

Box Factory Plans Suit to Recover Damages

Europe Uneasy As Nazis Play With Dynamite

Statesmen Fear Powder Keg May Go off While Army Games Held

Czechoslovakia Seen as Sacrificial Goat of Hitler's Plans

By JOHN EVANS
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NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler doesn't smoke, but Europe holds her breath while he lights matches over powder barrels.

That's what is happening abroad now. Cold sweat is on the brows of most statesmen because they fear Germany may swallow her little neighbor Czechoslovakia as she did Austria, March 15, exactly five months ago. Their immediate fear is that something may happen while Germany holds her regular army maneuvers beginning Monday.

This isn't a "war scare." It is a real fear of war. It is a fear that fills the souls of statesmen. Yet they haven't any evidence. They don't know there will be a war and when they talk coolly and privately they admit there are more reasons for peace than for war.

The trouble is chiefly about Czechoslovakia, but there are complications. Hitler would control Germany.

Hitler wants control of all Germany. He got Austria with 7,500,000 of them. There remains a 3,500,000 German minority in the western end of sausage-shaped Czechoslovakia which is imbedded in greater Germany. Encouraged by Germany, the Germanic element, more than one-fifth of the population, demands autonomy. Czechoslovakia sees the handwriting on the wall.

She is resigned to making concessions, but determined to fight Germany rather than surrender real control of that part of the rich, mountainous, easily defended country guarded by one of the best little armies in the world and equipped by the famous Skoda munition plants.

Czechoslovakia is the sacrificial goat. All she can hope for is a chance to choose the sauce in which she will be stewed.

Czechoslovakia has 3 choices:
1. Germany may take over Czechoslovakia or part of it with technical legality—"technical legality" from the German viewpoint—as she went into Austria.
2. Czechoslovakia may fight. Whether she wins or loses she will be a battlefield.
3. Czechoslovakia may maintain peace as a vassal of her own country by such concessions to the Germanic minority that she would weaken and disintegrate.

She is a country of minorities and Hungarian, Polish, Ruthenian and part of the Slovak elements ask some degree of autonomy.

The world worries because Europe is a mesh of trouble and Czechoslovakia is only a symbol of the real trouble.

Halting Hitler
Europe's task
"Halt Hitler" is the task most of Europe has set herself.

That means blocking his "drang nach osten" (march to the east) which is intended to give Germany actual control of southwestern Europe. That is an old German dream of long before Hitler.

The danger of world war lies in other countries' determination to prevent Germany becoming master of the continent.

France and Russia have pledged their aid to Czechoslovakia. Britain, with the world's greatest armament program, said "it might be difficult for her to keep out if a war started."

Pledges are one thing. Execution of them is another. Neither Soviet Russia, France nor Britain border on Czechoslovakia. If that little state were attacked, her friends could get there only by going through or flying over other "tries." Their probable "aid" would be to attack Germany. None of them relish the idea.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Germany's preparations for nationwide military maneuvers have put other Europe's powers on an unusually vigilant lookout to prevent anything which might lead to a swift Nazi stroke against Czechoslovakia.

Reassuring reports, however, reached European capitals from envoys in and around Germany. Moreover, Germany, in a Berlin press release today, sought to allay suspicion over the military exercises which are expected to reach their peak between Sept. 9 and 14.

Burned Plane Wreckage Sighted by Searchers For Lost Mexican Ship

Mexico City Liner Missing Since Friday With 11 Passengers; Sixteen Killed in Crash of Czechoslovak Air Liner

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 13.—(AP)—An airsearching plane reported it sighted today the burned wreckage of a Villa Hermosa-Mexico City air liner which disappeared yesterday with 11 persons aboard.

The report, received by Compania Mexicana de Aviacion operators of the line, said the wreckage was in a Vera Cruz state, just off the regular route of the plane.

Ground parties were organized and started immediately toward the scene, about four miles east northeast of Tlacotalpan, on Alvarado bay in southeastern Mexico.

The country in the vicinity is mountainous, with numerous risky excursions making it difficult to negotiate the distance.

An airways official said he believed all the passengers were Mexicans except one who was booked as Eugene Carlson. His address was not known.

The report that the wreckage had been sighted was the first word of the plane since its radio became silent at noon yesterday after reporting it was encountering rough weather.

(By the Associated Press)
Sixteen persons were killed in a Czechoslovak air liner crash at Kehl, Germany, today and six others were believed to have lost their lives when a royal air force flying boat crashed off Felixstowe, England.

