

SENATORS ASK HANDS OFF BY GOVERNMENT

Germans Begin Storming Warsaw Defenses

Safety Zone Around Americas Proposed At Panama Meeting

Any Belligerent Activities Within Area Would Be Considered Acts Against Security of Hemisphere; Boundaries Not Fixed.

Panama, Sept. 26.—(AP)—The creation of a "zone of American safety" in American waters, in which any belligerent activities would be considered "acts against the security of the Americas" was proposed today by Cuban Foreign Minister Campa.

Campa presented his plan to today's session of the neutrality conference of 21 American nations. The exact boundaries of such a zone have been decided upon.

Campa proposed, however, that the zones be bounded by "an imaginary line established on intermediate points between Europe and America on the east and America on the west (the line of the Atlantic), and an imaginary line established on intermediate points between Asia on the west and America on the east (the line of the Pacific)."

"Within this safety zone, belligerents will refrain from committing acts of war or exercising any rights of belligerents which present obstacles to commerce or to American relations," Campa's statement said.

French Beat Germans With Heavy Loss

Basel, Switzerland, Sept. 26.—(AP)—French troops were reported today to have repulsed with heavy losses a counter attack launched during the night by Germany's Siegfried line forces in an effort to reduce pressure on German key forts near Zweibruecken.

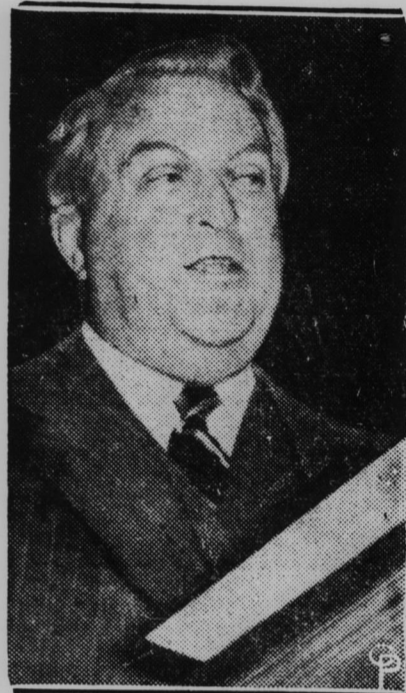
The German drive, the report declared, was caught in a heavy cross fire from French advance posts and met by a wave of French forces on both flanks.

The Nazis were said to have withdrawn into fortifications near Mittelbach, leaving hundreds of dead and many wounded on the battlefield.

Dr. Armstrong Elected Head Of Kiwanis

Raleigh, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Dr. Charles W. Armstrong, of Salisbury, was elected district governor, and Winston-Salem won the 1940 convention today as the 20th annual convention of the Carolinas Kiwanis ended.

"Willing to Die"



Senator Pat McCarran

Addressing a mass meeting for neutrality, Senator Pat McCarran, Nevada Democrat, told his New York audience that he and other isolationists in the Senate were "willing to die" rather than permit change in the present neutrality law.

Germans To Ask Soviet War Accord

Military Alliance With Russia Reputed Aim of Von Ribbentrop Visit to Moscow; Reds Turn Anxious Eyes Toward Balkans.

Moscow, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Tass, the official Russian news agency, announced today that German Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop would arrive in Moscow tomorrow to discuss with the government of the Soviet Union "problems connected with developments in Poland."

The agency said Von Ribbentrop was coming on invitation of the Russian government.

Unconfirmed reports circulated were that von Ribbentrop was seeking a military accord with the Soviet Union to follow up the German-Soviet non-aggression treaty, which was signed August 23.

50 Reported Victims Of Coast Storm

Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 26.—(AP)—A death toll of at least 50 and property damage in excess of \$1,000,000 was counted by southern California today as the tropical storms which brought death and destruction moderated. Still unaccounted for were 15 ocean going craft manned principally by amateur mariners, which put to sea before the storm broke Sunday afternoon. More than a score of persons were believed aboard the vessels.

New Gesture For France Is Rumored

Berlin Tale, Wholly Unconfirmed, Says Germany May Release French Prisoners to Spread Propaganda Back Home;

Berlin, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler returned today from the eastern front. No further details were divulged.

Berlin, Sept. 26.—(AP)—An army communique indicated today that German forces had started to storm the defenses of Warsaw after all efforts had failed to convince the Polish commander of the "gruesomeness and uselessness of resistance."

