

Senate Votes Big Farm Bill

House Conferees Likely
to Give in on Major
Items, Forecast

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for "parity" payments to farmers, intended to bring real farm income closer to that of the years 1909 to 1914 than the present prices will permit. And it wrote in an \$85,000,000 item for the disposal of surplus crops either through the food stamp plan or by subsidizing exports. In addition, there were scores of minor increases.

There were also some decreases, notably \$60,000,000 for conservation and use of agricultural land resources, which had been transferred, the committee reported, to a deficiency bill. The net result was a bill \$208,000,000 bigger than that voted by the house, without counting \$90,000,000 to be supplied by the RFC for farm tenancy and rural electrification loans. The senate readily approved the increases reported by the committee.

The measure, which was passed on a voice vote without a roll call, is expected to be sent to a conference of house and senate members for the purpose of striking compromises on the various senate additions.

In house appropriation committee circles it was said that the bulk of the two big increases, parity payments and surplus removal, probably would be retained. The senate reinforced the latter with an unanimous roll call vote, making it difficult for the conferees to yield on any proposed reduction in the item.

The controversy over paying for the increases out of the treasury's working balance arose on the first day of the debate. Both Senator Barker (D-Ky.), the majority leader, and Sen. C. W. McNary (D-Ind.) called attention to the size of that balance with the suggestion that it could cover the bill's expenses over the budget estimates. But Byrd challenged their figures. He said that while the balance was now \$1,400,000,000, the unencumbered total would be reduced, under the president's budget, to about \$500,000,000 at the end of this fiscal year. It could not prudently be cut to a lower point, he said.

Byrd presented Morgenthau's letter to the senate with a statement that he especially wished to call attention to its "admonition" that "the estimated working balance in the treasury on June 30, 1939, as contemplated by the president's budget message, will be about as low as it can be permitted to go."

Arita Says Japan Foresees Result

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appear to have recognized Japan's aims in East Asia, should we not take some positive measures to cooperate with them?"

"Were not the expansion of the United States navy and the recent tour of Europe by United States Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles predicted on the assumption that the allies would be defeated?"

To Arita's somewhat evasive replies, Admiral Zengo Yoshida, the navy minister, added this:

"We are going to dispose of the China incident with our eyes wide open to the world situation."

101 Drivers Lose Permits, February

A total of 101 Oregon motor vehicle drivers lost their operator's licenses through revocation, suspension or cancellation during February, Secretary of State Earl Snell reported yesterday.

There were 60 revocations, 38 suspensions and three cancellations. Fifty-two drivers who were convicted of driving while intoxicated lost their licenses through revocation during the month with 121 revocations for the year.

Reckless driving brought suspensions to 18 drivers, six suspensions were ordered for violation of the basic rule and six for unsatisfactory judgments resulting from traffic accidents.

Pulp Wage Limit Report Is Filed

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—A wage-hour administration committee recommended today a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour for the pulp and primary paper industry.

The committee, representing employers and employees in the industry, and the public, submitted the recommendation to Col. Philip B. Fleming, wage-hour administrator who may either accept or reject it after hearing interested parties.

Income Receipts Hit \$1,480,000

State income tax collections up to Thursday night aggregated approximately \$1,480,000, or five per cent in excess of the amount collected on the same date a year ago, the state tax commission reported yesterday.

