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## Czechs Forced to Yield to Hitler Demands

### Storm Loss Heavy in East

#### Hopkins Fails To Get Martin "Out of Tent"

#### Governor Confers with WPA Boss But Refuses To Be Lured Back in Fold

By Harry Crain  
Governor Charles H. Martin was back in "my tent," from which he has been silently observing the gyrations of Oregon's political merry-go-round since his defeat for renomination with the aid of the national administration's influence four months ago, after an hour's conference in Portland yesterday with Harry Hopkins, federal works progress administrator and vociferous champion of the Roosevelt purge movement.

The conference was held at the invitation of Hopkins, who during his week-end visit to the state spent much of his time in consultation with such democratic leaders as Willis Mahoney, candidate for United States senator; Henry Hess, candidate for governor, and Elton Watkins, disgruntled patronage seeker who repudiated Martin and asked and maneuvered Hess to his primary victory.

#### Not a Candidate

If the chat, as rumored, had anything to do with salvaging wounds left in the ranks of Oregon democracy by the bitter gubernatorial primary or the desirability of re-establishing party harmony for the fall campaign, Governor Martin gave no hint of it except to remark: "I am still the good democrat that I have been all my life."

Further comment on the subject matter of his conversation with Hopkins was limited by the governor to the statement that "Hopkins expressed himself as much pleased with the cooperation I have given the WPA in this state."

"I did tell him in the course of our visit that, while I have been urged by many of my friends to become an independent candidate, I have no intention of doing so," the governor added as an aside.

#### Not to Be Wedge

There is small consolation in such a statement for the harmony seekers—particularly those in the Hess camp—who have known for weeks that the governor had no intention of permitting himself to be used as a wedge to split the conservative vote in November.

Further indication of the failure of yesterday's conference to lure Governor Martin back into the fold of the hybrid party—if such was its intent—is contained in the fact that it was a personal, man-to-man conversation from which all others, including party leaders, were excluded.

Thus was the governor's record of having given no sign of recognition or conciliation toward Hess and the forces conniving and conspiring to defeat him last spring kept inviolate.

#### Remains Holed-In

Political observers and anxious party leaders have not forgotten that Governor Martin was "too busy" with the affairs of his office to accept a thrice-extended invitation to meet President Roosevelt on the occasion of the chief executive's mid-summer visit to California, and that he even declined—for obvious political reasons—to call on Postmaster James Farley when he recently visited Portland or grace with his presence the love feast there at which the faithful and devout new dealers paid homage to "Big Jim."

The political fixers, it would seem, should be getting the idea that the uncompromising old warrior has holed-in in "my tent" for the duration of the war and that the tent is not large enough to supply shelter for Hess and his partisans.

#### Watson Heads Trustees

McMinnville, Ore., Sept. 21 (U.P.)—Dr. J. F. Watson of Seattle has been elected president of the Linfield college trustees. Dr. Watson, Washington Baptist denominational leader, succeeds Dr. Olof Parsell, who has accepted a position with the state board of higher education.

#### Churchill Raps Policy

London, Sept. 21 (AP)—Winston Churchill, one of Britain's elder statesmen, declared tonight "the partition of Czechoslovakia under Anglo-French pressure amounts to complete surrender to the Nazi threat of force."

In a statement issued after his return from an airplane trip to Paris, the wartime first lord of the admiralty, often a rebel within the ranks of the conservative party, said:

"Acceptance of Herr Hitler's terms involves a prostration of Europe before the Nazi power of which the fullest advantage certainly will be taken.

"The idea that safety can be purchased by throwing a small state to the wolves is a fatal delusion.

"Parliament should be called without further delay."

#### Sudetens Stage Border Attack

Weiss, Czechoslovakia (at the German frontier), Sept. 21 (AP)—A night raiding force of the Sudeten German "free corps" early today attacked the Czechoslovak customs house at Weiss, three miles from Eger, seriously wounding one Czechoslovak soldier.

At least one of the raiders was believed wounded. At daylight Czechoslovak forces found one German rifle and some civilian hats at the scene of the raid. They said at least 35 of the "free corps" took part in the attack, in which some 15 shots were exchanged.

A detachment of 40 Czechoslovak soldiers armed with hand grenades arrived here two hours after the clash.

A "free corps" camp is reported located at Redwiz, 10 miles from Weiss.

The attackers apparently intended to storm the customs house from two sides but were surprised by a Czechoslovak border patrol. The Sudetens scattered after firing into the front door of the building and into bedrooms of customs officials.

It was the second day of "free corps" raids along the German-Czechoslovak border. Three attacks on customs houses by parties from German territory were reported by the Prague government yesterday.

