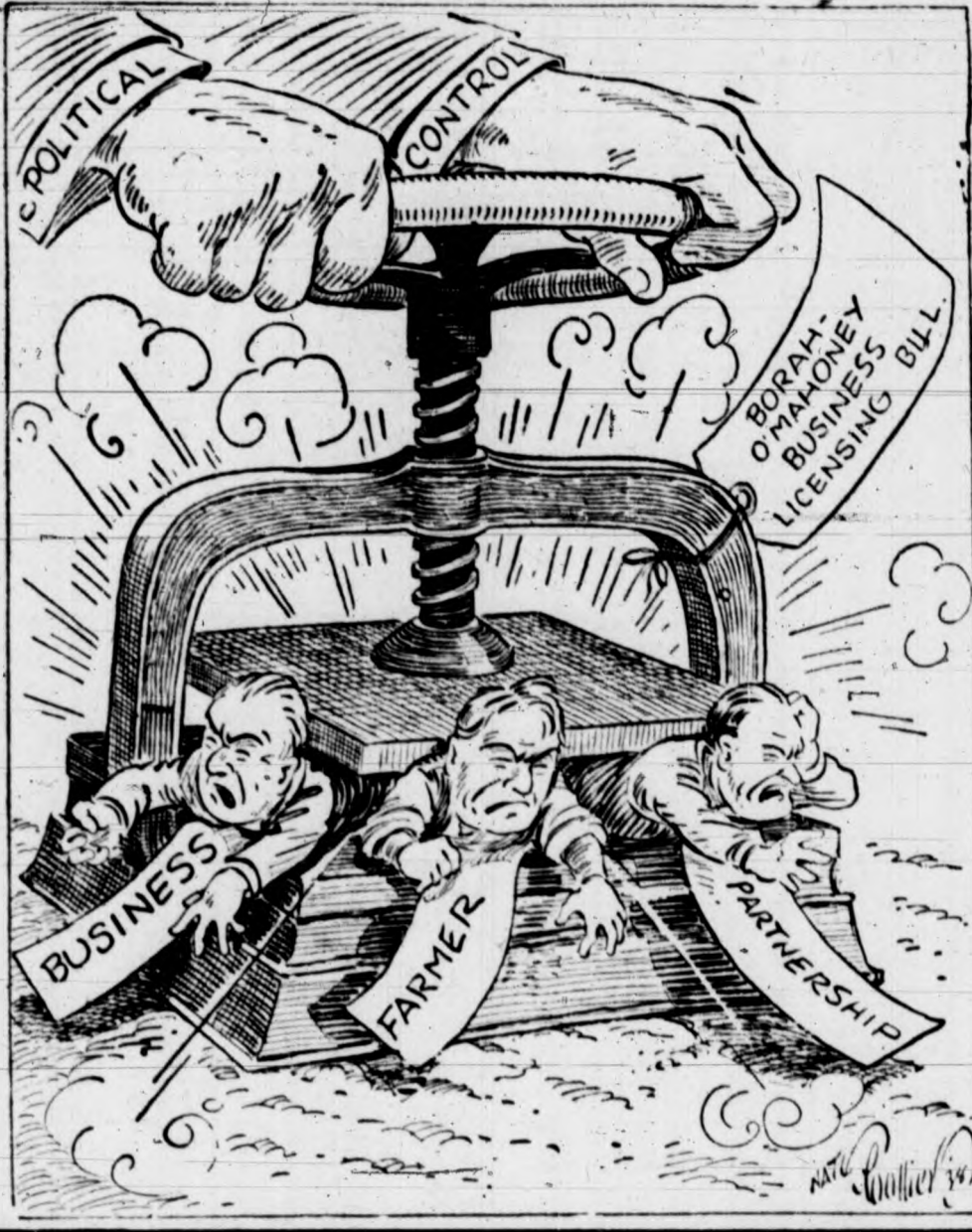
Wide publicity is being given the meeting and a large audience is expected to hear Bishop Denny. A number of Clinton laymen are planning to attend the meeting which will be open to the public.

