

REBEL FORCES CONTINUE ADVANCES

OIL COMPANIES TURN TO COURT TO GAIN RELIEF

Constitution Violation Is Charged In Pleas Of Their Attorneys

MEXICO CITY, Mexico. (Special)—Foreign oil companies turned to the supreme court today in a last legal effort to recover expropriated Mexican oil holdings valued at more than \$400,000,000.

The 17 United States and British-owned companies built their appeal to the supreme court on the contention that President Cardenas' expropriation decree of March 19 violated the Mexican constitution.

They planned to ask the court to declare President Cardenas expropriation decree unconstitutional. The companies argue that article 27 of the constitution authorizes only the expropriation of lands and waters in carrying out the nation's program of socialization; not personal property such as tools, plants and equipment.

Furthermore they allege that the companies were deprived of their properties, possessions and rights without due process before the courts and that no indemnification was paid at the time of expropriation.

President Cardenas' decree on March 18 culminated a prolonged legal controversy between the companies and the oil workers' syndicate over wages and other benefits granted the workers by an arbitration board.

The companies held paying the increased wages—amounting to more than \$7,200,000—and other benefits would be more than the oil industry could bear.

The United States government, in making representations to Mexico relative to the expropriation, did not question the Cardenas government's right to take such action.

As compared with the Senate's 18 per cent flat corporation rate, under the house plan companies paying out all profits in dividends would pay 16 per cent and companies paying no dividends 20 per cent, with intermediate variations which, for instance, would cause a company paying out half its profits in dividends to pay 18 per cent.

Who's Getting Soaked? Because American corporations, as a general average, pay out about 77 per cent of profits in dividends, it is argued that a larger amount of business is being soaked under the senate plan than under the house bill.

Nevertheless, the charge that the senate plan is soaking small business for the benefit of big corporations which don't pay out dividends is fully valid only when the importance of a roughly estimated 140,000 corporations earning less than \$6500—which get a break under the senate plan—is heavily discounted.

NUMBERS DECEIVE Inasmuch as 90 per cent of corporate business is done by about 15 per cent of the corporations and corporations earning less than \$25,000 do only about 10 per cent of the business, it can be seen that the numerical majority of corporations benefiting from the senate plan comes far from suggesting a true picture of the relative effects of the two corporation tax proposals on American business as a whole.

Corporations earning less than \$6500 obviously do much less than 10 per cent of the total corporate business. This group is the only bracket group in which all companies—or even a preponderance of them—benefit under the finance committee's proposal.

USELESS TALK Most observers agree that neither senate nor house debate on the reorganization bill made any converts one way or the other, but there has been plenty of debate and the senate part of it was described by Senator Matt Neely of West Virginia as follows: "The oldest inhabitant can scarcely remember when the debate on the reorganization bill began. And what an extraordinary debate it has been.

"The honorable, able and voluble senators who have delivered so many philippics against this measure have compassed sea and land to make one message. They have discussed practically everything in



Japs Still Get Out And Shove

Armies can be mechanized, and mechanized some more—but there still comes a time when the troops must get out and push. The picture above shows Japanese soldiers shoving a truck of a motorized transport unit over a bad stretch of Chinese road. The Japanese engineer corps has been kept busy building roadways in advance of the armies.

Green Sacrifices Point To Obtain Wage, Hour Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, announced today that he had made a concession in regard to minimum wages in an effort to obtain some kind of a wage and hour bill for presentation to congress this session.

After meeting with the house labor sub-committee seeking to draft a suitable bill it was said that Green would not oppose a measure with as low an hourly rate as 25 cents if the floor is increased annually.

Green told reporters the federation would accept a minimum as low as 30 cents if no board was established to cut below that level for certain industries or localities.

John L. Lewis, head of the CIO, has told the house committee the

Tip Followed In Plane Loss

HONOLULU, T. H. (UP)—Naval aircraft from Pearl harbor prepared today to check a possible clue to the whereabouts of a VP-18 patrol bomber, missing since Wednesday with six persons aboard.

Reports from Anahola, on the island of Kauai, said that school children there had told their parents that they saw smoke rising from the water off Anahola light-house, on the northeastern shore of the island, Wednesday noon.

Villagers searched the beach in the vicinity last night but failed to locate any traces of wreckage or other indications as to the possible fate of the plane and its occupants.

