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# HITLER BALKAN AIMS WORRY ITALY

## HATCH ACT NOT APPLICABLE TO STATE 2% CLUB

Democrats Are Advised Of Attorney General's Ruling.

### BAYS REFUSES COMMENT

Law Covers Only Employees Of Federal Government, Decision Says.

The Indiana Democratic Party's "Two Per Cent Club" is not affected by the Hatch Act, which prohibits public employees from political activity, according to an opinion of Atty. Gen. Frank Murphy.

The opinion was received today in a letter to Fred F. Bays, Indiana Democratic State Central Committee chairman, signed by O. John Rogge, assistant attorney general, for Atty. Gen. Murphy.

Makes Letter Public

Mr. Bays made the letter public and refused to comment on the "Two Per Cent Club."

The letter read:

"Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of Aug. 29, 1939, in which you ask certain questions concerning the application of the Hatch Act to employees of the State Highway Department of Indiana.

"The provisions of the Hatch Act restricting political activities apply only to officers and employees in the executive branch of the Federal Government and do not affect State employees.

Cites Provisions

"There is nothing in the Hatch Act prohibiting the receipt of contributions for political purposes by State employees even though the State is using funds supplied by the Federal Government, as it does in connection with the building of highways. The section of the Act relating to contributions for political purposes reads as follows:

"SEC. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit or receive or be in any manner concerned in soliciting or receiving any assessment, subscription, or contribution for any political purpose whatever from any person known by him to be entitled to or receiving compensation, employment, or other benefit provided for or made possible by any Act of Congress appropriating funds for work relief or relief purposes."

**SENTENCE COCHRAN TO DIE FOR MURDER**

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Oct. 7 (U.P.)—Thomas McBride Cochran, 29-year-old fake trial scout, today was sentenced to die in the electric chair for the murder of Ruth Frances Dunn, one of two Miami high school girls he lured from home with false promises of stage fame. The date for the execution will be set by Governor Fred F. Cone.

Circuit Judge C. E. Chillingworth pronounced the death sentence after denying a motion for new trial based on Cochran's contention the slaying was not premeditated.

**CHANDLER TO RESIGN MONDAY, BE SENATOR**

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 7 (U.P.)—Governor A. B. (Happy) Chandler will resign Monday to take the Senate seat left vacant by the death Tuesday of Senator M. M. Logan, it was announced today.

Walter W. Mulry, Mr. Chandler's secretary, said the Government "already has written out his resignation and will leave for Washington Monday and be presented to the Senate Tuesday."

Mr. Chandler will be succeeded administratively by Lt. Gov. Keen Johnson, who will then appoint him Kentucky's junior Senator. Mr. Johnson is the Democratic gubernatorial nominee in the Nov. 7 election.

**HUNGARY, RUMANIA SEND TROOPS HOME**

BUCHAREST, Oct. 7 (U.P.)—Rumania and Hungary agreed today to demobilize their troops along the common frontier.

The troops have been facing each other since last spring and the demobilization agreement was regarded as an important step toward pacification in the Balkans.

Hungary already has started sending reservists home. Rumania soon will follow suit. Only normal frontier garrisons will be retained.

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### Grandma Roosevelt Greets Grandson



John Roosevelt Boettiger, 6-month-old grandson of President Roosevelt, smiling at Papa John Boettiger and Mamma Eleanor, while Grandma Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt looks on. The photo, made at the Boettiger home in Seattle, is the first of the youngster and parents to be published.

### F.D.R. COOL TO BERLIN'S HINTS OF PEACE ROLE

Keeps in Close Touch With Hull, Has Phone Line Open to Capital.

#### REPORTS SUB OFF MIAMI

Declines to Give Nationality But Says It Belongs To Foreign Power.

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Oct. 7 (U.P.)—President Roosevelt indicated today that he is not ready to respond to intimations from Berlin that Adolf Hitler would be willing to have him mediate the issues of the European war.

Mr. Roosevelt, through the temporary White House secretariat, said that there is nothing to say in response to intimations from Berlin indicating willingness of Herr Hitler to accept a peace move from this country.

Reports Another Sub Sighted

Meanwhile, the President revealed that a submarine of some foreign power was sighted yesterday 15 miles off Miami, Fla.

