

War Scare Is Near Hysteria

Hitler's Latest Increase in Army Causes Fear of New Combines

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NEW YORK (AP)—Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's latest sensation—a huge increase in his already powerful army—brings the European war-scare to a point of near hysteria.

In particular it puts a razor-edge on fears that a Russo-Japanese-Germanic conflict is imminent. Such conflict would almost inevitably involve other nations; many statesmen have said it would mean another world conflagration. Here is the way the situation looks:
The authoritative Moscow press charges Germany is preparing to make war on the Soviet, that Japan is doing the same, and that Berlin and Tokyo are framing an alliance which will make them partners against Russia.

A month ago this same press alleged that Hitler was trying to create an anti-Soviet bloc which would include Germany, Austria and Hungary. An alliance between the three has since been discussed.

Fears Russia
In announcing the army increase, Germany indicated it was necessitated by Moscow's alleged militaristic program. A war to the finish against communism has been one of Hitler's main policies.

Highly-placed observers in France declare Hitler is getting ready to carry warfare into the rich fields of Russia's Ukraine; in other words, looking for new territory at the expense of the Soviet.

In mid-August Russia reduced the age limit for the start of compulsory military service from 21 to 19 years, thus providing for a big addition to her fighting manpower. She already was credited with having created perhaps the most powerful war-machine, for land operations, in existence. Last January she said she had been obliged to increase her standing army to 1,300,000 men because Germany and Japan were enlarging their military establishments.

War A Certainty
So far as Russia and Japan are concerned, they have been in an openly hostile attitude for years with ever increasing intensity, and have made no bones about it.

These are the essential facts in a situation which is keeping statesmen awake at night, and to the Spanish revolution with its international complications, it has filled Europe's cup anxiety to overflowing.

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Dutch Schultz



Al Capone



Jack Diamond



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Moscow's assertion regarding a German-Japanese military pact is not new. The preparation of such an alliance has been rumored for months in diplomatic circles, but without confirmation.

Germany Looks Eastward
The French prediction that Germany is preparing for a drive into the Ukraine may easily be based on common talk in Germany. Hitler long ago wrote that German expansion must be eastward.

The increase in the size of the German army to more than a million men—some French experts

place it as high as two millions—to be achieved by making the period of compulsory military service two years instead of one, has sent France scurrying to set her military house in order.

Air Minister Pierre Cot announced that he would organize the country's air defenses. France and Russia, bound in a mutual defense pact, already were exchanging views about warfare in the air.

French generals at the same time began to seek ways to increase the military strength.

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