

DRAFT NEW DEFENSIVE PACT

Greece, Rumania Assured

Chamberlain Expected To Assure Integrity Tomorrow

LONDON, April 12.—Prime Minister Chamberlain of Great Britain is expected to announce that a pact has been arranged whereby Britain will guarantee the integrity of Greece and Rumania, in his address to the British House of Commons tomorrow afternoon.

Observers today expressed the opinion that rumors to this effect concerning the speech in the house are based on good foundation. It is reported that negotiations have now been completed for the assistance pacts, and that Britain is now considering other steps in her policy of binding smaller European nations as a protection against further aggression on the part of the totalitarian states of Germany and Italy.

ANOTHER WARNING

In Paris today, new shifting of armed forces was regarded as a warning to Hitler and Mussolini that the democratic states are determined to back with arms if necessary their declaration to the Fascist states that no further infringement of national liberties in Europe will be disregarded. The military changes were also considered as a reassurance to the smaller nations which have been brought into the British-French bloc, or whom the Democratic nations are considering as members.

The new call to reservists of the French army was today rushing hundreds of trained men to the colors. Although the number called up have not been disclosed, it is reported that France has over one million men in the field at present.

Two Months and \$200 On Contraband Charge

Edward Dunbar of Devon was sentenced to two months in jail plus a fine of \$200, with an additional two months in default of payment of fine when he appeared before Magistrate Whitman A. Haines in the Devon Police Court yesterday afternoon. He pleaded "guilty" to a charge of having liquor in his possession not purchased at the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board. He was arrested yesterday morning by R.C.M.P. of the Fredericton detachment. This was the first conviction under such a charge this year.

Mussolini Arouses Ire Of Moslem Group Nations

Demonstrations Flare Up In Various Cities As Moslems Protest Italian Attack of Albania

ORAN, Algeria, April 12.—Several thousand Moslem guards were dispersed yesterday by mobile guards as they marched on the Italian consulate in protest of the Italian invasion of Moslem Albania.

The Oran demonstration was part of a nation-wide series of protest meetings called by Moslems.

Some 15,000 massed at Mostaganem 25,000 at Constantine and many others massed in every large Algerian city in fervent demonstration.

Mobile guards and police watched all Italian consulates in French-governed Algeria.

Fascists Form New Government

TIRANA, April 12.—A single party government similar to that of Italy is being set up in Albania by the Fascist "conquerors." Violent fighting is still reported in some sections of Albania, but the Italian columns have the country almost totally quieted by force of arms, it was reported today.

RUMANIA NOW GIVEN USE OF DARDANELLES

Use of Vital Straits Valuable To Balkan Entente In Crisis

BUCHAREST, April 12.—For passage of military and other supplies to Rumania in case of war, Rumania has been granted the use of the Dardanelles, vital straits between the Aegean and Black Seas, by Turkey.

Rumanian press state that friendship between Rumania and Turkey gives force to the Balkan Entente which also includes Greece and Yugoslavia.

The Dardanelles provide Rumania with the only sea outlet from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean.

NEW "G" MEN ARE ENLISTED

NEW YORK, April 12.—New type "G-Men"—the gasoline men of the service station—have been enlisted in the nation's army for crime prevention.

From Chief G-Man J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, comes praise for assistance already rendered by the service station operators in capture of criminals and an invitation to enlist for the duration of the war on crime. "Today," declares Head G-Man Hoover, "virtually all criminals use the motor car to travel across the country. Service station operators can and do assist in their capture and in protecting themselves and others from further acts of murder, cruelty and robbery.

"Numerous instances are on record where service station operators have been instrumental in the capture of desperate criminals. The Lindbergh case is perhaps the best known. In that case a service station man noted the license of Hauptmann's car when Hauptmann paid for gasoline with a gold note."

Indications Mussolini And Hitler Now Fear The Day Of Reckoning

Roosevelt In Favor Of Force

Approves Editorial Calling Preponderant Show of Force By Democracies

WASHINGTON, April 12.—As reports from London indicated Prime Minister Chamberlain is again pursuing an appeasement policy toward Italy, President Roosevelt yesterday approved a newspaper editorial calling for a "preponderant show of force" by democratic nations to halt the European dictators and prevent war.

The editorial, which appeared in the Washington Post, was ordered by the President inserted in the minutes of the press conference, as a record of his views.

