

Germany Accepts Mediation; Britain Answers Hitler Poland Calls More Reserves; Russo-Jap War Looms

Germany Ready to Strike, Hitler Warns



Members of the German Reichstag, hands uplifted in Nazi salute, cheer Hitler (arrow) as he declares Germany is ready to strike hard and fast should all other efforts fail to settle the Reich's claims to Danzig. The informal meeting was held in the Chancellery at the German capital. Photo flashed by radio. Berlin to New York.

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Poles Fear Hitler Move In Slovakia

Warsaw Also Accepts Mediation of Little Neutrals; New Reserves Called in Order Approaching General Mobilization.

Warsaw, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Poland issued orders today calling an undisclosed new reserve force to the colors. The first mobilization posters appeared with the heading, "the president has ordered general mobilization", but it was authoritatively emphasized that the order calling up about 500,000 men was not actually general mobilization, since a large number of exceptions were understood to have been made. It is estimated that Poland could put 4,000,000 men into the field under general mobilization. The increase in the number of men under arms was ordered as government officials took an increasingly serious view of the general European situation, and especially of the concentration of German troops in Slovakia on Poland's southern border. No official figures of men now under arms have been issued, but the total is estimated at between 1,300,000 and 1,500,000. A communication explaining the necessity for the mobilization of additional men was issued through the Polish Telegraph Agency. It said "the Reich has started an aggressive policy toward the Polish

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Receives Hitler's Decision.



Sir Neville Henderson, British ambassador, enters the Chancellery in Berlin to inform Hitler of Britain's refusal to give Danzig to the Reich. On the left is Wilhelm Bruckner, Hitler's chief adjutant, and on the right, Minister of State Otto Meissner. Photo radioed to New York.

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Reich Ready To Negotiate With Poland

Germany "Welcomes With Extraordinary Sympathy" Belgium-Netherlands Mediation; New British Note Calls for Hitler Reply.

Berlin, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Fuhrer Hitler late today called in his leading military aides and several cabinet members for a conference while awaiting further word from London in his secret negotiations with the British government. Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, chief of the high command; General Walther von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of the army; Grand Admiral Erich Raeder and Henrich Himmler, chief of all German police, were among those called. This was done in case Germany might be willing to negotiate the crisis.

Berlin, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The German government "welcomes with extraordinary sympathy the offer of mediation by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and King Leopold of Belgium", authoritative quarters said unreservedly today. These persons said the offer of mediation was not extended to the German government, but to Great Britain, France and Poland. Britain, in the opinion of these persons, is the only nation really in a position to press upon Poland to accept. (London and Paris have sent favorable replies to The Netherlands and Belgian sovereigns. Poland reiterated her reply to President Roosevelt on the desirability of mediation, but indicated further pro-

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Rivers Drop Slowly From High Floods

Roanoke Passes Crest And No Damage Expected from Tar, Neuse or Cape Fear In Eastern North Carolina Lowlands.

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The Roanoke river, which has flooded roads and lowlands for several days, reached crest slightly over four feet out of its banks at Weldon last night, and was falling today. Highway officials reported the U. S. 301 south of Halifax was closed because 50 feet of pavement had been washed out by a creek. Traffic was being routed by Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Rich Square and Garysburg. Route 95, east of Rocky Mount, was closed because of high water in the Tar river, and traffic was going by Tarboro and Scotland Neck. The Cape Fear river at Fayetteville was slightly over four feet in flood, and was expected to go very little higher. H. E. Kieckhefer, director of the Raleigh Weather Bureau, reported, at Elizabethtown, the stream was seven feet over its banks and not expected to rise much more. A 45-foot flood in the Neuse was expected at Smithfield by tomorrow. Farther down the stream at Goldsboro, waters were receding from a previous flood and the present crest probably will not reach there for several days. The Tar at Rocky Mount had reached a crest of five feet over the banks and at Tarboro was expected to go three to four feet in flood by Saturday. At Greenville a four-foot flood was forecast by early next week.