He declined to reveal its nationality, but the temporary White House said it is definitely identified as a submersible of a foreign power.

The White House announcement indicated that the submarine was off Miami when sighted in a position well within-the-300-mile limit proclaimed as a safety zone by a joint declaration of the 21 American republics.

Secretary William D. Hassett, after conveying to the President inquiries about the possibility he might propose an armistice, said that Mr. Roosevelt told him there would be no comment or no reaction.

"The President authorized me to tell you that there is nothing to say on the matter," Mr. Hassett said.

He was told that the negative reaction might be interpreted as Presidential rejection of the invitation.

"The interpretation is up to you," Mr. Hassett said.

#### Funeral Monday

Funeral services will be held here Monday afternoon with burial the following day in the family plot at Cleveland, O., where Dr. Cushing was born.

In 1925, Dr. Cushing was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for biography for "Life of Sir William Osler."

He was senior consultant in neurological surgery with the A. E. F. in France, was a former president of the American Neurology Association, the American Surgical Association and the American College of Surgeons. He was awarded the University of Edinburgh Cameron Prize in 1924 and the Lister Medal at London in 1924. He had also been honored by Belgian and French scientific societies and the University of Toronto.

#### Retired Last Year

Educated at Yale and Harvard, Dr. Cushing taught surgery at Johns Hopkins University and Harvard. He assumed the Sterling chair of neurology at Yale in 1933 when it was established through a \$300,000 gift from the estate of John D. Sterling. He retired last year but remained with the university in an advisory capacity.

He wrote many articles and books on nervous and mental ailments, including some dealing with the classification of brain tumors.

#### ORIGIN OF CHURCH FIRE UNDETERMINED

Greek Orthodox Edifice on N. West St. Damaged.

A fire last night, of undetermined origin, swept through the interior of St. Trias Greek Orthodox Church, 231 N. West St.

The fire apparently started near the altar, firemen said. The damage to the building was unestimated.

#### KUHN TRIAL OCT. 30

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (U.P.)—Pete Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, will go on trial Oct. 30 on charges of stealing more than \$14,500 of the organization's funds.

He was arrested early this morning in the 4100 block College Ave.

#### GIVEN 60-DAY TERM ON TRAFFIC CHARGES

William Cook, 1306 Rhingold St., was fined \$65 and sentenced to serve 60 days on the State farm for four traffic violations today by Municipal Judge Charles J. Karabell.

Cook pleaded guilty to charges of drunken driving, reckless driving, drunk and operating an automobile with four in the front seat. His driver's license was suspended for six months.

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#### IN BERLIN:

Clothes Fired by Machine Gun, Pal Dead, Briton Parachutes Down as Snipers Fire

"Suddenly two formations of six Messerschmitts (German fighting planes) whirled up, outnumbering us more than three-to-one. The enemy began their favorite tactic of diving from underneath.

"One plane sprayed me with incendiary bullets. As my clothes burst into flames the plane behind swooped up, making a lovely target.

"I gave him all I had and saw him go into a spin and disappear."

He said his own observer had slumped down dead but that his pals in the other British planes "accounted for" three other German planes.

"Half unconscious, I struggled

### Silent on 'Plot'



Admiral Claude C. Bloch, head of the U.S. fleet. Refuses to discuss purported Arizona sabotage plot.

### END LEAVES ON U. S. WARSHIPS

Reported Plan to Damage U. S. S. Arizona on West Coast Probed by FBI.

#### SAFETY ON ARIZONA

Admiral Claude C. Bloch, head of the U.S. fleet, refused to discuss purported Arizona sabotage plot.

Meanwhile, the Finnish Foreign Minister revealed that Russia had "suggested" that Finland send a representative to Moscow to discuss "various political and economic problems."

Naval authorities declined to make any comment whatsoever on a report that an effort had been planned to damage the big dreadnaught, which is one of the Navy's main battle force.

The spokesman for Admiral Claude C. Bloch, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, refused also to comment on a report that a casualty occurred aboard the ship in connection with such a plot.

Orders canceling leaves aboard the Arizona also brought all shore-going members of her crew back aboard the ship.

After a week of target practice in the Navy's drill waters off San Clemente Island, the Arizona had returned to the fleet anchorage in San Pedro yesterday. The dreadnaught is the flagship of Rear Admiral Russell Wilson, commander of the Battleship division, No. 1. Capt. I. C. Kidd is his commander.

