

The Weather  
Showers today and Monday.  
Clear, cooler, Mon. Temp.  
Saturday, 57, Min. 41. River  
9.7 feet. NNE wind.

## Il Duce Speech Waited On Fascist Anniversary

### Warlike Tone Not Expected By Observers

### Signs Indicate France, Italy May Agree Over Colonies

### France Makes Offer of Republican Ships to General Franco

ROME, March 26.—(AP)—Fascists expected a conciliatory speech from Premier Mussolini at the celebration of their party's 20th anniversary today despite a strongly-worded message of support from Adolf Hitler.

The text of the message to Il Duce was known only to a few in Rome because, contrary to usual practice, it was not made public. Concern in Rome over the European situation has eased somewhat amid signs that Italy and France might come to terms on fascist claims for colonial concessions.

### Hitler's Message Is Not Published

Among those fascists familiar with the tenor of Hitler's communication—which expressed solidarity with Mussolini against attempts to restrict the "justified will for living" of their two nations—the fact that it was not published was considered a clear indication Mussolini's remarks would not be belittled.

A brief communication said only the Prince of Rome, son-in-law of King Vittorio Emanuele, had brought Il Duce an anniversary message from Hitler in which the fuhrer expressed his participation in the ceremonies in the name of the German people.

The opinion was expressed that greatest prominence would have been given the message if it had been entirely harmonious with the line Mussolini had planned to take.

(By The Associated Press)

It was Benito Mussolini's turn today on the Rome-Berlin axis. Fascist leaders gathered in Rome for their 20th anniversary jubilee and Il Duce was expected to use the occasion to shed some official light on what he wants from France.

Italy's "natural aspirations," never officially defined, have been given voice heretofore in fascist demonstrations for French territorial concessions.

Il Duce was fortified with a fresh pledge of Rome-Berlin solidarity from Adolf Hitler but fascists predicted nevertheless that his anticipated speech would be conciliatory.

In some quarters, however, it was believed Hitler's pledge, delivered on the eve of the Rome celebration, might be the go-ahead sign to Mussolini.

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### Aggressive Scheme to Take Appeasement Place Wanted

### Poland and Italy Are Waited Upon Before Any Move Made

LONDON, March 25.—(AP)—Britain's attempt to build a new ring of steel around expanding Germany waited today on Poland and Italy.

It waited on Poland to decide where to seek to bolster her threatened security and on Premier Mussolini to show how much he still counts on the Rome-Berlin axis to give him belated rewards.

Growing impatience meanwhile was manifest in political quarters at the government's delay in bringing out a vigorous new collective security policy to replace Prime Minister Chamberlain's discarded appeasement program.

### Three Steps Listed Necessary to Take

Critics of the government blamed delay in constituting the proposed anti-aggression front on its apparent unwillingness to take these steps:

1. Give definite military commitments to eastern European countries to gain adherents for a "stop Hitler" bloc.

2. Impose some form of conscription immediately to show Britain's intention to play a full part in resisting possible aggression.

3. Broaden the base of the national government to bring in ministers with strong convictions about collective security, such as former Secretary Anthony Eden and Winston Churchill.

While Soviet Russia, after the first hesitations, appeared ready to join Britain and France in an anti-aggression declaration, Poland held out for more concrete proof of mutual aid.

Noted in the law of expanding Germany, Poland refused to invite Nazi hostility by signing an unfriendly declaration which was not backed by military support against a German attack.

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## Finance and Industry Leaders Want Support

### Farm Bill Is Unacted Upon, House Divided

### Adjournment Is Called to Save Bill From "GOP Butchering"

### Groups of Farm Members Split Over Proposal to Boost Parity

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—Split into warring blocs over the \$1,067,000,000 agriculture department bill, the house engaged in tumultuous five hour debate today, then adjourned for the weekend without settling the major payments for farmers.

Leaders sought to hold the members in session so as to pass the huge supply measure tonight, but finally capitulated to a rising sentiment for adjournment. Rep. Anderson (D-Mo.), who offered the motion to adjourn, said he did it to "save the bill for the farmers."

"The republicans were in there butchering the bill," he said, "and there weren't enough democrats on hand to stop it."

"Furthermore, Rep. Marcantonio (AL-NY) intended to ask for the reading of an engrossed copy of the bill which would have held us in session until midnight."

### Parity Matter Being Discussed at Close

When the house quit, it was about to begin direct consideration of the parity payments section. There was a possibility that this would not be resumed until Tuesday because of the preferred status of legislation affecting the District of Columbia which comes up Monday.

Rep. Cannon of Missouri, democrat in charge of the bill on the floor, predicted it eventually would go through in much the same form as his subcommittee recommended, including the \$250,000,000 for parity payments.

"We won't have any trouble," he said. "We've just been delayed a day or so, that's all."

### Long Debate Ends With Farm Bloc Split

After long hours of debate this was the situation: Two groups of farm members were split over a proposal to boost the parity item to \$500,000,000 because a use, in recommending even half that sum, the house appropriations committee ignored President Roosevelt's request for a 30 per cent reduction in benefit payments to farmers.

Behind the scenes an active bloc of urban members was jockeying for support from the farm group for the pending request for \$150,000,000 additional for WPA, in return for support for the \$250,000,000 parity fund.

(The parity fund was proposed in addition to other farm benefits totaling \$500,000,000. Its sponsors contended it was needed to bring farm income to "parity" with prices of things farmers buy.)

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### Let European Destiny Alone Borah Advice

### WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—

Charging Great Britain with encouraging Germany to swallow up Austria and conceding the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia, Senator Borah (R-Idaho) asserted tonight Chancellor Hitler has "no better friend" than England.