STOP BINGO

TORONTO, April 12.—Ontario has cracked down on political organizations sponsoring bingo games. Crown prosecutors have been instructed to prosecute in all cases, declaring that the games are "clearly illegal."

French Fleet Sails In Secret Move

Mediterranean Fleet Leaves For Unknown Destination

PARIS, April 12.—Following closely on the British action of dispatching the Mediterranean fleet to an unknown destination, the French fleet was gathered from scattered ports at Toulon and likewise sailed to secret rendezvous.

The destination of the French Mediterranean fleet was closely hidden behind the doors of military censorship. It is believed that the sudden movement of the fleet is due to recent talks between the French and British naval heads respecting the coordination of naval power in event of hostilities. The fleet's departure came after the government approved extraordinary measures to protect French territory in any eventuality.

SECRET MEASURES

The measures were characterized by informed sources as "strong and sure," but details remained secret pending official approval. Premier Daladier was believed to have acted to bolster France's land and sea forces and to prepare the Navy to co-operate fully with the British Navy in any steps taken in the Mediterranean.

It was disclosed semi-officially that the military measures, which were decided on by defence experts Sunday, were already being carried out.

It was understood the cabinet approved extending to Greece the same guarantees reported being advanced by Britain—to aid Greece in the event she were attacked.

In informed quarters it was believed the decrees might include strengthening military forces both on the

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NEW PLAN WILL THREATEN N. B. FISHERMEN

BOSTON, April 12.—Canadian Atlantic fishermen were reported today to be looking with considerable apprehension at the plans of Boston interests to supply a major portion of the New England fish market.

Two large Boston organizations, it is reported, will in the immediate future establish plants in Newfoundland for the processing of fish and other sea-foods. These will be supplied by American fishing boats, and will be shipped to the Boston market duty-free.

HUNGARY QUITS LEAGUE NATIONS

BUDAPEST, April 12.—Incorporating a gesture indicating loyalty to the Rome-Berlin axis, Hungary yesterday resigned from the League of Nations. The decision, announced in a letter of Count Stephen Osaky, foreign minister, to the League secretary-general, Joseph Avenol, was no surprise.

It was regarded as significant, however, that it came at the moment of extraordinary international tension. It clarified the stand of Hungary in showing that nation to be definitely lined up with the totalitarian states.

CONDEMN PLAN FOR NEW SUPER HIGHWAYS

NEW YORK, April 12.—Transcontinental toll superhighways are neither needed nor are they feasible at this time, U. S. Bureau of Public Roads officials declare. Views of the federal road experts are revealed in recent statements of Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the Bureau, and of H. S. Fairbank, chief of the Bureau's Division of Information.

Testifying before a House subcommittee on appropriations, Mr. MacDonald said, "We definitely recommend against a system of transcontinental toll highways. Our position is, as we have been convinced through the years, that highways should first be developed to take care of local traffic. Our long distance highways should be extensions of these local roads."

Transcontinental superhighways to be constructed and maintained by additional tolls on motorists already have been proved illogical, uneconomical, and entirely unnecessary by the road-use surveys being conducted by the Bureau of Roads in connection with the state highway departments. Mr. Fairbank asserts in a paper "Utilization of the Planning Survey" released by the Division of Information. These surveys indicate, he says, that on an average day, only about 300 automobiles on all main east-west highways are making transcontinental trips.

Motor car trips longer than 100 miles were found to be the exception, accounting for only one to two per cent of all traffic on the highways, while 30 miles were found to cover the great majority of all trips.

Duce May Receive One More Chance To Keep Peace

LONDON, April 12.—Premier Mussolini will be given one more chance to keep his promises and keep the peace of Europe, it is reported in London. It was reported that Prime Minister Chamberlain has accepted the Italian Premier's assurance that Italy would go no further into the Balkans than Albania, and would remove his Blackshirt troops from Spain without too much delay.

TO MOVE TROOPS

It was stated that Mussolini has promised to move his troops from Spain after a Nationalist victory parade, reported for May 2.

Premier Mussolini's decision to give Mussolini one more chance was said to have been the result of Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir John Simon and other cabinet members overruling another faction which wished to denounce the Italian-British agreement of last year which provides for the status quo of the Mediterranean.

