

Churchill May Speed up War

Selection Is Response to Goering Threat; Will Head Nation Later

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
The elevation of Winston Churchill, Britain's fire-breathing apostle of war-to-the-death against Nazi Germany, to a dominant role in shaping Franco-British battle strategy bodes an end, soon or late, of hit-and-run tactics in Europe.

When or how "complete war" may come and whether by the initiative of Germany or the ally remains unpredictable. Yet the assignment of Hitlerism's arch foe, Churchill, to virtual command of all British armed forces answered a new and blood-thirsting threat of a Nazi "victory" drive in the west.

In effect, Britain had accepted the challenge voiced by Hitler's heir-designate, Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, even before it was spoken. The London cabinet shift marks Churchill potentially, as Goering is already marked by Hitler flat, for succession to supreme political as well as military command.

Churchill's new job is the virtual equivalent of the one Goering holds in Nazi Germany. Both Battle Tested.

Britain's No. 2 man is now squarely confronting his Nazi rival, Goering, across the bomb, mine and torpedo-infested North Sea. Both are men of action as well as words. The personal courage and daring of both have been battle-tested long ago.

And between them they personify in dramatic fashion the fundamental power around which this war revolves—sea power versus air power. Churchill is steeped in British sea tradition; Goering the personal symbol of the Nazi conviction that air might will be the dominant factor in world power in the future.

That is one of the great issues at stake in this war. It is unknown quantity of a great equation that has yet to be worked out by events—decisive battle or ultimate economic strangulation of Germany.

The announcement of Churchill's elevation came before the echoes of Goering's thundering threat of a Nazi "blitzkrieg" in the west had subsided. Circumstances suggest that Berlin had advance information of what was coming in London, or that she accurately guessed.

Refutes "Reluctance"
The other possible motive made Goering above all the man to select the threat. During and since the successive crises which led to the war, British white papers and quasi-official accounts of what happened in Berlin have stressed that Goering was reluctant to risk war with Britain.

There has been speculation as to whether the allies, particularly Britain, might not be willing to talk peace and appeasement with a Nazi regime headed by Goering. There have even been vague whispers that Hitler might step out some day if assured that he alone stood in the way of a negotiated peace.

There is no authoritative word on which to rest such speculation yet it persists. And with Winston Churchill at the British war-making helm, peace with Hitler is ruled out of allied plans more definitely and dramatically than by any other word or act.

Mt. Angel Teams Play at Woodburn
MT. ANGEL—Both the girls and the boys of St. Mary's grammar school will go to Woodburn Friday afternoon to play Marion county league games with the girls and boys of St. Luke's school, the boys baseball and the girls softball. This will be their second game of the season.

On Tuesday both Mt. Angel teams won from Woodburn public schools in games played on the local diamond. St. Mary's girls took the softball game by a score of 10 to 1 while the local boys defeated the Woodburn boys 5 to 3.

Man Dies at 103
OLYMPIA, April 4.—(P)—Funeral services for Andrew Mikkelson, 103, formerly of Vancouver, Wash., who died here Tuesday, will be held here Saturday afternoon.

Speeding Charged
City police last night charged Glenwood E. LaDuke, 1570 Mission street, with violation of the basic speed rule.

Youth Rescued From icy Waters of Sioux River



Lee Culp, 19 (arrow), swept over the 25-foot falls in the Sioux river at Sioux Falls, S.D., was rescued from the icy waters by two unidentified men (left), and Kamel Asad of Sioux Falls (right of rope, back to camera), who threw a rope to the youth and dragged him to safety. Culp was seeking an advantageous spot from which to take a picture when he slipped.

Long, Bloody War Feared by Hoover

Not Much Hatred Yet but It Will Grow, Tells Stanford Group

PALO ALTO, Calif., April 4.—(P)—Former President Herbert Hoover said today that unless peace comes quickly, and before major military action between Germany and the allies, it will be a long and terrible war.

