

Salem and Medford Battle for Hoop Crown

Chamberlain Lashes at Hitler; Nazis Consolidate Late Gains

Warns Britain To Fight Aims Of Domination

Prime Minister Throws out Appeasement Plan in Fight Speech

United States Also Raps at Nazis for Seizure of Czech Lands

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., March 17.—(AP)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain tonight bitterly lashed Chancellor Adolf Hitler as a breaker of promises and warned him that Britain would fight if he continued to seek domination of Europe by force.

He charged the reichsfuehrer had taken "the law in his own hands" by occupation of Czechoslovakia, announced his own hopes of appeasement had been "wantonly shattered" and declared firmly:

"No greater mistake could be made than to suppose that because I believe war to be a cruel and senseless thing that this nation has so far lost its fibre that it will not take part to the utmost of its power, in resisting such a challenge (to dominate the world by force) if it ever were made."

Speech is made on 70th Birthday.

Chamberlain spoke on the eve of his 70th birthday before a political rally of his fellow townsmen. In the speech, his first fighting speech against dictators since he became prime minister, he threw his appeasement policy overboard.

"I am convinced," he said, "that after Munich the great majority of the British people shared my hope and ardently desired that that policy should be carried further."

"But today I share their disappointment and their indignation that these hopes have been so wantonly shattered."

Chamberlain said Germany's course raised "grave and serious questions" and then added:

"I am not going to answer them tonight, but I am sure they will require the grave and serious consideration, not only of German neighbors but of others perhaps even beyond the confines of Europe."

In another place he said: "There is nothing I would not sacrifice for peace, but there is one thing I will except, and that is that I will not allow the British people to be treated as a group of men whose hands will never surrender."

Chamberlain was interrupted frequently by deafening cheers.

During the day his government had shown its disapproval of Germany's action by summoning home the ambassador to Berlin, Sir Neville Henderson, "to report" on events in Czechoslovakia.

It was believed Sir Neville would be kept in England for some time as a protest against German moves. Britain also was considering acting with France in a joint protest to Berlin.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—In language seldom used in diplomacy, the state department today denounced Adolf Hitler's coup in Czechoslovakia as wanton and lawless, while from Capitol Hill Senator Pittman (D-Nev.), an administration leader called on the United States to hurry preparations for "potential political and physical action" in its own defense.

With the approval of President Roosevelt, Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, issued a statement declaring that "acts of wanton lawlessness and of arbitrary force are threatening world peace and the very structure of modern civilization."

He condemned "the acts which have resulted in the temporary extinguishment of the liberties of a free and independent people."

The word "temporary" caught the attention of the capital.

Unofficially, the word was said to mean that the United States government does not believe the Czech people can be kept indefinitely in the German Reich but that the day will come when they will seek to free themselves, possibly with outside assistance.

Senator Pittman, the chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, declared:

"It is evident to me that, in acting for our own defense in the most serious situation that ever faced us, we must not delay in preparation for potential political and physical action."

"Fuehrer Hitler, by this last act," the senator asserted, "has crossed the line drawn by Mr. Chamberlain (British premier) and has made clear his fanatical ambition and intention to dominate everywhere that conspiracy and military force can accomplish his purpose."

Bodies of 6 Recovered From Plane Lost Since Middle of Last Month

Sourdough Prospector Discovers Wreckage, Rows Many Miles to Carry News of Alaska's Worst Plane Crash in History

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 17.—(AP)—A party from the coast guard cutter Haida reached a long-missing Marine Airways plane on Grand island tonight and removed bodies of six men, victims of an air travel disaster that equals the worst in Alaska's history.

The plane, missing since February 12, was found in a clump of trees 200 yards from the beach by Charles Ashby, sourdough prospector, who brought word to Juneau.

The bodies, all badly crushed, were carried on stretchers to the beach and surf-boosted to the Haida, which will return here.

Witnesses reported Pilot Alonzo Cope and the five passengers probably were killed outright. The plane, severely smashed, probably plunged from 1,000 or 1,500 feet, observers said.

