

The World's Weekend: Turmoil and Tension Grip Nations as Hitler Makes Far-Reaching Demands

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Put down February 20, 1938, is your little black book of significant dates of the present era!

As as often been pronounced, his is being made in these "troubled times." Over the weekend no small amount of incidents occurred which will eventually take their place in the histories of the world, if the results of these events have any histories in which to record them.

Paramount feature of last Sunday was the three-hour, 18,000-word speech of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, who shouted Europe into one of the most aroused conditions since the war. Hitler said in brief:

1. Germany must have her colonies; 2. German peoples in Austria and Czechoslovakia must have political autonomy; 3. Manchukuo is recognized as an intrinsic part of the Japanese empire; 4. Germany wants peace, BUT if she is pushed too far by "false propaganda of the foreign press" she will not be afraid to answer with "steel and iron."

Results reverberated through parliaments, diets, assemblies, presidential quarters, and seats of governments of the world. In England, Anthony Eden, foreign secretary who has been endeavoring to keep Germany and Italy from "reading too insistently on the British toes," was forced to resign by pro-Nazi Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

In France plans were made for laying keels of two new 35,000-ton battleships and the building of an augmented fleet of bombers. A snap note, suggesting that political invasion of Czechoslovakia would mean war, was dispatched to Germany.

In Austria liberated Nazis battled in the streets with the storm troops of Schuschnigg, while the Nazi hold on the formerly anti-German dictatorship was strengthened with the appointment of a pro-Nazi minister of finance.

In Hungary plans were made for a complete re-armament program. To put it mildly, Europe seethed. At home in the United States, official programs were not "officially" changed. "No comment" was the statement from Roosevelt. The state department merely reiterated its reciprocal trade agreements policy, with no comment on Hitler's three-hour blast.

In Congress things were not quite as peaceful. An unidentified member of the foreign affairs committee gave the press statements purported to have been made by William K. Dodds, ex-minister to Ger-

many, outlining plans for a new "Holy Roman Empire" in Europe. Dodds was quoted as saying that the plan provided for a new German empire, augmented by the Netherlands, Switzerland, the Polish corridor, as well as Austria and the Germanic portions of Czechoslovakia. To Italy the plan, as quoted, goes Spain, Morocco, Egypt, and other strategic Mediterranean points.

The United States was further shaken with the announcement that Japanese interest had made steps toward taking over the vast Mexican iron interests with the understanding that a port, strategically near to the Panama canal, would be "improved" by the Japanese.

Thus the word picture was painted all Sunday evening by vibrant radio reports that lashed the United States at regular intervals. The newspapers Monday morning added to the news with calmer details, but the same underlying tension.

Additional Monday reports from England indicated that Anthony Eden, well-dressed diplomat, would not retire without a fight. Backing him and his program of forcing Italy and Germany back into line was Ex-premier Lloyd George. Hot parliamentary debate is expected before England definitely turns to a pro-Nazi and Italian stand.

Although Hitler stressed his lack of territorial designs toward the west, French Premier Chautemps was not satisfied, and today the ministry and chamber will meet in extraordinary session to consider the challenge flung by Germany.

The Nazi political penetration of Austria has already driven a wedge between France and her Balkan allies; Hitler's avowed intention of autonomy for Germanic Czechs would mean further weakening of the "Versailles" ring, forged by Clemenceau after the World war, in an effort to perpetually isolate Germany.

Possibilities of immediate conflict are still remote, however, in spite of the tense situations. France may issue ultimatums but English backing would be necessary before armed action is taken. The present disrupted English situation makes that doubtful.

Hitler was insistent in his declarations for peace. Then too, his doubtful ally, Mussolini, was remarkably quiet. His Oriental allies, the Japanese, upon whom he laid much stress by indicating that they would come to the aid of the European dictatorships if danger threatened, are bogged down again in China.

Further political rents disturbed the usually stolid Japanese over the weekend, when the dictatorial president of the diet was attacked in a free-for-all started when pro-American business interests protested against "strong-arm" policies of the war administration.

Back and forth the pendulum swings, from security to tension. And every new tense situation seems to give more and more promise of becoming too tense, perhaps even bursting into the conflict which is thought by too many to be inevitable.

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Election Insurance—No Gas Masks, Please

THE nominating committee of the AWS held its first meeting and women's politics, with elections coming winter term for the second year, are underway.

The maneuverings of the committee last year produced a political situation which seemed certain to go down on the records as, all in all, one of the most questionable bits of political skulduggery to occur on this campus for many years. And the ladies would have received the gilded loving cup for conducting the shadiest election of the year had not the prime sophomore class melee stolen that distinction late spring term.

