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Meeting Between Hitler And Il Duce Ends In Agreement

Meeting Is Held At Undisclosed Place; Greek Campaign, England Discussed

Snowstorms Slow Albanian Armies

Bad Weather Reduces Aerial Warfare In Battle Of Britain

A complete agreement was reached between Hitler and Mussolini at a meeting at an undisclosed place today, according to an official announcement in Berlin, which said the conference "resulted in complete accord as regards the views of both concerning all questions."

It is safe to assume that the Greek campaign, Italian-German activities in the Mediterranean, and the battle of England were discussed.

Snowstorms hampered the armies on the Albanian front. Reports from the Yugoslav frontier, however, indicate that large forces are concentrating for a decisive battle on the Trepelci-Klina sector.

Bad weather over the English Channel slowed the air warfare there.

Hitler and Mussolini conferred yesterday. It was reported in authoritative diplomatic circles elsewhere they had accomplished what was unknown.

Mussolini's aggressive action in a new direction, independently or together with Italy, is imminent.

On the last, meetings between the two leaders must have been of great importance.

Reports from Berlin officially confirmed the meeting place of the two dictators, but diplomatic sources said it will be disclosed eventually in a communiqué.

It had been presumed that they would meet in Germany, perhaps in Berlin, Munich, or Vienna, their last meeting was in Italy.

Observers agreed generally that Mussolini was anxious to feel out whether his Axis partner could promise military support for Italy in Albania, and North Africa and if so, how much.

Axis sources floated the story that they had put the finishing touches on a new surprise attack—perhaps against Gibraltar, perhaps in the Balkans, perhaps against Britain herself.

Delegates To Attend Meeting Of Woodmen

Delegates from eight cities are expected to attend a meeting of District 2 of the Woodmen of the World tomorrow night at 8:15 o'clock with the exception of Mr. H. C. Collins, district president, announced today.

Camps expected to be represented are Ocala, Frontenac, Orlando, Winter Garden, Pierson, New Smyrna, Lakeland, and Jacksonville.

Entertainment will be presented by Ruth Grier, Wright's dancer, Mrs. Collins said, and refreshments will be served. All money and other funds are expected to be used.

Lee's Birthday Is Observed In Sanford

Practically all of the business houses in Sanford observed Lee's birthday yesterday.

Businessmen in the city were

presented with cards.

Editorial

The Third Inaugural

Were it not for the war, events transpiring in Washington today would probably be the biggest news of the year. The inauguration of a President of the United States is always big news under any circumstances. But the inauguration of a President for a third term is something which does not happen in a generation; in fact, has never happened before in 150 years of national existence.

But if it were not for the war, this third term inauguration would not be taking place today. In all probability the international crisis was what impelled President Roosevelt to allow himself to be nominated for a third term in the first place. And almost certainly the great danger which this country faces from the crisis abroad induced the American people to break an historical tradition and elect one man President for a third time.

At President Roosevelt's first inaugural, the nation faced an emergency which at the time seemed of insuperable proportions. There were 13 million people without jobs. Bread lines and soup kitchens were the rule. Hunger marches, milk strikes and bonus riots presented an atmosphere of anarchy. Banks were popping all over the country like balloons from a tree in a West Indian hurricane. Fear seemed the predominant national characteristic.

President Roosevelt went straight from the ceremonial oath of office to preserve the union to the White House where he declared a national banking holiday. Furthermore followed a series of governmental decrees, rules, regulations and laws, following one another with lightning-like rapidity. Some of us may not like the new order which was established in the new world, but none of us can deny that order was established.

Today finds the President taking the only office under consideration, not unlike those of 1933. The picture has changed from one of national plenty to international chaos, but the same hurricane, which was threatening them to destroy this country, now seems bent upon destroying the world. The atmosphere is charged with electricity and the barometric pressure has reached unprecedented lows.

There is, however, a spirit of national unity which has not prevailed since the first Armistice was celebrated in 1918. The President has the support of the entire nation behind him in whatever tasks lie ahead. There are a few dissenters but they are numerically inconsequential. The leader of the Republican party has called upon the President and pledged his unqualified support in this crisis. Fear has given way to confidence.

Momentous events will take place during President Roosevelt's third term of office. There will be more action, more money spent, more taxes levied, more significant changes in the world in which we live than characterized his first term of office. No one can say what our country will be like when these four years have ended. But one can easily believe it will be different.

Foolish Conduct

Although the destruction of a Nazi swastika flag by an American sailor in San Francisco rather appeals to the savage instincts in most of us who would like to give Herr Hitler a swift boot in the pants, if someone else would just hold the German army at bay, it is a regrettable occurrence.

The flag was flying properly from its staff atop the nine-story offices of the German consulate as it had a perfect right to be. Under international law the German consulate is German soil and to invade its premises and destroy its property is technically as much a violation of national rights as the German invasion of Holland was.

The German government has every right to be indignant over this affront to its sovereignty. They could not be expected to be other than offended, any more than we would be if the American flag were desecrated in the streets of Berlin. It is just such explosive incidents as this which lead to war in spite of the best intended measures in the world on the part of the powers-that-be to prevent us out.

In this connection it is well to bear in mind that whether or not we engage in war with Germany does not depend entirely upon the attitude of our government officials, British propaganda, or even the will of Hitler. The people themselves have a great deal to do with it. Frequent repetitions of such instances as took place in San Francisco Saturday may make it imperative for Germany against her will to declare war on us.