Meanwhile, the main body of the U. S. fleet, which for two days participated in the search for the missing bomber, lay idle of Lahaina roads. More than a thousand officers and men enjoying a brief shore leave before returning to their ships which will leave for the sea again.

Following four days of tactical

Child Is Dunned For Pension Tax 18 Years Early

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (UP)—Gerald Berman, 3, has finally straightened out his troubles with the tax collector. For two years in a row, Gerald had received a bill for the \$3 old age assistance tax. When he didn't pay it, city

HOUSE LEADERS TO STAND FIRM ON COMPROMISE

Debate On Reorganization Postponed To Take Up Other Legislation

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP)—Rep. Sam Pettengill, Indiana Democrat, today asked President Roosevelt to prove his statement that he has no dictator ambitions by withdrawing his approval of the government reorganization bill now pending in the house.

Pettengill, leader of the house coalition group fighting the bill, urged the president to "put first things first" and to place legislation designed to help business ahead of the reorganization bill.

The demand came a short time after the president had returned from a Warm Springs trip to take personal charge of the house fight. At the same time party leaders renewed their predictions of favorable house action on the bill.

The house meantime shunted aside the explosive measure to consider the Glass bill for extending the lending powers of the RFC.

Pettengill said "the president has said he did not want to become a dictator. I accept his statement 100 per cent. He says we have nothing to fear but fear itself. He recognizes the fact that there is fear. He can help the situation most by doing something to help business."

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—Administration leaders, confident their timely compromise had staved off a possible defeat, refused today to make further concessions to house opponents of the fiercely-fought government reorganization bill.

At an unusual Sunday conference they won President Roosevelt's tacit approval of two amendments, which had been hastily advanced when a coalition of Republicans and dissenting Democrats appeared to be getting the upper hand.

Representative Sam Rayburn of Texas, Democratic floor leader, said that as far as he knew the administration forces expected to "stand pat" on two other controversial provisions—a substitution of a single civil service administrator and creation of an auditor general.

Essay Contest Is Announced

High School Students To Participate In Air Mail Week Event

National air mail week essay contest regulations and prizes have been announced by E. F. Whitman, postmaster. High school students only are eligible to compete and all entries must be post-marked not later than May 1.

The essays shall not exceed 250 words and subject matter will be "Wings Across America." They will be judged on originality, continuity and construction, and spelling, punctuation and neatness. Each essay must be certified by the school principal as to eligibility, identification and location of the school, and must show the contestant's home address. The essays should deal with the ideas, purposes, and advantages of air transportation as it affects modern communication.

