

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There is news, real news tonight. This is the first anniversary of the Munich Conference, that well remembered and bitterly condemned affair of last fall, when Chamberlain met Hitler, and Great Britain and France agreed to allow Nazi Germany to dismember Czechoslovakia. And Germany celebrated the anniversary with a diplomatic event of the utmost magnitude. It may turn out to be the most overshadowing event of all -- maybe the final union of Nazi Germany and Communist Russia in a monster attempt to overwhelm the west and establish what might almost be Nazi-Communist supremacy over the Eastern Hemisphere. (Hitler's man, Von Ribbentrop, dealing with Stalin and his Foreign Commissar, Molotov, concluded a pact that is worthwhile for every human being to scan.) Let's not content ourselves with interpretations and surmises. Let's look at the thing directly.

The document embodies a series of articles. (In Article One
Russia and Germany divide Poland. They draw a line which

gives the Soviets less territory than had been surmised.) It had
been stated that the dividing line would be to a large extent the
Vistula River. Now it turns out to be the Bug River, considerably
to the east. ^{Giving} ~~It gives~~ the Soviets about a third of Poland.

Article Two has an ominous sound - these words:-

"Both parties recognize the frontier of interests of their
respective states as established in Article One as final, and
will eliminate any interference by third powers with this decision."
Now that means in the plainest language that if the Allies are
going to try to oppose the Nazi-Communist partition of Poland,
try to do anything for that unhappy nation -, both Germany and
Russia will fight to prevent it. The Allies are already at war
with Germany, so the plainly stated threat is - war with Russia,
if they interfere with the Polish division.

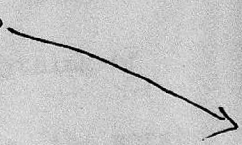
This is followed by a peace declaration, which carries
an implication of a warlike threat. The statement reads in these
words: "They (Germany and Russia), in mutual agreement, express
the opinion that liquidation of the present war between Germany
on one hand and Great Britain and France on the other, will meet

with the interests of all nations. Therefore, "it continues, "both governments will direct their common efforts in order to obtain this aim as soon as possible.

The declaration concludes:- "in case of a continuation of the war, the governments of Germany and the U.S.S.R. will consult each other on necessary measures." The necessary measures would seem to imply -- military measures. The Red Army joining forces with Hitler's Blitz - Krieg Machine.

The political pact is accompanied by an economic declaration, which reads this way:- "The Soviet Union will supply Germany with raw materials, for which Germany in her turn will compensate by deliveries of industrial goods to be effected in the course of a long period."

People have been asking, if the Soviets are to supply the Nazis with raw materials -- how will the Nazis pay?



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which to reimburse the Soviets? Today's declaration answers that. Stalin is giving Hitler long credits, plenty of time to pay for Russian raw materials. ^RWe've been hearing that Russia can't supply Germany with anything much, that Russia hasn't got much. But let's remember that a few months ago, when the Soviets were supposed to join the Allies against Germany, the stories were altogether different. At that time we were fed reams about the vast man-power, military power and natural resources of the Soviets. Then ^{all this} ~~it~~ was supposed to be aid for Poland. Now that it's aid for Hitler, - we hear - well, ^{that} it isn't anything much.

Obviously, today's new Soviet-German pact excites alarm all over Europe. It is taken to be something of an ultimatum to the Allies - Stalin joining Hitler and saying, "You'd better make peace right away, or else!" The "or else" signifying that Soviet Russia will join the war. Of course, there is still hopeful belief that it doesn't mean anything of the sort. But all through this Hitler-Stalin business, the worst surmises have been coming true. ^RAnd tonight the worst surmise flashes in rather sensational fashion from Paris. Officials of

the French government announce that they are in possession of documents which indicate that a Soviet-German military alliance has already been concluded - (a Nazi-Communist treaty complete and one hundred per cent political, economic and military.) ~~That~~ That would seem to threaten the western world with a peril not equalled since the days of Genghis Khan - a vast Eurasian power extending from the Pacific Ocean to the North Sea, threatening those ^{not so large} ~~Hitler~~ peninsulas and islands that are called the "powers of the west."