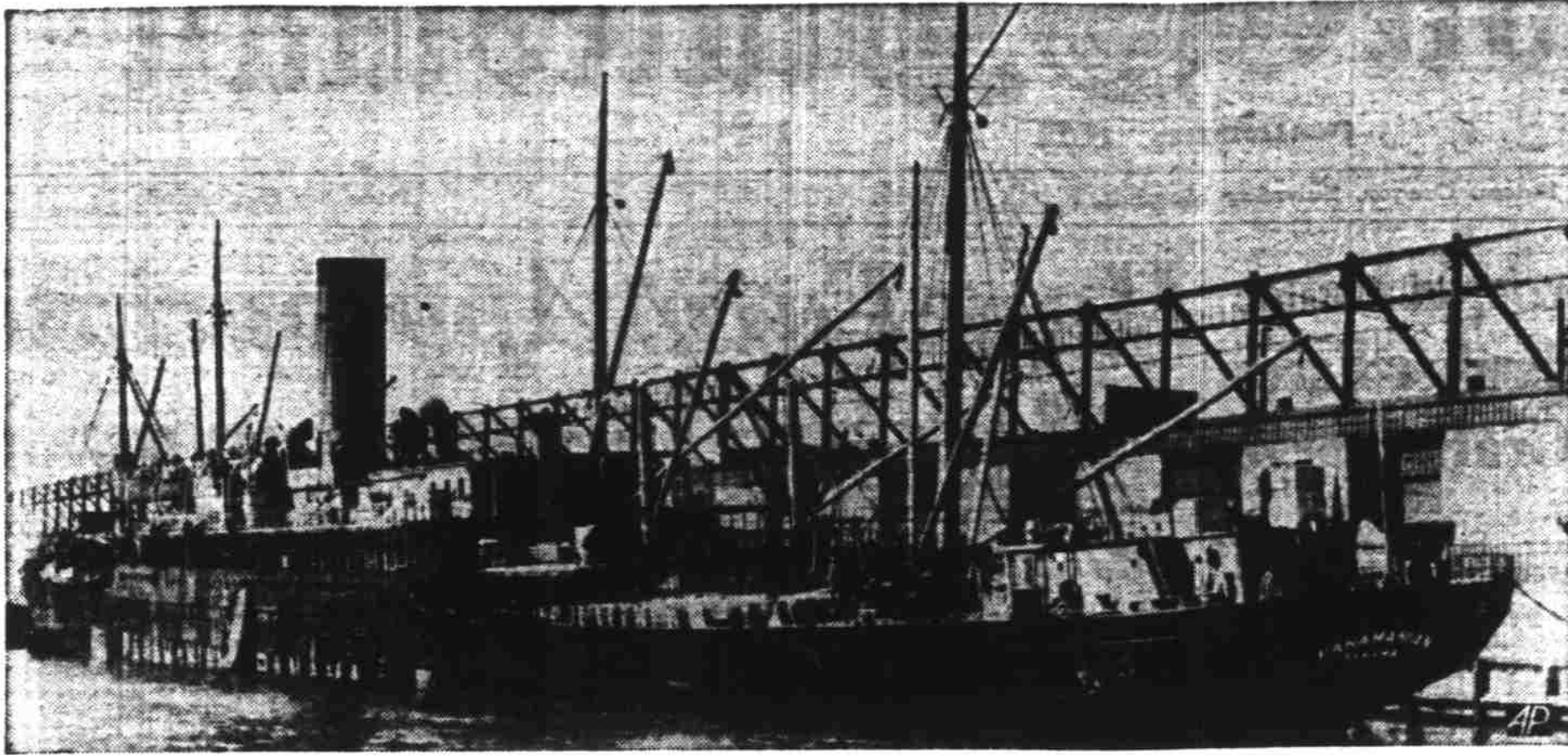
Estimated collections for 1940, based on 1939 incomes, were fixed at \$5,100,000.

Returns for 1940 are due April 1, after which date both interest and penalty accrue. Second installments, involving taxes of more than \$10, are due October 1.

VFW Work Stops Sunday

No work will be done on the new Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, being built at Hood and Cottage streets, on Sunday, in deference to Easter, Onas S. Olson, chairman of the building committee, announced last week.

Huge Cargo Vessel Mysteriously Sunk at Baltimore Dock



The 27,000-ton steamer Panamanian, largest cargo vessel in the world, is shown as she lay helpless and partly filled with water at her pier in Baltimore, her keel touching bottom. The cause was explained. The vessel was taking on a cargo for England. Arnold Bernstein, former German-Jewish shipping magnate, only recently took over the Panamanian as one of several ships he planned to use in freight service to European ports. Federal bureau of investigation agents refused to confirm that they were investigating reports of sabotage.

Long Logs Puzzle Highway Officials

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days and Engineer R. H. Baldock will recommend:

1—A four-lane artery from Springfield bridge to Broadway and High streets, Eugene, and relocation of the Southern Pacific railroad; cost about \$1,000,000.

2—Extension of Seventh avenue, Eugene, to main Pacific highway, and creation of one-way traffic on certain streets for north and south bound traffic through the city.

"The congestion between Eugene and Springfield is already so serious, the portion must be rebuilt anyhow and without delay," Baldock said.

Garand Rifle not Faulty, Argument

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 22.—(AP)—Washington reports that both the cavalry and marine corps have found flaws in the army's new semi-automatic Garand rifle were discounted tonight by Inventor John Garand, who asserted the weapon was, fundamentally, the best small arm yet devised for troops.

Garand explained that all types of machines required minor refinements as experience showed defects.

He was supported by officials of the US armory here, which is producing the rifles at a rate of 1000 a week. Although declining to be quoted directly, these men said they had expected some minor adjustments might be needed after the rifle's use by troops in the field.

They said that in any fine machines, whether rifles, automobiles, or something else, the original models were seldom perfect.

