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ENGLAND ASKS GOOD WILL OF ALL NEUTRALS

'Your Rights Are Respected,' Chamberlain Says; Japan Gets a Nod.

DORCHESTER HOUSE, London, Jan. 31 (U. P.)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain appealed today for the friendship of neutral nations of the world, emphasizing the Allies' desire for good relations with Japan and for future trade pacts with European states embodying the idea "behind our agreement with the United States."

The Prime Minister made an all-personal appeal to the Japanese Government and people to settle controversy over the incident arising from the seizure of 21 German seamen from the Japanese liner *Asama* by a British warship.

Mr. Chamberlain admitted that the British and Japanese Governments may disagree as to interpretation of international law in the *Asama* incident, which aroused angry protests in Japan, but he said that "such issues are not the strongest influences in the lives of nations or the hearts of men."

Remarks Are Palliative

His remarks concerning Japan were the most friendly heard here in a long time.

Except for a jesting remark about secrecy surrounding Adolf Hitler's speech in Berlin last night, Mr. Chamberlain made little reference to the Nazi leader. He did, however, announce the destruction of another U-boat by British sea and air forces and charged Germany with threatening the existence of small European states.

"Such a shriek betrays dread of British power," said the conservative Daily Telegraph in a typical editorial. "Hitler knows, and he cannot refrain from blunting out, the uneasy knowledge that he has aroused the whole world against his regime."

The main part of Mr. Chamberlain's speech was devoted to assuring the European neutral states that they had nothing to fear from the Allies.

He declared that the Allied powers intend after the war "to return to the idea behind our (economic) agreement with the United States a little over a year ago . . . we must put an end to the vicious policy of economic nationalisation and autarchy, which upset the last peace settlement."

Neutral Rights Unquestioned

"There is not a single non-belligerent country that feels itself threatened by this enormous (Allied) accumulation of powers," the Prime Minister said in discussing the British military preparations at a luncheon meeting.

"We do not for a moment question the rights of neutrals to decide whether they shall go into conflict or stay out, or if they choose to stay out in what fashion they shall use the neutrality they have chosen."

Mr. Chamberlain's speech generally was intended to offset the anger aroused in neutral nations by recent suggestions of Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, that the neutrals join up with the Allies to guard against being divided between Nazism and Bolshevikism.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the Empire now had upwards of 1,250,000 men under arms and that the toll of German submarines—estimated here at close to 40—had been increased by yesterday's air and naval operations.

Expect Wave of U-Boats

Naval circles indicated today that a fifth wave of German U-boats believed to have been sent to sea in another attempt to break up the British convoy system would be met with an increased number of anti-submarine patrol squadrons.

In a recently created safe zone the British have laid a mine barrage for 400 miles and naval experts said this has presented a severe hazard to the German U-boats.

The German Air Force has been attacking ships in the area, the British said, because of the difficulties encountered by U-boats.

German air raids on British shipping within the last two days have taken an estimated 50 lives.

AGED TAILOR BEATEN, ROBBED BY 2 THUGS

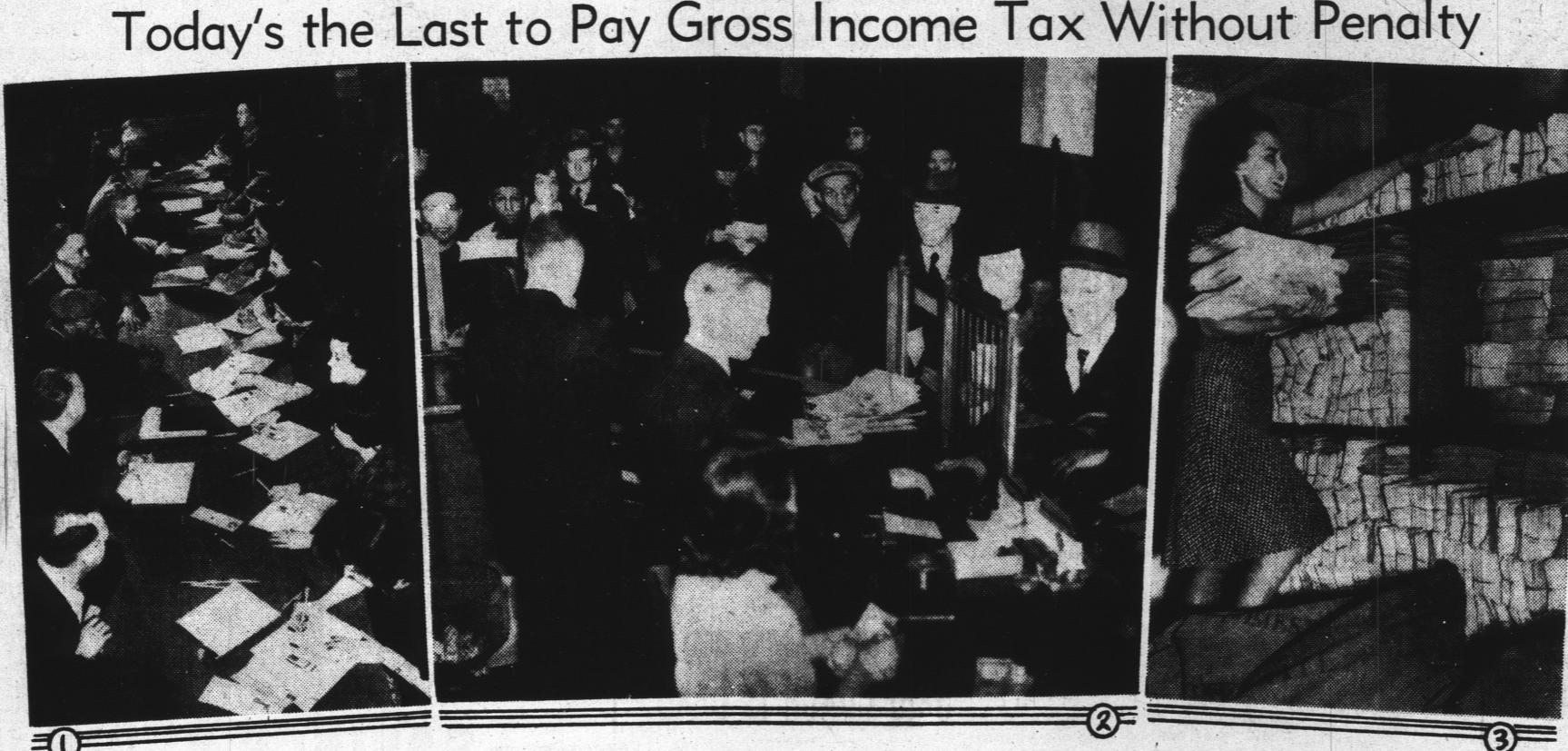
Hyman M. Marcus, 62-year-old tailor, was beaten severely on his head today by two men who invaded his tailoring shop at 1005 W. Morris St. and robbed him.

