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The Weather
Partly cloudy today and Wednesday. Cooler Wednesday. Max. Temp. Mon. 35. Min. 16. River -3.9 feet. North winds.

Russia and Britain To Back Up France If War Is Started

Undetermined Whether German March Into Sudetenland to Be Cause to Aid Czechoslovaks
Hitler Informed of Alliance Decision Before Speech; Unknown Whether His Actions Were Affected

(By the Associated Press)

LONDON, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Great Britain, France and Soviet Russia threw the threat of their might between little Czechoslovakia and menacing Germany tonight even as Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler insisted that his demands for Sudetenland must be met by Saturday.

An authoritative announcement declared that if Germany attacked Czechoslovakia, France would be bound to aid the republic "and Great Britain and Russia will stand by France."

It remained to be determined whether France would consider a German march into Sudetenland alone a cause for aid to Czechoslovakia or whether an attack on Czechoslovak areas proper would be the only signal.

Neither Hitler's impassioned speech nor the riposte stand slammed the door on negotiations on the German-Czechoslovak issue and a trembling Europe still had some hope for peace.

When Hitler mounted the rostrum in Berlin to the cheers of his followers, he knew Britain had decided for the first time to show an iron hand to the welder of greater Germany.

Sir Horace Wilson of the foreign office rushed to Berlin by airplane in the afternoon to tell Hitler of the decision of the western democracies and Soviet Russia to march if the Nazi war machine rolled eastward.

None here could say if it resulted in any eleventh-hour change in Hitler's speech.

But Europe found hope in the fact that he did not make the announcement many feared was coming—that Nazi troops were marching into Czechoslovakia even as he spoke.

Tonight's statement issued in London marked a reversal of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's policy of "dealing with dictators" and for the first time Britain, France and Soviet Russia stood definitely committed to fight for Czechoslovakia although France and Russia have pledged under defensive alliances with the warborn republic.

Official quarters declined to elaborate on the statement but it was understood that France and Russia would let Britain decide what constituted a German attack on Czechoslovakia.

This presumably meant Britain and Russia would accept France's decision but did not rule out the possibility of Britain attempting to influence the French.

GENEVA, Sept. 27.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Soviet Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff was reported today to have proposed a "peace by force" plan to Paris and London as the only possible answer to Chancellor Hitler.

The foreign commissar, some sources said, had urged France and Britain to join Russia in military measures which would leave no doubt of their intention to fight if Hitler attempts to seize the Sudetenland by force.

Sources close to the Russian delegation said the Soviet plan was to send the French, British and Soviet ambassadors simultaneously to the German foreign office warning Germany they were prepared to defend Czechoslovakia.

The next step in the "peace by force" plan was said to be a demonstration of the armed might of the three powers as close to Germany as possible.

Racehorses Pile Into Heap When Truck Overtakes
Five race horses traveling in a covered truck, headed for the Eureka, Calif., track, were scrambled in a heap but unharmed as the truck was run into a ditch and tumbled over last night near Hubbard's in almost exactly the same spot where Bertha A. Mignot 10 days ago lost her life in a truck-automobile crash.

According to state police a car passing the horse-laden truck crowded it into the ditch where it tumbled over on its side. The truck was driven by Colby Galloway, and the horses owned by J. E. Stevenson of Sunnyside, Wash.

It was necessary to cut the top out of the truck to unscramble the horses.

Hamilton Is Given 25-Year Sentence
DALLAS, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Floyd Hamilton, 36, West Dallas hoodlum, was convicted of armed robbery and given a 25-year prison term tonight by a Dallas county jury.

Ted Walters, alleged accomplice in several cases, is to go to trial tomorrow. Hamilton and Walters were recaptured here Aug. 31 after their escape from the Montague county jail in April.

Roosevelt Plea Gets Welcome From Nations

Czechoslovakia, France and Britain Hail Talk With Gratitude

Berlin Silent on Appeal for Peace From Head of US Nation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Great Britain, France and little Czechoslovakia hailed with enthusiasm and gratitude tonight a dramatic appeal from President Roosevelt for the preservation of peace.

But from Berlin, there came no immediate reply save Chancellor Hitler's declaration to the German nation that unless the Czechs complied with his demand for the Sudeten area, Germany would seize that territory.

