

HOPE OF AVERTING WAR BRIGHTENS LITTLE

Chamberlain Says He Has Done All He Can

Negotiation To Continue With Hitler

Attitude Of Hitler Not 'Reasonable'

Still Hopes for Peaceful Solution; Can't Involve Whole Empire for Small State, Premier Tells British Nation in Radio Broadcast

London, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared tonight that "we cannot undertake to involve the whole British Empire in war, however much we may sympathize with a small nation."

The prime minister had declared he would not hesitate to take a third trip to Germany if he thought it would do any good, but at the moment "I can see nothing further that I can usefully do in the way of mediation."

"If I were convinced that any nation had made up its mind to dominate the world by force, I should not hesitate to resist it," the prime minister said in a broadcast from No. 10 Downing street.

"I find Herr Hitler's attitude unreasonable in his final demands," he continued. "But I shall not give up my hope for a peaceful solution."

At the beginning of his speech, he told the world:

"Tomorrow Parliament is going to meet, and I shall be making a first statement on the events which have led up to the present critical situation. An earlier statement would have been impossible while I was flying backwards and forwards across Europe, and the position was changing from hour to hour."

"But today, there is a lull for a brief time and I want to say a few words to you men and women of Britain and perhaps to others as well."

"I have done all that one man can do to halt this war. Tomorrow I shall be making a full statement of events which led up to the present anxious situation."

Vote Battle On Congress Rises Again

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Sept. 27.—Chairman W. A. Lucas, of the State Board of Elections, is just as communicative about plans for Wednesday's gathering of his group as is a clam on the subject of clam chowder, but all indications are that the State Board will dump into the lap of the Davidson and Richmond county units the job of reviewing some of the affidavits and counter-affidavits of the Deane-Burgin eighth district congressional election row.

Not that the State board has the slightest intention of abdication the supervisory and compelling power the Supreme Court says it has, but that Mr. Lucas and his associates are going to allow the lower boards the opportunity, at least, to look over the cases studied by the State board.

In the long run, however, it's better than dollars to doughnuts that the State board is going to stand by its guns and see that the returns are finally certified to it by the county boards meet with its approval. In other words, Davidson and Richmond boards will be given an opportunity to review the returns and certify them—if their certification agrees with the State board's ideas.

There has been some talk about the case still being "very much in the courts", with Burgin having some chance to win an eventual decision, but competent legal observers declare that the Davidson man's one and only chance is for the State board to become convinced that its previously-reached conclusion was erroneous—and that chance, from a practical standpoint, seems about one in a million.

Roosevelt Appoints Judge Stacy Head Of Rail Committee

Warns Americans



American Minister Wilbur J. Carr (above), stationed at Prague, Czechoslovakia, has warned all American citizens to leave Czechoslovakia immediately. Some 5,000 Americans are reported in the little republic.

Hearing On Control Act Is Deferred

Judge Harris, However, Orders All Tobacco Warehousemen To Impound Penalties

Raleigh, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Judge W. C. Harris in Wake Superior Court today issued an order to continue until October 11 a hearing on a suit to test the constitutionality of the Federal farm control act but ordered all tobacco warehousemen in the State to start immediately impounding tobacco tax penalties they collect.

High Prices Mark Start Of Old Belt Leaf Markets

Winston-Salem, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Opening day offerings of quality tobacco on the Old Belt tobacco market today brought prices averaging between \$24 and \$25, considerably higher than last year.

North Carolina Jurist Made Chairman of Fact-Finding Group to Determine Merits of Rail Strike Issue; Walk-Out Deferred for Weeks

Washington, Sept. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt appointed a three-member fact-finding committee today to investigate the wage dispute between the railroads and their employees. Members of the commission are Chief Justice Walter E. Stacy, of North Carolina Supreme Court, chairman; Prof. Harry Millis, of the University of Chicago, and Dean James Landis, of the Harvard Law School.

Under the railroad labor law, they will report within 30 days. Railroad workers have voted to strike if the carriers insist on a 15 percent wage reduction proposed for October 1. Because of arbitration machinery contained in the labor law, however, employees could not actually walk out before December 1.

Nearly million workers vote in favor of strike. Chicago, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Nearly a million railroad workers, from section hands to streamliner engineers, were committed today to a nationwide strike this week-end, but presidential intervention, postponing the walk-out was considered imminent.

The zero hour for 790,000 employees in 18 unions constituting the railway labor executives' association was 6 p. m. Friday, September 30. The 190,000 members of the brotherhood of railway trainmen were ordered to quit work at 12:01 a. m. Saturday.

All of the nation's major railroads were involved in the dispute.

Hitler Reply Is Studied By President

Washington, Sept. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt studied today, preliminary to this afternoon's cabinet session, Adolf Hitler's reply to his recent note urging peace on European nations. Hitler's reply was received at the White House late last night, translated immediately and read by the President.

Stephen Early, White House secretary, said there was no comment on it. This afternoon Mr. Roosevelt and his cabinet were expected to listen to a broadcast from London by Prime Minister Chamberlain.

Other developments: The State Department "strongly advised" Americans to forego travel to Europe. The department warning was based upon reports reaching here from nearly all sections of Europe that travel there is becoming increasingly difficult. Delays are being experienced by American citizens, the department said, in obtaining immediate passage home. The department made an exception in its strong advice only in "cases of absolute necessity."

The Stage Is Set in Europe's Theatre of War



This self-explanatory map charts the comparative man-power and air strength of the European nations which will be most likely to be drawn into war if the Czech-Nazi negotiations break down. The figures are based on the latest data, held most reliable by the United States War Department. They show that the Rome-Berlin axis will face a 4-to-1 man-power handicap.