Dam Gates Close Despite Governor

DISNEY, Okla., March 22.—(AP)—Gov. Leon C. Phillips' "states' rights war" arrived at a Waterloo today—the massive gates on the Grand river dam closed shut and muddy waters began rising in the 52,000-acre reservoir.

Closing of the gates under cover of darkness early this morning at whose order the Phillips-appointed dam authority professed not to know—climaxed the fiercest executive's fight with court order and national guardsmen to obtain \$89,275 damages from the government for roads and bridges which would be flooded.

As word of the court reached the capitol, Phillips, for the first time since launching his fight March 10, did not threaten further action.

"I'm just sitting tight and waiting for the next move," was his only comment. Nor would he say whether he might send troops back to the dam in defiance of a federal restraining order.

Youth Job Center Talked, Portland

PORTLAND, March 22.—(AP)—A Portland "youth center" to seek jobs for Oregon youngsters was proposed today.

Its possibilities will be investigated by the Multnomah county national youth administration advisory committee.

The center's purpose, Chairman Lester Humphreys said, would be to "explore" for projects offering work experience and public service opportunities for youths between 16 and 24 years of age.

Chamber Cancels Neuberger Talk

The scheduled address by Richard Neuberger, Portland, freelance writer, before the Salem chamber of commerce Monday noon has been canceled, President E. H. Bingenheimer announced yesterday. Bingenheimer said that after hearing what Neuberger's subject would be, "Why I Am a Liberal," chamber officials had decided it would be unsuitable.

Congregation Walks out Of Burning Church as Organist Plays and Sings

ST. PAUL, March 22.—(AP)—Five hundred persons walked calmly to safety tonight as Mrs. G. S. Stephens, the organist, played and sang, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" when fire broke out in the Central Park Methodist Episcopal church near the loop.

The fire caused \$5000 damage.

Girl Jumps From Plane in Suicide

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 22.—(AP)—A 24-year-old Corona Del Mar girl, Louise Drolet, today plunged 1,000 feet to her death from a rented open cockpit plane after leaving a note saying "It takes courage to die, but it is cowardly to live an empty, ill life."

Pilot Joe Hager said the girl, pale and nervous, purchased a \$1 ticket for an airplane ride at the airport and then said she wanted to go aloft for the first time to win a \$5 bet with a boy friend that she wasn't afraid to fly.

When they neared a 1,000 foot altitude, Hager said he felt the plane lurch, and, glancing back, saw the woman about to leap. He said he attempted to seize her, but that she tore from his grasp and lunged into space.

Investigators for Coroner E. R. Abbey reported relatives of the dead girl said she suffered a nervous collapse six years ago from which she never recovered. No inquest was ordered.

Utter Pondering Try at Water Job

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three the number of candidates for the three open positions on the commission. Already in the field are Floyd C. Seigmund and George B. Butts.

Dr. O. A. Olson, who is a candidate for republican nomination as county treasurer, and E. B. Gebhorst announced yesterday they would not seek reelection to the water commission.

Tom Hill, confectioner and active civic worker, announced yesterday that he will be a candidate for mayor.

Easter Paraders Will Need Wraps

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Winter wraps may not be in style Sunday, but Easter paraders in the eastern two-thirds of the country are likely to need them, weather forecasters advised today.

Unseasonably cold weather that would give mildy the chance to show off her spring outfit was forecast for all parts of the country except the far west and deep south.

Tremendous upper wind movements were sweeping out of the far north, bringing with them considerably lower temperatures than prevailed earlier in the week and the threat of snow in the mid-west and east Saturday and Sunday night.

The chances appeared good, however, that there would be no more than local areas of precipitation Sunday, thus making the umbrella unnecessary for most sections.

Continued cold weather was indicated for Monday also.

Highway Markets Menace to Cities

ASTORIA, March 22.—(AP)—Highway markets are undermining business in Oregon cities having traffic congestion problems, James O. Conville said today.

The towns are suffering from loss of business and tax values, said Conville, Astoria manager and a director of the League of Oregon Cities. Correction of traffic conditions would remedy the situation, he added.

Raver Says Idaho Line not Planned

SPOKANE, Wash., March 22.—(AP)—B. H. Kizer, chairman of the Pacific northwest regional council, said today he had been assured by Dr. Paul Raver, Bonneville project administrator, that power from Bonneville dam would not enter Idaho.

Kizer addressed his remarks to Idaho delegates attending a conference of government, business, agricultural and educational leaders from that state, Washington and Montana.

Postmistress Dies

OREGON CITY, March 22.—(AP)—Mrs. Walter Foster, 55, Clackamas postmistress since 1913, died yesterday.