#### FDR Wrong on Election Guess

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt was 100 percent wrong in his prediction on the outcome of primary voting in New York's 16th congressional district, in which Representative John J. O'Connor lost his fight for democratic re-nomination but was nominated by the republicans.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said today the president predicted last night O'Connor would win by about 500 votes in the democratic race over James H. Fay and Joe in the republican contest to Allen Dulles.

The forecast was made orally at about 9:20 p.m. last night to Dr. Ross McIntire, presidential physician, and Miss Margaret Lehand, the president's personal secretary.

Early said Mr. Roosevelt told him today to remind reporters personalities were subordinated to the issues in his attempt to un-seat democratic members of congress whom he considered too conservative.

The president, still suffering from a head cold, remained in his study today.

#### O'Connor Only Victim Of Roosevelt Purge

(By the Associated Press)  
The defeat of Rep. John O'Connor for democratic renomination in New York gave President Roosevelt today his first and only victory in his personal campaign against four democratic legislators. Mr. Roosevelt's sole triumph was not complete, however, because O'Connor will be on the November ballot, having won the republican nomination by 1,000 votes over Allen W. Dulles.

O'Connor lost the democratic nomination for the seat he has held since 1923 to James H. Fay, new dealer who narrowly missed defeating him four years ago. The complete vote gave Fay 8,352 and O'Connor 7,799.

O'Connor, chairman of the powerful house rules committee, attributed his defeat to election "dishonesty" and hinted he would seek a recount.

Regardless of the outcome of such

#### Powers Ignored Russia's Offer For Czech Aid

#### Litvinoff Assails British And French Attitude Toward Czechoslovakia

Geneva, Sept. 21 (AP)—Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet Russia's foreign commissar, today accused France and Great Britain of capitulating to Adolf Hitler's demands and disclosed they had ignored Russia's offer of military help to protect Czechoslovakia.

The foreign commissar, in a scathing denunciation of League of Nations powers, said Russia stood ready to back up any collective action in defense of Czechoslovakia with arms and men.

In what he left unsaid, however, assembly delegates saw a statement unless France fights for Czechoslovakia under the terms of the French-Czechoslovak agreement, Soviet Russia would do nothing to help Prague.

He accused Britain and France of avoiding a "problematical war today in return for a certain and large-scale war tomorrow."

Aiding Aggressors  
Russia's spokesman told the league of nations assembly the price Britain and France were considering paying to prevent war over Czechoslovakia was "satisfying the appetites of insatiable aggressors by the destruction and mutilation of sovereign states."

He contended the "league of nations is strong enough to stop aggression by collective action," declaring "aggressor states" still are weaker than a possible block of peaceful states.

"The policy of non-resistance to evil and of humoring the aggressor which we are being recommended to adopt by opponents of league sanctions," he warned, "will have no other end but that of strengthening the forces of aggression."

#### Russia Ready

"Then the moment may really arrive at which aggressors have grown so strong the League of Nations, or what remains of it, will be unable to deal with them even should it desire to do so."

Litvinoff declared flatly: "Our war department is ready immediately to participate in conference with representatives of the French and Czechoslovak war departments in order to discuss measures appropriate to the moment."

"Independent of this, we consider it desirable the question be raised as yet under article eleven, with the object of first mobilizing public opinion and secondly of ascertaining the position of other nations whose passive aid might be extremely valuable."

#### One Labor Union Will Support Hess

Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—Dissatisfied with what it termed the "fence straddling" of the Oregon State Federation of Labor in the matter of gubernatorial candidate endorsement, the Venetian Blind & Tent & Awning Workers' union No. 65 last night adopted a resolution supporting Henry L. Hess, democratic candidate.

#### Floods Menace Many Regions Along Seaboard

#### New England and Atlantic States Lashed by Week of Drenching Rain

(By the Associated Press)  
Ruin spread through rich industrial and farming sections of Massachusetts and Connecticut today as drenching rains which have fallen for a week along the Atlantic seaboard concentrated in force on the New England states, causing hundreds of thousands of dollars damage.

Eleven lives had been lost in the flood waters of rivers and streams which have burst dams, washed out sections of highways and railroads, undermined houses and farm buildings and reached levels in places above the stages of the devastating 1936 floods.

Massachusetts State college at Amherst reported an all-time record rainfall of 12.49 inches for September. The old record was 12.34 inches in 1933. A total of ten inches fell since Saturday.

#### Dam Endangered

At East Hampton, Conn., workmen labored desperately to save a 30-foot dam holding back the waters of a pond. If the dam went, town officials said, the center of the town would be swept away.

Several families in North Haven were evacuated from their homes by rescue workers.

In Petersboro, N. H., 50 families were evacuated from second floor tenements as the Contookook and Nukanunkit rivers raced through the town. Farm buildings were pitched into both streams, business establishments in the main street were flooded, and two bridges destroyed.

