

The Weather

And in vicinity—Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.

East Texas—Partly cloudy to clear Tuesday and Wednesday; thunderstorms over east and central portions Tuesday and are extreme east portion Wednesday. Gusty to moderate occasional showers and south and south winds on Tuesday.

West Texas—Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms Tuesday and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

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More Realism Urged Upon U. T.'s Grads

Audience Stands In Tribute to 3 Veteran Members of Faculty

By RUTH LEWIS

The 1,200 University of Texas graduates, their families and friends packed the huge terrace in front of the main building Monday night to hear a Southern editor call for more realism in meeting the problems of the South and Pres. Hoover's Rainey give an accounting of the university's accomplishments during the past year.

The commencement, most dignified and formal occasion in the university's year, brought out a record to see a record number of graduates receive degrees.

A high point of the program came when Pres. Rainey and the audience stood in tribute to three members of the university faculty who this year completed a total of more than 50 years of service to the university—Dr. J. R. Bailey, Dr. Frederick Stimmens and Dean T. U. Taylor, all of whom died this spring.

Asks Common-Sense

The commencement speaker, W. J. Cash, associate editor of the *Charlotte, N. C. News* and author of the book "The Mind of the South," called upon his audience of Southerners to have a common sense.

The result has been that the stream of ideas which was passing through the world was "in some way" and the South—clear-headed common sense.

South a Rich Land

"It is a great rich land—this South," Cash said. "In Texas alone there are more potential riches than in any other part of the world. If anywhere, in Texas and in the South, man should be able to create a new world."

But the South, with the richest soil on earth, has more eroded land than any other part of the world. It pays twice as much for fertilizers as the rest of the world, and it wastes the world's markets and can be made to fetch a decent price only by the use of excessive government subsidies.

After the awarding of degrees, all of them presented en masse with the exception of those receiving degrees individually. Dr. Rainey gave his accounting of the year's accomplishments by the university's degrees and the year's accomplishments by the university's degrees and the year's accomplishments by the university's degrees.

Rainey Lists Gifts

Dr. Rainey announced four major gifts to the institution, three for research, the fourth for the Institute of Latin-American studies, totaling \$137,000.

These grants were \$75,000 from the University of California, and cultural relations of the U. S. department of state, \$40,000 from the Clayton Foundation for vitamin research, \$25,000 for a marine laboratory on the Gulf coast and \$35,000 for genetics research, both from the general education board.

Citing that the university is approaching the completion of an era of building, with three major structures under construction, Dr. Rainey (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Rain-Soaked W. Lee Says He Wants to Help F. D. Fight 'Little Measly, Squirmying Politicians'

By DAVE CHAVEANS

WACO, June 2.—(AP)—Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel Monday night told a rain-soaked audience he wanted to go to Washington to help Pres. Roosevelt fight the "little measly, squirmying politicians" that surround him.

His first open-air speech of the senatorial campaign was delayed 45 minutes by a cloudburst, a lashing wind and a thunderstorm that sent hundreds of listeners scurrying to the shelter of awnings.

Other hundreds went home. Some listened from the lobby of the nearby Y.M.C.A. building.

When O'Daniel finished his speech, a knot of listeners clustered about the refreshment, white-domed sound truck. Many in the audience were soaked to the skin, and water dripped from O'Daniel's head during part of the speech.

Defense Favored

O'Daniel vowed he favored Pres. Roosevelt's defense program. "I don't mean I am going to Washington to fight the president. I mean just the opposite."

Politicians were responsible for the downfall of France. What the French politicians had been doing the Texas politicians had been doing here.

Wise-cracking Talk

While cracking through much of the night, O'Daniel's deep water surged around the wheels of his truck. O'Daniel observed that the (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

City Tax Office To Be Open Late Today for Payers

Payments Without Penalty To Be Taken Up Until Midnight

For the convenience of "last minute" taxpayers, the city tax office will remain open Tuesday night until the midnight deadline for payment without penalty, said Assistant Collector T. B. Marshall.