The crash at Kehl came when the big Czechoslovak passenger plane struck a mountain top during a heavy fog and exploded. Two Americans, both of New York, were among the dead.

In the Felixstowe crash, one body was recovered. Fishing boats continued to search for the other five.

Posses Patrolling Arkansas Highway

Floyd Hamilton Believed Trapped in Woods Area North of Dequeen

DEQUEEN, Ark., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Nearly 40 heavily armed posse officers from three states patrolled late tonight roads bordering ten square miles of densely wooded hills in which desperadoes Floyd Hamilton and Ten Walters were believed trapped.

The two, flushed from a stolen car at Ladd's bridge, 12 miles north of here today, fled on foot into the woods under a fusillade of machine gun bullets fired by Assistant Supt. Cliff Atkinson of the Arkansas state police and Deputy Sheriff Leslie Dillahunty of Dequeen.

Officers from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas concentrated on the area in increasing numbers during the night and shortly before midnight reported establishment of a revolving cordon around the woods. They planned to tighten the net on foot at daybreak.

In the abandoned car were found two sawed-off shotguns, a rifle and an automatic pistol with about 30 rounds of ammunition. Officers expressed belief the men had no more arms.

Portland Births up

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Portland's birthrate jumped in July. City Health Officer Dr. Adolph Weinzirl said today. There were 496 births, the greatest number since records have been kept.

County Republicans to Meet At Picnic in Silverton Park

The men who head the republican party ticket in Oregon will present themselves and their ideas to hundreds of Willamette valley citizens today at Silverton park when the Marion county republican central committee sponsors a public picnic, with the program scheduled to begin at 2 p. m.

Silverton's Junior Legion band will start things off in peppy fashion, and the gathering will swing two or three community songs before the speaking starts. Billed to speak are James W. Mott, up for reelection to congress; Charles A. Sprague, candidate for governor; Rufus Holman, for United States senator; Earl Snell, for secretary of state; Charles A. Rice, for state superintendent of public instruction, and C. H. Gram, for state labor commissioner. Senator Charles McNary, although not a candidate at this time, has also been invited to speak.

Peace Is Planned For West Oregon

Lunch will be eaten before the program starts, with free coffee served by the central committee. Salemites who plan to attend the picnic will arrive at the Marion hotel at 11 a. m. in caravan formations, with police supervision planned all the way to the picnic site. Local police will lead the caravan to the city limits, where state police will take over.

Two or more buses will also accompany the caravan, to provide free transportation for anyone who wishes it. Cecil Edwards, transportation chairman, said. Nearly 2000 persons attended last summer's Willamette valley picnic at Dallas, and it is expected this year's affair, stimulated by the coming campaign, will exceed that figure. A public address system has been planned for so that everyone in the park may hear with ease. There will be plenty of tables and seats for all who attend, Lewis Judson, county chairman, said yesterday.

Frey Charges CIO in Hands Of Red Party

AFL Chieftain Informs House Committee of CIO Communists

Says Lewis not Member but Names Bridges and 279 Others

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—John P. Frey of the American Federation of Labor charged today that John L. Lewis' rival labor organization was honey-combed with members of the communist party, whose purpose he said was revolution.

Informing a house investigating committee that 280 communist party members were or had been on CIO payrolls as organizers and officials, he added "in fairness" that Lewis himself and the majority of his followers were opposed to communism.

Frey, chief of the metal trades department of the AFL, peered gravely over his spectacles and waved an unlighted cigar in vigorous emphasis as he told the committee:

"It is in the public knowledge that the truth about efforts of the communist party in the United States to carry out the purpose of Moscow and the third international, which purpose is revolution."

For 20 years, he said, AFL had had communistic influences in check in the American labor movement. But the communist party had gained a foothold in recent years, Frey charged, through their influence in and in some cases domination of CIO unions.

In addition to charging that 280 communist party members were or had been on CIO payrolls, he gave the committee a list of 60 others high in the CIO ranks who, he said, were communists or closely linked with communism. Among these were John Brophy, a CIO director; Francis X. Brennan, president of the United Textile workers; Wyndham Mortimer, vice president of the United Automobile workers of America, who, Frey said, was a communist official elected recently under the name of George Bremer; and Harry Bridges, chief of the Maritime union of the Pacific. Frey produced in evidence what he said was a "photographic copy of Bridges' party membership card."