Senator Smith To Speak In Laurens Friday Morning

United States Senator E. D. Smith of this state, chairman of the senate agriculture committee, will speak in Laurens Friday, March 4, at 11 a. m. on the new farm bill. The meeting will be held in the court house and County Agent C. B. Cannon has extended an urgent invitation to all farmers and other interested parties of the county to be present and gain first-hand information from Senator Smith on the provisions of the farm program for 1938.

In cooperation with county agents and county committeemen Senator Smith is now attending a series of farm meetings in the state to explain to farmers personally the details of the farm bill.

THE SQUEEZE!



Wright Patman Guest Speaker

Will Address Independent Merchants of State In Columbia On March 10th.

Columbia, Feb. 28.—March 10 at 10:00 a. m., at the Columbia Hotel is the time and place for the first convention of the South Carolina Independence Merchants Association.

The principal speaker at the convention will be the Hon. Wright Patman of Texas; powerful and dynamic speaker, leader in Congress of a large group that is fighting for the independent business men in all lines. He is deeply interested in the future of independent merchants and has given much study to their problems. He was chairman of the Congressional Committee that conducted hearings on the bill of which he was an author and has since become law, known as the Robinson-Patman Act.

Congressmen Patman will speak at 3:15 p. m., and his address will be broadcast over radio station WIS.

Of great interest and importance to the merchants of South Carolina will be an address by the Hon. W. G. Query, chairman of the South Carolina Tax Commission on the subject of taxation, with particular reference to taxes paid by merchants.

Other speakers will include Hon. Jas. H. Hammond of Columbia, Hon. Wilbur Grant, a director of the association and a member of the Legislature from Chester, E. M. Arnold of Greenville, Gary Paschal of Columbia and the address of the president, A. L. M. Wiggins of Hartsville.

Two sessions of the convention will be held, one at 10 a. m., and the other at 2:30 p. m. Between sessions of the convention, the entire membership will hear the address of Congressman Patman to the South Carolina legislature. By formal resolution, a joint session of House and Senate will assemble to hear him speak.

All independent business men and women in the state, whether members of the association or not, are invited to attend the convention.

Teachers Meet Here Saturday

The Laurens County Teachers' association will meet in the Florida Street school auditorium of this city Saturday, March 5, at 10:30 a. m., with the president, W. E. Monts, presiding. This is the last meeting of the county association this year.

Dr. F. D. Jones, of the college faculty, will address the group on "The Teacher's Responsibility in a Vitalized Guidance Program." Following Dr. Jones' address, Mrs. W. W. Lewis, of Whitmire, will speak on "The Value of a Parent-Teacher association to the School and Community."

The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Orphanage Gets Endowment Gift

In the will of the late Mrs. Wm. E. Mellwain of Pensacola, Fla., Thornwell orphanage is left an endowment bequest of \$5,000, and Presbyterian college is given her excellent library which her husband states he will add to with a number of his own books. Davidson college is also to receive \$5,000 from the estate.

Mrs. McIlwain was the wife of Rev. Wm. E. Mellwain, D.D., of Pensacola, and passed away on February 17th. She had been a life-long friend and supporter of the orphanage.

Ellwood Dillard Dies Suddenly

Well-Known Local Attorney and World War Veteran, Succumbs To Heart Attack. Funeral Yesterday Afternoon.

William Ellwood Dillard, 55, well-known Clinton attorney, died suddenly Tuesday morning of a heart attack. Mr. Dillard came to his office as usual and later in the morning had gone to Sowers Garage where repairs were being made on his car. Starting back to his office about eleven o'clock he stopped at Nichols Studio where he suffered the attack. A physician was immediately summoned by Mr. Nichols and the stricken man removed to Dr. Hays' hospital where he died an hour later. The news of his unexpected death came as a great shock to his family and friends.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the graveside in the Presbyterian cemetery, conducted by the Rev. C. B. Betts, assisted by Dr. D. J. Woods and Dr. Dudley Jones. A large attendance at the services and many beautiful flowers gave evidence of the esteem in which he was held by his friends.

Active pallbearers were: C. E. Nichols, Ansel Godfrey, John T. Young, T. P. Owens, Ray Pitts and Thomas Jacobs.