Last year, as always, nominations were made in committee. The necessity for this was defended by women's officials on grounds it enabled them to best place eligible women. Officers for three groups, AWS, YWCA, and WAA, must be chosen and girls may hold only one office. So the nominating committee was devised to insure the proper placing of every girl.

THIS procedure may be justifiable on those grounds but the manner in which it was used last year was not. No announcement was made before formal nominations—by instruction, from the floor of an assembly meeting—of the findings of that committee.

Had the committee announced its choice in candidates for each office, the privilege of nominating any one else from the floor would have justified, to some extent, the closing of the nomination meeting. Since this was not done, no girl outside the committee could know what was to transpire before nominations were actually called for and the open nomination privilege was thus scant excuse for a neat job of committee "railroading."

BUT the ladies, thorough persons, didn't stop with "setting up" the nominations. Carrying the idea that election proceedings should be entirely secret to the extreme, they burned the ballot following the voting.

This was the prime political move of all time—or the most terrible miscue ever made by an election board (except the sophomore board of spring term notoriety which permitted someone to steal the ballots), and, because the evidence was burned, no one will ever be entirely certain whether it was mistaken or shady practice.

This nomination committee has apparently started proceedings early enough this year to permit it to complete its work with dignity and leisure. But it should make it a point to announce its findings at least one day before the formal mass meeting. The assembly

will then provide a means for any adjustment which girls or groups of girls not on the committee may see fit to make, but further nominations.

THE idea of burning the ballots is, when analyzed, silly.

It was announced as done to prevent "hurting the feelings of the defeated candidates." Any girl who accepts a nomination must realize that she may lose—if the office isn't worth the risk and if her chances are not sufficient to insure her making a satisfactory showing, she should decline or take the risk of a "whitewashing."

And, if the committee does a good job, there should be no landslides anyway. It perhaps works with the idea in mind that the best candidate, in its opinion, should run for AWS president, the next best for YWCA or WAA president, etc. If this is the basis on which it makes its nominations, it is wrong and is unfair, both to the candidates who are pushed summarily into secondary positions under the judgment of the committee and to the organizations involved. Nominations under such conditions can have one of two results—either the second candidate is decidedly inferior but may be elected to the detriment of the office or the committee must name a "second" candidate so weak that the committee is practically electing the officers by itself.

Destroying the evidence ends, also, all means of checking up on the political activities involved, even if the election committee is strictly honest and conducts its work properly.

THE women's nominating committee and election board should both do everything possible to make this year's elections examples of honest endeavor and proper technique. Little can be done to rectify the mistakes of last year but every effort should be made to avoid them this time and to put women's politics back on a respectable basis.

Democratic and ethical procedure in AWS, YWCA, and WAA matters is just as important as it is in ASUO—or national presidential, for that matter—elections.

If women's affairs cannot be conducted on a higher plane than has been the case in the past, they must necessarily defeat rather than accomplish their purpose. There isn't really much future for a generation of people, men or women, who can't play fair in school elections or who don't, to quote Dean Rebee, play the game for the candle and "for all it's worth."

40,300 Per Year—The Automobile Toll

A powerful seven-passenger automobile whizzes around the corner, screeching as rubber tears from the tires on the sharp turn, then zooms up the straight-away.

No, the scene is not the General Motors testing ground, and it isn't the local race track either. It is Kincaid and Thirteenth between classes with a local "student" at the wheel, making his eleven o'clock.

Eugene, as a whole, can boast of a very good traffic record. The campus also, despite its hazardous main thoroughfare has also maintained a good record. However, merely because the record has been good in the past gives no one the right to embark on a campaign of carelessness.

Facts recently released in regard to the age groups of persons involved in fatal accidents reveal that over 30 per cent were people between 18 to 24 years of age. This is the college age, and it is not very creditable that young people of this age are involved in almost half as many fatal accidents as all other age groups together.

FROM time to time the older generation has violently accused the younger of reckless driving and responsibility for a major portion of the needless traffic fatalities. Almost always the younger generation

answers heatedly that it is not responsible.

The above facts give the youngsters something to think about. Some other pertinent facts that might stop these young corner cutters (as well as the old ones) are that 40,300 people met death on the road last year, and that 1,221,090 citizens of the United States were injured in automobile accidents.

The majority of the accidents took place with cars that were not defective, on roads that were in good condition, by drivers that were experienced. Furthermore 25,500 of the slain were killed because drivers were violating fundamental regulations. The largest single cause of deaths was exceeding the speed limit, which accounted for 36.8 per cent of the above total.

