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ROOSEVELT URGES ARMS EMBARGO REPEAL

Premier Of Roumania Assassinated In Bucharest

Nazi Group Is Blamed With Crime

Calinescu Known as Roumania's Strong Man, Who Put Down Pro-German Iron Guardists; Plots Against Life Discovered Many Times.

Bucharest, Roumania, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Premier Calinescu was shot and killed today by men officially identified as iron guardists, and troops were called up at once to prevent a coup.

The premier, known as the "strong man" of Roumania for his suppression of the pro-Nazi iron guard organization, was shot at 12:30 p. m. (6:30 a. m. EST) from another automobile which drove alongside his own.

At this point, when The Associated Press correspondent apparently started to give further details of the assassination, the telephone connection between Bucharest and Copenhagen was broken.

The Roumanian government radio announced the assassination. (In Budapest, the Roumanian Legation reported that the Bucharest radio station shut down at 2:10 p. m. after some minutes of wild, confused shouting which could be heard over the microphone. The legation said in mid-afternoon it had been unable to reach the Bucharest foreign ministry by telephone up to that time.)

The radio announcement, which in-

Radio Fails, Warsaw May Have Fallen

Budapest, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The Warsaw radio lapsed into sudden silence early today shortly after what sounded like the explosion of artillery shells could be heard through the microphone. The announcer had ceased on far into the night, despite the deep periodic rumblings under the station suddenly went off the air half way through the playing of a Polish military air.

Temporarily at least, the only communication between the German-occupied Polish capital and the rest of the world was ended.

Silence came after the station had broadcast a grim story of Warsaw being shelled and bombed as never before, and predicted "there probably soon will be a big offensive against us."

The rest of Europe, which had been

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German Armies Not To Invade Belgium, Goebbels Declares

U. S. Consul Missing



William R. Morton U. S. Consul William R. Morton was reported missing in Poland, along with Richard Mowrer, American reporter, who left Roumania to visit him in territory since occupied by Russian forces. It was believed they were being held by Reds at Zaleszczyki.

High Polish Chiefs Are Interned

Bucharest, Roumania, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Authoritative sources said today that the Roumanian government had decided to intern Polish President Moscicki, Foreign Minister Beck and other high civil officials, as well as Marshal Smigly-Rydz, Polish army commander.

All had crossed the frontier from Poland into Roumania. Smigly-Rydz was interned yesterday and sent to enforced domicile at a

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Italy's Attitude Strong Evidence Axis Is Ended

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist
Washington, Sept. 21.—American diplomacy is surer every day that Fuhrer Hitler's and Duce Mussolini's axis is busted. Nobody says so officially, but the general tenor of individual and (strictly sub rosa) comment in the government's departmental circles is unmistakable.

If Italy were simply passive for the time being in the present situation, its quiescence might not be taken as so significant. The emphasis it lays upon the neutrality of its position is what attracts attention. It Duce is positively noisy about it. This strikes Washington as queer, considering how



Mussolini

Will Also Respect Neutrality of Netherlands and Luxembourg, Propaganda Minister Asserts; Poland Almost All Subjugated.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Goebbels today gave foreign correspondents a vigorous denial of allegations that Germany intended to violate the neutrality of Belgium, the Netherlands or Luxembourg.

"I am in a position to give a categorical, unequivocal and unconditional denial," said the propaganda minister, in his first appearance before foreign newsmen since Germany started her invasion of Poland September 1.

"The German government never had, does not have now, nor intend in the future to violate the neutrality of either Belgium or Holland."

To question whether this also applied to Luxembourg, the tiny duchy at the northern end of the present German-French battle lines, Goebbels replied:

"Yes, you may also include Luxembourg."

Meanwhile, the army high command reported only four centers of resistance to Nazi forces remained in Poland, and Germans expected they would fall without shelling. The command's belief that the remaining resistance was negligible already had been indicated by departure for the western front of Colonel-General von Branchitsch commander of the German army, to assume direction of

Auto Deaths Here 6, Same As For 1938

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.
Raleigh, Sept. 21.—Catawba led all North Carolina counties in August motor traffic fatalities, with five for the month; but even with this record it was unable to edge into the first fifteen in fatalities for the eight months already gone from the 1939 calendar.

The Catawba total through August stood at nine, which left it just outside the bloody circle of those counties in which ten or more have perished in highway accidents.

Pushing Catawba closely for the month's dishonors, Mecklenburg showed four fatalities and thereby mounted to the very top of the State's list for the year, with 26 traffic deaths since January 1. The new leader is still very closely pressed

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Return for Special Session



Back from Europe for the special session of Congress, these representatives are pictured on arrival in New York aboard the President Harding. They warned against propaganda that might put U. S. into war. Left to right (front), Harold Knutson, Minn., and Louis Rabaut, Mich. Rear, Hamilton Fish, N. Y.; Thomas S. McMillan, S. C.; and Dewey Short, Mo.