Cope still wore radiophone gear with which he had reported trouble about time of the crash. Position of the bodies indicated Cope had warned the passengers of impending danger. They had covered their heads with their arms. Apparently the pilot had come down intentionally in a tree, but they were too small to break the plane's fall.

Wrist watches of two persons were recovered, one stopped at 2:20 and another at 2:18, indicating the crash probably occurred shortly after Cope radioed he was in trouble at 2:15 p. m.

The baggage and bodies were piled in a heap near the nose of the plane.

Ashby's hands were blistered from rowing nearly all the way here in a small skiff. Officials said he would receive \$1,000 reward offered for finding the plane.

Benefit Extension Plan Is Scuttled

House Committee Claims Including Farm Labor Would Hurt Act

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—A house committee virtually scuttled today an administration-sponsored amendment to the social security act proposing extension of benefits to millions of agricultural and domestic workers.

The committee voted unanimously to exclude farm labor, domestic help and religious, charitable and non-profit organizations from any revision of the social security act which might be made at the current session.

To blanket such workers under social security at this time, said Acting Chairman McCormack (D-Mass.), would "only make the law more cumbersome."

The committee made its decision known immediately. McCormack said, to save the time and expense of persons desirous of appearing before the committee.

The National League of Women Shoppers immediately dispatched a letter to the committee asking that it reopen the hearing. Mrs. Nina P. Collier, of New York, legislative chairman for the league, told reporters her organization and other groups had a large amount of testimony they had prepared with the understanding they would be allowed to present it to the committee.

Plylock Lays off 127 CIO Employees

PORTLAND, Ore., March 17.—(AP)—The Plylock corporation, Plywood manufacturer, laid off 127 CIO employees today to make room for a similar number of union members on the payroll.

The action followed a circuit court of appeals reversal of a national labor relations board decision holding an AFL closed-shop contract with the company illegal.

No demonstration occurred.

The company employs 360 men, of which 255 were CIO members and 105 belonged to the AFL. The layoffs will give the AFL a clear majority in the mill for the first time in 11 months.

The returning AFL men were forced to vacate their jobs for joining the NLRB's ruling.

CIO members last April followed inability of the AFL to supply a full roster of members for registration for "potential political and physical action" in its own defense.

Czech Mail to Be Held up for Week

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—All mail on its way to Czechoslovakia will be held until March 21, the postoffice department announced tonight.

Anyone wishing to recall mail addressed to the country may do so by notifying his local postmaster.

Officials said the department was taking this step as the result of requests within the past two days from persons and business concerns and "in view of the unsettled conditions in Czechoslovakia."

Daladier Asks Wide Powers To Equal Dictator Nations

PARIS, March 17.—(AP)—Premier Daladier tonight asked parliament for almost unlimited dictatorial powers to enable France to act as rapidly as the dictator-ruled nations.

He not only asked for powers unprecedented in post-war French history, but flatly refused to tell parliament what he was going to do with them in the face of Germany's swift expansion in central Europe.

He told the chamber of deputies "the measures I plan to take are military measures," but declined to give further hint of his plans and did not limit the scope of his request to any particular field as French premiers usually do in asking such powers.

"The totalitarian states are capable of taking important decisions rapidly and applying them rapidly," he said.

"It is impossible and absurd that France cannot act with the same rapidity."

The chamber, already nervous after Hitler's absorption of all but the Carpatho-Ukrainian tail of Czechoslovakia, adjourned temporarily after Daladier's demands were made. Excitement buzzed through the chamber hall.

"It's almost a dictatorship he asks," a deputy said.

Daladier said the powers, which he said would be given until Nov. 30, would enable his government to suppress any party or newspaper and call any number of troops to arms without consulting parliament.

He also stated the premier had told them "only a part" of the plan he would put into action when given decree powers. It included:

- 1.—Speeding up of production in war industries;
- 2.—Purchase of war stocks;
- 3.—An increase of working hours beyond the 48-hour week now in force;
- 4.—Treasury loans for war industries; and
- 5.—Purchase of necessary war materials and stocks abroad.

The premier passed the first hurdle for the bill by winning approval from the finance committee, to which it had been referred, 26 to 17.