Massachusetts rivers near 1936 flood levels. Half a dozen bridges had been carried away and industrial plants in Gardner, Athol and Southbridge, flooded by rising waters, were shut down.

A nurse, Mrs. Linda Woodis, 41, of North Brookfield, was the eleventh victim of the New England floods. She was drowned when a dam burst at Doane's pond, Brookfield, Mass., burying an automobile under an avalanche of water. Her companion, Dr. Thomas J. O'Boyle, was rescued.

#### Dams Washed Out

A dam and two bridges at Baldwinville, near Gardner, which had withstood the 1936 flood, were carried away, and the Boston and Maine railroad reported five washouts, the worst at Winchendon, Mass., where an engine and two cars were derailed.

Many bridges, dams and state highways were washed out in Connecticut where rainfall since Saturday was more than twice the normal precipitation for the entire month. The Connecticut river at Hartford was more than two feet above the flood stage of sixteen and a half feet.

Glastonbury, Conn., was without drinking water. The damage to state highways was estimated officially at \$75,000. Crop damages were heavy.

#### New York Deluged

Said New York City weather bureau five inches of rain had fallen in the metropolis since Saturday. Philadelphia received an even greater dose with 11 consecutive days of rain, an official measure of 3.68 inches, most of it in the last three days. Neither New York nor Philadelphia, however, reported any serious damage.

New Jersey also was drenched, and at Atlantic City small vessels were advised to stay in port for at least another 24 or 36 hours.

Meanwhile the tropical hurricane which had threatened the east coast of Florida swirled northward in the Atlantic, holding a menace to shipping in the vicinity of Wilmington, N. C.

Meteorologists thought it likely the hurricane would not touch the coast but would be close enough to cause dangerous gales and high tides.

The southwest also had a taste of stormy weather. Presidio, Tex., a border town, reported the lowlands of the Rio Grande flooded as cloud-bursts fed its tributary, the Rio Conchos in Mexico. Thousands of acres of rich valley cotton land, flooded last July and replanted to wheat, were under water.



Passenger Trains Collide Head-On; Eleven Killed—Streamlined coaches were crushed in the terrific collision of two crack Southern Pacific passenger trains on a siding near Niland, Calif., and eleven persons were killed and 100 injured, some critically. The streamlined coach (above), shows how the impact crumpled it. A brakeman's mistake was blamed for the tragedy. — Associated Press Photo.

#### Germans Rejoice Over Victory

(Copyright by United Press)  
Godesberg, Germany, Sept. 21 (U.P.)—A gay and happy Godesberg awaited Adolf Hitler today, eager to cheer and salute him as he came to receive, from the prime minister of Great Britain, the surrender of the Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia. A propaganda ministry bulletin, announcing that the Czechoslovak government had yielded to a reported British-French surrender ultimatum, had preceded him.

A thrill of pride and joy swept through the little town as the news circulated. The Fuehrer had won.

Germans were careful to say that his approval must still be won by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain to the dismemberment plan as he and Premier Edouard Daladier of France had imposed it on Czechoslovakia.

But there was an atmosphere of gentility in German official circles. The crisis was past, it was said, with the successive surrender of the British, French and Czechoslovak cabinets; details could be ironed out between Chamberlain and Hitler—with Hitler, naturally, holding the iron.

"This makes just a nice social call out of Herr Chamberlain's visit," said one observer.

#### Il Duce Backs Claim on Prague

Treviso, Italy, Sept. 21 (U.P.)—Premier Benito Mussolini declared today that the problem of all minorities—the Hungarians and Poles as well as the Sudetens—in Czechoslovakia must be settled "integrally."

The fascist premier, who has put Italy firmly behind Adolf Hitler's demands on the Czechs, emphasized his determination also to back up the claims which Poland and Hungary are making on Prague.

The Polish minority in Czechoslovakia is between 80,000 and 100,000 and the Hungarian minority is about 700,000.

Mussolini praised Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain of Great Britain for his efforts to avoid war.

"At this moment, Chamberlain, who took the political initiative, is piloting the ship to the port of peace," he said. "Czechoslovakia today is passing through a moment that might be called delicate." Mussolini continued, putting sarcastic emphasis on the word "delicate."

The crowd boomed and hissed.

"I insist once more that this problem is being and must be faced integrally."

"Integrally" Mussolini meant that the claims of all minorities in Czechoslovakia must be settled at the same time and as a whole, rather than separately.

#### Indian's Right to Import Horses Argued

Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—An Indian's right to bring horses across the border into the United States without paying duty on them is at stake in a case being argued today before the federal circuit court of appeals.

Indians brought nine horses into Idaho from Canada and sold them at Bonners Ferry. The government seized them and the federal district court at Boise ordered them forfeited because no duty had been paid.