Britain's Patrol Planes Rescue Torpedoed Crew

London, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The British government announced today that two Royal Air Force patrol boats had rescued the crew of 34 of the steamship Kensington Court, which sent out an SOS after having been attacked by a submarine.

A ministry of information announced that the rescue "somewhere in the Atlantic ocean" was the first case in which an entire ship's crew had been picked up at sea by flying boats.

The Kensington Court was a 4,663-ton vessel owned by the Court Line. London was her port of registry.

Meanwhile, Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax declared "we must not undertake anything that does not directly contribute" to victory in the European war, in comment on the failure of Poland to get help.

Speaking in the House of Lords, Lord Halifax said: "One of the major tragedies of the last few weeks was that we should have had to watch the resistance of a gallant nation overborne without ourselves being able to render such direct assistance as might have produced different results. I have felt it every hour and every moment."

"But we must not lose sight of our main objective in this war—victory—and we must not undertake anything that does not directly contribute to that victory, or that might mitigate against it."

L. Burgin, minister of supply, at the same time told the House of Commons of creation of a war supply council, and broad plans to use

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Czech Revolt Story Spread By Britain

London, Sept. 21.—(AP)—British government allegations of a "serious" revolt in Bohemia and Moravia, parts of Czechoslovakia which Germany absorbed, were cited today as backing British hopes of enlisting Germany's anti-Nazis in the fight against Adolf Hitler.

(In Berlin, the British reports of an organized revolt were described as "nonsense" by a spokesman for Baron Von Neurath, Reich's protector of Bohemia and Moravia. He invited correspondents to visit Prague to see for themselves. The British did not give the sources of their information.)

It was recalled in London that Edouard Benes former president of the Czechoslovak republic, told Prime Minister Chamberlain only two days after Britain's declaration of war: "We Czechoslovak citizens consider ourselves as being also at war with Germany's military forces."

President Declares He Could Not Offer Early Peace Hopes

Roosevelt Renews Plea for Non-Partisanship During Crisis; Reiterates He Thinks United States Can Keep Out of War.

Washington, Sept. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for repeal of the arms embargo provisions of the neutrality law, because they are "most vitally dangerous to American neutrality, American security and American peace."

In a message delivered in person to an extraordinary session of the legislators, the chief executive said he could offer no hope that "the shadow over the world might swiftly pass."

Standing on the rostrum of a crowded House chamber, Mr. Roosevelt told senators and representatives he had assembled them to amend legislation which, in his best judgment, "so alters the historic foreign policy of the United States that it impairs the peaceful relations of the United States with foreign nations."

The "crux" of the issue, he said, was repeal of the embargo, which forbids shipment of munitions to combatant nations and a "return to international law."

The President took occasion, too, to renew his plea for non-partisanship during the present international crisis, and to reassure the nation of his belief that America could keep from being embroiled in Europe's conflict.

"Let no man or group in any walk of life," the President said, "assume exclusive protectorate over the future well being of America—because I conceive that, regardless of party or section, the mantle of peace and of patriotism is wide enough to cover us all."

"Let no group assume the exclusive label of the 'peace' bloc. We all belong to it."

Mr. Roosevelt added that "in my candid judgment," the United States would "succeed in these efforts."

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Southerners Seek Remedy For Tobacco

Washington, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Members of Congress from southern flue-cured tobacco growing states today considered the plight of tobacco producers. They arranged a meeting this afternoon with J. B. Hutson, assistant AAA administrator, to discuss the market shutdown because of low prices resulting from withdrawal of British buyers. A closed meeting was to be held in the office of Representative Warren, Democrat, North Carolina.

Representatives from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, whose districts include markets have shut down, were to attend.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS OF FARMERS HAD IN VIRGINIA (By The Associated Press.)
County agents in several tobacco growing counties in Virginia have announced community meetings to

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Babson Advises Against Buying Foreign Bonds

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Yokohama, Sept. 21.—The war has changed the business and investment picture overnight. It has sent American business hurtling forward in one of the sharpest rises in its history. It has radically marked up or down the prices of securities. It has loaded the investor with new problems. Steels, oils, coppers, sugars, coals have skyrocketed. Yet, foreign bonds, particularly those of European countries, and the British commonwealths, have plumped 10 to 20 points.

In recent days I have been asked by a number of my fellow travelers how I felt about the future course of Japanese, South American and European bonds. After visiting Yokohama, I believe that Japanese may be a good speculation. It is too early

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.