He told police they said nothing at all but that one of them began beating his head as he lay on the floor, soon as they entered. The tailor, who had taken some articles of jewelry and \$140 in cash, he said. Police sent him to City Hospital where his condition was described as serious.

HOG PRICES FALL; STOCKS IRREGULAR

Hog prices fell 25 cents at Indianapolis today for weights over 160 pounds and 15 cents for lighter weights. The Agricultural Marketing Service estimated receipts at \$500 head.

New York stocks drifted aimlessly in quiet trading. Low-priced issues occupied greatest attention as Loft sold at \$25.25, highest in several years. World currencies were steady, cotton futures lost earlier advances and British Government bonds were active and firm in London trading.



1. Today is the finale for filing gross income tax returns for 1939. Those on the right are clerks helping Mr. and Mrs. John Indiana file their returns at the Gross Income Tax Division, 141 S. Meridian St.

2. This is the pay-off window. These Hoosiers are paying 1 per cent on all of last year's income over \$1000. One per cent per month interest will be charged for delinquents, plus a 10 per cent penalty.

3. Miss Mary Beckner, 962 N. Penn, St., a clerk at the division, has a big job sorting out and filing returns received by mail. Two hundred sacks of mail have been received this month.

DEFIANT TALKS ALARM EUROPE

War's Intensification Feared —Allies Prepared for Nazi Spring Offensive.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS
United Press Foreign News Editor

Propects for intensified warfare in Europe mounted today as a result of a series of challenges by the leaders of bellicose governments.

Adolf Hitler, German Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain and French Premier Edouard Daladier all joined in a chorus of threatening speeches designed to prepare the people both for major attacks by the enemy and for attempts to seize the offensive when spring comes.

The word from Paris is that the Allied High Command expects and is ready to meet a smashing German offensive in the spring.

Hitter Needs Oil

Many military observers in France, however, insist that Herr Hitler cannot undertake an offensive involving the whole German army without assuring himself of ample oil and other supplies.

For this reason, the three-day meeting of the foreign ministers of Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey which starts in Belgrade Friday is being watched intently in the Allied capitals.

The ministers undoubtedly will report on increased German pressure to get the lion's share of Balkan production of oil, copper, bauxite, chromium and wheat, to the detriment of the Allies.

Germany was pleased by Rumania's creation of a national oil office, believing it will gradually lead to German dominance over the supply.

Balkans Seek Neutrality

The French believe that the present German economic strategy consists of attempting to obtain formation of similar national offices for control of wheat in Hungary and Rumania and of copper in Yugoslavia, through which Germany, by direct approach to the governments concerned, could cut off deliveries to the Allies in favor of concentrated shipments to the Reich.

Balkan sources, however, say that the Belgrade meeting will be devoted not only to keeping war out of the Balkans, but to establishing Balkan economic neutrality.

Authentic informants in Rome expressed a similar attitude with most of the points in Herr Hitler's speech yesterday, but there was some disappointment at his em-

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Music Appreciation Drive Is Indorsed by Clubwomen

The music appreciation campaign for Indiana has received the enthusiastic support of the club-women of the state.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Federation of Clubs pledged whole-hearted support to the program at their mid-winter meeting yesterday at the Claypool Hotel.

At the same time, headquarters announced that no more reservations for the banquet tomorrow night at the Claypool will be accepted. The banquet will open the campaign.

The statement read:

"The unexpectedly large number of acceptances of the invitations to

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attend our opening dinner has taxed the capacity and every facility of the Claypool Hotel.

"It has been found necessary to seat many of our guests in dining rooms other than the Riley Room. However, a public address system will clearly carry the program of speeches to every section of the Hotel.

"A new list, alphabetically arranged, will be found in the lobby of the hotel in order that our guests may conveniently locate their places of seating.

"We greatly regret that those whose acceptances were received later than Wednesday morning, Jan. 31, cannot be accommodated for

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taxes in Indiana have been necessary to operate for appendicitis. Overwork in the movies and in conducting his annual pro-amateur golf tournament taxed Mr. Crosby's strength, Dr. Stevens said.

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