

BRITAIN, FRANCE TO REJECT PEACE OFFERS

Count Ciano Off To See Herr Hitler

Diplomats Speculate Mission of Italian Foreign Minister to Berlin; May Make Peace Offer to Allies; May Join in Fight.

Rome, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Count Ciano left suddenly for Berlin tonight to consult with German officials at their request.

In the absence of official explanation for the trip, it was thought in foreign circles that Italy's participation was sought in peace efforts which the Germans and Russians said they would make with the cooperation of friendly powers.

Some sources believed it likely that Adolf Hitler had summoned Ciano for consultations on Italy's future position in the European war.

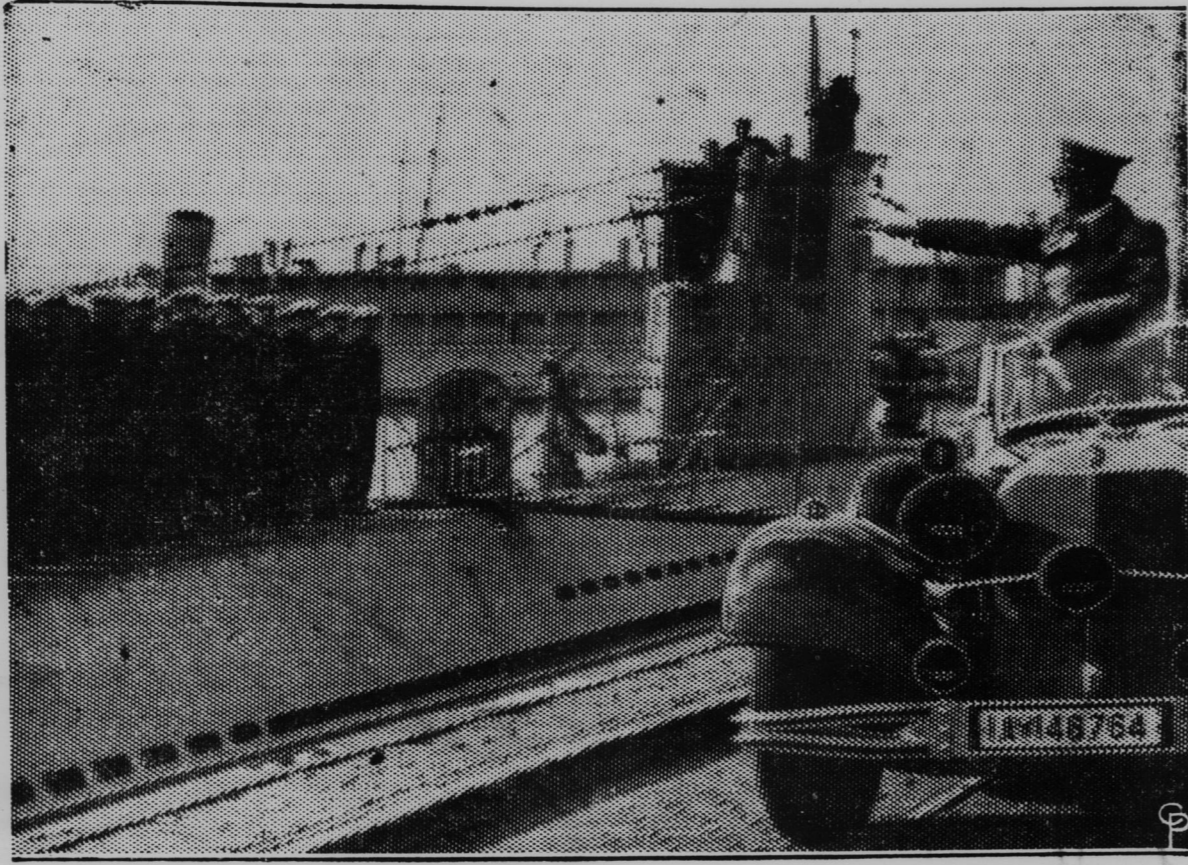
The Italian's journey was announced only an hour before the departure of his train at 6 p. m. He was due in Berlin tomorrow afternoon.

Just a week ago, Il Duce reaffirmed Italy's non-belligerency, and it was believed by some he was ready to act as mediator in case of a formal German-Russian proposal for peace to Britain and France.

But whether such a proposal could be expected, in view of the unfavorable reactions of London and Paris to the German-Soviet accord reached in Moscow, remained problematical, fascists believed.

It was in view of that situation, however, that some sources thought it likely Count Ciano had been called to Berlin to review Italy's position.

Hitler Visits "Nemesis" of the Courageous



Adolf Hitler, standing in his car, salutes "the victorious U-boat crew in Wilhelmshaven which sank the Courageous," according to the German propaganda bureau.