Comment Of Czechs Is In Angry Tones

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Sept. 27.—(AP)—The Czechoslovakian radio broadcast indignantly today that Adolf Hitler's demands showed a "brutal desire to crush Czechoslovakia as a free state."

The broadcast was made at about the same time as the Czech legation in London disclosed officially that Prague refused to submit to Germany's demand for cession of Sudetenland as stated in Hitler's memorandum of September 23.

"The form given by Hitler to his memorandum," the government station announced, "is sufficient to show that it is not enough to make an agreement and maintain peace. One feels in Hitler's memorandum a brutal desire to crush Czechoslovakia as a free state."

The memorandum demands annexation to Germany of territory counting 3,736,000 inhabitants, of whom 2,823,000 speak German and 816,000 Czech. On the other hand, in the territory where Hitler demands a plebiscite, there are 1,116,000 Czechs and only 144,000 inhabitants who speak the German language.

"It results from this that Germany would incorporate 816,000 Czechs into Germany, and there would remain only 102,000 Germans in Czechoslovakia."

"The Hitler memorandum is directed against the economic existence of Czechoslovakia. As a result, Czechoslovakia would be deprived of a great part of her forests, highways and railways broke in two."

"On the other hand, Czechoslovakia would lose depots on the Elbe river and water highways to Bratislava (border town at the junction of the German-Hungarian-Czech frontiers on the Danube.)"

"Czechoslovakia would be so weakened in a military way that the greatest part of her territory, notably Bohemia and Moravia, would be at the mercy of Germany."

Hitler Lays Case Before Roosevelt In Reply To Plea

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Americans In Europe Look Toward Home

London, Sept. 27.—(AP)—A peaceful army of Americans—business men, tourists, naturalized immigrants, just ordinary Americans—looked homeward longingly today from all over Europe. Most of them set out to do something about it. They wanted no truck with the war clouds hanging over the German-Czech border.

From the British Isles, France, Italy, Germany, European Russia and intermediate points came applications for return passages to the United States. Steamship agencies were

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Three Durham Men Plead Guilty Upon Liquor Hearings

Durham, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Three Durham men, Leroy Medlin, Aubrey Goss and Felton Poe, pleaded guilty in Federal court here today to charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States government of liquor taxes. Nine Beaufort county defendants in the alleged "million dollar ring" case entered pleas of "not guilty."

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Seeks To Show How German Peoples Were Mistreated in Versailles Treaty Ending World War; Appeals to President's Understanding.

Berlin, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler carefully marshaled Germany's whole case today in an unusually long communication replying to President Roosevelt's appeal for peace. He ended with these words:

"It is now solely in the hands of the Czechoslovak government, and not in the hands of the German government, to decide whether it desires peace or war."

Hitler appealed to the President's understanding. "I have the conviction," he wrote, "that if you visualize the entire development of the Sudeten German problem from its beginnings until the present day, you will realize that the German government certainly was not wanting in patience or a sincere will to peaceful understanding."

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Borah Warns U. S. Against Involvement In Europe; Duce May Not Aid Hitler

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Sept. 27.—Of course official Washington drew a long breath of relief the other day upon receipt of the news that another European war in the immediate future had been staved off by Czechoslovakia's surrender to Germany. It was not very enthusiastic relief, however. For one thing, our officialdom's sympathies have been overwhelmingly Czechoslovak. Not that there has been any sentiment in favor of American intervention in the sit-

Chamberlain Sends Suggestion World Should Not Be Plunged Into War After Sudeten Agreement Is Reached in Principle; Some See Way Out

Berlin, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Another visit by Sir Horace Wilson to Adolf Hitler today raised new hope of a warless solution of Germany's demands on Czechoslovakia. The meeting, the second between Hitler and British Prime Minister Chamberlain's emissary in two days, fulfilled the hope expressed by President Roosevelt that negotiations not be broken off.

It was believed Sir Horace had something concrete and constructive to talk about in the half hour he spent with Hitler. That was Chamberlain's conciliatory statement on Hitler's speech of yesterday and particularly his offer that Britain would guarantee that Czechoslovakia carry out her part of the Sudetenland agreement, provided Germany refrained from force.

Sir Horace took off by airplane for London from the airfield at 1:45 p. m. (7:45 a. m. eastern standard time) after seeing Hitler. He was expected to arrive at Heston airfield about 5:15 p. m.

The British emissary was accompanied to the chancellery by Sir Neville Henderson, British ambassador to Germany, and an embassy secretary. He was reported to have pleaded eloquently that where such a far-reaching agreement in principle has already been reached over the Sudetenland, the world should not be plunged into war merely because of differences over putting it into effect.

Emphasizing that they could not speak for Hitler, some commentators intimated that they thought Chamberlain's offer pointed a way out of the impasse. They felt, if both Hitler and President Benes of Czechoslovakia accepted this British guarantee there would be no necessity for Germany to seize the Sudetenland next Saturday by force of arms.

Responsible German sources, however, made no secret of their displeasure at the British, French, Russian stand supporting Czechoslovakia.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; somewhat cooler in northeast and extreme north portions Wednesday.



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uation—emphatically to the contrary. As we know, our government has shielded violently away from London's and Paris' hints that they would appreciate some sort of a pro-peace expression by President Roosevelt or Secretary of State Hull—not to mention the slightest suggestion of military participation in a movement to stop Hitler. Senator William E. Borah generally is recognized as having said a mouthful when he remarked that the Old World's game is to engage us in a peace talk and then to involve us in a war as a result of it.

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