MAY SPLIT AXIS

Mr. Chamberlain's group are reported to be convinced there is still a chance of splitting the Berlin axis in the event of war.

From Berlin come reports that Hitler is convinced that Great Britain and France might decide this year is the best for challenging German and Italian expansion, based on the Anglo-French guarantee of Poland's independence and the reported plan to guarantee Greece similar protection.

CHANGE IN GERMANY

Word from Berlin indicates that German outlook has changed to that of trying to stave off a possible day of reckoning.

Some Nazis believe that given two more years in which to exploit Rumania's oil, mineral and agricultural resources under the German-Rumanian trade pact Germany could hold out indefinitely in case of war.

ALLEGED PLOT

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 12.—The Bulgarian government last night dissolved the German-Supported National Socialist Party, on grounds of an alleged plot to overthrow Bulgaria's form of government.

Stock Market Quotations

(Supplied by W. C. Pitfield & Co., Limited at 1:30 p.m.)

The London Stock Market was firmer today. Sterling was quoted at 4.68½ in New York and 4.70 11-16 in Montreal.

The New York Stock Market was stronger today. Leaders were up about a point on the averages.

Stock	Price
American Locomotive	17½
American Radiator	11½
American Smelters	39½
American Tel & Tel	152
Anaconda	23½
Bendix Aviation	19½
Bethlehem Steel	57
Boeing Aircraft	21½
Briggs Manufacturing	19¼
Chrysler Corp	59
Columbia Gas & Electric	6½
Consolidated Edison	28½
Curtiss Wright	5½
Curtiss Wright "A"	21½
Douglas Aircraft	62½
General Electric	33½
General Motors	40¼
Goodyear T & R	24¼
Int Pap & Pow	8½
Int Pap & Pow Pfd	30
Kennecott Copper	31
Montgomery Ward	44½
Nash Kelvinator	6½
National Cash Register	17½
New York Central	13½
Pennsylvania Railroad	17½
Public Service, N. J.	32½

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Hitler Steps To The Rear

"High Officials" Now Predict Nothing Will Provoke War In Next Two Years

BERLIN, April 12.—First real indications of Hitler taking a backward step in the face of the warnings of the Democratic nations, informed Nazi sources announced today that Hitler will do nothing in the next two years to provoke war. The "opinions" expressed to the press, are regarded as the entree of further such statements in an attempt to remove some of the determination of the democracies to oppose further deprivations.

CHANGE OPINION

It was pointed out that up to this time it was felt in Germany that if war was to be had, a sharp decisive break before England and France were ready would have been most important to the Nazi state. The German people, it was stated, now feel that Britain and France have had time to prepare and that the war would be a drawn out battle for which the German nation is not prepared with sufficient supplies.

IN TWO YEARS

Observers feel that Hitler's new attitude is based on the consideration of war materials. If given two years to exploit the Rumanian oil supplies and other raw materials he now has in his grasp, it is felt that Germany could hold out for an indefinite time.

In Brief

NAZIS CLAIM LAND

BERLIN, April 12.—For the first time Nazi Germany laid claim to land outside Europe when they declared a large Antarctic tract, allegedly explored by the polar ship, Schwabenland, belonged to the Reich. This territory is also claimed by Norway. Of economic importance because of whale schools found in the vicinity, it lies between the Falklands and a British Crown Colony.

FACES POSSIBLE MURDERS

HALIFAX, April 12.—Declaring that the accused was under arrest on charges of arson and suspicion of "two, possibly three, possibly four," murders, T. D. MacDonald for the N. S. department of the attorney general opposed application for bail on behalf of Wallace Earley, 67 year-old Queens County farmer. Bail was refused.

MAY STOP INDUSTRY

NEW YORK, April 12.—Unless an agreement is reached between the U.M.W. and the mine workers in the Appalachian region the entire soft coal industry of the United States will be shut down, John L. Lewis, C.I.O. boss threatened yesterday.

QUEEN CRITICALLY ILL

LARISSA, Greece, April 12.—Queen Geraldine of Albania, American born girl who became the bride of King Zog, was in a serious condition today. Yesterday, too ill to see her seven-day-old son, Crown Prince Skander, she was removed from a private villa to a hospital. While her son was only two days old, she was taken over rough, twisting mountain highways in a makeshift ambulance to flee from advancing Italian columns.