

Allies Paving Way to Make U. S. Hold the Bag for Peace

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WASHINGTON, March 20.—Look out for Allied moves to make the United States hold the bag for a European peace. Already inspired stories from London are hinting that the Allies will never be able to trust Germany without American guarantees. Just like last time!

They put it this way: The choice is between a war to the death and a negotiated peace. A knockout war would destroy not only Germany, but also the Allies. Anyway it would lead to a vassal's settlement, another Versailles monstrosity. A just and lasting peace, based on Roosevelt principles, is possible only if the United States joins in underwriting it.

This sounds as fantastic to the average American as it seems reasonable to the Allied statesmen. American isolationist sentiment is so strong that no responsible politician here would dare make this suggestion. It would be political suicide.



Mr. Denny

WELLES STARTS RETURN VOYAGE

Expected to Tell F. D. R. That Europe Is Settling Into Stubborn War.

ABOARD CONTE DI SAVOIA, EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, March 20 (U. P.)—Sumner Welles, United States Undersecretary of State, sailed for home today to make a confidential report to President Roosevelt on his 25-day exploratory tour of Europe.

The Italian liner bearing him home sailed from Genoa at 1 p. m. (6 a. m. Indianapolis Time). Mr. Welles was expected to tell Mr. Roosevelt that in spite of all reports of peace offensive, Europe apparently was settling down for a long and stubborn war.

Developments of the past 48 hours, since the conference of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini at Brennero, had indicated that the present war aims of Germany and the Allies were irreconcilable.

Denny Duce Is Go-Between

The latest editions of Italian newspapers that Mr. Welles carried under his arm as he boarded the ship this morning did not mention peace, except to declare that Benito Mussolini was in no way serving as a go-between in any peace offensive, and they warned that Italy and Germany stood together to prevent the war spreading to other fronts, especially the Balkans, the Danube Basin, and the Near East.

Nazi-Red-Italian Agreement Hinted

BERLIN, March 20 (U. P.)—Count Friedrich Werner von Der Schulenburg, German Ambassador to Russia, left for Moscow by airplane at noon today (5 a. m. Indianapolis Time) and it was reported that he would accompany some Russian leaders back to Berlin.

Just before he left, Voelkischer Beobachter, official newspaper organ of the Nazi Party, had given indirect support, in an editorial, to reports that an agreement between Germany, Italy and Russia was impending.

The newspaper attacked the "grotesque opinion that unbridgeable contradictions separate Italy and Russia."

HURT IN 4-FOOT FALL

Ernest Messick, 63, of 2218 Nowland Ave., is in Methodist Hospital today with injuries received yesterday when he stepped backward off a scaffold while at work in a building at Illinois and Market Sts. and fell four feet onto a pile of cement blocks.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE

County City Total

1939 8 7 15

1940 5 10 15

—March 19—

Injured 7 11 18

Dead 0 1 1

TUESDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convic- Fines

Violations Tried Fines Paid

Speeding 21 19 \$109

Failure to stop at through street 5 5 13

Reckless driving 26 24 62

Disobeying traffic signal 18 17 31

Drunken driving 2 1 10

All others 49 44 41

Totals 121 110 \$266

MEETINGS TODAY

Y. M. C. A. Camera Club, Central Y.

Lions Club, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Indianapolis Real Estate Board, Columbia Club, noon.

Young Men's Discussion Club, W. M. C. A. noon.

Purdue Alumni Association, Hotel Sebring, noon.

Trade District, American Legion, Board of Trade, noon.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Board of Trade, noon.

Indianapolis Real Estate Board, Property Managers' Division, Canary Cottage, noon.

Kwanis Club, Columbia Club, noon.

Womans' Show, Manufacturers' Bldg., Indianapolis State Fairgrounds, afternoon and night.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Advertising Club of Indianapolis, Indianapolis Club, noon.

Sirius Club, Board of Trade, noon.

Caravan Club, Murat Temple, noon.

Construction League of Indianapolis, Architects and Builders Building, noon.

Elks Club, 1111 Market St., noon.

St. P. M. S. Club, Canast Cottage, noon.

Launched Club, Alhambra Association, noon.

Indiana State Transportation Club, Inc., For Steak House, noon.

Community Co-ordinating Council, 111 S. Illinois St., noon.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, noon.

Sportmen's Show, Manufacturers' Bldg., Indianapolis State Fairgrounds, afternoon.

Indiana Retailers Association, Claypool Hotel, afternoon and night.

Illinois Co-Eds Study City Libraries



Twenty-four University of Illinois co-eds are making an intensive survey of the Indianapolis Public Library system. The girls are students at the university library school at Urbana. Today they visited the Central Library. Yesterday, Miss Esther Agnew (right), first assistant librarian at the Indiana State Library, explained the card index system to Hollis Barton, Mary C. Watson and Lorraine George (left to right).

British Fliers Report Tremendous Damage to Sylt, Nazi Base Blasted in All-Night Raid

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Sylt from 8 p. m. yesterday to 2:40 a. m. today, Sir Kingsley said that twice as many British planes bombed Sylt last night as were in the German air fleet which bombed Scaup low last week.

"Although our aircraft were heavily engaged, they were able to make observations of the island (this morning which confirmed the success of the operations last night and that these aircraft) returned to their bases," he said.

He reported to Commons that last night direct hits had been made on German hangars, which had been set afire. He said that oil storage tanks had also been set on fire and that many direct hits had been made on the Sylt jetty, the island's light railway and other parts of the island.

It was reported that 50 latest-type Whitley and Wellington bombers starting from East Coast airfields conducted the raid, carrying capacity loads of high explosive and incendiary bombs.

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Attacks Last 7 Hours

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Information now available shows that the damage reported earlier is most extensive and includes direct hits on slipways and hangars."

Ironically, the greater part of the raid was effected while Undersecretary of State Edgar Ludlow-Hewitt, commander-in-chief of the Royal Air Force Bomber Command who was called, during the last war, "one of the bravest and finest pilots we have."

The British planes dropped bombs on the long, narrow, North Sea coast from 8 o'clock last night until 3 o'clock this morning.

The last of the raiding planes re-

turned to base at 6:30 a. m. (11:30 p. m. Indianapolis time) 10 hours and 30 minutes after the first bombs were dropped, it was announced.

Loss of only one British plane was admitted in a raid which meant the start of a British "two eyes for an eye" policy and presumably constituted a tacit invitation to Germany to start the totalitarian war it had so often threatened.

Guided first by a bright moon and then by the light of fires they had started, the British planes flew more than 300 miles across the North Sea in almost continuous waves, then flew singly over the island from which German planes take off to harry the British coast, dropped their bombs, and returned to home airfields.

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