Magazine Vendors May Be Under UCC

Magazine salesmen directed or controlled from eastern headquarters are not independent contractors but are subject to the employment compensation law only when four or more Oregonians draw combined pay of \$500 in any one quarter officials announced Friday.

These standards were set up by referees for the unemployment compensation commission after a hearing in two disputed cases.

A Newberg salesman was awarded \$130 when he told of being instructed from New York every week to call on certain prospects.

Old Theatre Prop Horse Dies at 39

ROCKLEIGH, N.J., March 22.—(AP)—Anna, said by her owner to be the oldest horse in the world, died today in her stable. She was 39, nearly double the life span of the average horse.

A theatrical "prop" horse until her retirement three and a half years ago, Anna was ridden by the late Rudolph Valentino in the motion picture, "The Sheik."

For many years she appeared in opera in New York and abroad and on numerous occasions was used by Caruso in "Aida."

Killer of Family Given Life Term

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—(AP)—"A diabolically conceived and ruthlessly executed plot."

A judge hurled that description of the killing of his family at Laurel H. Crawford, 41-year-old World war veteran, as he sentenced him to life in prison and recommended that no parole ever be granted.

And for the first time, when it was all over, the attitude of calm which has been Crawford's since his arrest was shattered.

Led back to his cell, he sobbed bitterly.

"It's a crooked world! There's nothing to live for. I didn't kill—I swear I didn't. I was framed on a bunch of trick questions, just as the officers told me I would be if I didn't confess that I drove my loved ones over the cliff."

Fall off Cliff Is Fatal to Student

TILLAMOOK, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—A misstep and plunge from a 300-foot Trask river cliff ended in death yesterday the Easter vacation of Edward B. Milton.

The 18-year-old Portland high school senior slipped on a rock, rolled down a timbered slope and dropped over the cliff, his three companions notified the Tillamook county coroner today.

The other youths obtained aid from the Trask CCC camp and worked nine hours to reach the body and carry it to a highway.

Robert Whisnand Dies, Age of 70

Robert Bingham Whisnand, father of Mrs. Almida W. Beckman of Salem, died Friday at the age of 70 years at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Iva G. Stewart of Scholls.

Other survivors are a sister-in-law, Mrs. Gertrude H. Major of McMinnville; grandchildren, Mrs. Wreatha S. Young of Los Angeles, Mrs. Iva Mae S. Meeker of Portland, Arthur J. Stewart of Scholls and Gene H. and Betty Lou Beckman of Salem.

Macy and Son of McMinnville are in charge of arrangements.

One Dog From Salem Is Winner, Portland Show

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—Portland Kennel club's 18th annual dog show opened today with 229 dogs under one roof and not a fight in the bunch. All the canine bluebloods were on their good behavior as they strutted and posed for Judge Reese L. Davies who completed about half of the judging.

Among the winners: Pomeranians: Winner's bitch—Sahib's Lady Gae, shown by Hazel A. Schunk, Salem.

Eccles Says Tax Savings Possible

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tax-reverted land, closer supervision of local budgets and spending and modernization of state, county and city governmental machinery.

The state income tax law lifted much of the burden from property in 1929, he added.

"Out of \$21,000,000 appropriated by the state legislature for the 1929-40 biennium, only \$300,000 was derived from property tax sources," Eccles said. "But despite this, property taxes have almost continuously increased, principally because we are faced with the stubborn fact that we shall have to depend on property taxes for local government. The cities and counties have no other place to go for their money."

The economic structure has, in Eccles' opinion, caused some shift of blame to the tax setup.

"In 1940, there was \$7,000,000 less collected from property taxes than in 1929. Actually, the cost has gone down but the assessed valuation is \$223,000,000 less than in 1929."

At the same time, Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland was telling the reality board that more and more demands for governmental services have drastically reduced the possibility of substantial city, county or state tax cuts.

He asserted all facilities and services would have to be closed to reduce the tax bill 25 per cent. If no governmental agencies were functioning here, Carson said, there still would be a tax of \$7 mil.

Molotoff to Visit Berlin, Is Report

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Friday that saw no peace in Europe and the far east and troubled times throughout the remainder of the world.

The British sank the 4947-ton freighter Heddernheim. Unofficial reports said the freighter was torpedoed in the Kattegat, entrance to the Baltic sea, and some quarters regarded it as the beginning of a British campaign to halt Scandinavian ore shipments to Germany.

Germany charged that British planes had attacked several "unarmed" German and Swedish merchantmen within the last few days, but a British air ministry spokesman said this was untrue.

British also charged that Germany had "torpedoed without warning" one Norwegian and six

English Playwright Dies

DETROIT, March 22.—(AP)—Ralph Neale, 35, English author and playwright, godson of G. K. Chesterton, and pioneer in the moral rearmament movement, died today in Henry Ford hospital.