Garner Is Expected To Support Repeal Of Arms Embargo

Germans Seize 3 Danish Freighters

Copenhagen, Sept. 30.—(AP)—German warships today seized three Danish freighters in the Kattegat and took them to a German port, according to a report from the lightship at Laeso island.

FDR Seeks Curb Upon High Prices

Washington, Sept. 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked the temporary national economic committee today to keep "a constant eye" on increases in prices of basic materials to prevent profiteering.

PINBALL MACHINE SALESMAN KILLED

Rocky Mount, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Paul William, 23, pinball machine salesman, died today in a local hospital five hours after a pistol shot pierced his chest.

Vice - President Said To Have Told President Nation Should Return Its Foreign Policy to International Law Basis.

Washington, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Supporters of the administration's proposal to repeal the arms embargo expect Vice President Garner, an effective cloakroom opponent of some Roosevelt measures, to exert his influence in behalf of the pending proposition.

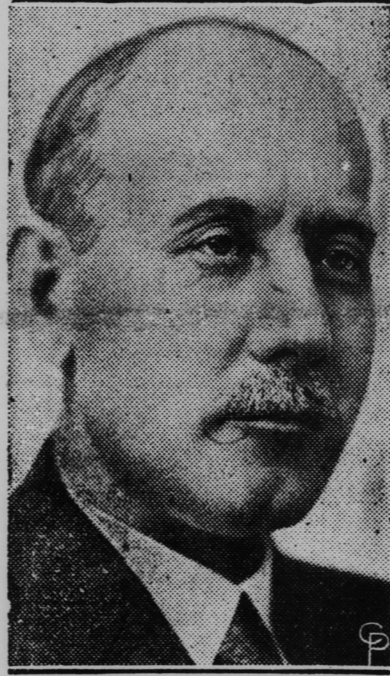
TWO PEDESTRIANS INJURED BY CRASH

Rockingham, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Jack Young and his son, Ben, walking along a road near the western edge of the town were severely injured today in an accident involving two passing trucks.

Ex-Governor Of Louisiana Is Indicted

Ruston, La., Sept. 30.—(AP)—Former Governor Richard Leche and four others were indicted by the Lincoln parish grand jury today on charges of obtaining money under false pretense and operating a confidence game in connection with construction of Leche hall at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute here.

Yields to Soviet



Kaarel Eenpalu

Estonian Premier Kaarel Eenpalu yielded to Russia as a ten-year mutual assistance pact was signed in Moscow. It gives Russia the right to fortify two strategic Estonian islands, Oesel and Dagoo, and an Estonian port, Paldiski, in the North Baltic.

U. S. Liner Brings Most Passengers

New York, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The United States liner Manhattan, carrying 1,368 passengers, the largest number to arrive on board an American liner since the war began, arrived today after an uneventful voyage from Southampton and Leverdon, France.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Probably occasional rain to-night and Sunday; cooler Sunday and in north central portion tonight.

Russian Newspapers Hint Soviet Armed Aid To The Germans

Estnians Return Home After Enforced Signing of Pact With Moscow; Turkey Moving Into Russian Fold; U. S. Not Wanted as Mediator.

Moscow, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Russia's official press echoed today the Moscow accord's implied warning to the western allies—to end the war or face joint German-Russian action—while the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet ratified the new Russian-Estonian mutual assistance and trade pact.

Foreign Minister Selter of Estonia and his delegation, having signed the ten-year agreement which makes their little republic, former Russian territory, a virtually Russian protectorate, returned to Tallinn.

Russian negotiations with a third nation, Turkey, were reported further delayed because today was the "free day", the Russian day of rest. They had been suspended Thursday and Friday by the German and Estonian negotiations.

(But from Ankara and Bucharest came indications that Russian leaders' talks with Turkey Foreign Minister Saracoglu, now in Moscow, might yield far-reaching results. Ankara reported the Turkish foreign minister was discussing a Black Sea pact which would close that sea to belligerent forces, which would be Russian-dominated, and for which a pre-condition would be Roumania's return of territory won in the World War.)

(Bucharest announced that Roumanian Foreign Minister Gafencu would leave for Moscow Monday.) A Russian government organ sternly warned other powers not to interfere with the German-Russian pact signed Thursday because the

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Pope States Poland Not Going To Die

Castelgandolfo, Italy, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII couped his consolation to the Polish people today with an admonition to "remember that Poland is not going to die."

"May Christ, who wept at the death of Lazarus and over the ruins of his fatherland, gather and some day compensate you for the tears which you spill over your dead, and over that Poland which does not want to die," said the pope.

