

How Long Will Hitler Continue Bloodless Drive? Europe Asks

Indications of Flowering Napoleonic Complex Are Observed.

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no immediate outbreak is impending, the Germans are not so sanguine. They know their Fuehrer and his unpredictableness. They know that Germany, disciplined and obedient to authority, will march when Hitler demands it, though the route be over a precipice. Of this no foreigner in touch with German life has any doubt.

If anyone familiar only with the Germany of the twenties it is obvious that Hitler has revitalized a broken-spirited, defeated nation. Comparing Hitler's Germany of 1939 with the Kaiser's Germany of 1914 is quite another matter. With the single exception of the German Air Force, there is nothing in the picture of the Kaiser's Germany and the present Germany, considering Army and Navy strengths and economic and financial factors—to warrant a layman in believing that Germany, in a war against Britain and France, could do today what she was unable to do 25 years ago.

That Hitler would score heavily at the outset of any war, due to his superiority in the air, is obvious. That he has means for a sustained campaign, which certainly would result after the bombing of civilian areas in France and England, is far from obvious.

Jewish Question Undisputed

Discussion of the liquidation of Jews is virtually taboo in friendly German circles today. Professional Nazis have closed their minds to reason, justice and human consideration. Argument is futile. To the average, normal German the subject is distasteful.

Many will tell you the situation needed correction because the Jew was crowding the German out of the professions and forcefully substituting his own culture and philosophy for that of the Germans. But very few even attempt a defense of the frightfulness and terrorism, which have been under-stated rather than exaggerated. This is true even as to some persons who are high in the Nazi Party, though there is little evidence that any of these men made a serious attempt to moderate the purge.

The Rome-Berlin axis is no more popular in Germany than in Italy. The Germans have not forgotten how Italy ran out on them in 1914 and accepted a better offer from the Allies. The Germans feel that the Italians are not their natural allies, because of conflicting interests in what was Austria, in Hungary and in Yugoslavia. The opinion is general in Berlin that Britain's Anthony Eden and France's Front Populaire did more to shape the axis than any mutual confidence between Hitler and Mussolini.

Both Want Same Things

The great weakness of the axis alliance is that both nations need the same things—colonies and credits. Both these would probably be attainable via peaceful negotiations for either country acting alone. Probably neither will be attainable if a joint strong-arm effort is attempted.

It is also recognized that a continuation of the axis can probably be assured only through the development of a military situation necessitating joint action. German uneasiness about this situation is attributable to recognition of the fact that Italy heretofore has always been "willing to listen to reason"—plus the fact that France and England have more to reason with than Germany has.

In Germany, as in Russia and Italy, the greatest selling argument for totalitarianism against democracy is that the dictatorship has furnished jobs for six million men who were unemployed in 1932, thus practically eliminating unemployment.

That the German brand of employment severely suffers in key industries and the spirit together that it would collapse overnight upon the sudden termination of the armaments race, is not stressed.

Industrialists Rue Choice

In Germany as in Italy, it is the former industrialists and capitalists who now realize their fatal error in employing Hitlerism to escape something else. Today they realize that the cure is almost as bad as the malady. Likewise, the old Army autocracy is still unconvinced of National Socialism. But here time is serving Hitler by gradually removing recalcitrants among the old officer group. If there is any truth in reports that the Fuehrer distrusts the old Army officers, this may prove to be a factor favoring peace at least temporarily. In another five years the German Army will be completely officered with Hitler-heirs—if Hitler proves as durable as Mussolini and Stalin.

Despite all the complexities of the European situation, nothing that has taken place on this continent has given Germany quite such a

Change Orphans' Home Management



Final details for the transfer of the management of the Marion County Colored Orphans' Home from the Board of Commissioners to the Marion County Welfare Department tomorrow were made at this meeting yesterday.

At the conference were (left to right): Mrs. Dora Robson, supervisor of child welfare service in the Marion County Welfare Department; William A. Brown, standing, County Commissioner; Thomas L. Neal, Marion County Welfare Director; and John Newhouse, president of the Marion County Board of Commissioners.

Text of Chamberlain's Declaration

LONDON, March 31 (U. P.).—Following is the text of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's statement today to the House of Commons pledging aid to Poland:

As I said this morning His Majesty's Government have no official confirmation of rumors of any projected attack on Poland. They must not, therefore be taken as accepting them as true.

I am glad to take this opportunity of stating again the general policy of His Majesty's Government. They constantly advocated adjustment by way of free negotiation between the parties concerned of any differences that may arise between them.