72 Children In N. C. Jails

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Seventy-two children less than 16 years old were being held in 37 North Carolina county jails last month, despite a ruling by the attorney general that the practice is unlawful. W. C. Ezzell, director of the division of institutions and corrections, said today. Of the total, 20 were white and 40 were Negro boys, and six were white and six were Negro girls. Ezzell said most were jailed on larceny counts, though other reasons varied from "for investigation," crazy, robbery with arms and murder. Edgemont, Rutherford and Rockingham counties each had a child under ten years old in jail, the director reported. Cumberland and Edgecombe counties topped the list with five children each in jail. Wayne listed three, Nash, Vance and Warren reported they jailed one each during the month.

Thanksgiving Next Year Will Be On November 21, Roosevelt Has Decided

Britain's Envoy



Lord Lothian, new British ambassador to the United States, appears to be puzzling out the European situation, but in reality he is merely trying to keep his hair from blowing as he poses for cameramen upon arrival in New York. He replaces Sir Ronald Lindsay as envoy at Washington. (Central Press)

Europe Hard Place During Time Of War

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Aug. 30.—Europe is a disagreeable place in wartime. Any place is, for that matter. But the European countries are so closely bound together that you are everlastingly right in the midst of things. It gets tiresome. In pre-World War days I lived for several years in London. The town was rational then as Manhattan. It was a nice burg. I liked it. Next I lived there again for awhile in 1916. My, what a difference! To begin with it was a hard job getting into the country. First I had to have the home office's permission. Landing, I presented my credentials to a port official. "This," said the functionary, "is all right as to the home office, but you need a war office O. K. to stay here." Well, I got it, with considerable trouble. Next a member of Parliament inquired about me, saying he heard I'd been in Germany. I had, too, but it simply was not

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President Accommodates Calendar-Makers and Football Schedule Men by Announcing Intentions Well Over Year in

Washington, Aug. 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has decided to proclaim November 21 as Thanksgiving day for 1940, it being the third instead of the usual fourth Thursday of the month. This will correspond to the President's action in moving up this year's Thanksgiving from November 30 to November 23. Following the announcement of this year's change, many governors sports authorities and calendar makers protested, and some governors announced they will not follow the President's action, but will proclaim November 30 as the day for Thanksgiving. The chief executive's original action was taken on the belief there was not enough time between November 20 and Christmas, December 25, in which to conduct holiday trade, and he believed by moving up

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Edwards Is Ready To Assume Leases On N. C. Railroad

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Final arrangements were completed today to lease the State-controlled Atlantic & North Carolina railroad to H. P. Edwards, of Sanford, who will operate as the Atlantic & East Carolina Railway Company. Edwards posted a \$50,000 surety bond this afternoon with Attorney General Harry McMullan, and said he would sign the lease papers within a few hours. Under the lease, Edwards will pay the State \$60,500 annually.

Germans Take Over Power In Slovakia

Bratislava, Slovakia, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The Slovakian government, in a decree issued by Premier Josef Tiso, today surrendered its powers to the German military, which has occupied this German protectorate on the Polish southern frontier. More than 300,000 German troops now are in Slovakia, neutral observers estimated. Under the decree Slovaks must provide automobiles, horses, foodstuffs and other materials as required by the German army, and Tiso warned that any who failed to comply will have to answer before German military courts and be punishable under German laws.

Bilbo Man Is Elected In Mississippi

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Paul Burney Johnson, backed by Senator Theodore Bilbo, in a political feud with Washington ramifications, held a 22,000-vote plurality today over Martin Sennett Conner for the Democratic nomination for governor of Mississippi. Senator Pat Harrison, Bilbo's colleague, who opposed some New Deal measures in Congress, supported Conner, a former governor, in a primary election run-off yesterday. Democratic nomination is tantamount to election in this State. Conner's defeat puts the Bilbo-Johnson forces in power in 1940, when Mississippi will send 18 delegates to the National Democratic Convention. Bilbo is an outspoken advocate of a third term for President Roosevelt.

