

HITLER

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Today's Hitler suggestion for peace was included in a long harangue by the Nazi Fuehrer. The prominent points are two. Number One - peace. Number Two - or else! Great Britain must ~~might~~ either consider a settlement, or be destroyed! so said ~~xxx~~ Hitler.

The suggestion for ending the war was phrased in these words spoken to the Nazi Reichstag in the presence of Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano:- "In this hour and before this body," declaimed Hitler, "I feel myself obliged to make one more appeal to reason in England." The Nazi Dictator emphasized that he was being reasonable. "I do this," he shouted, "not as a victor but for the triumph of common sense." He was insistent that his peace talk ~~xxx~~ was not ~~been~~ because he had any doubt of further success in the war. ^{TR} "Churchill", said Hitler, "may parry my words with the claim that I feel doubt or fear. But, in any case," he added, "I have the knowledge that I acted rightly, according to my conscience." So he also put it on a basis of conscience.

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Now - what will happen to Great Britain, if the London Government does not listen to the Hitlarian reason, common sense

and conscience? "Destruction," ~~said Hitler.~~ ~~"What is coming,"~~
he cried, "will visit the people - not Churchill." ^{In fact he} He took a
jeer at the British Prime Minister, saying - "not Churchill,
who will probably be in Canada." Then he got along to pathos,
saying:- "I regret the victims the war will exact among
civilians in Britain as well as among Germans."

Hitler repeated a thing he has said before - a line of
talk obviously aimed for its ^{possible} propaganda value in England. He
said he never wanted to destroy the British Empire. He spoke
of the outcome ~~of~~ the war in these words:- "It will be the
destruction of a great world empire - the destruction of which
was never my wish or aim."

In another place, he spoke of the ~~xxx~~ pain it would
give him. "It hurts me," said Hitler, "but destiny calls me to
give the final push to that which history built up and which
already is falling." Pity the poor Fuehrer, the agony of his
soul - if he should succeed in invading and conquering Britain.

The Hitler proclamation of - peace, or else - was
punctuated by one of the most savage air bombardments that
Great Britain has had to date. Waves of Nazi bombers swept over

an eight hundred mile stretch of coast, blasting far and wide. Swarms of British fighters rose to meet them in air battle. London describes today as perhaps the worst air raid day of all. The element of timing was ~~xxx~~ obvious, a rain of bombs to emphasize the Hitler argument.

What's the response in London to the suggestion of ~~xx~~ peace? The word used by official British spokesmen is - "Cold." London will not consider peace and is thinking of nothing but going on with the war - so say the ~~xxxxxx~~ British.

There's one thing that London notes in particular - the fact that Hitler in his harangue did not mention President Roosevelt, didn't say a word about the Rooseveltian denunciation of dictatorships. ~~xxxxxxx~~ London surmises that there was a purpose in this omission - based on the hope that there may be some possibility of American mediation later on. Leave the way open for the United States to help get both sides together for peace - at some future time.

CRUISER

An important British

~~A British~~ sea victory is reported in the

Mediterranean - an Italian cruiser sunk by an Australian cruiser.

London tells of a sharp clash of ~~naval~~ naval squadrons on the

Eastern waters of the Inland Sea. In the fight, the Australian

Cruiser Sidney engaged and sank the Italian Cruiser Colleoni.

The Britisher was of larger tonnage, but the Italian craft was

noted as the fastest cruiser in the world. The Colleoni could

do forty knots.

The Sidney is notable because of her name - a new

warship, but a successor to an Australian sea fighter that

made a reputation during the war of Nineteen Fourteen-Eighteen.

That earlier Sidney ^{demolished} ~~sank~~ the famous German sea raider, the Emden,

in a battle off Cocos Island ^{in the Indian Ocean.} The Emden was a crack cruiser of

the Kaiser's Navy, and for months was a terror of the sea - ranging

afar in ~~the~~ eastern waters and playing havoc with British

shipping.

A quarter of a century ago, the Sidney of those days

put an end to the ^{most famous of all German raiders, the} ~~famous Emden~~ Emden. Today - we hear that the

new Sidney has sunk the fastest cruiser in the world.

RAIDER FOLLOW CRUISER

Today comes the word that a German sea raider is on the loose in the Atlantic, a ~~xxi~~ prowling commerce destroyer. This is revealed with the news of the sinking of two British steamers in West Indian waters.