Arrests Many While Fuehrer Sees Conquest

Jews and Refugees Fail in Efforts to Leave, Many Suicides

PRAGUE, March 17.—(AP)—Germany consolidated her hold on Bohemia and Moravia tonight with numerous arrests and continuing troop movements.

The efforts of social welfare agencies with British and American backing to aid political refugees and Jews to get out of the country collapsed with the arrest of at least 47 of their leaders.

There were a number of Jewish suicides.

The newspaper "Express" reported 20 of them, including Eugen Zucker, retired director of the Anglo bank; Rudolf Wahle, a retired judge; and Paul Donner, former director of the Czech radio system.

Hospitals reported 70 Jewish suicides had been brought in tonight. A man and woman on a park bench behind the Bohemian museum shot themselves. Another couple jumped from their apartment window.

Mrs. Frantiska Plaminova, 60-year-old Czech senator, was reported by friends to be among the undisclosed number of persons rounded up by the secret police in their drive to clear Prague of "undesirable elements."

She is an internationally known leader in social matters and a member of the social democrat party. She has visited in the United States and England.

BERLIN, March 17.—Reichsfuehrer Adolph Hitler moved today through new land taken under the Nazi swastika toward a jubilee reception at his seat of empire, Berlin.

He controlled press at the same time he was criticized from abroad of Germany's absorption of Bohemia and Moravia and Slovakia.

Flags already were flying on the Goerlitzer railroad station in Berlin, searchlights were in place, a red carpet was ready and preparations were in full swing for a long victory parade from the station to the magnificent new chancellery of the fuhrer on Wilhelmplatz.

Hitler arrived late today in Vienna as well, where he gathered into the Nazi fold just a year ago last Monday.

Fuehrer Wildly Banned Greets

Breun's hero was a spectacular greeter in Bruenn, capital of his new protectorate of Moravia and formerly a "German island" in a Slavic land.

Arriving from Prague by train Hitler entered Bruenn in the forenoon through a forest of swastika flags.

Nazi soldiers and political units displayed their power for the rejoicing German residents—some 30 per cent of Bruenn's population—and for Slavs again under a German master.

German heroes were draped overnight while tanks and armored cars rumbled over the cobbled streets, drowning out the cries of "Hell Hitler!" as the new protector of Bohemia, and Moravia and Slovakia looked on.

Lintner Resigns Employment Post

PORTLAND, March 17.—(AP)—The state unemployment compensation commission said tonight it had received the resignation of Guy V. Lintner, state employment service director, effective April 15.

The commission also said it had decided in a Salem meeting to move its administrative offices to that city early next month.

No successor to Lintner will be named immediately, the commission said. It added that a member of the supervisory staff would act as temporary director.

Jurist Dismisses Winslow's Appeal

Latourette Holds Court Has no Jurisdiction in Police Case

Salem's city civil service charter amendment is ineffective insofar as it grants city employees the right of appeal to the circuit court, Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette of Oregon City ruled in an opinion filed here yesterday.

The opinion dismissed the appeal of Frank Winslow, former policeman, on this ground.

Appeal to a circuit court is not an inherent right but must be bestowed by act of the legislature, in this case could find no legislatively-created authority for appeal from a Salem civil service commission order. The local commission sustained Winslow's ouster by Chief of Police Frank A. Minto, who had charged him with brutal treatment of a prisoner last September.

Whether or not the Winslow case would be appealed to the supreme court was not known yesterday because W. C. Winslow, principal attorney for the former officer, was out of the city.

Should Judge Latourette's decision be sustained by the supreme court, the position of at least one city employee who gained reinstatement by appealing to the circuit court, might be jeopardized.

British Citizen Held by Bandits

TIENTSIN, China, March 17.—(AP)—H. F. Dyott, chairman of the Tientsin British chamber of commerce, was kidnaped today and was still missing tonight despite an earlier police report that he had been rescued.

Three bandits seized Dyott in his home in Tientsin's Japanese-occupied area late this afternoon, forced him into an automobile and sped out of town.

