

# Explosion Declared Possible In Europe After Border Clash; Rebels Report New Victories

Diplomats Reveal Alarm After Czech-Hungary Border Clash.

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in October, was now believed to be prepared to reconsider, the dispatch said—because it was feared that an eventual independent Ukraine would attract Ukrainian and Russian minorities in Rumania.

Dispatches from Budapest and Praha said that troops on both sides had withdrawn well within their own territory in the Munkacs area and that no new fighting had been reported.

The hope seemed to be that the Munkacs incident could be settled by direct diplomatic negotiation.

## Hungarians Attacked, Czech Authorities Say

PRAHA, Jan. 7 (U.P.)—Czechoslovak authorities said today that rumors of mobilization of army technical units were "100 per cent" incorrect.

Reports were published abroad that Czechoslovakia was mobilizing some men because of the situation on the Hungarian frontier.

Competent quarters here said that on the contrary demobilization of the Army continued and that troops were held in the Carpatho-Ukrainian region, where a clash occurred yesterday, merely to keep communications open in the severe weather experienced this winter.

The Czechoslovak version of the clash between Czech and Hungarian units at Munkacs differed completely from the Hungarian one.

According to reports from Bratislava, on the frontier, Hungarians were to blame. An official communiqué of the Slovak Press Bureau said:

"At 3:50 a. m. Friday armed Hungarian detachments invaded Czechoslovak territory near Rosiglowe and Minknast and began firing. The Czechoslovak defense corps was compelled to reply, and at once put tanks, armored cars and artillery into action. We deny categorically that Czechoslovak military or Ukrainian formations began hostilities. It is to be remembered that yesterday was the day on which Ukrainians celebrate Christmas and the atmosphere was a most peaceful one. The Hungarians provoked a fresh incident and then sent a fictitious version of it throughout the world."

## Hungarians Place Blame on Czechs

BUDAPEST, Jan. 7 (U.P.)—Hungary had advised the Czechoslovak Government that it will be held responsible for loss of life and damage to property as the result of a clash at Munkacs yesterday, it was understood today.

A Hungarian protest to the Czechoslovak Government against the incident was drafted in the sternest terms, it was reported, and charged that Czechoslovakia had prepared the ground for the incident by a long newspaper campaign.

The Czechoslovak Minister of Foreign Affairs was reported here to have told the Hungarian charge d'affaires at Praha, Arno von Borek, that he regretted the incident and that a member of the army general staff had been sent to investigate.

It was announced that four Hungarian officers and five soldiers were killed and 10 seriously wounded in the clash, which according to the Hungarian version was caused by a Czech attack on Munkacs. According to the Hungarian story, the Czechoslovaks lost five known dead and were believed to have removed additional bodies.

## Memel Directorate To Be Nazified

KOVNO, Jan. 7 (U.P.)—The Memel directorate, headed by August Baldus, resigned today, marking another step in Nazification of the semi-autonomous territory within Lithuania. The new directorate is expected to be headed by the Nazi subleader, Willy Bertelet.

In the wake of the Nazi success in the recent election, the Germanization of Memel has been proceeding rapidly. The directorate issued a decree yesterday designed to increase the use of the German language in the schools. Storm troop organizations similar to the Brown Shirts in Germany are being organized.

## Daladier Returns From African Tour

TOULON, France, Jan. 7. (U.P.)—Premier Daladier arrived in the cruiser Foch today after his visit to French Colonial Africa, and left by automobile for his home at Orange.

M. Daladier will go to Paris to meet a tea Tuesday with Prime Minister Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Secretary.

## AMERICAN HOPE PUT IN DEFENSE OF MONROE IDEA

Nazi-Fascist Menace in West Is Growing, U. S. Group's Report Says.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS Times Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—If the United States continues to back up the Monroe Doctrine which it has successfully maintained for 115 years, it does not appear that hemisphere is in any great danger of attack from overseas.

