

War Averted, Berlin Source Says
Roosevelt Prepares United States For Emergency

Hull Without Facts About Hitler Offer

Secretary Says He Has No Tangible Information; Numerous Conferences With Officials Are Held by President.

Washington, Aug. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, waiting for replies to his second appeals for peace, concentrated today on perfecting emergency steps the United States would take in event of a European war.

The chief executive scheduled a full morning of conferences on war measures and reserved the afternoon for work in his private study. He did not contemplate any further moves designed to forestall armed conflict, but emphasized that this course would be changed if developments warranted.

Secretary Hull said at his press conference, meanwhile, that he had received no tangible information regarding the proposal that Adolf Hitler was reported to have made for a settlement with Poland. Asked whether official dispatches bore out press indications of a lessening of European tension, the State Department chief said it would serve no useful purpose to discuss that question in the present state of international affairs.

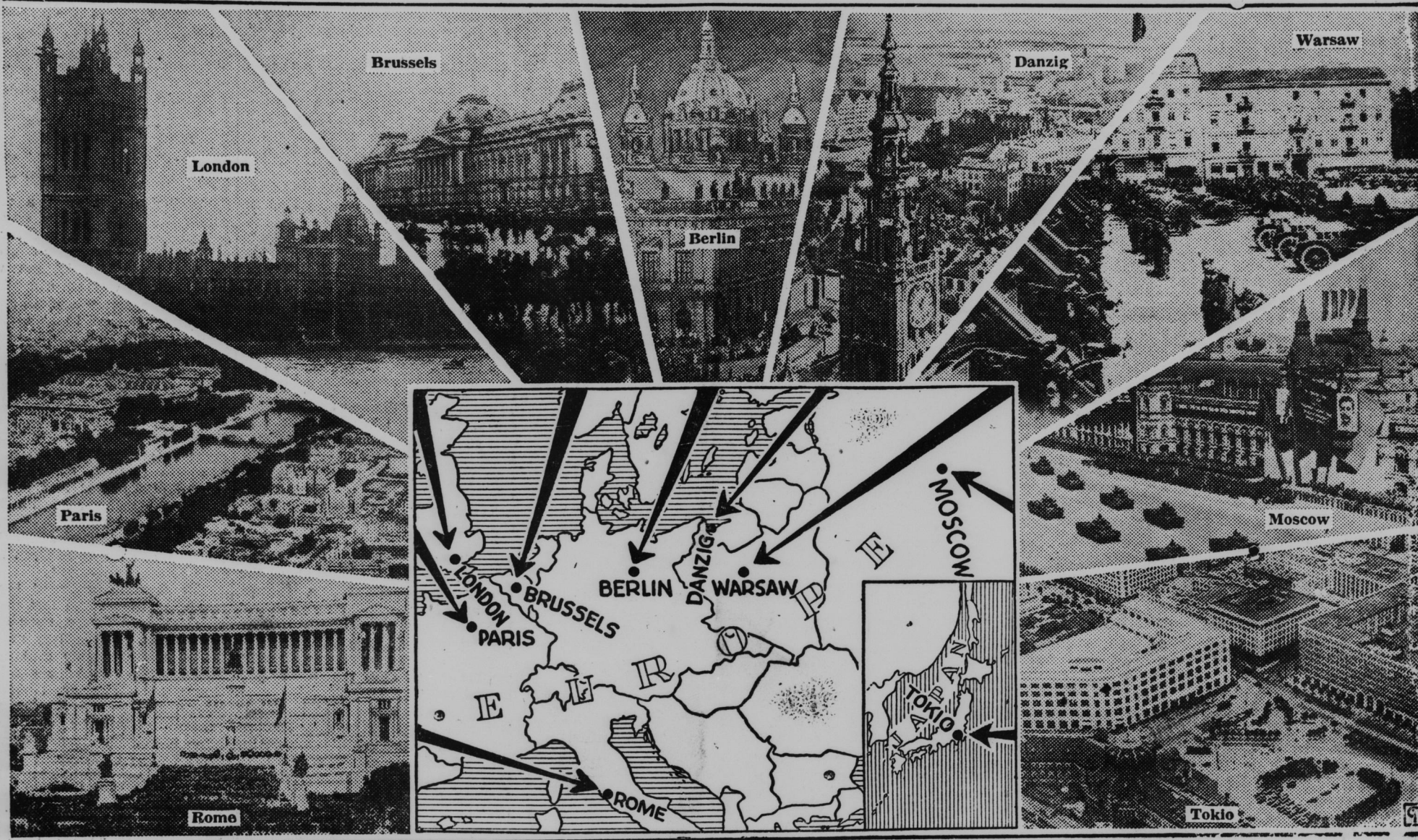
Mr. Roosevelt's first conference of the day was with Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war on industrial preparedness. He then conferred with A. A. Berle, assistant secretary of state, and chairman of the interdepartmental committee working to lighten the effects of a possible war. Berle was understood to have prepared various proclamations dealing with America's neutrality.

Thousands Americans Rush Home

Upward of 5,000 Frantically Seek Passage on Westbound Liners and Many Are Turned Away for Lack of Space.

London, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Upward of 5,000 Americans, fearing outbreak of war in Europe, struggled with over-taxed transportation systems today to reach a port, a ship and home.

World Capitals Ponder Next Move in Current Crisis



Orders For Advance Are Rescinded

Command to Army to Move at 4:30 a. m., Recalled Two Hours Before Zero Moment; Measures Taken Arranged in Advance.