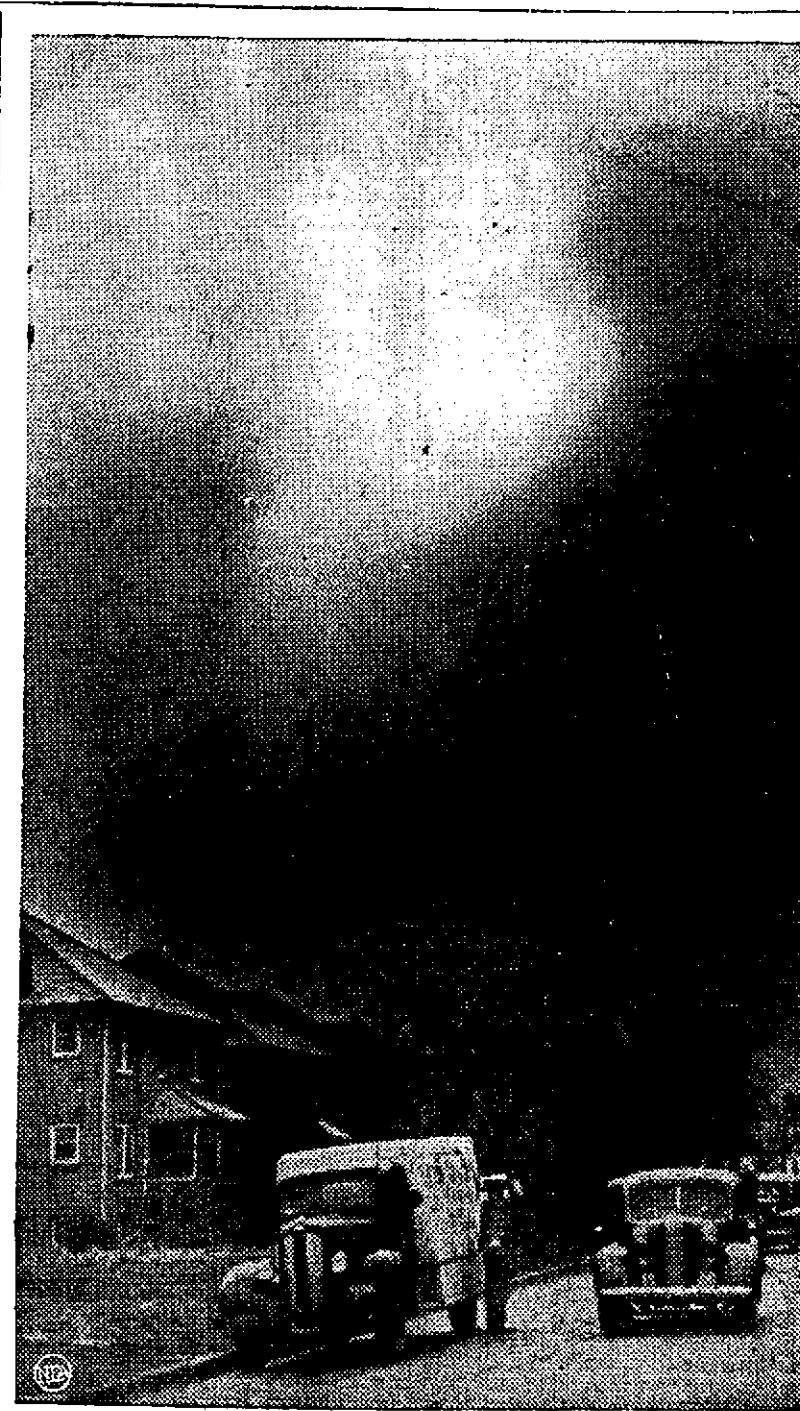
State prizes will consist of an air trip from the nearest airport to each state winner to Washington, D. C., and return. Winners will bear their own expenses while in the city. Second prize will be a suitable trophy to be supplied and awarded by each state headquarters.

Blonds Are Given Honors As Models Stage Exhibition

NEW YORK, N. Y. (UP)—Blonds won all the honors for the past year's modeling when the 100 members of the art directors club held their annual exhibition meeting at Rockefeller Center today. Virginia Judd, 21, of Indianapolis and fairest of the three winners, was named "Most Beautiful" and won the title "Million Dollar Model." Libby Harben was chosen the

Body Of Prized Baby Panda To Serve Science In Museum

CHICAGO, Ill. (UP)—Su Lin, the prized baby giant Panda which died Friday will be nearly as valuable in death as she was alive, an official of the Brookfield zoo said today.



Tornado? Eclipse? No. It's Dust Storm

Swirling black across the Kansas prairies 48 hours after the heaviest rainfall this year, choking dust clouds blotted out the sun, eclipse-like, as shown above in the striking picture taken at Wichita. Descending while twisters ripped through other parts of Kansas, and four other states, the dust clouds were mistaken for tornado formations and some residents ran to shelter in nearest cellars.

France's Cabinet Will Seek Vote Upon New Bills

PARIS, France. (UP)—The cabinet today approved drastic financial bills to meet the treasury crisis and planned to seek a vote late today, staking its political life on the outcome.

It was predicted that the senate would reject the bills and even if it passed them the cabinet would resign perhaps in favor of a national union coalition government.

Revaluation of the Bank of France's resources, a super tax on war industry profits and capital level were some of the features of the measures approved by the cabinet at its meeting.

Actress Freed From Contract

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (UP)—Francine Bordeaux, French actress, was free today of a contract which for the past six months has given two agents the right to dictate the men she sees, the books she reads, the clothes she wears.

The contract, entered into by the actress so that she would do what supposedly leads to a movie career, resulted in her being known as the "cloistered blonde."

Rebelling, she went into court, and Judge Thomas C. Gould struck out the objectionable parts of her contract with the two agents, Sara Parsons and Robert Mack.

"Under this contract," her lawyer said, "Miss Bordeaux's soul is not her own. She can go out only with escorts selected for her. She cannot choose her own clothes. She cannot read any books but those the defendants (Miss Parsons and Robert Mack) have selected for her."