In an address prepared for delivery over the radio, the dean of the senate foreign relations committee made clear he thought there was no reason for this country to take any step to aid the European democracies.

"What they (the democracies) are contending for is the realization of their imperialistic scheme and not the destruction of nazism," he said.

Borah made no direct reference to the impending controversy (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

### Mott Optimistic On Tongue Base

### Oregon League President Informed Approval of Senate Is Sure

PORTLAND, March 25.—(AP)—Carl C. Donagh, president of the Columbia defense league, said today Congressman James W. Mott (R-Ore) had telegraphed that a senate approval of the proposed Tongue Point air base seemed assured.

"Tongue Point has never been a matter of controversy in the senate and we expect no trouble there," Mott was quoted by Donagh.

"I have the assurance of the navy department that the Tongue Point item will be included in the estimates to be sent up to the appropriations committee and also the assurance of the naval affairs subcommittee of the committee on appropriations that the item will be included in the appropriations bill."

"It looks, therefore, as though at least our hopes are to be realized and that we will soon have an air base at the mouth of the Columbia river."

### Carmody Favored By Ickes, Report

### Rural Electrification Head Might Not Accept Post at Dam However

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—Sources close to the administration described Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes today as favoring John M. Carmody, rural electrification administrator, to succeed the late J. D. Ross, Bonneville dam administrator.

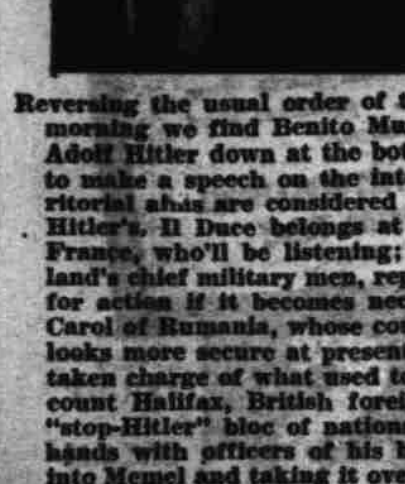
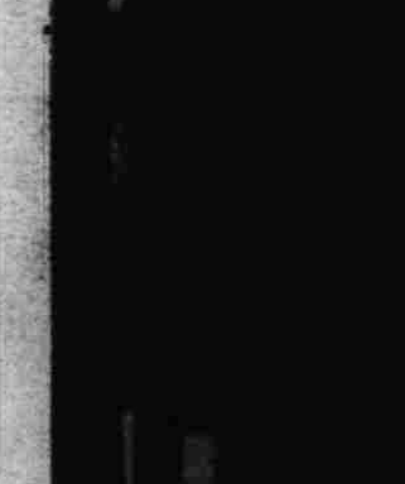
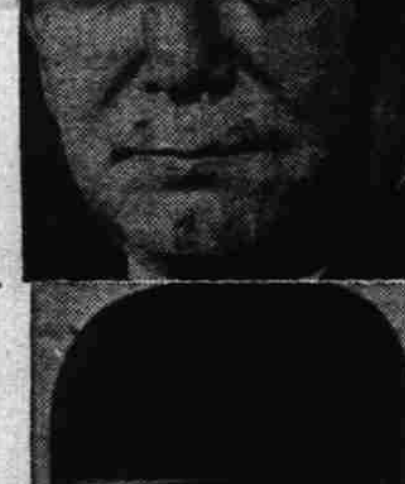
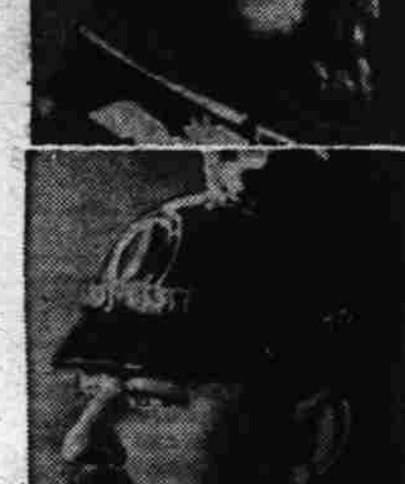
It was understood the secretary preferred Carmody over other candidates who included Clark foreman, director of the PWA power division and former Senator Pope, Idaho democrat.

An announcement was expected within a week or ten days because new dealers, regarding the Columbia project as a yardstick in the cheap power experiment, believe the post too important to be left open for long.

Carmody's acceptance of the \$10,000 a year post, the same salary as he receives from the REA, was not assured. There would be no salary increase and he would be required to give up his homes here and at New York.

He was quoted as saying he hoped he would not be asked to take the job because he considered his REA work more important to the public interest.

"I hope there is not too much haste in finding a successor to Mr. Ross," he said. "Whoever is selected should be a man convinced of and prepared to carry out the principle that government (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)



Reversing the usual order of things as they have been recently, this morning we find Benito Mussolini rating the top headlines and Adolf Hitler down at the bottom but still on page 1. Mussolini was to make a speech on the international situation, and since his territorial aims are considered a greater peril to European peace than Hitler's, Il Duce belongs at the top. Next Premier Chamberlain of France, who'll be listening; then General Malinowski, one of Poland's chief military men, reported to have that nation's army ready for action if it becomes necessary. Fourth from the top is King Carol of Rumania, whose country seemed to lie in Hitler's path but looks more secure at present; next is Baron von Neurath, who has taken charge of what used to be Czechoslovakia; then we have Viscount Halifax, British foreign secretary, attempting to line up a "stop-Hitler" bloc of nations; below, radiophoto of Hitler shaking hands with officers of his boat's crew, just before steaming into Memel and taking it over as a "free gift" from Lithuania.—H.N. photos.