Names of 230 more communist volunteers workers in CIO affiliates were promised by Frey when he resumes testimony next week.

Chairman Dies (d-TeX), of the investigating committee, said names of the complete party membership had been obtained and would be introduced as evidence.

They run into the thousands," he said, without disclosing how the committee obtained the documents.

"I've only skimmed the surface," Frey said when he concluded four hours of testimony.

The rise of communism in the American labor movement, Frey said, dated from 1935, when the communist party in the United States completely scrapped its program so that it could secure a controlling position within the CIO.

That was this year of the communist international congress in Moscow, in which communists were instructed to discard many old precepts and join with instead of opposing groups and parties with democratic interests. A protest from the American government against state agents of American delegates was lodged during the congress, and American-Soviet relations cooled notably when Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet spokesman on foreign affairs, rejected it.

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Scharback is the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Scharback and Stirber was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stirber who live on North Water street at Silverton. Stirber was a member of the 1933 graduating class at the Silverton high school.

Besides his parents he is survived by a number of sisters and brothers, including Edna, Dorothy, Verna and Charles at home; Hilda, Berke and Marguerite Williams of Portland.

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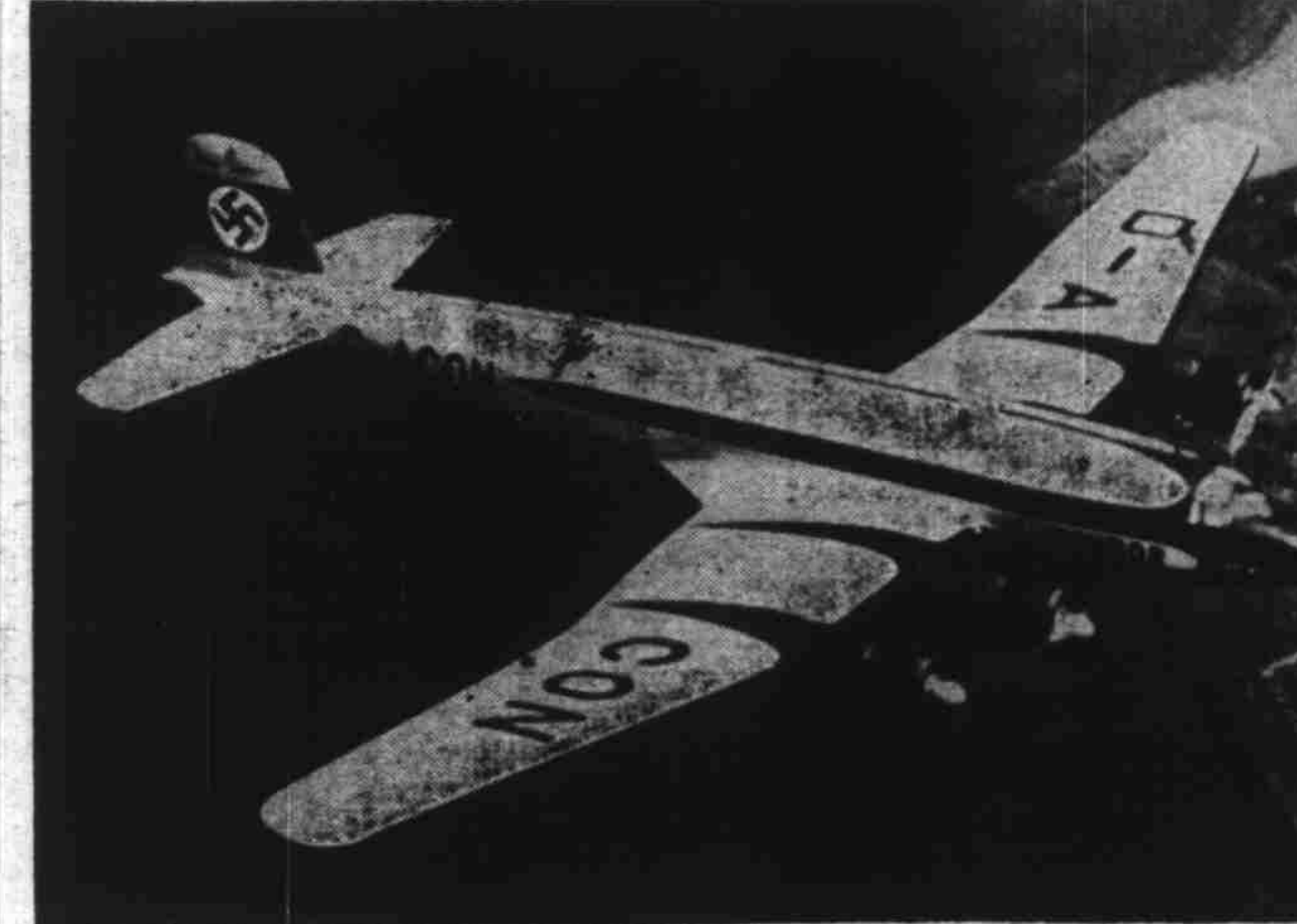
English Snowfall Windfall to Town