Monday night, the 5 percent penalty for late payments will be assessed on all delinquent accounts, Marshall warned. Although more than a quarter million dollars in unpaid taxes remained unpaid Monday, collections this year were \$100,000 ahead of those for 1940.

Collections this year on a total roll of \$1,549,967.20 totaled \$1,203,199.83, or 77.4 percent, while collections for last year at the same period were \$1,192,310.85, or 77.4 percent of the total roll of \$1,438,883.

In addition to the impending 5 percent penalty for tardy payments, interest at the rate of 6 percent per year will be assessed on delinquent taxes since April 1, regular deadline until the city collector's office closed for business.

Ohio Girl's Cereal Note Becomes Serial Letter To Randolph Field Cadet

RANDOLPH FIELD, June 2.—(INS)—A flying cadet in this "West Point of the Air" started recently when he found the name and address of an Ohio girl in his breakfast cereal.

"Write and tell me how you like them," the note said.

Filled just as much with the spirit of adventure as the packer in the breakfast food factory, the cadet replied, and promptly received a picture of the girl.

Now the letter-writing has reached a new stage, and the cadet is preparing to visit his new friend upon his completion of flight training.

of the chamber, Houston supersedes Sen. Carter Glass (D-Va.), 62, as the oldest member of the present senate, and becomes the oldest senator in history.

Army Leaders Urge Seizure Power for F. D.

Mixed Reaction To Plan Is Reported In Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—A request by the war department that Pres. Roosevelt be given blanket powers to take over property "of any kind" for defense purposes aroused a mixed reaction Monday night on Capitol Hill.

Some legislators expressed quick approval, others indicated opposition, while still others would not comment pending further study.

Along with its request, the war department sent a bill to carry it out. The measure had been approved in advance by the president, the navy and the office of production.

More Sweeping Than Wilson's

The authority asked was said officially to be more sweeping than that exercised sparingly by Pres. Wilson in the World War.

In a letter to Speaker Rayburn, chief of the House, the war department said the proposed legislation would:

"Permit the acquisition of defense supplies and materials needed for the manufacture of defense items from recalcitrant owners with speed and prompt completion."

"Tend to stabilize prices and prevent profiteering and hoarding which the war department is now powerless to do. For example, extremely high prices for second hand machine tools, which in numerous cases seemed exorbitant, are now under some measure of control through purely voluntary agreement which are not legally enforceable and which continue only during the pleasure of the owners of such property."

"Permit the use of some needed part of a manufacturing plant in cases in which the owner of the plant is not required."

"Permit the prompt acquisition and effective employment of required equipment, such as machine tools not presently employed or not fully employed in the interest of the war."

"Permit the acquisition and use of manufacturing facilities not used in the production of war materials for the purpose of manufacturing such plants and not capable of being produced by them without expense."

"Permit the taking over of plants for the purpose of manufacturing such plants and not capable of being produced by them without expense."

Contracts, Contract Rights

"Permit the acquisition of contracts and contract rights, as well as the right to finish such articles."

"Enable the war department to compel completion of contracts and plants under foreign ownership or control."

Whether legislation might be used to strike against defense orders was not stated. It appeared, however, that the bill might be a potent weapon in such cases.

if the government invoked it to take over a strike-bound plant, Pres. Roosevelt has said that there need not be strikes against the government.

A primary purpose of the request, officials said, was to remove "ambiguities" in existing legislation which authorized the president to enforce a right of way for defense orders.

The request, it was noted, was in conformity with long-standing preparations of the war department that a defense emergency, embodied in the industrial mobilization plan which has been periodically revised over the last two decades.

Chief Justice Hughes Will Retire

Health, Age Are Listed As Main Causes

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(UP)—Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes are shown here as they left for a White House party in honor of the supreme court.

Two Vacancies Left

Hughes' retirement will leave two vacancies on the court. The other resulted from retirement of the republican ticket but lost out to the late Woodrow Wilson due to the famed last-minute switch of California to the democratic column.