The Polish capital has been besieged since September 8. The final drive to crush Warsaw's resistance was launched yesterday. In a surprise attack, the communique said, the Germans captured Mokotowski fortress, and then pushed into the Warsaw suburb. Mokotowski is one of four forts guarding Warsaw from the south and west.

Today's communique said the army in Poland was moving toward the German-Soviet Russian demarcation line, and in attacks 2,000 prisoners were taken by an armored division.

Artillery fire and minor scouting activities were reported on the western front along with the shooting down of six French planes and two captive balloons. This boosted the air toll in the west, according to the German figures, to 32 planes and six balloons.

A new gesture of friendliness toward France by the Nazi government was expected in informed quarters. Rumors completely without official verification were to the effect that Germany might release French prisoners taken to date on the western front. The same rumor had it that Germany believed the soldiers would be good peace propagandists if they could be convinced the Reich feels no animosity toward France.

Official sources contended Germany had no war aims regarding France, and that her chief concern is that her opponents may violate the neutrality of Belgium and the Netherlands to attack Germany at a spot unprotected by the Siegfried line.

SCHOOL BONDS FOR TARBORO ARE SOLD

Raleigh, Sept. 26.—(AP)—A \$22,600 school refunding bond issue of Tarboro township was sold today by the Local Government Commission to Middendorf & Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, at a premium of \$44, with interest to be 4 3-4 percent.

In a Spot



Toshio Shiratori, Japanese ambassador to Italy, is pictured on his arrival in New York on the Italian liner Conte di Savoia. More than 2,000 passengers, most of them Americans hurrying home from the war zone, were aboard the ship. The Nazi-Russ pact has placed Japan in an extraordinary position as regards power politics. (Central Press)

Britain Arms Merchant Ships To Combat Submarine Menace

Naval Convoy System Now in Full Operation, Churchill Tells Commons; Allied Planes Fight Off Germans and Return.

London, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, first lord of the Admiralty, declared in the House of Commons today that Britain's naval convoy system "now was in full operation and that 'large numbers of merchant ships are now leaving these shores defensively armed against submarines and airplanes.'"

Speaking to the House immediately after Prime Minister Chamberlain made his fourth war statement to its members, Churchill gave a full statement of what Britain is doing to crush the submarine menace.

"In a short time, the immense mercantile marine of the British Empire will be armed," he said. "All guns and equipment are ready at various stations, together with trained gunners to man them and instruct the seamen."

"Our attacks on submarines," he asserted, "have been five or six times as numerous as in any equal period in the last war."

Chamberlain told the House of Commons that last Friday's Allied war council in England resulted in agreement "on the procedure for coordinating and perfecting" munitions and supplies plans by Britain and France.

Chamberlain also launched anew into the effects of the Russian invasion of Poland, but said Soviet troops apparently had not yet occupied all the territory allotted to them under the arrangement (with Germany), which amounts to more than half the total area of the Polish republic.

Also, the air minister announced that Royal Air Force planes, in reconnaissance and leaflet dropping flights over Germany yesterday, fought off German attack planes and returned safely to their bases.

Paderewski Likely Polish President

Bucharest, Roumania, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Authoritative Polish circles said today that Ignace Jan Paderewski, world famous pianist and former Polish premier was a likely choice for president of Poland to succeed former President Ignace Moscicki.

This was learned as refugee Polish political leaders, negotiating to construct the government, whose leaders now are held in Roumania, were reported near a successful completion of their plans.

Authoritative sources disclosed plans called for:

1. Resignation of Moscicki, now living in "restricted residence" at King Carol's hunting lodge.

2. Appointment of a new president by Moscicki, acting under power granted by the Polish constitution, permitting the president to discuss his successor pending an election.

3. The new president's organization of a completely new government, with an "absentee" capital at Paris, cooperating with the Allied government.

Informed sources reported the election of a new president and narrowed down to a choice between Paderewski and former Foreign Minister Cieski. Final decision on Moscicki's resignation and appointment of a successor was expected later today or tomorrow.

FRANCE DISSOLVES COMMUNIST PARTY

Paris, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Premier Daladier's war cabinet today decreed the dissolution of the communist party in France. The action was taken as reprisal for Soviet Russia's non-aggression pact with Germany and her invasion of Poland. France's eastern ally.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy, showers tonight and Wednesday, slightly cooler Wednesday in northeast and extreme north portion. (Continued on page two)

Plane Sinks Raiding U-Boat



Survivors of the British freighter Kafiristan, torpedoed by a German submarine, clamber aboard the American Farmer (left), off the Irish coast. Just as the United States ship reached the scene, an Allied plane darted up and machine-gunned the sub, then bombed and sank it. Photo (right), made from the American Farmer, shows scene as the U-boat exploded after a direct hit.

