

CHAMBERLAIN SPURNS ANY GERMAN 'TRUCE'

Finland Expecting Calamity From Soviet Demands

Russian Navy Menaces Finnish Coastal Cities



Reports of a concentration of Russian naval power in the Gulf of Finland, in addition to the massing of Soviet troops along the borders of the little Baltic state, emphasized Russia's demands on the republic. Here is a view of the Helsinki harbor, where it is expected the Soviet will demand concessions. (Central Press)

Defenses Of Nation Are Made Firmer

Women and Children Calmly Sent to Country; Delegation in Moscow in No Hurry To Meet Soviets; May Decline Demands.

Helsinki, Finland, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Finland prepared today for calamity, knowing that peace or war may bring on the demands of Soviet Russia.

The Finns calmly sent their women and children into the country, strengthened their border fortifications, and assigned civil guards to strategic points.

(In Moscow, meanwhile, a Finnish delegation was expected to go to the Kremlin today for political and economic talks.)

Helsinki authorities announced that work would be started today on the digging of air raid shelters in the capital, a city of about 293,000.

The speed with which the nation's affairs were being put in order for a possible emergency, supported the declaration in responsible Finnish sources that the nation would oppose military and economic agreements, such as its Baltic neighbors yielded, and, if necessary, would resist.

FINLAND IS IN NO HURRY TO MEET SOVIETS' CHIEFS

Moscow, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The Soviet Russian government was ready for political and economic talks this afternoon or tonight with Finland, apparently the toughest case.

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Finns Hoping For The Best From Soviets

Helsinki, Finland, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Elias Eriko expressed the home today that no difficulties would arise between Finland and Soviet Russia in their Moscow negotiations but said there are certain international rules which cannot be overlooked.

"No demands have been put before us yet," he said. "We have been asked to exchange views, and we have no reason to reject such a request. We would do the same for any other state."

He declined to discuss the diplomatic activity reported progressing in other capitals, but said Finland, "of course," had communicated with friendly nations in regard to the situation.

Eriko referred to the removal of women and children into the country and other actions as "precautionary measures" similar to what all neutral nations had taken.

"Modern neutrality is active neutrality," he said. "If a neutral cannot defend itself against threats, then it no longer is neutral and independent. I hope nothing will happen, and I am convinced that the Russian government does not want anything to happen any more than we do."

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Chamberlain Talk Vague, Berlin Says

Berlin, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The first German reaction to Prime Minister Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons was typified in the words of informed circles: "This statement, like Daladier's, is neither fish nor flesh."

This oft-used German expression is equivalent to the American expression of "straddling."

At the official press conference it was stated that there would be no official comment until the complete text of Chamberlain's speech had been studied.

Attacks By Germans Get No Advances

Paris, Oct. 12.—(AP)—German patrols battered French outposts from the Meuse to the Rhine today, continuing a series of thrusts reported to have cost the Nazis "hundreds" of casualties in the last three days, without gaining "an inch of ground."

French advisers, which told of "very hot" action in one unidentified sector during the night, said the latest assault had been repulsed, despite heavy preparation by German artillery.

At no point have the Germans been successful in attempts to take prisoners, according to these reports. The French, entrenched in positions from which they raked the advancing Germans with machine gun fire, described their own losses as slight.

As the fighting increased in scope, the weather, which has been foggy

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Lee Gravely Still Saying He Will Run

Rocky Mount, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Lee Gravely, Rocky Mount tobacco man who has served several terms as State senator, and headed important committees of the General Assembly, indicated today that he might be a candidate for governor in 1940.

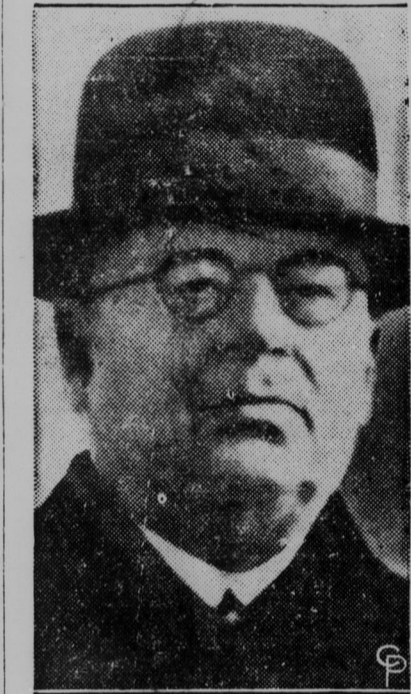
Commenting upon reports from "unimpeachable" sources that he would make the race, the Nash county man said: "If I am living, I shall make application at the proper time."