The chief justice has been wanting to retire for a long time, due to advanced age and poor health, but deferred the matter. He was retired when the court completed its 1940-41 term.

Immediate speculation on his successor centered around Atty. Gen. Robert H. Jackson. There have been reports that he will be named Jackson as chief justice.

Another report in circulation is that Mr. Roosevelt will offer the post to Cordell Hull, the latter to be succeeded by Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles who reportedly has been a close associate of the president's anti-axis policies.

Retirement of Hughes will leave only two justices still in active service who were on the high bench when Mr. Roosevelt took office in 1933. They are Associate Justices Harlan Fiske Stone, 66, appointed by President Hoover, and Owen Roberts, 66, appointed by Pres. Hoover.

Mr. Roosevelt already has appointed Associate Justices Louis Brandeis, 70, and Charles E. Hughes, 63, to the Supreme Court. Frank Murphy, 57, of Michigan, was appointed to the court in 1935.

It is reported that Mr. Roosevelt is seeking to persuade Murphy to resign in order to make room for a new justice. The five-hour council of war deal with:

1. Define military and political steps to be taken if the United States openly intervenes on Britain's side, including means of closing the Mediterranean to prevent U. S. aid from reaching the British by way of the Red sea or Gibraltar.

2. A campaign to effect the stiffening of U. S. stand by bringing France, Portugal, Spain and Russia into a "war collaboration" to assist the axis "new order" nation this season.

3. The "See America First" organizations have reached the pinnacle of success now. "Who cares about losing a foreign nation this season?"

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Axis Ready To Make Big Suez Thrust

Hitler and Mussolini Chart Future Course In War on Britain

By the Associated Press

The great belligerents moved quietly Monday night toward a showdown in the Middle East, and it appeared that the axis was ready at last to make a direct thrust at the Suez canal.

German motorized troops have begun disembarking in French Syria as part of the imperial lifeline, the British removed British women and children from the island of Cyprus against an aerial assault expected at any hour.

With London informants unofficially acknowledging that Crete's loss knocked out the Mediterranean sea line, the British removed British women and children from the island of Cyprus against an aerial assault expected at any hour.

London was understood to be preparing an immediate military action against Syria, both in the hope of preventing a major Nazi entrenchment and to hearten Turkey against the hour when the axis knocks on her doors for passive or active help in the developing assault on Egypt.

Communications Cut

Telephone and telegraph communication was cut between Egypt and Syria.

The French for their part appear to be in a state of confusion as to how far to co-operate with the axis, for Gen. Maxime Weygand, the commander of the still considerable French forces in North Africa, hurried by special airplane to Vichy to meet Philippe Petain, the chief of state, and to discuss the situation.

Weygand's talk with Petain occurred only a few hours after another and a bigger conference: the meeting of the French high command at Vichy, where the French high command met once again upon Brenner pass, where five times before they had met to discuss the situation.

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Texas' 87-Year-Old Junior Senator Assigned to Seat on GOP Side of Chamber, Pledges Support to W. Lee in Senate Race

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(UP)—Andrew Jackson Houston, who will be 87 years old this month, was assigned to a seat on the junior side of the Senate chamber.

Houston, dressed in black, was accompanied by a group of friends in Monday as the junior senator from Texas to serve until a successor is elected to replace the late Sen. Morris Sheppard.

Gen. Roberts Dies at Taylor

TAYLOR, June 2.—(SP)—Major Gen. D. E. Roberts, 67, former commander of the 103rd Cavalry, died at a local hospital, Monday night.

Born in Milan county, he finished high school in Brownwood. He began his service in the army April 18, 1901, as a private and at the time of his retirement in 1929 after 28 years of service, after a series of promotions, he was designated a major general. At one time he was commanding general of the 22nd brigade, he served on the Mexican border before World War I and during World War I he was awarded a medal for distinguished service and also the cross de guerre.

Gloomy GUZ by Gus B. Michel

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