A report from Hsiaoetsen, notorious bandit hangout midway between Tientsin and Taku, said police there had rescued Dyott and arrested the bandits but when an escort arrived to return the Briton here they were unable to find any trace of him or the arresting officers.

British consular police charged the abduction was the latest move in a terrorist campaign against foreigners in Tientsin. They hinted that the alleged campaign was plotted as a result of Japanese dissatisfaction with the attitude of foreigners toward Japanese military and political activities.

Japanese Driving Against Hill Spot

SHANGHAI, March 18.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Japanese were reported today to have launched a long-threatened direct attack on the mountain-top resort of Jijiang where a number of foreigners were living despite Japanese warnings to evacuate.

Reports through foreign channels said Japanese had bombed Jijiang extensively, a stirring Chinese government buildings near an American school and other foreign properties. Twelve Americans are among 55 foreigners at the resort, 15 miles from the Yangtze river port of Kinkiang.

Federial In Insured Fatally In Auto Mishap

PORTLAND, Ore., March 17.—(AP)—George Scheel, about 45, Gas ton, was killed on the Tuatlen highway near here tonight when he was struck by an automobile.

Ben Croop, walking with Scheel, was knocked down and injured, but Charles G. Hams, a second companion, escaped injury.

Actor Has Laugh On School Which Flunked Him Out

AMHERST, Mass., March 17.—(AP)—Burgess Meredith, the actor, fulfilled today the dream of almost every youth who has flunked out of college—he returned to his former school and received an honorary degree of master of arts.

The actor, who washed dishes eleven years ago to pay for his freshman year's tuition at Amherst college and then flunked out when he failed in trigonometry, couldn't resist "trubbing it in" a bit as he received the honor.

"Perhaps I might have been a better actor," he grinned, "if I'd received the original degree along with the rest of the class of '31—but at any rate, I'm very glad to get this one now."

Waterfront Lays Drop to Pickets

PORTLAND, Ore., March 17.—(AP)—Portland waterfront employees blamed the recent tieup of scrapiron shipments to Japan for loss of immediate business and creating a tone of uncertainty which might handicap the port's trade for weeks to come.

It was estimated about 7500 tons of cargo were diverted to other points while longshoremen refused to pass Chinese pickets to land junk on a Greek steamer. A fruit company executive asserted that the tieup would be restricted by the wariness of shippers.

Doctor Returned From India Tells of Mass Eye Surgery

Back from India where eye surgery is performed on virtually a mass production basis, Dr. W. W. Baum of the firm of Findley, Clement, Baum and Thompson, Salem physicians and surgeons, said yesterday that natives travel hundreds of miles each winter season to receive treatment at the mission hospitals there.

Approximately 3000 eye operations, 2000 of them for removal of cataracts, are performed each year at the Church of Scotland mission at Bandah, 200 miles northwest of Calcutta, where Dr. Baum had the sought-after privilege of serving as visiting surgeon from mid-November to mid-January, he said. A majority of the cases are handled during the four winter months.

The impoverished state of the natives, prevalence of disease and scarcity of doctors together account for the huge volume of surgery performed at the mission stations. At the Bandah mission, which has a modern hospital, dispensary, schools and a large church, there is but one resident surgeon, Dr. H. M. Macphail, son of the founder. While Dr. Baum was stationed at the mission, there was but one other visiting surgeon on the staff, a woman missionary.

En route to India Dr. Baum visited Tokyo while celebration of the fall of Hankow, China, was in progress and saw Emperor Hirohito make one of his rare public appearances. He also visited Shanghai, where Japanese troops were engaged in clearing away battle ruins, Hong Kong, Manila and the major ports of India. On the return trip, via the Suez canal, Egypt and Italy, he stopped in Vienna and London to engage in clinical work. Flying west from New York he was met by Mrs. Baum at San Francisco where she attended the Golden Gate exposition before returning home.

