

BESSARABIA GRAB GETS O.K. OF AXIS

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sions yet to be made in Berlin and Rome, where it is desired to prevent an outbreak of war such as might result from attempts by Bulgaria to regain Dobrudja or by Hungary to regain Transylvania.

Attack on Britain Awaited

Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini obviously hoped to prevent war in the Balkans until they have had opportunity to launch an offensive on a grand scale against the British Empire in general and the British Isles in particular.

One familiar phase of that attack—the propaganda peace offensive—already is well underway, with rumors of peace moves between Britain and Germany spreading to many parts of the world.

These rumors were branded as completely false today by Neville Chamberlain, former Prime Minister of Britain and now Lord President of the Council in the British Cabinet of Winston Churchill.

In an interview with the United Press, Chamberlain—who had been assailed by some political foes as still likely to seek a settlement—declared that the Government was confident the war against Germany would end in victory.

"We Are Just Beginning"

"We are just beginning the struggle," he said. "This would be the worst possible moment to enter peace negotiations."

The British Isles, Cabinet members declared, have been made into a fortress and the defense preparations are constantly being speeded up, while the British air force continues to pound at German military industrial objectives.

The Admiralty also announced that the submarine Tetrarch had sunk a loaded German transport of 8000 tons off the south coast of Norway, where the Nazis have been reported assembling troops and small boats for the forthcoming attempt to invade the British Isles.

In Berlin, a war communiqué said that German troops had advanced to the Spanish frontier, thus putting the entire Channel and Atlantic Coast of France securely in German hands in preparation for the "Battle of Britain."

British Raids Continue

Raids by British airplanes on German centers were reported, but the communiqué said that German bombers had replied strongly by attacking arms factories and harbors in Southern England and the Midlands, causing many fires.

Nazis strongly discounted talk of peace negotiations at present.

An Italian war communiqué said that Fascist planes had shot down two British craft and "effectively bombed" British lines and motorized units in North and East Africa.

Efforts of Britain and of French leaders abroad to organize French empire resistance or get control of part of the French fleet continued entirely obscure and without any definite results to date. Frequent statements were made that French colonial forces in North Africa, the Near East and Indo-China would resist "invasion" but to date there has been little or nothing to support the British belief that large forces would refuse to obey the surrender order of the French Government at Bordeaux.

The position of Turkey continued uncertain, but it appeared that the Turkish Government was taking extensive military precautions.

Two additional classes were called up in Turkey and large units of the fleet were reported in the Bosphorus heading for the Black Sea. Troop movements on the Turkish side of the Edirne district, adjacent to Bulgaria, also were reported.

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