

War Delayed By Pact

By DANIEL DE LUCE
NURNBERG, Dec. 6 (AP) — Britain's pledge to aid Poland in the event of hostilities delayed start of World War II seven days as Hitler unsuccessfully tried to keep the British neutral, according to a statement by Hermann Goering filed at the war crimes trial today.

Allied prosecutors filed the statement with the international military tribunal. Goering, one of the 20 Nazi leaders on trial, said Hitler originally had planned to invade Poland Aug. 25, 1939, but held up his attack until Sept. 1 while his diplomats sparred to try to "eliminate British intervention."

The Goering statement said Britain's signing of the Polish assistance pact on Aug. 25 made Hitler pause. The fat reichsmarshal added that he had been in secret contact with Lord Halifax, then British foreign minister, "to do everything to stop war with England."

Bogus Offer
Describing Hitler's last-minute efforts to keep Britain out of the war, Col. Merwyn Griffith-Jones, assistant British prosecutor, described the diplomatic maneuvering as "a bogus offer of negotiation intended simply to bribe or otherwise keep England from assisting Poland."

After seven days of behind-the-scenes activity, the records introduced as evidence revealed, Hitler unleashed his war machine and invaded Poland on Sept. 1. On Sept. 3, Britain and France declared war in support of Poland.

"On the day when England gave her official guarantee to Poland the fuhrer called me on the telephone and told me he had stopped the planned invasion of Poland," Goering said in his statement, which was given to Col. John H. Amen of New York, an assistant U. S. prosecutor.

"I asked him then whether this was just temporary, or for good."

The Goering statement continued. "He said: 'No, I will have to see whether we can eliminate British intervention.'"

"So then I asked him: 'Do you think it will be any different within four or five days?'"

Court Recessed
At this point the court was recessed momentarily without further reading of the statement when Lord Justice Sir Geoffrey Lawrence, presiding, asked the

Church Group Will Entertain

Members of the Junior circle of the Community Congregational church will entertain friends and members of the church Friday at 8 p. m. in the church hall, Martin and Garden.

Mrs. Edith Van Doozer is president of the group and general chairman of the affair. A program of instrumental and vocal numbers will be presented under the direction of Mrs. H. W. Moore. Students of the Curry Music studio will be featured, including Bert Buffington, Jaynor Huck and Bud McGilvray, trumpet trio, D. E. Curry and Jack Pilpon, steel guitar, James Casserly, Jack Pilpon and June Casserly, accordion trio, and Charles Shinn playing Chopin's Prelude in C Minor.

Dramatic Reading
The dramatic reading, "Mr. Caplan and Shakespeare," by L. Q. Ross, will be given by Rev. Godfrey Mathews after which a general fun-fest will be held.

A white elephant sale will be a feature of the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Harold Chase and Mrs. O. C. Bryan are in charge of the sale.

Robert Beland will be master of ceremonies. During the evening, a doll, given by Mrs. Van Doozer and dressed by Mrs. E. M. Geinger, will be given away.

Mrs. Kenneth Lambie is chairman of the program committee and Mrs. Stewart Day and Mrs. J. K. Calder is in charge of the refreshments.

San Francisco Site Of 1946 AMA Confab

CHICAGO, Dec. 6 (AP)—The house of delegates of the American Medical Association has selected San Francisco for the 1946 general convention next July. Dr. Harrison H. Shoulders, Nashville, Tenn., was chosen president-elect.

Dr. William R. Maloney, Los Angeles, was elected vice president. Dr. John H. Fitzgibbon, Portland, Ore., was elected to a five-year term on the AMA board of trustees, and Dr. Dwight H. Murray, Napa, Calif., was elected to serve on the board until 1947. Dr. Raymond Zech, Seattle, was elected a member of the council on medical service and public relations.

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Arguments Heard In Sackett Suit

SALEM, Dec. 6 (AP) — Arguments in the suit of Sheldon F. Sackett, Coos Bay publisher, against State Highway Commissioner Merle Chessman, Astoria, and State Fish Commissioner Earl H. Hill, Lane county, were heard today by Circuit Judge George Duncan.

Sackett seeks to remove the two men on grounds that they also are of the legislature. Chessman is a senator and Hill a representative, both being Republicans.

Sackett cited a constitutional prohibition against any person serving in more than one branch of the state government. Chessman and Hill were represented by the attorney general's office.

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