In San Francisco, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, said an investigation has been going on "four or five days."

Line Open to Capital

So far as could be learned, Mr. Roosevelt had no official knowledge of the intimations in Berlin that Herr Hitler would be amenable to an armistice.

Mr. Roosevelt, however, has been following newspapers closely. In addition, he was keeping in closest touch with Secretary of State Cordell Hull and has a telephone wire open around the clock to Washington for instantaneous action should the necessity arise.

Herr Hitler's insistence that the peace move be made is an accomplished fact and that any peace negotiators must recognize that situation made any peace move from Mr. Roosevelt a complicated problem.

"This country already is on

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### NAVAL CONVOY EXPECTED TO REACH IROQUOIS TODAY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (U.P.)—Four U. S. Navy destroyers and a Coast Guard cutter were expected to escort the S. S. Iroquois in the North Atlantic today ready to accompany her home in the face of a German intimation that Great Britain intends to sink the American.

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### HITLER SOUGHT SOVIET AID AS LAST HOPE, SIMMS HINTS

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
Times Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The feeling of mild astonishment first engendered here by Hitler's Reichstag speech yesterday has given way to day to something akin not to fear but to horror.

The Fuehrer's "peace offer" seems to have left: the same sort of impression as a room full of people might experience were a madman to bomb suddenly appear and threaten to blow everybody to fragments, including himself, unless they agreed forthwith to do as he said.

Herr Hitler, diplomatic circles here agree, has demanded for himself and his partner, Josef Stalin, what he would be tantamount to a hegemony over all Europe. And if his terms are not met, he will loose upon the world a war in which all hands will go to their doom together.

Acceptance of any such terms by us, on our side, could ever agree to accept the assistance of a Bolshevik state. For I fear that the moment any nation agreed to accept such assistance, it would thereby seal its own doom.

Some believe that Herr Hitler realizes he must soon win or lose or face trouble inside Germany. And if he wins, he must have the help of Stalin, cost what it may. Furthermore, he is thought to believe that if he wins in the west he can then successfully match strength with the Soviet Union. If he loses, his nation will be up anyway.

It was recalled, however, that only yesterday Finland revealed a strengthening of her armed forces.

It was suggested that rumors of such a plot might have arisen from the continued police drive against the Iron Guard, blamed for the assassination of Premier Armand Calle, and from the publication last night of decrees prescribing severe penalties for disturbance of public order.

As regards the King, it was said that there had been no reinforcement of the protection normally given him.

It was agreed to immediate drastic reduction of armaments, to be effected by all powers.

Despite the almost derelict rejection of Fuehrer Hitler's "peace" speech in London and Paris, authoritative quarters, Nazi informants, in position to know the attitude of the Government, professed to believe that Great Britain and France would not "remain cold" to mediating offers.

Coupled with the suggestion that it would be nice if President Roosevelt co-operated with Herr Hitler in arranging peace on Nazi terms as outlined in his Reichstag speech, the present status in Europe and to ask for herself only the return of the colonies taken from her as the result of the World War.

They said also the Germany

## AXIS PARTNER'S SNUBS RUMORED; FINNS ON SPOT

Hungary and Rumania End Quarrel, Face Common Danger; Allies Hope for Miracle, Nazis for Mediation.

### BERLIN SURPRISED AT REACTION

Latvia Discusses Transfer of German Minorities to Prevent Trouble With Reich in Future.

BY JOE ALEX MORRIS  
United Press Foreign Editor

Adolf Hitler's "final peace terms" appeared today to offer little basis for negotiated peace but rather to widen the gap between Italy and Germany.

While the Allied Governments officially kept their promise to examine Herr Hitler's 10,760-word speech carefully, it was received critically and often with derision in foreign quarters not sympathetic to the Nazi regime.

Meanwhile the Finnish Foreign Minister revealed that Russia had "suggested" that Finland send a representative to Moscow to discuss "various political and economic problems."

The Italian fear grew from some sections of the speech in which Herr Hitler said that Germany and Russia would settle Balkan problems. Italy considers the Balkans as its sphere and this seemed certain to make clearer the divergence of interests shown since Herr Hitler took Stalin

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