Speaking at an audience for Polish residents of Rome "in this frightful, tragic hour," the pope asked his listeners to place their hope in God, to look forward to the future with hope, and especially that the Poles would not be deprived of the comforts of religion by the enemies of God.

August Cardinal Hlond, primate of Poland, stood beside the pope as he

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Von Fritsch, Reportedly Murdered By Hitler, Is Sign Of Germans' Unrest

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Gen. von Fritsch

Washington, Sept. 30.—Warsaw's radioed story that Gen. Werner von Fritsch of the German army wasn't killed in action in Poland, as per Berlin's official version, but that he was assassinated by Herr Hitler's Gestapo, or secret police, is the subject of a deal of comment in governmental Washington. It isn't implicitly accepted as the correct account; it's recognized that the Poles are as likely as the Germans to be misrepresenting that matter. Nevertheless, the Polish report is regarded as having the earmarks of considerable probability. If it's true, it's interpreted as strongly indicative of extreme dissatisfaction with Hitlerism in the upper ranks of the Fatherland's militarists.

There have been rumors before that Germany's old-time army chiefs, disliking Adolf. They were and are a quarrelsome, overbearing class, but they always have been aristocrats and he's a plebeian. It would be natural of them to resent him.

Von Fritsch was a super-junker, or war lord. He had the nobleman's "von" in front of his name. He formerly was commander-in-chief of the German army. It's well known that he didn't like Hitlerian policies. He disapproved of the Fuehrer's military program, he wasn't a Nazi, he didn't think the German Jews ought

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Large Scale Mobilization To Continue

France Intensifies Preparations to Meet Feared Big Scale Nazi Offensive; Finnish Fight With Germany Is Aim of Both Nations

London, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The air ministry announced tonight that British planes had engaged in an air battle over enemy territory and "some" British casualties had resulted.

London, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Authoritative sources declared today Britain would reject emphatically Adolf Hitler's offer of peace at the price of a partitioned Poland.

The government, to all appearances, went ahead with mobilization of its entire fighting power for a finish fight with Germany.

An army of 65,000 census takers completed a survey of some 46,000,000 persons in England, Scotland and Wales to provide the basis for food rationing, and conscription of manpower for war.

A formal reply to what the British press called Hitler's "peace threat" was deferred by the war cabinet pending consultation with France.

(Paris dispatches told of official indications of a France rebuff to the German-Russian overtures.)

The Prime Minister Chamberlain was expected to give the official reaction to the German-Russian agreement in a statement before the House of Commons Monday or Tuesday.

The Times of London, which accurately mirrored government policy in critical events of the last year, led the chorus of the British press demanding rejection of any peace proposal based on the Nazi-Soviet partition of Poland.

The Times also hinted that the government's war aims do not necessarily include restoration to Poland of her territory now occupied by Russia.

FRANCE IS BRACING FOR BIG GERMAN OFFENSIVE

Paris, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The

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Turkey Will Quit Britain And France

Ankara, Turkey, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Turkey was reported reliably today to have notified Great Britain and France that her mutual assistance pact would be annulled if the Allies became involved in war with Russia.

Turkey's Foreign Minister Saracoglu has been in Moscow since early this week discussing Turkey's role in the Near East, greatly altered by Russia's emergence as Germany's partner in re-drawing the map of eastern Europe.

Informed persons said a proviso releasing her of her obligations in event of war between the western allies and Russia had been put into definite agreement between Turkey and Britain and France and is now ready for signature.

Necessary preliminaries to a Black Sea pact would be some kind of settlement of Bulgaria's claims against Roumania for Dobruja, which Roumania gained from the Bulgars in the Balkan war and World War settlements.

Roumanians Are Called In By Russians

Bucharest, Roumania, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Gafencu and a staff of experts will leave for Moscow Monday, it was announced today, to confer with Soviet Russian officials. It was said they would participate in talks already started by Russian, German and Turkish leaders.

At the same time it was reported in official sources that Germany had received assurances through a third party that Russia had no intentions to seize Bessarabia. (Bessarabia was gained by Roumania from Russia after the World War.)

Capitol Guarded



With every war come fanatics, so Washington's government buildings have been placed under strict guard and sightseers restricted. Above, a capitol guard searches a news photographer's camera case.

Reichstag Will Listen To Hitler

Berlin, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The Reichstag, called only to hear Reichsfuehrer Hitler give an exposition of his policies, was summoned today to meet "in the coming week."

The Reichstag last met September 1 and heard the Fuehrer proclaim himself "the first soldier of the Reich" just before he plunged into Poland behind the Nazi legions which since have ended the eastern republic's existence.

The announcement that the Reichstag would meet again said it would hear a "declaration of the government."

It was assumed this time it would

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