Soldiers went off to war this time, he told the Stanford university faculty and student body, without fanfare of bands, little enthusiasm, and "no great hate in their hearts."

"But when the stream of dead and wounded begins to flow back from the front," he added, "when sea blockades and air attacks begin to starve as well as destroy civilian populations, then hatred will grow to such ferocity that there can be no peace without victory."

Mr. Hoover's appearance before the entire university here was unprecedented. He made no prepared speech, but talked informally, in answer to questions submitted in advance by students and faculty members.

Questioned about the Finnish-Russian treaty, Hoover praised the Finns' courage, and expressed the opinion that ultimately they would find they had lost less by resisting aggression, than had they yielded to Russian demands without a fight.

Of peace, he said: "No peace can last that forfeits the independence of a free people. There can be no permanent peace."

World Is Painted Dark by Educator

SPOKANE, Wash., April 4.—(P)—An extremely pessimistic view of the world and its future was expounded tonight by Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes, New York author and lecturer, who told northwest educators attending a banquet for social sciences instructors that "ninety per cent of the Americans would be better off dead than alive."

"Unless civilization is in the black there is no use to go on," he asserted. "The great problem of our day is whether, without limited similitude, we will be able to solve the problems of this age. Within 50 years we will either move forward into an era of plenty and peace or slip back into the dark ages."

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Bridges Upholds Policies of CIO

Coast Unions Held Bound by Them; Hartung and Helmick Assailed

NORTH BEND, Ore., April 4.—(P)—Harry Bridges, president of the CIO longshoremen's and warehousemen's union, said in his annual report today that the national CIO political program governs the ILWU.

He said a "certain amount of confusion extends at the present time to the CIO's position and that of its chairman, John L. Lewis, on the questions of presidential elections and the national political campaign."

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Angell Proposes To Cut red Tape

Bill Would Allow Soldier to Gain Citizenship; Dad Soldier too

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(P)—A red tape-slashing bill by Rep. Homer Angell (R. Ore.) for naturalization of a soldier, son of a Kentucky-born soldier, was passed by the house and sent to the senate today.

The legislation would permit Gerald Henry Simpson, a member of the United States army, to apply for naturalization and be considered as having legally entered the country February 9, 1937. No certificate of arrival or declaration of intention to become a citizen would be required.

Lost by Technicality
Simpson was born in England, the son of Charles Herman Simpson of Vanceburg, Ky., who married while hospitalized in Great Britain as a member of the Canadian army in 1914. The father believed he had not lost his citizenship because of service in the

Canadian army at the time the family returned to the United States through Detroit in 1937.

Both Simpsons enlisted in the army and both still are in its ranks. The father later learned he had lost his citizenship and was repatriated about a year ago. Immigration authorities ordered Gerald arrested for deportation. Angell's bill would halt until congress could act to give the son the right to apply for citizenship.

Gerald, in Company K, Seventh United States infantry, was stationed at Camp Ord, Calif., in January.

Youngest College Grad Dies at 38

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 4.—(P)—Theodore B. "Ted" Steinmann, 38, San Diego Union sports editor, died today after collapsing from a heart attack in the editorial room of the newspaper. A brilliant student at the San Diego army and navy academy, Steinmann was admitted through special dispensation to the University of California at the age of 13. He was graduated at the age of 16, the youngest person at that time to receive a degree from a major educational institution.

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All-Woman Court in Action



Conferring on a case at Beaver Falls, Pa., are Constable Gertrude A. Tinsman (left) and Mrs. Floretta K. Smith, alderman. They comprise the only all-woman court in the United States—as far as we know. At right is a gun, which seems to show that the ladies aren't fooling. Constable Tinsman, mother of a grown daughter, has never had any trouble making arrests.

Navy's Newest "Stinger" Shows Her Speed



Sliding through the waters of Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, is the T-46, first unit of the navy's proposed fleet of mosquito boats for off-shore defense. The boat easily did forty-six miles an hour. Experts say the craft is superior to any of its type in the world. Torpedo tubes will be standard part of equipment.