The purchaser appealed to the higher court on the grounds that the old John Jay treaty gave the Indians the right to bring horses into the country duty free.

#### Probe Ordered Into Collision

Niland, Calif., Sept. 21 (AP)—Federal and county officials moved today to conduct inquiries into the collision of two Southern Pacific passenger trains at a little water stop near here early yesterday, which killed 11 persons and injured 100.

The wreck was caused, Southern Pacific officials declared after their own investigation, when a 64-year-old brakeman, Eric Leonard Jacobson, threw a switch which sent the New Orleans-to-Los Angeles Argonaut plunging at 60 miles an hour into the Los Angeles-to-Chicago Californian, standing on a siding.

J. H. Dyer, a vice-president of the railroad whose private car was attached to the Argonaut, said he saw Jacobson walking about the chaotic scene as if in a trance. He quoted the brakeman as saying:

"I'm responsible for this wreck. I threw the switch. I am not crazy, but I do not know why I did it."

Deputy Coroner Herbert Hughes set an inquest for Friday at Brawley. Hughes said he was informed by an investigator for the interstate commerce commission a federal inquiry also would be opened Friday into one of the state's worst railroad wrecks.

Eight hundred feet of track had been replaced late last night and east-west service was resumed after an interruption of nearly 20 hours.

The Southern Pacific said loss of equipment would total \$132,800.

#### Loyalists Withdraw Foreign Volunteers

Geneva, Sept. 21 (AP)—Dr. Juan Negrin, premier of government Spain, announced today his government had decided on the immediate total withdrawal of all foreign volunteers fighting with government armies.

#### Chamberlain Offers To Consult Hitler

London, Sept. 21 (U.P.)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain ordered an airplane today for a flight to the Rhine tomorrow, when he will inform Adolf Hitler of the Czech government's capitulation to the British-French demand for acceptance of partition.

Chamberlain is scheduled to leave Heston airfield, London, in a British Airways plane about 10 a.m. (9 a.m. P.T.) arriving in Cologne shortly before lunch. From there it is a short trip to Godesberg, scene of the meeting.

Sir Horace Wilson, chief industrial advisor to the government, and William Strang, foreign office expert, will accompany Chamberlain. Both were with him at the Berchtesgaden conference with Hitler.

Shortly after the news of the Czech government's capitulation reached London, Chamberlain held a full cabinet meeting to map his

#### Anglo-French Pressure Forces Compliance

#### Peace Secured by Territorial Sacrifices to Avoid Destruction of State

Prague, Sept. 21 (AP)—The Czechoslovak government announced officially at 7:25 p.m. (10:25 a.m. PST) today its acceptance of the British-French plan for meeting the peace terms of Reichsfuehrer Hitler.

The decision came at the end of three days of fateful discussion of the proposals agreed upon by British and French leaders in London as the price for maintaining peace in Europe.

The news of the capitulation came to Czechoslovakia by radio broadcasts carried through loudspeakers in the crowded streets of Prague.

#### To Avert Destruction

The announcement said Czechoslovakia's final decision to yield to the British-French plan was communicated by Foreign Minister Kamil Krofta to the British and French foreign ministers at 5 p.m. (11 a.m. PST).

A communique was issued from the office of Premier Milan Hodza at the same time as the announcement was broadcast.

It was the proffered solution of the Czechoslovak-German dispute accepted at the urgent representation of France and England.

"Our friends to whom we have been attached for 20 years advised us to secure peace by making territorial sacrifices," it said.

"Czechoslovakia suggested a settlement by judgment of the international court but that suggestion was rejected.

"Your government in the interests of peace decided to make some sacrifice to avoid suffering and the loss of its whole existence."

"Czechoslovakia was threatened with violence," the statement said. "Destruction of the state was threatened."

It declared the changes to be worked out in the Sudeten German region to be ceded to Germany still was the subject of negotiations.

At the moment, it said, nothing in the structure of the nation and its administrative machinery was changed.

"Existing laws prevail, all officials retain their positions," it continued. "Normal functions of the state carry on."

#### Details Unsettled

The announcement intimated a vast amount of details to regulate the transfer of Sudetenland to Hitler's greater Germany must be settled by international discussion.

There was no suggestion of the amount of territory to be ceded to Germany nor which of the Bohemian territories were to be declared autonomous within the Czechoslovak state.

"Silence" fell over the crowds, which earlier had been demonstrating in the streets, as the government's words were broadcast.

Then, in a few minutes, excitement spread like wildfire through the streets.

The government's announcement included a plea to the populace to maintain discipline.

Soldiers particularly were asked to remain calm.

"Workers, farmers, employees, emigrants" (concluded on page 7, column 8)