THEY FELL AFTER COMING CLOSE TO GOAL



Medford's fighting crew (top) lost a heart-breaker last night as Medford won 25 to 23 while Oakridge's B champions lost to Salem 44 to 26. The North Bend team: Left to right, front row, Erickson, Sam Crowell, Dean Crowell, Susick and Kruse. Back row, Coach Victor L. Adams, Kelly, Zarbrough, Henderson and Manager Bob Arlandson. The Oakridge team: Left to right, front row, Smith, D. Ellerson, Spatz, Rogers, Stanley and Yarrclmann. Back row, Coach Virgil Kingsley, Blieie, W. Ellerson, Herbert, Rogers and Manager Reams.



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Pearpluckers Pick Win off Logger Trees

Medford Wins 23-22 With Upsurge in Last few Minutes of Tilt

Salem Defeats Oakridge 44 to 20 to Get Spot in Final Play

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TODAY'S GAMES

9:30 a. m.—Pendleton vs. Corvallis. (For 5th and 6th place)

10:30 a. m.—Baker vs. University. (For 4th and 7th place)

7:30 p. m.—Oakridge vs. North Bend. (For 3rd and 6th place)

8:30 p. m.—Salem vs. Medford. (For OSHSAA championship)

By RON GEMMELL Hoop whooping'll take over the old home town of Salem tonight, as Salem's gallant hardboard gallopers meet Medford's pantherish Pearpluckers for the 1939 OSHSAA basketball title at 8:30.

Not since 1932, five long seasons, has Salem had a championship—nor have the Vikings during that time played in a championship game. For Medford, it's the first time since 1929 the Pearpluckers have been this close to plucking a title. Medford beat out Astoria for the crown in 1929, while Salem snatched the heavy hardware from Lincoln High of Portland in 1932.

Win Handily

While Salem's lightning last night snatched the Vikings into the titular spot in a surprisingly easy 44 to 20 rout over Oakridge's tall Warriors, fans in far-away Medford were waiting for the action to be broadcast, probably well swallowed their hearts several times in the few seconds before lanky Eugene Miller took the short back stripe in charity channel to lift in an after-the-final-gun free loss that had marked a walk-off for Medford by 23 to 22 margin.

It was the toughest kind of contest for the fighting Loggers from the Cooz Bay district to lose, for they had commanded from a one to four-point lead throughout the first quarter, and with but three minutes left they were down 23 to 20. But things started happening from there, and swiftly.

Piche Basket

Kresse missed a free toss on Dean Crowell's fourth infraction, but Al Piche dived in to lay tying bucket clean. With a minute and 20 seconds left Miller missed a cripple, Kresse a tip-in and Piche a 12-foot cast off. North Bend's husky karston Susick, who had made a whale of a defensive ball game throughout, was charged with a foul against Miller just before the final gun.

Miller, whose swing shots had kept the Pearpluckers in the game during the first half, stepped to the mark with the crowd breathlessly tensely on its feet. He hoisted the ball cleanly through the basket for the point that brought victory for the Pearpluckers and a sigh of despair to the many North Bend backers in the stands.

North Bend's ballhawking band went down under the net to let Tillamook, a prime pre-meat favorite, out in the opening round, blasting through a Klamath Falls team that had made a big impression by bouncing Pendleton's Bucks, and losing on an after-the-gun free throw conversion. Too many credits can't be given the Loggers, who, devoid of individual stars, banded together in a fighting, determined unit that never knew what it was to let down.

Crowell Bulwark For Loggers

Dean Crowell, the lad who played most of the game under the handicap of three personal fouls, was a bulwark of backbone strength for the Loggers, while Susick, the football phenom, played one of the outstanding defensive roles of the tourney. Crowell led the Logger firing with 15 points, bagged on three field goals and a pair of conversions.

Medford's another aggregation was just as lacking in individuality. Kresse, Newland, Miller, Piche and Monteth going about their job as a unit. Bob Newland headed the point-making department, scoring four from the floor and one from basin alley for a total of 9.

The Medford-North Bend tilt, closest of the tourney, was the scoring advantage change hands seven times—never by more than four points, and the score knotted five times.

Harold Hank's Vikings turned in their best performance of the entire year in knocking the Bee champs out of championship contention by that 24-point margin. (Turn to page 7, column 2)