Germans May Attack In South At Swiss Border

Washington, Sept. 26.—Is Germany pro-Hitler? Would Adolf win in an honestly conducted election? Nobody can tell, of course. But I have some family connections in the Fatherland and I've tried to find out from them, personally. If they're there at this time, naturally they don't tell. But I've seen several of them on visits to this country. Since they've intended to go back, it goes without saying that they've expressed themselves only in the faintest whispers. The consensus I got, though, is this:

With the war on, the Germans want to win. At this juncture they wouldn't dump Der Fuehrer. In the long run, however, the German bulk appears to be anti-Naziistic. It wants to get back, ultimately, to democracy. It harks into a past when young Germans immigrated into the United States.

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Washington, Sept. 26.—(AP)—French artillery continued today to hurl shells across the Rhine river in an effort to break up new German troop concentrations reported north of the Swiss border.

The dispatches also disclosed continuing violent bombardment of the main Siegfried lines by French heavy guns, which opened on the German fortified zones yesterday.

A general staff communique issued at 10:15 a. m. reported that German batteries likewise were active south-east of Zewibruecken, near the left center of the western front. New combats between French and German fighting planes were noted, but no details were given.

Meanwhile, Premier Daladier summoned a meeting of his cabinet for a general discussion of war problems. Advances from the front said the combined French and British air forces had played a new major role in detecting new disposition of the German troops.

French sources speculated that reported German concentrations near the Swiss border might presage a possible attempt by the Nazis to cross the Rhine below the Black Forest at the extreme southern end of the Maginot line. These sources said, however, no details were given.

Storm Warnings On Gulf Are Removed New Orleans, La., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Storm warnings along the Gulf of Mexico were ordered today after a disturbance quieted down. A Weather Bureau advisory said squalls would continue during the day and advised caution for smaller craft. (Continued on page five)

White House Advised Not To Meddle

State Department Also Requested to Keep Hands off Neutrality; Roosevelt Calls in Six Cabinet Members to Check on Program.

Washington, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Six cabinet officers were summoned to the White House today for a conference on neutrality measures and domestic problems born of the European war.

President Roosevelt, it was reported, desired to review with these six, the attorney general, the acting secretary of the navy, and the secretaries of state, war, agriculture and labor, the progress made on "preparatory" work assigned their departments in the interest of keeping the United States at peace.

Meanwhile, Senate leaders were reported authoritatively to have advised the White House and the State Department to continue their "hands off" attitude toward the administration neutrality program. These leaders were described as holding the view that if the executive branch made no attempt to influence Congress, the neutrality program built around the proposal to repeal the arms embargo would have a better chance of enactment.

Among the chief neutrality operations already undertaken is a naval patrol of the American coast. Stephen Early, White House press secretary, was asked whether any more unidentified submarines had been sighted near the coast and replied: "Well, I don't want to talk about them."

This aroused speculation as to whether further reports of submarine activity had reached the White House in addition to those made public last week, with the announcement that one undersea craft had been seen off the coast of Alaska and another in North Atlantic waters.

Foreign Sales Increase. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department told of a gain in United States merchandise exports in August, the month before the start of the European war, which officials expect to enhance United States foreign trade still further. August figures, available today, showed that exports increased nine percent over July, while imports increased only four percent.

August exports totaling \$250,839,000 were \$75,033,000 in excess of the imports for the month.

FIFTH VICTIM DIES OF NEWTON CRASH

Newton, Sept. 26.—(AP)—R. E. Drum, 19, of Balls Creek section of Catawba county, died today of injuries received in an automobile accident early Sunday, the fifth victim of the wreck. Their car crashed into the side of a railway bridge near here.

Another Big Navy Battle Off Norway

Three Large Warships, Two Submarines, Many Smaller Airplanes Engaged, Shore Watchers Say.

Oslo, Norway, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Dispatches from Farsund, southwest Norway, reported that a naval skirmish occurred today just west of Norway's southern extremity, beginning about noon and ending at 1:40 p. m. (7:40 a. m. EST).

Watches from the shore said they saw three large warships, two submarines and many small craft taking part in the action and airplanes maneuvering overhead. They estimated that between 30 and 40 shots were fired.

First reports did not identify the ships, which shortly disappeared below the horizon, or estimate any damage caused.

Three Norwegian airplanes (Continued on Page Five)