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The little village of Wold Newton counted up a small fortune brought by a two-foot snowfall today while the rest of Britain surveyed its loss from two days of freak storms.

Visitors flocked to the hamlets, near Bridlington in Yorkshire, in buses which solicited business with such provocative signs as: "Your chocs are so good, you've seen snow in August, say you've seen snow in August."

Wold Newton urchins did a landoffice business selling snow in old jam jars to the gullible. The price was two cents a jar.

GERMAN TRANSPORT WINGS WAY HOME



The huge German four-motored transport plane Brandenburg, pictured as it was about to land at Floyd Bennett field, New York, flew away yesterday on its return hop to Berlin and was sighted last night roaring over Ireland. Averaging about 170 miles an hour the plane crossed the Atlantic on its westward flight in 23 hours. The 10-ton machine normally carries 24 passengers but only a four-man crew was aboard on the initial trip. (HN)

Threat of Strike Seen for Valsetz

Union Spokesmen Request Restoration of Wages to May 1 Levels

VALSETZ, Aug. 13.—Possibility of a strike of approximately 400 employees of the Cobbs-Mitchell Lumber company in woods and mill here on Monday, was seen when union and company officials held a conference here today. The union spokesmen asked that wages be restored to the base which prevailed up to May 1, when the men accepted a cut amounting to 16 2/3 per cent. The base they are demanding calls for a minimum of 60 cents an hour.

C. L. Starr, general manager of the company, said notification would be given by Monday morning at the time for resuming operations. The men plan to report for work unless they learn earlier that the increase will not be granted. If it is not granted, no work will be done, union spokesmen said. Authority for their ultimatum was given at meetings of the two unions involved on Tuesday, it was reported.

Attending the conference in addition to Starr were C. C. McClean, woods superintendent, and Bert Thomas, mill superintendent, representing the company; Pete Latham, president of the loggers' union, local No. 2892, and Jack LeFevre, president of the sawmill union, local No. 2636, and the grievance committees of the two locals.

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German Plane Near Its Home on Return Jaunt

BERLIN, Aug. 14.—(Sunday) (AP)—The German airliner Brandenburg roared over Ireland at dawn today on her nonstop flight from New York to Berlin.

The big plane radioed she was passing over Clare, Ireland, at 4:40 a. m., Middle European time (10:40 EST).

BERLIN, Aug. 14.—(Sunday) (AP)—The German airliner Brandenburg roared steadily toward her goal today on her nonstop return flight from New York to Berlin.

In regular messages she reported "all well" and said she was flying at about 4000 meters (13,120 feet) altitude.

At midnight (5 p. m., EST) she was approximately half way home. Two hours later she reported her position as 52.33 north latitude and 23.20 west longitude, about 500 miles off the coast of Ireland.

Two Are Charged In Party Killing

Manslaughter Charges Are Made After FHA Chief Is Found Dead

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Police filed manslaughter charges today against two men who, inspectors said, admitted taking part in a hotel-room party that ended fatally for Walter Gilbert, 46, federal housing administrator, an executive.

The story of a girl who fled Vibert's room after the first blow was struck and later voluntarily surrendered, "broke" the mysterious case.

The girl, Miss Rose Fields, 24, of Weaverville, Calif., a typist for FHA and Vibert's fiancée, named three men as having participated in the fight.

The three were swiftly apprehended, and when their stories were sifted two of them—Tom White, 34, an electrician, and Archie Andrews, 25, unemployed—were booked on manslaughter charges.

The third, Thomas Smith, 38, a bookkeeper, was quoted by an inspector George Engler as saying the battle started last night over a bottle of liquor which Vibert accused Andrews of stealing. Smith was not held.

Woman Is Pinned Beneath Car, Dies

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Pinned beneath her automobile after a collision at the intersection of Northeast 24th avenue and Prescott streets, Mrs. Ola U. Smith, 53, was fatally injured today, the city's 30th traffic fatality of the year. Another driver escaped serious injury.

