

# 'Test of Will or Battle' Near for U.S., Says Knox; Japan War Emergency Hinted

## FRENCH PORTS AND RAILWAYS BOMBED

Boulogne Mayor Among 40 Killed by R. A. F., Nazis Report.

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the Latin American nations closer to each other and the United States and to suppress all Nazi activities there. In Washington, it was said that Japan's "warning" to the United States might result in closer co-operation between this country and Canada in restricting exports to Japan.

### "Just the Right Man"

Over England, a score of Nazi warplanes were brought down in the first phase of an aerial conflict that started with roaring daylight attacks and terrific counter-blows by British anti-aircraft guns and fighter planes.

The British had prepared for more intensive air war by a shakeup in the R. A. F. command which brought to the head of the force Air Marshal Sir Charles F. A. Portal. His friends said he was "just the right man to deal with that fellow Hitler."

The dynamic new air chief of staff has been chief of the bomber command since Hitler invaded the Low Countries and the moving spirit behind the persistent bombing of military targets, including airfields and the like, namely raids on major ports which more than anything else have held up the vaunted German invasion of Britain. He succeeds Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, who has been appointed Governor General of New Zealand.

### Expect Winter Warfare

Undaunted, Berlin reported that increased numbers of bombers were taking advantage of clear weather to hammer at the British Isles and considerable damage was reported from London.

The aerial offensive, it was emphasized by Nazis and Fascists, merely is the prelude to a winter offensive that the Axis leaders, Hitler and Mussolini, plotted yesterday at their Brenner Pass conference to destroy the British Empire that already "nailed to her death bed."

But, both Berlin and Rome agreed, the Axis is not setting any time for the projected knock-out blow.

There was an attempt by the Fascist press to create an impression that the invasion of the British Isles may yet be attempted, the newspaper *Messaggero* asserted that "landing parties" would be part of the axis operations. It was in this connection that the King inspected a big transport airplane that might be used in operations such as the projected invasion of Britain or to ferry Italian (or German) troops to North Africa for renewal of the Fascist offensive against the Suez Canal.

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Office spokesman, made a similar statement, but added that he "shuddered even to think of such an eventuality."

The newspaper *Nichi Nichi* epitomized the various statements by saying that Japan was anxious to join hands with the United States for a realization of "lasting peace" but added that there was no indication the United States intended to alter its attitude.

### New Embargoes Hinted

Washington believed that the beligerent Japanese statements were specially timed to coincide with the Brenner Pass conference. American officials said that the Canadian Government might embargo shipment to Japan of all materials—iron and steel, scrap, and petroleum—gasoline—which the United States has cut off from Tokyo. It was intimated also that America might soon add copper, pig iron, all steels and other vitally important materials to the embargo.

Closer relations among Latin-American nations so that "on a basis of equality we may reach an understanding with North America in order to maintain our domestic regimes," was urged at the opening in Santiago, Chile, of the Latin-American Congress of Left Wing Parties. The Ecuadorean Congress authorized the Government to contract a loan of \$1,150,000 from the Export-Import Bank in Washington. Argentina and Brazil seemed near agreement on wheat trading.

Bolivia was alarmed by revelations that several newspapers were being subsidized by beligerent European nations. Brazil seized a motor launch charged with supplying gasoline and oil of Nazi submarines off the coast of Chile prevented the escape in a Japanese steamer of four members of the Admiral Graff Spee crew who had escaped from Argentina.

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There is no visible reason for expecting any such sensational action. Hitler has been trying to deliver overpowering strokes for the last two months against Britain with no success.

Italy understands the realities of present situation which do not due to harmony between the anti-democratic partners. *Ciano's* newspaper, indeed, makes the astonishing admission today that Hitler and Mussolini "last August prepared the Fascist offensive against the Suez Canal."

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## IN INDIANAPOLIS

### Here Is the Traffic Record

#### DEATHS TO DATE

County City Total

1939 ..... 26 42 68

1940 ..... 37 65 102

Oct. 4—

Injured ..... 7 Accidents ... 28

Dead ..... 2 Arrests ... 29

#### FRIDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convic. Fines

Violations tried Fines Paid

Speeding ..... 4 2 \$12

Reckless driving ..... 3 2 0

Failure to stop at through street ..... 4 4

Disobeying traffic Signal ..... 5 5 3

Drunken driving ..... 2 0

All others ..... 25 23 55

Totals ..... 43 36 55

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#### DEATHS

Joseph Friedl, 47, at St. Francis' Hospital, 1000 N. Meridian.

Rav. Margaret Ropes, at Methodist.

Kenneth Rose, 37, at Methodist.

Charles D. Collier, 51, at St. Francis.

Charles Dorothy Chambers, 32, at Vincent's.

Benjamin, Lillian Wulber, at St. Vincent's.

William Evelyn McMaster, at St. Vincent's.

John Lillian Foster, at 609 N. 21st.

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