Wage Law Reduce Tobacco Workers

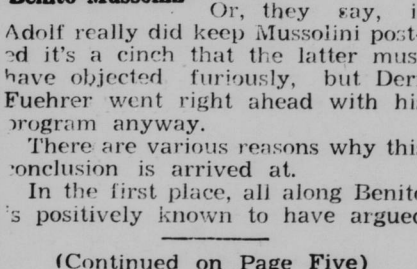
Raleigh, Aug. 30.—(AP)—R. Mayne Albright, State director of the State Employment Service, said today the wage and hour law and the use of stemmings machines caused North Carolina tobacco stemmers to employ 9,363 fewer stemmers this year. The director said he based his statement on a survey of 47 stemmeries, showing that only 8,147 persons were being used, as against the usual 17,500. A majority of the firms attributed the decrease to the wage-hour law, Albright said, because hand stemmers cannot make enough poundage to earn the minimum wage.

Russians, Japanese Massing Troops On Borders of Siberia

Tokyo, Aug. 30.—(AP)—As a result of Soviet Russia's non-aggression pact with Germany, freeing the hands of Japan's rival in eastern Asia, the Japanese army is rushing large forces into Manchoukuo through Korea and north China. All vulnerable points along Manchoukuo's frontiers with Soviet Siberia and Outer Mongolia, Soviet protectorates, are being reinforced. Manchoukuo is filled with rumors that Russia, now freed of the Ger-

Reich-Soviet Pact Worries Italy, Also

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Aug. 30.—Diplomatic dope from Europe hints that Benito Mussolini is not much better suited with the reich-soviet bargain than Britain and France are. Official Berlin accounts are to the effect that Herr Hitler kept Il Duce informed all along concerning the progress of his negotiations with Dictator Stalin. Democratic government observers doubt it, however. Or, they say, if Adolf really did keep Mussolini posted it's a cinch that the latter must have objected furiously, but Derr Fuehrer went right ahead with his program anyway. There are various reasons why this conclusion is arrived at. In the first place, all along Benito's positively known to have argued



Benito Mussolini

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Summation Of War Crisis Over Europe

(By The Associated Press.) London—Britain plans new note to Hitler after German reply indicates willingness to negotiate directly with Poland; cabinet holds emergency session. Berlin—Authoritative quarters say Germany welcomes offer of Belgian

Clemency Denied By The Governor For "Gray Mouse"

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Governor Hoke announced today he would not grant clemency to Arthur Morris, 24-year-old Negro of Durham and Raleigh, scheduled to die Friday in the gas chamber. The governor announced that, although Morris got only a small amount of money—20 cents and a check he never cashed—in the first degree burglary for which he was convicted, he could have been tried in other cases in which larger amounts were involved, and in which Morris exhibited violent tendencies and with implications of sexual assault. Morris, known here as the "grey mouse" and in Durham as the "eel", was convicted of entering the home of a Raleigh physician at night when persons were asleep in the house.

British Reply Sent With French Okay

London, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Great Britain's reply to Adolf Hitler's latest message concerning his demands on Poland and the European crisis was said by informed quarters to have been sent to Berlin tonight. There was no indication as to the contents of the note, but official circles said it was of such a nature that a reply from the German fuhrer was expected. The communication was sent

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Weygand To Direct Army In Near East

World War French General Called from Retirement and Sent To Syria; Daladier Expects to "Know Where We Stand Today"

Paris, Aug. 30.—(AP)—General Maxime Weygand, former chief of the French army, who has flown dramatically to the Near East, was reported in military quarters today to have been chosen as commander of the Allied forces in the eastern Mediterranean in case of war. The 72-year-old but still active Weygand landed today in Beirut, Syria, by plane from Paris, where he had held a series of conferences with military and civil leaders. General Weygand retired as chief

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and somewhat unsettled, scattered thunder-showers in mountains and southwest portion this afternoon or tonight, and near the coast Thursday.