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Lee Gravely, who long ago recognized the political advantage of his name over the first handle and is

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Germany Can Have Real Peace Under Proper Safeguard

Invited to Moscow



Dr. Juhu Paasakivi Although Finland has great confidence in ability of Dr. Juhu Kusti Paasakivi to deal with the Russians in the diplomatic negotiations at the Kremlin, the little Baltic country has put all her resources into strengthening the Finnish border forces. Officials at Helsinki, the capital, report Finland will not bow to "unreasonable requests."

Seaman From Bremen Tells About Escape

Amsterdam, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A Netherlands seaman on the German liner Bremen declared today the vessel reached Murmansk, north Russian port, after a thrilling voyage, during which she flew the Soviet flag and preparations were made to destroy her rather than allow her to fall into British hands.

E. Post, a cook, told his story in an interview with the Amsterdam newspaper Het Volk, after his return to his native country.

He said Captain Adolf Ahrens skirted the blockade of the British fleet with barrels of gasoline on deck ready for burning the vessel rather than allow her to be captured by the British.

The voyage was veiled in such secrecy, he said, that the crew did not know the liner's destination. All lights were extinguished during the North Atlantic crossing, and the wireless answered no calls. The vessel was painted grey as she sped across the Atlantic. She traveled much of the time in heavy mist, which helped to conceal her from any ship near her course.

Big German Ship Seized By British

London, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The British navy was reported today to have captured the 12,615-ton German steamer Cap Norte. The report, issued by the British Press Association, said the Cap Norte, a ship in trade between Germany and South America, had sailed from the Brazilian port of Pernambuco September 17.

The capture of the Cap Norte had been hinted in yesterday's remarks by Winston Churchill, first lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons.

Beyond saying the capture occurred in the South Atlantic, the press association's naval correspondent gave no details.

The Cap Norte was built at Hamburg in 1922, and was believed to have been carrying a cargo of food.

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German Government Alone Stands In Way Of Peace "We Are Determined To Secure", Premier Tells Commons; Hitler Plan Refused.

London, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told Adolf Hitler today he could have peace if he wanted it, but it "must be a real and settled peace," and not as outlined by the German tuchrer in the Reichstag last Friday.

Replying to Hitler's peace overtures, Chamberlain, in his weekly war report to the House of Commons, scorned "an uneasy truce interrupted by constant alarms and repeated threats."

He said the proposals of Hitler's speech were "vague and uncertain and contained no suggestion for righting the wrongs done to Czechoslovakia and Poland."

"The German government and the German government alone," Chamberlain declared, stands in the way of the "peace we are determined to secure."

The prime minister said that, lacking "convincing proof" by definite acts and guarantees of Hitler's will for peace, Britain and France "must persevere in our duty to the end."

When Chamberlain finished his comparatively brief declaration, Clement R. Attlee, leader of the Labor opposition, spoke in support.

Britain, Chamberlain declared, could not accept such a basis for peace as Hitler proposed "without forfeiting her honor." He said that even if Hitler's proposals contained suggestions for righting the wrongs of Poland and Czechoslovakia, "it would still be necessary to ask by what practical means the German governments intends to convince the world that aggression will cease, and that pledges will be kept."

Looking beyond the war, Chamberlain asserted "whatever may be the issue of the present struggle, and in whatever way it may be brought to a conclusion, the world will not be the same world that we have known before."

John Lewis Attacked In AFL Parley

Homer Martin Says CIO Chief Aiming at Control of Labor Empire; CIO Snubs Roosevelt's Appeal For Peace.

Cincinnati, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor received today the resignation of its veteran secretary-treasurer, Frank Morrison, and heard from Homer Martin, a declaration that the real purpose of John L. Lewis' Congress of Industrial Organizations was "to destroy the American labor movement."

In his first speech to a federation gathering since his faction of the United Automobile Workers International switched from the CIO to the AFL, Martin renewed many of his "dictator" charges against Lewis, asserting the CIO chief held the greatest "contempt for autonomous rights of CIO affiliates."

He charged, too, that Lewis and his organization made no contributions to the upbuilding of the United Auto Workers not aided it with funds in its strike against General Motors in 1937. But Lewis has spent, he declared, upwards of \$1,500,000 since last January "to capture and control" the Auto Workers Union.

Martin charged that Lewis set up

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Bailey Attacks Portion Of New Neutrality Bill

Senator, Says Shipping Provisions Would Disrupt American Commerce and Destroy Much Of Our Merchant Marine; Bulow Speaks.