These facts are not pretty. But they are something for every driver, and especially every young driver, to think about. The campus here by the nature of its location is a hazard. However, the most dangerous portion, between Kincaid and University, is clearly marked.

There is no excuse for students to take needless chances in this area. Even if that new Lincoln Zephyr will do 80 in two blocks, the campus corner-cutters might remember the 40,300 killed on the highway front last year, and take their feet off the gas.—P.D.

E.P. Hoyt to Talk of Propaganda Threat

Oregonian Managing Editor Will Discuss Current Affairs

Fascist or communistic dictatorship and its threat to a democratic government such as that of the United States will be the subject of a talk to be given by E. Palmer "Ep" Hoyt, managing editor of The Oregonian and graduate of the University school of journalism, at an assembly of students and townspeople Thursday at 11 o'clock in Gerlinger hall.

In his talk, entitled "It Could Happen Here," Mr. Hoyt will discuss methods of propaganda as a means of bringing a leader into power over great nations.

Upon graduation from the University, Mr. Hoyt was in the employ of the Pendleton East Oregonian before joining the staff of The Oregonian as reporter. From that position he worked up to managing editor, and since 1933 has been in charge of the news department of the publication.

Mr. Hoyt has taken a prominent part in activities of the National Associated Press Managing Editors' association, and has served on the board of directors of that organization. He was recently elected a member of the board of directors of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity. The Portland newspaperman is also the author of numerous short stories and articles.

During the war Mr. Hoyt served as sergeant-major with the United States army in France, and since that time has continued his observations of conditions in Europe.

Mr. Hoyt has made a number of addresses on freedom of the press and other phases of newspaper work during his career as a journalist.

The speaker will be introduced by Dr. C. V. Boyer.

Thursday afternoon after his assembly speech, Mr. Hoyt will be the guest of Sigma Delta Chi at a luncheon banquet at the College Side. All members are requested to be present by Darrel Ellis, president of the national journalistic society.

Mr. Hoyt, an alumnus member of Sigma Delta Chi, was recently elected to a post on the national executive council of the society.

Readers Use Gloves

(Continued from page one) the north end of the room contains Jewish, Russian, Indian, Arabic

and Persian volumes. Possibly the rarest and most esteemed books in this collection is a copy of a fourteenth century Jewish prayerbook, "Die Darmstadter Pessach-Haggadah," which was used for passover services. Another book of general interest is a text and beautifully illustrated plates of oriental carpets.

A book containing twenty-one volumes takes up a large portion of the Japanese cases along the east wall. These volumes deal with selected relics of early Japanese art. It is one of the few books that has English descriptions of the illustrated plates.

The book, "Challenge Behind the Face of Japan," which was referred to by the author, Upton Close, in his speech presented to University students last Thursday, may also be found in this collection.

Ducks Meet

(Continued from page one) sonians all season. Hobby's boys have only won one and lost three from these two teams this year.

The burly, though relatively short, Idahoans have been virtually unsurmountable in their last 11 games, winning 10 of them. Beaten in three of its first four games, Twogood's club suddenly did an about face to become the real surprise of the 1938 season and a real pennant threat.

Belko Leader

When the rampaging Vandals sweep onto the Igloo maple tomorrow night they will be led by a quartet of the conference's high scorers. Steve Belko, diminutive forward, is the spearhead in the Vandal attack which also centers around a left-handed shooting wizard, Bill Kramer, and a ball-hawking Indiana boy named Brendon Barrett, not to forget a bruising backboard expert, Captain Don Johnson. Rounding out the Idaho quint will be either Lyle Smith and Roland Winter.

Every starter, with the exception of Barrett, a sophomore, is a veteran "I" wearer.

Barrett Tallest

Barrett at center is the tallest man on the starting five at six-foot-two, but what the Idahoans lack in height they make up in ball-handling ability and passing accuracy.

Kramer and Winter or Smith will start at forward and Belko and Johnson at forward.

All in all, Idaho will show Oregon fans one of the best rounded aggregations ever to romp on a Northwest floor, in the opinion of L. H. Gregory of the Oregonian.

Vets to Start

Oregon will depend upon its veteran combination of Dave Silver, Laddie Gale, Slim Wintermute,

Bobby Anet and Wally Johansen to vanquish the Vandals.

Gale lost his shooting eye on the Inland Empire road trip, but if practice sessions are any indication, he has it back and should be a very long thorn in the neck of the Idahoans if he gets "hot."

It is on McArthur's maple where Gale pots them from all angles. He has not had an "off" night on McArthur this year, adding up a big part of his new northern division record on the home boards, and doing more than his share in keeping Oregon undefeated in seven games at home. In the Washington series he hit 19 and 25 points in two nights of work.