Undoubtedly this conflict will develop fast enough without any encouragement from people who do not know what they are doing. The decision as to peace or war should be left with responsible authorities. The individual should be careful that he is not the one who lights the match which sets off the explosion.

FOR TEN YEARS leading banks, department stores, chain stores and restaurants in the Chicago area have been quietly using the Keeler Polygraph, or "Lie Detector," with astonishing results. Hundreds of "inside jobs"—embezzling, pilfering, inventory "shrinkage"—which had baffled employers, detective agencies, and bonding companies, have been exposed. And perhaps more important, thousands of suspected employees have been proved innocent. Among other uses, it makes the personnel interview more efficient. An industrialist may want to hire too many men in a hurry. The applicants qualify for skill, but may be saboteurs. The Polygraph will give the employer an immediate, accurate check on the applicant's past record. A Fifth Columnist need not open his mouth. His reflexes will convict him.—*Forbes Magazine*.

THE SUCCESS AND Prosperity of Americans in every field of enterprise rest on cooperation, tolerance and understanding, which will keep every part of the empire operating. Let there be an end to bickering and quarreling; let there be recognition that we are all in the same boat; that we will remain afloat together or we will sink together and that the surest way we can keep ourselves afloat is to keep our neighbors afloat.—George A. Morrissey, *Editor, *Business Week**.

THIRD ACT IN THE WORLD DRAMA



— AND DEFEND
THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
UNITED STATES

Stewart Says—

Isolationists
On Capitol Hill
Are Odd Mixture.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columbus

TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT:

progress of failed peace conference

for national defense deserves

principally no congressional op-

position at all.

A few legislative critics express

the opinion that our

preparations against Hitler

make as definitely as they

ought to be.

Others, notably Senator

Wheeler, Harry P. Byrd

of Virginia, to

the effect that the financial part

of the president's plan doesn't call

for sufficient cuts in non-defense

expenditures to offset, by any ap-

preciable percentage, the enor-

mously increasing cost of arm-

ament required for Uncle Sam's pro-

tection.

There's hardly a dissenting voice,

however, from the thesis that am-

bilious defensive provisions are im-

peratively required.

There's quite a bit of objection,

though, to the amount of aid that

U.S. and its supporters on Capitol

Hill think we ought to extend to

Britain and associated countries,

such as Greece, and maybe Turkey,

possibly an independent Britain,

and/or France, but that

we should keep our noses out of

every particle of war material we

can produce. If we get into a war,

of our own, sooner or later, they

say we'll need it.

Then there are the strict looks

from those who protest that we'll

shortly involve ourselves in the

present conflict as a result of our

own acts of aggression.

These critics, however, are not

so numerous as the isolationists

and the peace-makers.

Both groups, however, are

far from being homogeneous.

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Additional Nazis Enter Rumania As Bombings Increase

Frontiers With Yugoslavia And Bulgaria Are Closed As Fighting Spreads

Seizing French Bases Is Seen

Attempt To Secure Bases In French Africa Expected

Street fighting, bombings and bloodshed in the streets of Bucharest and other Rumanian cities were reported today as fresh units of the German army poured into this turbulent Balkan kingdom.

Rumania's frontiers with Yugoslavia and Bulgaria were closed. Speculation was that widespread disorders may have flared in Rumania over Nazi military operations in Rumania, or because of the rivalry between Rumanian Iron Guard elements and foreign observers. It was also said that Hitler had assumed a secret command of the Rumanian army.

Romanians returned a number of their own men from the front lines of Corfu, Tunisia, and French Africa, possibly the British having strengthened their forces in France. West African objectives, to which Rumanian troops had been sent, were also mentioned.

Speculation was rampant that all misunderstandings between Petain and the man he ousted as premier on Dec. 18 were ended by the 82-year-old marshal in a move to curb a violent campaign of the Paris press against the Vichy government. It was stated, however, that strong speculation that the ardently pro-German Marshal might be restored to a place in the Vichy regime, perhaps as a special intermediary between Vichy and the German authorities in Paris.

Petain's special emissary to Paris at present is Count de Balmon, who worked closely with Laval during the latter's striving for closer collaboration between France and Germany.

A revision of Petain's cabinet and a reaffirmation of collaboration with Adolf Hitler was announced.

A government spokesman announced that as a result of continuing civil strife, the railroad south of Vichy into Sallèles, French domestic and foreign policy "has not undergone the slightest shake" and remains exactly as it is the day Laval was ousted and temporarily placed under arrest.

Revolutions Of
The South Here
Are All Over

Two Parties Planned For Tourists

By Sanford Women's Organizations

Two parties for young visitors, one of them to be given to-night, were discussed by the Women's Civic Committee of the Seminole County Chamber of Commerce at its monthly meeting at the City Hall yesterday. The first party will be given at the Auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Another party, to be given by the Women's Civic Committee, will be given at the Auditorium building on the Auditorium grounds at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night.

The Auditorium grounds are to be used for the purpose of the meetings. Miss Anna E. Powers, chairman of the

Women's Civic Committee, said that Miss Mary Clegg, McCallum weaving, and Mrs. E. J. Nelson, is at the Auditorium grounds for a six-weeks' period, teaching weaving to local girls.

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