They consider this is a natural and proper course where differences exist. In their opinion there should be no question incapable of solution by peaceful means and they would see no justification for the substitution of force or threats of force for the method of negotiation.

As the House is aware certain consultations are now proceeding with regard to the situation in Poland. In order to make perfectly clear the position of His Majesty's Government in the meantime before those consultations are concluded, I now have to inform the House that during that period in the event of any action which clearly threatened Polish independence and which the Polish Government accordingly considered it vital to resist with their national forces, His Majesty's Government would feel themselves bound at once to lend the Polish Government all the support in their power.

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ANSWERS QUESTION

The text of Mr. Chamberlain's reply to a supplementary question by Arthur Greenwood, acting Labor leader, follows:

46 From County Compete In Music Contest at I. U.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 31.—Forty-six Marion County high school musicians are competing in the fourth annual Solo and Ensemble Contest at Indiana University today and tomorrow.

The contest is sponsored by the Central and Southern Indiana Band and Orchestra Association. Newell H. Long, of Bloomington, association president, is in charge.

Marion County entrants are: Lawrence—Eleanor Ellenberger, Betty Dove, Wayne Stanberry, Jack Jackson, John Zoeller, James Garrison, Wayne Garvin, Joseph Staley, Betty Bea, John Huff, Fred Carson and Edith Roberts.

Southport—Jack Russell.

New Augusta—John Wright, Ruth Pearson and Floyd Bass Jr.

Warren Central—Oscar Chastain.

Greenwood, acting Labor leader, follows:

I think my statement makes it clear that what I have said is intended to cover what I may call an interim period. The Government, it has already been announced, is in consultation with various foreign powers, including, of course, the Soviet Government.

The Foreign Secretary saw the Soviet Ambassador this morning and had a very full discussion with him on the subject and I do not doubt that the principles on which we are acting are fully understood and appreciated by that Government.

As the House is aware, we are expecting a visit next week from Col. Beck, the Foreign Secretary of Poland, and there will then be an opportunity of discussing with him various further measures that may be taken in order, as Mr. Greenwood put it, to accumulate the maximum amount of co-operation in any efforts that may be made to put an end to aggression, if aggression is intended, and substitute for it the more reasonable and orderly methods of discussion.

U. S. S. R. INCLUDED

The text of Mr. Greenwood's second supplementary question follows:

May I put a point with regard to the possibility of a conference? I want to put it quite frankly and think the House will agree with a full sense of responsibility. Can the right honorable gentleman say whether he would welcome a maximum amount of co-operation with all powers, including the U. S. S. R.?

Mr. Chamberlain replied:

We should welcome a maximum amount of co-operation. I am sorry I forgot regarding the question of a conference. The question of a conference in our view is simply a matter of practical expediency. We have no theoretical views regarding conferences. If it proves to be the best way, we should adopt it. If we can find some more effective way to achieve our object, we might dispense with a conference.

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WAIT BARNHART ON BEER POLICY

Commissioners Seek to Set Up Temporary Procedure On Permits.

The Alcoholic Beverage Commission today faced the problem of determining a policy of procedure on beer wholesalers' permits as a result of the Supreme Court's refusal to stop appeal proceedings to the Marion County Superior Courts.

Commissioners said 22 applications have been filed for wholesalers' permits under the new amendments and that until the courts clarify the procedure, some "temporary policy" will have to be determined.

Action on the new applications will be held up until Hugh S. Barnhart, State Excise Administrator, returns to the city Monday, Commissioner Lowell Patterson said.

The Supreme Court did not rule on the questioned validity of the beer amendments, merely denying a petition that sought to prevent appeal of a case to the Superior Courts.

Commissioner Richard Shirley said the Commission's only interest in the court proceedings was to get legal questions clarified.

Some dispute has arisen over the grounds upon which the Commission has the right to deny applications. In the case now being appealed to the Superior Courts, the Commission denied a permit for a Petersburg applicant on economic grounds.

Commissioners pointed out, however, that they may have to start hearings on new applications at once because a final court decision may not be handed down for many months.

Five Marion County Superior Court judges are expected to start appeal proceedings next Monday.

KING ACCEPTS BEER WINDSOR BREWED

LONDON, March 31 (U. P.).—King George VI had accepted a bottle of beer brewed by his brother, the Duke of Windsor, today.

The King and queen were touring a working class housing project, at

Hackney and observed a bottle of beer standing in a place of honor on the piano in the home of John Layton, a brewer's laborer. Layton explained that it was a bottle of "The Prince's Brew" laid down by the Duke of Windsor when he was Prince of Wales. He asked the king if he would accept it as a gift and the king assented.

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