Washington, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Chairman Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, of the Senate Commerce Committee, declared today that shipping provisions of the administration's neutrality bill would disrupt American commerce and "destroy much of the American merchant marine."

"Undoubtedly, the most far-reaching provision of the pending bill," Bailey said, "is the prohibition against shipping any article or material in American vessels to a belligerent country. It appears that this provision will disrupt American commerce and will destroy much of the American merchant marine."

Senator Bulow, Democrat, South Dakota, opened the eighth day of debate on the neutrality bill with the argument that a desire on the part of some people to profit on munitions sales was partly responsible for efforts to repeal the arms embargo.

Bailey, in his statement, said that "the reason appears why our ships should keep off practically all the highways of the seas because a few sea lanes are blocked, or purported to be blocked, by belligerent countries, nor why normal intercourse between nations at peace should be disrupted."

Efforts to modify the shipping provisions came from half a dozen senators on both sides of the arms embargo controversy. In conferences with Senator Pittman, Democrat, Florida, chairman of the foreign relations committee, they proposed a variety of changes.

Saying that Congress was called to act on a neutrality bill which would keep the United States out of a foreign war, Bulow observed the debate appeared to be turning away from this purpose, and toward aiding the Allies. He commented that some people say "we ought to go over and hang Hitler, and maybe Hitler ought to be hung."

"To get our hands on Hitler we would have to kill maybe 10,000,000 Russians, and we would sacrifice several million American lives before we got our hands on him."

Interrupting Senator Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, expressed

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Price of Tobacco Continues Steady

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Tobacco prices were apparently little changed today as flue-cured markets of the Carolinas continued to dispose of huge quantities of the crop.

At Durham an unofficial estimate of the price was 16 cents, as compared with an official average of 15.88 yesterday. Wilson's average yesterday was 16.26, and Winston-Salem's average yesterday was 15 to 16 cents.

Bridges Boom For President Gains Notice

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Oct. 12.—Just what reminded Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire that he wants the Republican 1940 presidential nomination isn't very clear. I doubt that the idea had occurred to him.

However, since it did occur to him he's been rubbing it in with extraordinary energy. As one-man effort it's quite remarkable.

Starting absolutely from scratch, the Old Granite statesman is getting himself considerably talked about.

Not so many months ago I wouldn't have supposed that he stood any better chance of figuring as a White House prospect than I do—and I recognize that I'm too old.

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg was Republicanly prominently mentioned. So were Senator Robert Taft of Ohio and Leader Joseph W. Martin of the G. O. P. forces in the House of Representatives. And Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Alf M. Landon

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Russia Urged to Play Fair With Little Baltic Nation; Ambassador Steinhardt Calls At Kremlin Before Finns Arrive.

Washington, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The American government, it was learned authoritatively today, is expressing to Soviet Russia its "earnest hope" that nothing may occur calculated "to affect injuriously" peaceful relations between Russia and Finland.

It was also learned that the American move was an entirely independent action of the United States government.

Instructions covering the representations were sent to American Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt at Moscow.

An official statement by the Department was expected to follow receipt of a report from Steinhardt that he had delivered the representations to the Russian government.

The American action apparently ruled out joint action by the United States, Norway, Sweden and Denmark on the Finnish situation. Dispatches from several Scandinavian capitals indicated their governments were also contemplating diplomatic steps at Moscow.

The State Department had at first desired to wait until some definite results were learned of the conversations beginning today in Moscow between Russia and Finland. However, it was believed here that if the negotiations broke down their collapse might be followed immediately by military action, so that if a diplomatic move were to be made it had better be made at this time, while peace was still possible.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AT MOSCOW REGISTERS APPEAL

Moscow, Oct. 12.—(AP)—United States Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt called at the Kremlin today for a talk which reliable sources urged Soviet Russia to refrain from making excessive demands on Finland.

It was understood Steinhardt asked Premier Foreign Commissar Molotov not to aggravate the European war situation by such demands.

Steinhardt's visit came only two and a half hours before Finland's special envoy to Moscow, Dr. Juhu Kusti Paasakivi, entered the Kremlin

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Germans Boasting Credit for Safety Of Liner Iroquois

Berlin, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Authoritative German quarters said today they considered the fact that the refugee ship Iroquois reached New York safely was proof that the German navy's fraternal attitude toward America had yielded a 100 percent success.

Grand Admiral Eric Raeder, commander-in-chief of the German navy, had warned the United States government that the Iroquois would be torpedoed.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, light rain this afternoon in east and central portions tonight; slightly cooler in south and east portions tonight; Friday partly cloudy.