The honorary escort consisted of Dr. S. C. Hays, Dr. J. W. Davis, M. H. Hunter, W. E. Monts, W. R. Anderson, A. E. Cheatham, H. F. Harris, the board of trustees of the city schools, members of the Rotary club, Clinton and Laurens bar, the local American Legion post and fire department.

Mr. Dillard was a native of Laurens county, having been born in the Sandy Springs section near here. He was a son of the late James P. and Irene Byrd Dillard, a widely connected and highly regarded family of this community. He was a graduate of the law school of the University of South Carolina and for a number of years was a public accountant. Ten years ago he returned to Clinton and had been a practicing attorney here since that time. He was a veteran of the World war, having volunteered when the war began and received his first training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. He was commissioned as a first lieutenant. Overseas he was with the quartermaster's department with the rank of captain. After the war he spent 11 months in Coblenz, Germany.

Mr. Dillard was an active member of the local American Legion post, Clinton fire department and Rotary club. Three years ago he was elected a member of the board of trustees of Hunter school district No. 5, and was secretary of the board. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Dillard was never married and for the past several years had made his home with a sister, Mrs. Reese Young. He had many friends here and elsewhere, who will join with the family in mourning his death.

Surviving are two brothers, Larry B. Dillard of this city, John H. Dillard, Augusta, Ga.; four sisters, Mrs. C. B. Elliott, Columbia, Misses Lila and Mary Dillard, Hendersonville, N. C., and Mrs. N. Reese Young of this place.

GOING TO KENTUCKY

The Presbyterian college Blue Hose cage team will compete in the annual S. I. A. A. basketball tournament being held this week at Kentucky State Teachers college, at Bowling Green. Coaches Johnson and McMillan, accompanied by nine members of the squad, will leave this morning for Bowling Green to participate in the contests.

Country At Cross Roads, Says Baruch

Noted Financier Blames New Deal for "Paralysis" of Business Because of Insecurity Feeling.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The present depression can be ended by a change of the government's attitude toward business and a "wise readjustment" of the taxation structure, Bernard Baruch told senate investigators today.

The 68-year-old Wall street financier testified before the senate unemployment committee that he was in full accord with the belief of his personal friend, President Roosevelt, that the national income could read \$100,000,000,000 a year, as compared with about \$67,500,000,000 at present.

But, he said, the thing that prevents a business upsurge is a feeling of reasonable profits will be confiscated by "inordinate taxation" or that assets will be subjected to some "great arbitrary change in the value of money."

Linked with these, the white-haired financier testified, is the fear of further "disturbing assaults" on business.

He said these anxieties had produced a hesitancy or "paralysis of spending" on the part of capital, industry, workers and farmers.

"It is the combination of millions of cautious that holds back the spending and development which could do ten times more for reemployment than any government action or all of the spending for relief in any year of this depression," he said.

Adjusting his shell-rim spectacles, he read from a long prepared statement:

"Of course, all of this depends on national policy. If it remains what recently it has appeared to be, there is no hope or reemployment and substantial recovery.

"If it could be changed I believe that we would have a rapid and immediate rise in all economic indexes.

"I say it with regret, but I would be less than candid if I failed to express my opinion, that unemployment now is traceable more directly to government policy than to anything that business could or should do, and that if those policies are not changed, neither business nor government can ever solve this most terrible of all our problems."

Chairman Byrnes (D-SC) asked Baruch if he thought the country had reached the "bottom of the recession."

"That depends on the tax legislation," Baruch replied. "If it relieves the burdens on business and thus puts people back to work, we will have reached the end of this depression. If it doesn't I feel very dubious about the future."

Baruch said he thought the "only hope" lay in decreasing taxation rates on business, permitting it to make a larger turnover, thus increasing the national income and raising the government's total revenue receipts.

While Baruch discussed taxation questions, Chairman Harrison (D-Miss.) of the senate finance committee, a visitor at the hearing, listened intently. Harrison's committee will go to work on the new tax bill as soon as it is passed by the house.