Congressman Faces Charge

Corruption in Georgia Is
Alleged; Ex-Leader
of Klan Named

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ligation of the state government last year and heard many charges of inefficiency and some claims of illegal collusive selling to state agencies.

Evans Admits Firm
Enjoys Monopoly

Rogge said also that a "large number of complaints have come to me personally" and it was believed that W. L. Miller, ousted state highway chairman, was among those making personal calls. Miller, currently engaged in a court fight with Governor E. D. Rivers over the road chairmanship, has charged that he was dismissed because he tried to break up collusive practices of an "inner circle" which he said included Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, former imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

Evans' name also was brought before the economy committee and the erstwhile Klan boss acknowledged that a firm he represented enjoyed a virtual "monopoly" on sales of asphalt emulsion for state roads, although he denied there was anything illegal in the business.

Rogge's activities in Louisiana brought a charge by Senator Lender (D-La.) that the government had interfered with state affairs and Rogge had taken sides in the recent primaries in which a "reform" ticket overturned the Huey Long machine. Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) also criticized federal criminal investigations in his state.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Parliamentary experts of the house said tonight that the indictment by a federal grand jury or Rep. Frank B. Wheeler (D-Ga.) would not affect his status as a member of congress.

Only in the event of conviction for a felony does the house have a right to declare a member's seat vacant, they said.

Manheim Decorated

HELSINKI, March 22.—(AP)—Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim, leader of the Finnish armies in the recent war with Russia, was decorated today with the highest military honor of the nation—the diamond-studded liberty cross. He is the first ever to receive this decoration.

Filings Pour in At Capitol Here

One Seeks Judgeship, One
Senatorship and Three
Attorney Posts

Don R. Newbury, Medford, yesterday filed in the state department here for circuit judge of the first judicial district, Jackson county. H. D. Norton, circuit judge of the first judicial district for two terms, will not seek reelection, he announced.

Other filings yesterday: F. T. Soreghan, Oregon City, democrat, for state representative, Clackamas county.

T. Lester Johnson, Wasco, democrat, for district attorney of Sherman county.

William N. Carl, Provo, democrat, for state representative, Multnomah county.

L. Orth Slesmore, Klamath Falls, democrat, for district attorney of Klamath county.

O. M. Allison, Portland, republican, for state senator, Multnomah county.

Kenneth S. Martin, Grants Pass, republican, for state representative, Josephine county.

J. S. Cook, Burns, democrat, for district attorney of Harney county.

Portland Vote on PUD Set May 17

\$270,000,000 Valuation Is
Involved in District;
Petitions Complete

A special election, to vote on creation of the proposed Portland people's utility district, will be held May 17, the date of the primary election in Oregon, provided the final petitions are sufficient, the state hydroelectric commission announced yesterday.

The final petitions, reported to carry more than 6000 signatures, were brought to Salem by W. F. Woodward, George M. Clevenger and Cecil Brownell, all of Portland.

The district would embrace 47 square miles and include the entire city of Portland. The population was estimated at \$40,000 and the assessed valuation \$270,000,000.

The report of the hydroelectric commission was released several weeks ago following the filing of preliminary petitions and a public hearing.

Singing Star and Crooner Divorced

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—(AP)—Alice Faye, whose grief is great when she believes she's going to lose Tyrone Power or Don Ameche (and never does), sadly admitted to a judge today that Crooner Tony Martin preferred sports events to her company, and so won a divorce.

The symmetrical and brightly-eyed star went to court in a subdued ensemble—tailored gray chalk-stripe suit, black crew neck sweater, wide-brimmed black hat and black accessories.

She was subdued, too, as she testified, relating again the oft-heard Hollywood story of two careers following different paths.

"Tell me just what made this marriage go on the rocks," Judge Samuel R. Blake instructed.

"Probably separation," the singing actress answered. "We were just apart too much—and when we were together we didn't seem happy."

Wang Ching-Wei's Government Will "Take Over" Soon

NANKING, China, March 22.—(AP)—Chinese peace advocates meeting in this Japanese army stronghold today completed plans for the establishment on March 25 of a "Chinese central government" friendly to Japan, with Wang Ching-Wei, ex-premier of China, as president, premier and minister of a virtually non-existent navy.

The new government is scheduled to take office this week with only limited support from the regional puppet regimes which it is to absorb, in spite of a scornful repudiation by Chiang Kai-Shek's government and in face of a Tokyo warning that even the setting up of a Japanese-sponsored regime will not deter the Japanese army from carrying on as before in China.

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