(One doesn't have to be too much of a pessimist to shudder a little to think of it.)

We still hear the question, why is Stalin going in with Hitler like that, the whole way, apparently. (There are answers that the Moscow Reds hope for vast domination. Some think Stalin is reviving the old Pan-Slav movement of the Czars, ^{and} wants to push into the ^{Slavic} Balkans. Others think he is trying to use Hitler as an instrument for launching a sweep of Communism far and wide.)

Today from Moscow we hear an astonishing story which might go a long way in explaining the motives of Stalin

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and the workings of his mind in these sensational events. It's an unconfirmed report that when von Ribbentrop went to Moscow the first time to conclude that famous non-aggression pact, he took with him a phonograph record - a phonograph disc on which was recorded conversations that Hitler had with the British Ambassador to Berlin, Sir Neville ~~Cham~~ Henderson. This tale relates that in the Hitler-Henderson talks, just before the outbreak of war, the Nazis used a dictaphone and a recording machine. Henderson, so the tale goes, tried to incite Hitler to attack the Soviets. It's an old story that London hoped the Nazi power would turn east and strike at the Communists. When Great Britain wouldn't give in to Germany, and the British were trying to negotiate an alliance with the Soviets, von Ribbentrop took the phonograph record to Moscow and in the Kremlin played it for Red Dictator Stalin. ^{And} That's what turned Stalin against the western democracies and he decided to throw his lot in with Hitler.

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~~It's~~ Rather a melodramatic yarn, but in Moscow they're saying it's true.

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And now, what from Paris and London? Repeated emphasis -

that Great Britain and France will make no peace with Hitler,
but will fight it out, no matter what Soviet Russia may do.

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VATICAN

No human being on this earth was more grieved by today's Soviet-German declaration than Pope Pius the Twelfth in Rome. Vatican reports tell us that the Pontiff had hoped to the end that Hitler and Stalin would leave at least some part of Poland as a national state, the Polish nation would be allowed to live, even though mutilated. The feelings of the Vatican can be well understood - Poland a staunchly Catholic nation now divided between Hitler and Stalin, two inveterate enemies of the Church.

The attitude of the Vatican toward the Nazi-Communist line-up is clear and unmistakeable. Immediately after today's signing of the partition agreement, it was announced in Rome that Pope Pius will make a statement addressed to the Polish people. Specifically, it will be delivered to a Polish delegation that will call on the Pontiff tomorrow - a delegation headed by ~~the~~ ~~Polish~~ Cardinal Hlond.

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Today ^{the Polish} Cardinal ~~Hlond~~ spoke on the Vatican radio in a broadcast to Poland. He called upon the Polish people to wait patiently for deliverance. "I exhort all Poles," he cried, "to await the hour in which a stronger and more prosperous Poland will return."

All of this is a pointed reminder of a document I saw ~~the~~
~~other day~~ in the Polish Building at the New York World's Fair -
a document which reflects the abiding religious spirit of Poland.
The pavilion is a great hall ~~with~~ much like a medieval cathedral -
stained glass windows at the far end, a medieval Polish knight in
chain armour on one side. And spread out under glass, page by page,
the Polish Constitution was displayed - the original text ^{and} ~~in~~ an
English translation. I was so impressed by what I read, I copied
the first page, ~~in which occur~~ these words:- "In the name of God
Almighty, we, the Polish nation, in gratitude to Providence for
having called us from a century and a half of servitude, and in
thankful remembrance of the courage and endurance shown by
generations, do resolve and determine to pass the present
Constitutional Enactment in the Legislative Diet of the Polish
Republic."

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That expresses the solemn Christian feeling of a nation
which is now half under Nazi pagan domination and half under
Communist Atheism. ^{The world wonders} What will come out of a situation like that?

BOMBING

Tonight we had ^{VE} another story of war planes bombing warships, ^{and} this time ~~there is~~ not so many contradictions.