Appeal Greeted By Applause
At home, applause greeted the president's carefully-phrased appeal. Content by the members of congress who are in Washington was uniformly laudatory. Many noted with approval that Mr. Roosevelt's message took an attitude of absolute neutrality.

The president had a long discussion of the European situation with Secretary Hull, and together they set before a radio and listened to Hitler's speech. During the day, the state department received word that the Czech-German frontier had been closed to passage by a group of Americans seeking to go from Czechoslovakia into Germany.

President Roosevelt's "With Gratitude"
Neville Chamberlain, the British premier, replied "with gratitude" to the president's appeal for peace, and said it was "indeed essential" to "weigh the issues with all gravity before embarking on a course from which there may be no return."

Benes called Mr. Roosevelt his appreciation and a statement that the Sudeten question could be settled "without resort to force," adding, however, that if Czechoslovakia should be attacked, the nation would "defend itself."

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Britain Ready To See Czechs Keep Promise

Chamberlain Says Hitler Lacks Faith in Plan for Sudetens

Asserts Acceptance Will Satisfy Nazi Desire Without War

LONDON, Sept. 27.—(Tuesday)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain publicly declared today in a reply to what he called Adolf Hitler's lack of faith, that the British government was prepared to insure execution of the Anglo-French plan for cession of the Sudeten areas in Czechoslovakia.

The prime minister said Britain was prepared to see that the Czechoslovak promise to carry out the Anglo-French plan was executed "with all reasonable promptitude."

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Says Chancellor Has No Faith
"It is evident that the chancellor has no faith that the promises made will be carried out," Chamberlain continued.

"These promises were made not to the German government direct but to the British and French governments in the first instance."

"Speaking for the British government we regard ourselves as morally responsible for seeing that the promises are carried out fairly and fully and we are prepared to undertake that they shall be so carried out with all reasonable promptitude, provided that the German government will agree to settlement of terms and conditions to the transfer by discussions and not by force."

"I trust that the chancellor will not reject this proposal which is made in the same spirit of friendliness as that in which I was received in Germany and which if it is accepted will satisfy the German desire for union of the Sudeten Germans with the Reich without the shedding of blood in any part of Europe."

Murder Charged Train Wreckers
WATERTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Two homesick boys were charged tonight with murder, first degree, as a result of the wrecking of a New York Central train and the death of an engineer and a fireman.

The boys were William Beach, 10, and Kenneth Scoville, 13, both of Adams.

Dist. Atty. Carl Hynes explained that the law made the murder charge mandatory when death is caused by tampering with railroad property.

The boys are charged with throwing a switch near Adams that sent a train onto a short spur and plunging over a 25 foot embankment.

Stalling named as witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brittle, Frank McCaffery, and Claude Cross, police radio operator.

Bond Issue Voted In Dallas Election
DALLAS.—At the special school election at Dallas Monday 119 voted for the bond issue and 73 against. The election held for the Dallas school district was to vote on a bond issue of \$26,430 to be matched by a 45 per cent grant from the federal government under FWA.

The money will be used to build an addition to the senior high school building and to improve the heating plants at the junior high school and the elementary school.

Benes to Broadcast
NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—(AP)—President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia will make a special broadcast tomorrow on the Sudeten crisis, in English, from 2 to 2:10 p. m. (PST) on the National, Columbia and Mutual Broadcasting networks.

CZECH ARMY MOVES TO GUARD BORDERS



Fall harvests were forgotten as all able bodied Czechs answered the general mobilization call. Ammunition wagons are shown moving up to the frontier through a hayfield. The wagon train took a shortcut because all other roads were congested with moving columns of soldiers.—(IIN.)

France Arming Greater Numbers of Reservists

No Formal Mobilization Orders Issued, but Troops Called to Colors Individually While Civilians Depart Capital

PARIS, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Reliable sources said today that increasing numbers of troops were being put under arms in France as an answer to Adolf Hitler's threat against Czechoslovakia.

No formal mobilization orders, such as were posted Saturday when the total of men under arms swelled to more than 2,000,000, was issued, but reservists were said to have been called up individually.