Postoffice and Shelton Left To Fight for Regional Crown

By RON GEMMELL
MCGINNIS PARK, Silverton, Aug. 13.—(Special)—Sister States Washington and Oregon, represented by Shelton and Postoffice Pharmacy of Portland, tomorrow afternoon shortly after 2:15 begin play for the northwest regional Legion Junior baseball championship here, preceded by a five-inning, one-hour-and-15-minute, time-limit consolation game between Burley, Ida., and Missoula, Mont. The consolation game begins at 1 p. m.

Whiffing 16 and pounding a homer and two singles in four trips, Postoffice Don Momeyer led Postoffice Pharmacy of Portland to a wholesale, 14-to-2 victory over Burley, Ida., in tonight's first game.

Capitalizing on Montana's dreary base-running and their ability to nip runners on the bags

after their own boots put them there, the Sheltonites of Washington, cheered on by a frenzied crowd of better than 100 home folks, bested the heavy-hitting Montanans 7 to 5.

Momeyer limited an inferior Idaho team to five throws as he himself swatted in three of the Postoffice tallies. His second-inning homer, to the boards in centerfield, scored Granata, who had doubled, ahead. Outside of Momeyer, it was First Baseman Jim Ellis who contributed most to the Postoffice attack. He poked a triple and single in two trips, knocking in two tallies.

Though Earl Toolson was a bit erratic on the mound for the Idahoans, it was his mates' six bolts that proved his downfall almost as much as the Postoffice artillery.

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Rhoten States Suit to Start In two Weeks

Intimation Is Made That Teamster Organization Will Be Defendant

Plaintiff Will Seek Full Amount of Its Loss of Going Concern

Suit to recover damages for the destruction of the West Salem box factory by fire last November 20 will be filed in the Polk county circuit court in about two weeks, George A. Rhoten, attorney for the Salem Box company, Inc., successor to the Salem Box Manufacturing company, disclosed yesterday.

The announcement followed the sentencing of Albert E. Resner, ex-Teamster union council secretary, Friday to 12 years in the state penitentiary for connection with the setting of the West Salem fire.

Intimates of Teamster Group Defendant

Rhoten was not ready to state exactly the defendants to be named in the action but he intimated that a teamster organization would be one of them. Whether or not individual union members or leaders would be named, defendants had not been decided.

The plaintiff will seek the full amount of its loss of a going concern, Rhoten said.

The insurance company which paid Friesen's firm \$20,000 on the fire, it is understood, has assigned to the plaintiff its claim against the persons or organizations responsible for the loss.

Plans to file the suit were begun last February when Albert N. Banks, then Salem Teamster secretary, Resner and four other Portland men were arrested on arson charges. Banks pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 years in prison but disposition of the cases of the other four, aside from Resner, was deferred and still remains to be made.

Moonlight Raiders Bomb China Spots

SHANGHAI, Aug. 14.—(Sunday) (AP)—Japanese reported today that their planes had bombed a number of central China points in moonlight raids last night.

One squadron struck at Nanchang, main Chinese air base, and was said to have damaged military warehouses, railway tracks, barracks and airplane hangars.

Another raided Kian, and still others bombed Yushan, Ningpo and Lishui.

In the Yangtze river valley, Japanese strove to break the deadlock which has held up the drive on Hankow for more than two weeks.

A Japanese column was reported near Julchang on the eastern of the Chinese line about 100 miles southeast of Hankow, the provisional Chinese capital.

Loss of Legs no Hamper to Pooch

YAKIMA, Aug. 13.—(AP)—It takes more than the loss of a couple of legs to keep a good dog down, the Henry Sterns family said today introducing Oscar, pet rat terrier that learned to balance and walk on his front legs after losing his hind ones in a mowing machine.

After the accident Oscar crept away and the family could not find him, assuming he had died. However, the next week they heard feeble barks and saw Oscar coming across a field, walking on his front legs.

Oscar has resumed his place in the Sterns farmyard, chasing chickens and frolicking around the livestock—all on his front legs.

Project to Photo Northwest Region

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—A WPA project for aerial photography of the Pacific northwest as a national defense move has been allocated \$32,224. The project will be conducted by the commanding officer of the 28th engineers at Portland. The map will show all highways, railroads, roads and trails and these will be imposed on the present topographic map of the region.