The British Admiralty states that the ~~rxix~~ raiding ship is probably a converted merchant vessel, a freighter armed with cannon and manned by a German naval crew. This recalls German sea raiders of the previous war, (when there were two that corresponded more or less with the prowler reported today - two converted freight steamers that did huge damage to allied shipping. ^H The Moewe and the Wolf, they were called. They ran the British blockade in the North Sea, an exceedingly difficult exploit in those days.) In this war, the Nazis have the French ports on the open Atlantic. And it's much easier for them to send out raiders. So today's news can hardly be considered surprising. (In fact, I suppose we'll be hearing further stories in days to come - of converted steamers prowling on the high seas as commerce destroyers.)

REPRISALS

The Nazis are threatening to take reprisals ~~xxxx~~ against the Dutch in Holland because of treatment of Germans in the Dutch Colonial Empire. When the German invaders struck into Holland, the authorities in the Dutch East and West Indies interned all German citizens there, put them into concentration camps. ~~That's~~ ^a normal measure of war. Since then, with Germany in control of Holland, the Berlin Government has been demanding that the Germans interned in the Dutch Colonies shall be released. There are Nazi complaints that those Germans are being mistreated.

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Hence today's announcement of reprisals - these to be taken against various persons in Holland. What persons? Today the Nazi spokesman used the ~~xxx~~ following words:- "Certain Netherland subjects now in Holland whose names are believed to represent certain ideas in Holland's overseas territories." That's not very specific. Another German ~~report~~ report speaks of - certain distinguished persons in Holland having influence in the Dutch ~~Colonies~~ Colonies. This, for example, might mean Holland officials of companies operating in the Colonies. What the reprisals may ^{consist of} ~~be~~ is not stated - possibly confinement in

concentration camps, unless the Dutch ~~Colonial~~ Colonial officials
release the interned Germans.

LAWS

It was suspected from the start that the present more or less Fascist Government of France would be inclined to anti-Semitism. This opinion is strengthened by two laws which ~~were~~ promulgated today by the Government of Marshal Petain. One decree provides that henceforth all officials and employees of the French Government must be a native born Frenchman² whose fathers are French. The second gives the authorities the power to revoke the citizenship of any naturalized Frenchman - any foreigner who has acquired citizenship.

On the surface, these decrees are directed against foreign influence in general, but their ~~specific~~ specific aim is regarded as being anti-Semitic.

DIES

Congressman Martin Dies has been hot on the trail of Communists on the West Coast, and Nazi agitators on the East Coast. Today comes word that the investigating Texan has made a brand new discovery of alien plotting and un-American scheming. It's not on the West Coast or on the East Coast. The Congressman has found the new crop of subversive activities in his own native Texas.

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It appears that the Dies Committee has unearthed what is described as a vast foreign spy ring operating in the Lone Star State. Secret agents have been prying into the secrets of the Number One industrial plants in Texas - particularly the oil refineries and the terminals for the shipment of petroleum. Photographs and detailed reports have been sent to a foreign government. The foreign government is not named, but if you want to make a guess here's a further statement by the Congressman:—
"Packages," said he, "have been submitted through Houston by way of German ships."

Moreover, we are told that full lists have been compiled of Texans of German descent. Well, that should make a long list, because there are large areas in the center of that very large state which were settled pretty solidly by Germans - German

cotton farmers. Once again we have the mere mention of - "a foreign government." This unnamed foreign government has got the lists of Texans of German descent. (Maybe the foreign government is Bulgaria or Bolivia. We certainly are kept mystified about all that caution about naming names.)

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The real hero ~~of~~ of the Chicago Convention told definitely today of his departure from the realm of politics. Jim Farley stated that he will remain Chairman of the Democratic National Committee for four weeks longer, until August Seventeenth. Then he will retire from that post, which he has occupied for seven years - and with what brilliant success!

There's no definite indication of who will succeed him. The President is reported to want either Senator Brynes of South Carolina or Frank Walker of New York, to manage his campaign. But both are said to be reluctant to take the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee.

would also be
Jim Farley said he ~~was~~^{is} leaving his job as postmaster-General in the Roosevelt Cabinet - although the date for this is left undetermined.

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Jim explains his reason for retiring as - financial. This of course sounds rather perfunctory after the Farley last ditch stand against a third term. He said he had what he called - "an attractive offer ~~in~~ in business."