Telephone and telegraph lines virtually were taken over by the government in transmission of orders to local authorities.

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Buckler Bid Best For Hospital Job

Portland Firm's low Bid Is \$221,599 to Build TB Institution

Contract for construction of a state tuberculosis hospital in Portland Monday was awarded by the state board of control to George H. Buckler of Portland, on a low bid of \$221,599.

Buckler's basic bid was \$276,624 but was reduced within the \$224,000 now available for construction operations by eliminating some of the alternates. Under the low bid the hospital would have 40 beds.

Officials explained that in case the state received an additional federal grant of \$41,000, based on the \$50,000 gift from Mrs. Julius L. Meier and her three children, 40 beds would be added. This would make an 80 bed hospital and allow for reinstatement of other alternates eliminated under the reduced bid of \$221,599.

Seven bids were received, ranging as high as \$312,900.

Under the agreement with the public works administration construction operations must begin Tuesday.

Two More Deaths For Deer Season
(By the Associated Press)

The eighth and ninth victims of the week-old Oregon deer hunting season were dead today. Two other persons received serious gunshot wounds.

Harold Robison, 24, ranch employe at Monument, died of wounds received yesterday when he accidentally discharged a rifle. The bullet pierced his lungs. It required five hours to take the wounded man from the isolated hunting sector to medical aid.

Herb Lewis, 47, of Portland, died of a heart attack caused by exertion a half mile from his camp near Elgin.

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Duke to Return If War Declared
LONDON, Sept. 26.—(AP)—The Duke of Windsor's query told the London Daily Mirror today that the duke probably would return to England if war were declared.

The paper reported that the query, speaking from Cap D'Antibes, France, said: "In the event of war the duke's plans are made and it is probable that he will return to London."

Peace or War Question Still Not Answered
BERLIN, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler told the world tonight that if Czechoslovakia does not give Germany the territory he has marked as Sudetenland by October 1 he will act.

"The time has come to talk business," he said, and "the Sudetenland is the last territorial demand I have to make in Europe, but it is a demand from which no one will recede."

What He'll Do Still Question
Yet there was nothing in the speech—an address one hour and 13 minutes long broadcast by radio to an anxious world which hung on every word—to indicate definitely just what the fuhrer intended to do.

He did not say outright that he was going to war to get the Sudeten areas—which Czechoslovakia already has agreed to cede him, though she apparently disagreed with him on the definition of the Sudetenland.

Demands Sudetens By October 1
He did say, at well-spaced points in the address, that Benes of Czechoslovakia must cede this region (the Sudetenland) to us by October 1."

"We are determined, may Mr. Benes know it."

"Regarding the Sudeten problem, my patience is exhausted."

He proudly told, amid cheers of an immediate audience of 25,000 in Berlin's huge sportsplatz, about Germany's great military strength, her mighty air force—in short, what a great power Germany has become.

This all indicated, by inference, Germany is going to fight.

But Hitler did not say so.

With every German ordered to hear the fuhrer by his own radio or a public address system, Hitler began speaking at 8:21 p. m. (11:21 a. m. PST), a little more than three hours after receiving Sir Horace Wilson, personal representative of British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, with an urgent note.

There was no indication in the fuhrer's address to any reaction he might have had Sir Horace's message, reported authoritatively in London to have been a warning that Britain and Russia would join France in support of Czechoslovakia.

While Hitler was speaking, Britain made it plain in diplomatic quarters in London that she, Russia and France had agreed upon such a course, although there was public doubt whether in a vision of the Sudetenland would be considered a cause for aiding Czechoslovakia in view of Prague's agreement to cede the regions to Germany.

London indicated the issue hinged on France's course. On Friday Premier Edouard Daladier indicated France would aid Prague in event of invasion of Czechoslovakia proper," although there was possibility of a stiffening of the French attitude since then to include the Sudetenland.)

Tonight a spokesman for the German government said he had no comment to make concerning this tri-power stand.

The reichsfuehrer's statement that "The Sudetenland is the last territorial demand I have to make in Europe" was regarded as reassuring and of fundamental importance.

But a gist of the entire impassioned oration was that he would act, he would do something, if he did not have the Sudetenland by October 1—this Saturday.