Baruch urged modification of both the undistributed profits tax and the capital gains levy, declaring that the "combined influence of high and unreasonable capital gains and unwise undistributed profits taxes has almost stopped the development of new enterprises."

He advocated, also, a "thorough overhauling" of the regular income tax structure "to discover its maximum revenue-producing efficiency under the law of diminishing returns."

Miss Mae Barton spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barton, in Westminster.

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BYRD OPENS FIGHT ON BILL

Virginia Senator Assails F.D.R.-Proposed Reorganization of Government. Says President Given Too Much Power.

Washington, March 1.—Senator Harry Byrd today opened the attack on the Byrnes government reorganization bill which the senate now has under consideration.

The Virginian slashed out at the measure on four fronts, namely:

1. Gives too much power to the president.
2. Will increase instead of decrease administrative costs of government.
3. Abolishes comptroller general's office.
4. Substitutes one man civil service administrator for present commission.

In his three hour speech, Byrd made further attacks on the bill but his criticism in the main revolved around these four points.

Senator James F. Byrnes, who opened the administration's fight yesterday for passage of the reorganization legislation constantly punctuated Byrd's remarks today and challenged the conclusions reached by the Virginia senator. Byrnes insisted unless power be delegated there will be no reorganization because government lobby will block action by congress.

Byrd dwelt at length on the powers given the president and said he could abolish functions as well as agencies of the government.

There are several more speeches to be made and a test vote, which will come on various emasculating amendments to be offered by Byrd, is not in sight.

Charging the administration with failure to make any headway toward balancing the budget, he compared the 1933 outlay of \$3,500,000,000 with a present budget of nearly \$8,000,000,000.

Byrd predicted the government deficit will be \$1,750,000,000 by July 1.

"And for 1939 the outlook is even worse, because the recession will affect revenue collections," he added.

"The best way to economize," he continued, "is to eliminate extravagance and overlapping. It is astonishing to hear the president say that only \$30,000,000 can be saved by reorganization."

After declaring that 50 new government agencies have been set up in the last four years and that a "bloated bureaucracy" has been built up, the Virginian said:

"I predict if this bill is passed in its present form, not only will there not be a dollar of savings, but that the cost of government will be increased many millions."

He explained it creates a new department of welfare and creates a staff of six administrative assistants for the president.

"He cannot abolish an entire executive department, that is, one headed by a cabinet officer," said Senator Byrd, "but he could transfer 90 per cent of its activities to other departments."

The senator said he would not object if the bill is amended to require congressional approval of reorganization orders before they take effect. As it stands, the orders take effect 60 days after being submitted to congress, unless congress can have a law enacted within that time to disapprove an order. Such a bill would have to be signed by a president with power to veto it. A two-thirds vote then would be required to override.

Jury Panel Drawn For Civil Court

Jurors have been drawn as follows for the March term of civil court to convene in Laurens on Monday, March 14th, to be presided over by Judge J. Strom Thurmond of Edgefield.

Cross Hill: J. F. Noffz, R. W. Griffin.

Dials: R. H. Armstrong, T. L. Boyd, J. States Curry, B. L. Gray, C. D. Gray.

Scuffletown: W. D. Glenn, L. J. Blakely, Joe R. Martin.

Laurens: T. B. King, L. A. Bramlett, W. R. Power, R. A. Hudgens, T. B. McDaniel, V. P. Rutledge.

Waterloo: C. L. Phillips, J. T. Williams, J. W. Fowler, A. J. Allen, D. C. Smith.

Hunter: W. P. Burdette, C. S. Rowe, C. W. Hallman, C. W. Cooper, J. W. Miller, Ralph R. Blakely.

Jacks: L. A. Morgan, N. H. Nabors, Ray Dillard.

Youngs: W. W. Wallace, E. P. Patton, C. B. Bobo.

Sullivan: Jeff H. Wood, P. L. Davis, A. H. Pitts.

RANTIN NAMED DELEGATE

H. D. Rantin, of this city, has been elected by the Rural Letter Carriers' association of the Fourth congressional district, as delegate to the national convention which meets in Washington in August. Mr. Rantin is retiring president of the organization.