Berlin, Aug. 26.—(AP)—A trustworthy and authoritative informant insisted today that a "compromise in the German-Polish crisis is under way" and declared that "the danger of a world war is definitely averted."

The informant stuck to his viewpoint, even when he was shown latest developments, including Germany's prohibition on private aviation, the stoppage of boat service to Danzig, the cancellation of a large number of trains and the designation of Upper Silesia as an "area of military operations."

All these measures, he explained, had been decided upon earlier and were now being executed as it always takes time for an order from the top to come through to those who must put it into effect.

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Upheaval In Japan Now Appears Imminent After Hitler Lines Up Russia

Policy of Isolation Adopted at Tokyo; Germany Is Told She Has Violated Anti-Comintern Pact; Cabinet Shake-Up Rumored.

Tokyo, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The Japanese army formally approved Japan's turning away from the Rome-Berlin axis in favor of international isolation today and the government protested to Berlin that the German-Soviet non-aggression treaty was a violation of the spirit of the anti-comintern pact.

It also declared as good as dead the anti-comintern pact among Japan, Germany and Italy to fight international communism. The army long had supported the pact, and certain army elements recently had demanded a military alliance with Berlin and Rome. The statement therefore, indicated how far the shock of the German-Russian accord had turned the entire Japanese nation toward a new foreign policy.

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Wall Street Guesses No War Likely

Traders Turn Optimistic and Market Bounds Upward; Results Expected from Negotiations Now Under Way.

New York, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Wall Street generally guessed "no war" today, and an early buying rush in the stock market pushed leaders up one to more than three points. While the overseas picture seemed a trifle brighter, trade inclined to cash profits on the upswing in view of the fact that a week-end is intervening, during which the long-dreaded explosion could occur.

The result was that activity slackened somewhat after the opening, but final prices in most cases were not far from the best. Transfers for the two hours were around 500,000 shares.

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Britain Considers Offer Of Peace Made By Hitler

Germany Will Not Violate Belgium

Brussels, Aug. 26.—(AP)—King Leopold today received in audience German Ambassador von Buelow-Schwante, who was reported to have renewed assurances from his government that Germany will respect Belgian frontiers in event of war.

War Picture At A Glance Over Europe

(By The Associated Press.) Berlin—A trustworthy and authoritative source insists compromise is developing in the German-Polish crisis, and that the "danger of a world war is definitely averted," says turning point was at 2 a. m., when orders to begin operations were rescinded.

London—British cabinet called into emergency session tonight to consider Hitler's reported peace offer; nation continues, however, to "dig in."

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France Arms 2,200,000 Men as Argument in Negotiations; Mussolini Would Help Hitler, but Opposes War; Vatican More Hopeful.

London, Aug. 26.—(AP)—After a three-hour conference with the British ambassador to Berlin, who flew to London from a meeting with Adolf Hitler, Prime Minister Chamberlain summoned an emergency cabinet meeting on the European crisis for this evening.

Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax, who had been present at the conference of Chamberlain and the British envoy, Sir Neville Henderson, went across the street to consult with Charles Corbin, the French ambassador to London, at the foreign office.

Eastern Carolina Streams Affected Little From Rains

Raleigh, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Local rains today in scattered sections of Eastern North Carolina had little effect on rivers, H. E. Kiekline, of the Raleigh Weather Bureau, said. The Neuse river is falling rapidly in its upper portions, he said, but is still rising at Goldsboro and Kinston. The stream, swollen from heavy rains last week, now is about three feet out of its banks at Goldsboro, he added, and is expected to reach a crest there of about six feet in flood by Monday or Tuesday.

Britain To Reply Sunday To Fuehrer

London, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The British government will send its reply to Adolf Hitler's reported peace offer to Berlin tomorrow, it was disclosed tonight as the cabinet met in emergency session to draft the answer.

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Poles Hint Roosevelt To Mediate

Warsaw Accepts President's Plea to Refrain from Any Hostile Act; New Series of Border Incidents Occur, However.

Warsaw, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Poland agreed today to President Roosevelt's suggestions to refrain from any hostile act, provided Germany "also agrees to refrain from any such act, direct or indirect."

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Stettinius Talked For White House

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Aug. 26.—Edward R. Stettinius seems like an odd individual to be presidentially mentioned. Nevertheless, he's quite a bit talked about in Washington as a White House suitability, even if not, as much as a probability—not yet, anyway. Just what ticket, if any, he'd run on isn't at all clear. Nobody appears to have a definite idea as to his party politics.



He was one of President Hoover's chief advisers in the early days of the depression. Now he's chairman of President Roosevelt's recently created war resources board. A multi-millionaire and a steel magnate, he doesn't exactly look like a

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Panama Canal Is Guarded Very Closely

Cristobal, Canal Zone, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Persistent but unconfirmed reports were heard today that vessels of the British American and West Indies squadron were patrolling the Caribbean Sea within 50 miles of the Panama Canal to intercept German shipping in the event of hostilities in Europe.

Concentration of the squadron, which includes four cruisers, was reported by incoming vessels. British authorities said they were without information about the squadron, which bases at Bermuda, but expressed no surprise at the report, in view of existing conditions.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday, with occasional showers in east and possibly south central portions.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Generally fair first half of week except for local showers in Florida; scattered showers in latter part; temperatures normal except slightly below over north portion first of week.