What kind of ~~an~~ offer? He refused to tell but he did indicate

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with a wisecrack:- "I can't say now," he said, "whether
I will need a new short-stop." And that of course applies
to the quite positive story that Jim Farley is to become
President of the ^{N.Y.} Yankee ^S baseball club.

He's not quitting altogether - for he'll remain
chairman of the democratic state committee. In this capacity
he will work actively for the re-election of the President.
He was asked whether he was still opposed to a third term.
He replied:- "I accept the action of the convention, and I
pledge my support to the President." Jim, the party man.

He was reminded of his amazingly accurate prediction of the outcome of the Nineteen Thirty-Six election, and was asked whether he would make any prognostication about Nineteen Forty. "I don't think I ought to do any predicting," said the nations' number one political prophet. "You fellows will have to fight that out with the new chairman."

"Do you think the Yankees will win the pennant?" The reporters pressed the questioning.

But Prophet Jim refused to prophesy about that.

Jim Farley, who made the lone last stand against the Third Term, is sticking to his party regularity. But this is not the case with a number of leading Democrats, who today bolted the third term ticket, including three Senators.

In the State of Washington a prominent Democratic leader came out for Willkie today -- Stephen F. Chadwick, former Commander of the American Legion. He described the Third Term as "a danger to our Democratic processes."

One big political question mark in Washington is Vice-President Garner. His opposition to a third term is well known. So what will he do not? There's no answer - silence, not a word from Garner.

CONVENTION EPILOGUE

Before leaving Chicago I asked the same question of many people; ~~a question I would like to put to you:~~ is it any longer necessary for us to have national conventions that are a combination of a street carnival, a college football game, ~~and~~ *and, well words fail me!* Or, to put it another way is there any

reason why our great national conventions should not be carried out with a reasonable amount of dignity? ~~But, please~~ *TP Now,* ~~don't misunderstand me,~~ I am not criticizing anyone in particular. ~~Most~~ *Certainly* ~~I am~~ not criticizing the President for he wasn't there. *and* at the Democratic Convention in Chicago

there were thrilling moments that could hardly ~~be~~ have been improved upon: *As for the* ~~the~~ keynote speech by Senator Bankhead, *and what* Senator Barclay *did* Tuesday night, *both* did their part *according to* ~~notably in~~ *the* grand oratorical tradition. Speeches much too long, but

with dignity. *TP Also, is* ~~The~~ vote of the delegates who were there to renominate Mr. Roosevelt, ~~this~~ was done in workman-like fashion. *And*

there were those ~~the~~ magnificent tributes to Jim Farley. *TP* But, there were other times when nearly everyone was disgusted. *I refer to* ~~The~~ booing of

Carter Glass by ^{by} hooligans, the hundreds of roughnecks who

charged into the Convention Hall without tickets, ^{not by} why, ~~the delegates.~~

~~on Thursday night,~~ The night of the nominations, there ~~apparently~~

were thousands ^{upon} and thousands of people who got in without

tickets. ~~They~~ Took seats that belonged to folks from out

of town, ~~and refused to give them up.~~ They ~~J~~ammed the isles.

Yes, ~~they~~ even sat in the seats ^{of the delegates} ~~in~~ on the floor of the Hall,

~~seats assigned to delegates.~~ Here is one illustration.

Dan O'Day, a delegate fro^m Lowell, Massachusetts. Perhaps

you heard him. He ^{is} the one who ~~when he voted during the~~

~~poll of the Massachusetts delegation,~~ he sang out "my vote

goes to James Aloysius Farley". He told me that Ed. P.

Brennen, right hand man to Curley of Boston, had his seat

taken by ^{an} ~~some~~ outsider. Newspaper men told me ~~they~~ even

that even their places in the press section were grabbed off

by interlopers.

So, ~~the~~ question ^{is this:} ~~is put to many people at the~~

~~Convention was this:~~ Would it not be better to hold a

national convention in a smaller auditorium where there would

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be room for the delegates and alternates, the party people whose job it is to run the thing, places for the hundreds of representatives of the press who come from all over America, photographers and radio people? But no room for the thousands of ward hellers of a big and notoriously corrupt city. Instead, let the whole country attend, by radio.

And now by radio, back to Hugh James.