Berlin reports that a British air raid struck at units of the German fleet at ~~the island of~~ Helgoland. The Germans claim the British bombers didn't score any hits and that German pursuit planes shot down five of the enemy. To some extent this is confirmed by London which states that British planes did raid Helgoland and the British Admiralty admits in ~~these~~ these words:- "Some of the planes have not returned." There is no British statement as to whether or not British bombers ~~did~~ hit any of the German warships. *No London boasting.*

BULLITT

The United States Ambassador to Paris today denied the charges made against him by German radio propaganda. The Germans are telling about a telephone talk between Ambassador Bullitt in Paris and the American representative to Poland -- Anthony Drexel-Biddle. The telephone talk concerned Biddle's report to Washington about German air raids in the Polish war -- the bombing of open towns and civilians. The Germans claim tht Bullitt told Biddle - "Use your imagination."

Ambassador Bullitt responds with an emphatic denial and gives an account of the telephone conversation he had with Ambassador Biddle. He states that the Biddle telegrams to Washington about the bombardments were so badly garbled and mixed up in transmission that the State Department couldN't make much sense out of them. Therefore, Bullitt was instructed to communicate with Biddle and tell him to repeat his story in clear and specific terms.

"I was able over the worst telephone connection," said Ambassador Bullitt today, "to transmit this order." He says that's all there was to it, and adds:- "Further trimmings and interpretations by the German propaghanda agency are inventions."

AMERICANS

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In England today, United States Ambassador Kennedy once more warned Americans still remaining in Europe to go home as quickly as they can. ~~This he stated in a form letter sent to every United States citizen remaining in Great Britain.~~ The Ambassador pointed out that right now is about the last chance to ~~exit~~ sail on American ships, because vessels flying the ^{U.S.} ~~British~~ ~~British~~ flag would no longer make any trips into the war zones - once Congress passes the Neutrality Law. Ambassador Kennedy also reminded Americans that steamship fares on European ships are about to be increased, boosted considerably.

I was talking today to an American sculptor and dancer, Paul Swan, who has lived for years in Paris and yesterday returned to this country. He tells me that there are still hundreds of Americans ~~in France~~ who can't find places on ships, ~~to take the~~ ~~home.~~ I asked him why they couldn't go to Italy and take the big Italian liners that are on the regular Trans-Atlantic run. He said - because the price of passage is so high. He told me the Italian line and the steamship companies of the Netherlands also have boosted passenger rates to a point where many Americans

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in Europe simply can't pay the tariff. So, said Paul Swan, they've got to depend on cheaper boats - American vessels to take Americans home.

In New York, the Italian Line today announced that the sailings of the two great luxury liners, the REX and the SAVOIA, will be discontinued some time this fall. Their places will be taken by two smaller liners. The Italian steamship officials explained that the REX and SAVOIA have been running at a heavy loss, because of terrific insurance rates and ~~the fact that~~ going back to Europe ~~they've been sailing~~ almost empty. Coming to America they're crowded, but returning - well, there are very few people ^{traveling to} ~~going to~~ Europe, and the revenue is almost nil.

NEUTRALITY

A neat little question pops up in the neutrality debate. The cash and carry provision of the bill before Congress is not exactly cash-in-hand, on the line. It provides that nations at war who purchase war supplies over here may have as much as a ninety day credit. Not such a long credit, of course -- but what about the Johnson Act? That law forbids the extension of credit to any nation that has defaulted its war debt to the United States.

Senator Key Pitman, author of the Neutrality Bill, stated today that he believes the Neutrality Law as proposed would modify the Johnson law -- would permit defaulted war debtors to get credit, the ninety day credit specified in the bill. Senator Pitman explained that otherwise we could not extend the ninety day credit to Great Britain and France, which owe us money.

Senator Hiram Johnson is going to oppose any modification of his Johnson Act.

In Washington today Chairman Dies declared that his committee would demand the abolition of the Communist Party in the United States, and would ~~prepare~~ press the issue -- make the Communist Party illegal. This followed testimony by (W. Z. Foster, chairman of the ^{Communist Party.} ~~committee.~~) He stated his opinion that the Soviet invasion of Poland was one hundred percent right. He admitted that the party line of the Communist ^S ~~Party~~ in the United States was identical with the party line of the ^{Comintern} ~~common front~~ in Moscow. He told the committee that if the United States entered the present war he would urge the Communist Party not to support the war.)

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