Tulips Blooming In Washington's Parks And Basin

WASHINGTON, N. C. (UP)—The tulips of Washington, N. C., will not be outdone by the chery blossoms of Washington, D. C. Following the lead of the total basin blossoms in the nation's capitol, the tulips of "Little Wash-

ington" are in full bloom. The tulips of "Little Washington" are in full bloom. The tulips of "Little Washington" are in full bloom.

LOYALIST ARMY FAILS TO STOP DRIVE FOR SEA

Madrid Is Shelled While Government's Army Is Demoralized

HENDAYE, French-Spanish Frontier. (UP)—The Spanish civil war neared an early end today with the nationalists in command of the situation on practically all fronts.

Lerida's capture was one of the big events of the weekend fighting. Madrid's streets were littered with debris after heavy shelling. The nationalists, flushed by success, were fast nearing the Mediterranean coast to cut the road between Catalonia and the rest of Spain.

Doomed Men Despite their position, the remaining loyalists fought like doomed men. Their capture or death appeared certain.

Italians, Moors and Spaniards of the nationalist army were smashing through sector after sector. Prisoners were being taken faster than they could be accommodated. Entire brigades were being wiped out or captured.

The rebel forces were reported within seven miles of Tortosa, last artery of communication between Catalonia and the remainder of loyalist Spain. The army was in a position to march to the coast and complete the victory that has appeared certain in recent weeks.

Loyalist leaders mentioned the possibility of a counter-attack but they had little to sustain them in any such move. The drive gained momentum as it went and it was soon expected that all organized resistance would soon collapse.

Victory Assured This would leave the nationalists free to capture the remainder of the country at their leisure, mopping up as they go. Only a few government troops remained in the Lerida area, sniping at the invaders.

With the first glimmer of Sunday dawn Franco's big bombing planes roared over the Pandos mountains south of Gandesa and just west of where the Ebro river winds southward to the sea.

Tons of bombs plummeted out of the early morning sky—a warning of no respite in the fierce pressure exerted during the night. Through the darkened hours the

Bodies Found Near Highway

Mother and Daughter Are Slain While Traveling Across Country

PECOS, Texas. (UP)—Authorities were searching the countryside today for a pair of highwaymen who Wednesday killed Mrs. Weston G. Frome, of Berkeley, Calif., and her daughter, Nancy, on a lonely stretch of road between here and El Paso.

The bodies were found yesterday by a searching party. The motive had not been established today although it was known that the women were robbed of cash, travelers checks, jewelry and personal effects.

Their car, a new Packard, had been stripped. Both women had been shot through the temple, one with a small calibre weapon. They had also been hit with a blunt instrument. Whether or not they had been attacked was not yet known.

They suffered considerably before death, being tormented, apparently. The right hand of Mrs. Frome had been burned off while Nancy's knuckles had been burned. Marks on the body showed evidence of torture before death.

New Jersey Lad Shoots Girl Who Invades Home's Privacy

RACKETTSTOWN, N. J. (UP)—Ralph Smith, 10, lived with his father a cowhand, in a squat two-room shack, smoked a corn cob pipe like his father, and asked only one thing from the world—privacy.

The constable had him in custody today because he shot one of the grand-mannered girls from the big dairy farms who went riding by his shack, play-acting that she was a Canterbury lady on a horseback pilgrimage.

The wounded girl was Betty Douma, 12, red-haired. She and a girl friend had dismounted from their horses and looked in a window at the boy.

Cats, Mice And Women Mixing At Joint Exhibition Of Pets

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP)—The room was full of cats, mice and women—all perfectly contented.

The strange scene was at the opening day of a joint exhibition of prize pets by cat and mouse fanciers of the country.

The American Mouse Fanciers' club hesitated when invited by the Columbian cat fanciers to hold a joint exhibition. They feared a merger that would leave only the cats in the running.

But the mice stole the show. They were the center of attraction of both spectators, mostly women, and the cats, mostly hungry. Chairs were placed about the walls just in case a mouse got loose.

"We are hoping that there will be no accidents and no fatalities," said Mary E. Hantzman, show manager. "But you never can tell. Mice, cats and women are like mixing gunpowder, dynamite and nitroglycerine."