A report recently prepared for a group of interested Americans on the Nazi-Fascist menace to North and South America, contained many startling, almost hair-raising, statements.

Japan, it was said, had been assigned to take over Asia and Oceania, the British and Americans. It was to paralyze Britain and France in the Mediterranean, and Germany was then to finish them off along with the Americas, including the United States.

### Hints Mexican Penetration

The Germans, the report indicated, already had more than a thousand officers in Mexico training the Army to attack the United States upon the outbreak of war in Europe. This would tie the United States' hands while the Nazis destroyed the British and the French. Afterwards, Germany would take over the Western Hemisphere.

Similar things, it was stated, were going on in Central and South America. Nazis had建立 air bases were being established throughout the area, especially in the neighborhood of the Panama Canal, and so on. It sounded very terrible and improbable.

Of course anything can happen in this mad and changing world. But before the things described above come true, many other things would have to happen. Japan would first have to conquer China and make that country's 450 million people stay put; Germany would have to become the complete master of Europe, and the United States would have to disappear from the map as a first class power.

### Chief Danger Held Economic

The chief Nazi-Fascist danger to his hemisphere is economic, rather than military. But this war is none the less real because waged with trade as propaganda instead of bullets.

For, carried to its logical conclusion, economic control can result in a large measure of political control.

For example, Germany might follow certain trade practices which would gain her full control over Brazil's cotton and coffee. Having reached that point, Berlin might then bring political pressure to bear on Rio, the penalty for not obeying being economic ruin for Brazil.

The answer to this danger is a Pan-American understanding, economic, moral and political. This, in large measure, was accomplished at the eighth Pan-American Conference and was embodied in the declaration of Lima. It calls for hemisphere solidarity based upon the Monroe Doctrine.

### JAPANESE PLANES BOMB CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, China, Jan. 7 (U.P.)—Twenty-four Japanese airplanes bombed the outskirts of the city today, but did not bomb the city proper.

### PROBERS SEEK CAUSE OF BOONVILLE FIRE

BOONVILLE, Jan. 7 (U.P.)—Investigators today sought to determine the cause of a fire here which destroyed the abandoned Lipstick company factory and warehouse at an estimated loss of \$60,000.

They indicated that tramps who were reported to have slept in the unguarded building Thursday night, may have been responsible for the blaze.

Fire companies from Evansville aided in extinguishing the fire.

The company moved most of its equipment to Cincinnati two years ago.

### SCHOOL BAND PLAYS CONCERT

The George Washington High School band, directed by Robert B. Shepard, gave a concert this morning in the school auditorium. The program was featured by a solo by Edward Mueller, accompanied by the brass ensemble, and a solo by Nick Craciunio.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here is the Traffic Record

County Deaths Speeding ... 11

(To Date) 2 Reckless Driving ... 5

1939 ..... 4

1938 ..... 5

City Deaths preferential streets ... 5

1939 ..... 1

1938 ..... 2

Jan. 6 Running red lights ... 10

Accidents ... 10 Drunken driving ... 2

Injured ... 5

Dead ... 0

Arrests ... 52 Others ... 19

Deaths

Bailey Jent, 63, at City, bronchopneumonia.

Frank Kocian, 42, at Methodist, bronchopneumonia.

Nathan E. Chandler, 70, at 1607 Broad.

John H. Collins, 36, of 3128 College Ave.

Albert E. Shirley, 32, of 1549 E. Kaley St.; Elizabeth B. Bourley, 32, of 416 Good St.

Robert A. Kav, 24, of 5344 Lowell Ave.

Frances H. Davis, 44, of 1562 W. Ohio St.

Richard O'Neal, 50, of 1544 N. New Jersey St.; Gladys Bryson, 22, of 1918

Deaderup St.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The names, therefore, are not responsible for errors in names of addresses.)

Robert Ramsey, 21, of 1541 Martindale Ave.; Evelyn Robertson, 21, of 1463 E. 16th St.

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