Near End for Silver

Big Dave Silver will be playing in next to his last series at home and will be out to make it a profitable one, especially at the backboards.

Anet and Johansen's driving play has been one of the features of Oregon's play all season, and these two boys too have a debt to settle with Idaho.

Bulk of the scoring burden tomorrow night likely will be placed on the high shoulders of Wintermute, the "human mooring-mast," who towers about his fellows like a beacon in a storm. Hobson may instruct his boys to feed the ball to Wintermute under the basket if Gale is bottled up much as they did at Moscow.

Wednesday night's game will also begin at 7:30.

Campus Calendar

Student - faculty luncheon at Westminster house at 12 o'clock, with Dr. Frederick Eliot. Reservations must be in by 9 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of Phi Beta in the AWS room in Gerlinger hall tonight at 7:15 o'clock.

Un tour de chapeaux meeting tonight at midnight at 1883 University street.

The YMCA cabinet will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Y hut for election officers. Attendance is urged.

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From Where I SIT

By CLARE IGOE

Thrilled and excited was Wayne "Blondie" Harbert, Oregon editor, recently when he received a real, genuine fan letter, from a girl in the deep, deep south.

The girl, it seems, had seen Wayne's picture somewhere and was just too utterly intrigued with it, so she just had to sit down and write to Wayne and ask him all about himself. She wanted to know if Wayne played football, and described herself as tall, blonde, and ugly.

So far Wayne hasn't been able to frame a satisfactory reply, but, says he, "It doesn't matter how ugly she is, if she has a southern accent."

One of our friends the other day walked by the Phi Delta house, observed the boys in the process of dragging bales of hay up to the door, caught echoes of conversation about cows and goats, and asked, naturally enough, if they were having a barn dance that night. "Oh, no," answered Clyde Carroll innocently, "this is just our regular winter informal."

A bit of neat and ingenious throat-cutting was perpetrated the other day by one Delta Upsilon, Bob Corby by name, and we think it deserves this bit of mention.

It all started when a Pi Phi called Jerry Huntley with whom she had been going around and about, to ask him over to the house for tea.

Unfortunately for Huntley, Corby answered the phone, reported Huntley was out, and queried, obligingly, if he wouldn't do. The gal apparently thought that was all right, for she asked Corby over to tea instead. That unscrupulous gentleman went, and to all reports did very well indeed.

Fine fraternal spirit, that.

Professor Arthur Marder, who prides himself on never being at a loss for a quip, was a bit taken aback recently by John Pink, no mean quipster himself.

The other day Pink ambled into Mr. Marder's class a good five minutes late. Interrupting his lecture, Mr. Marder asked Pink where he had been. Well, answered the unflustered Pink, I have been talking to an intelligent professor.

For a space, Professor Marder was at a loss for words, finally managed to mumble something feeble about the terms being contradictory, and retired, a beaten man.

Experience No Teacher—for Stone Is Back

Fire is not the great purifier. So believe the Kappa Sigs and the Tri-Deltas after their picnic Sunday.

About 13 couples decided to roast marshmallows, so sticks were collected and a fire was built. Poison oak was gathered by Bob Stone.

When told of the mistake, the wood was thrown on the fire. Yesterday, seven in each house were laid up with the "plague." Stone and Vern Terjeson were in the infirmary.

"I guess that Stone boy will never learn," said an infirmary nurse. "He was here about three weeks last September with poison oak."

Sophs' Treasurer

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If these expenditures had been budgeted and approved, a large part of the loss on the dance might have been saved and the class would not now be so far in debt.

Hutchison also struck at the idea promoted by class officers that the class should return an actual fifty cents worth of good for every fifty-cent class card sold. "This idea would be okay for a strictly sophomore dance," he said, "where the expenditures would not be so great, but the class cannot afford to cut sophomore's ticket prices in half at an all-campus dance. Members of a class should expect to get something more than actual cash return from their membership.

Decoration Fee Taken
Another fault in the present method of handling the funds was

put forward by Hutchison. "When the classes were each asked to present the University with \$50 to

purchase decorations for McArthur court," he continued, "it was my understanding that the money would be taken from the dance fund when the class desired to make the payment. This money has been taken, without the immediate okay of the class officers, and is another very definite factor in the class' debt."

He argued that if the class money was handled by the individual classes in a private account, checked regularly by the University, there could only be one or two in direct responsibility for the funds, and therefore unnecessary expenses would be greatly minimized. Such a situation as developed over the informal would be an impossibility, he said. Each class would have a very definite check upon its funds and stricter watch could be made upon expenditures.

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