

BLIZZARD BLOCKS NORTHWEST TRAFFIC

States Faith In Democracy

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Nazi Press Hails Molotov Meeting As Step Toward Reorganization

Official Quarters Silent On Likely New Soviet Pact

Reich Believed Asking Russians To Exert Pressure On Turkey

Berlin, Nov. 11 (UP)—Progress toward "reorganization of the entire world" was forecast by the Nazi press today in comment on the arrival tomorrow of Soviet Premier Vyacheslav Molotov for conferences with German leaders, including the Nazi ambassador to Turkey.

Official quarters remained silent on the Molotov visit, declining to say whether the presence of a large party of foreign affairs and economic experts in the Soviet entourage meant that a new treaty might be concluded.

Papen Is Prominent

It appeared, however, that Franz Von Papen, the Nazi ambassador to Turkey, would remain here until the end of the week and play an important role in the talks before he returns to Ankara.

Great emphasis was placed on the Molotov visit to Germany as a climax to Hitler's diplomatic conferences with the heads of the French and Spanish states as well as with Italian Premier Benito Mussolini in an effort to reorganize all of Europe against Britain.

Rome Sees Renewal

In Rome, the fascist press and official sources said that Molotov's visit to Germany would be of great importance and would demonstrate that Russia's interests are with the axis and against Britain.

Molotov left Moscow by train yesterday accompanied by Russian internal affairs and foreign trade officials, and Friedrich von Schulenberg, the German ambassador, and other German functionaries in Russia. The party arrives at Danzig tomorrow morning. It was reported that German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop would be waiting for it there and would accompany Molotov here by airplane.

Press Enthusiastic

Newspapers in sensational headlines and foremost among those commenting, was the Essener National Zeitung, which said the German conferences with Molotov would concern the "reorganization of the entire world," occasioned by "the imminent collapse of the British empire."

It said Germany's rapprochement with Russia had improved Russian-Japanese relations, "enabling Russia and Japan to become increasingly capable of action elsewhere."

The National Zeitung said Molotov's visit also would give Turkey "and other states lying within the closer German-Russian power field" an opportunity to reconsider policy.

Tri-County Council Meeting Postponed

Because of the blizzard, the Tri-County council meeting of the American Legion will be held Wednesday instead of tonight, it was announced today by Haskon Larsen, council commander.

The program will get under way at Legion Memorial hall at 8:00 p. m. and will include the annual election of officers. Other council officers are H. C. Colmer, Detroit Lakes, vice-president, and Henry Stuenkel, Moorhead, adjutant.

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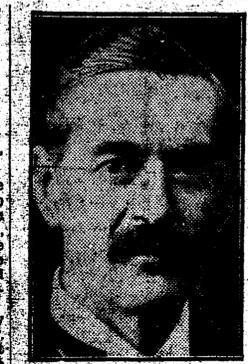
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NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN

State Funeral Planned For Chamberlain

Former British Prime Minister Dies In Hampshire Home

London, Nov. 11 (UP)—A state funeral was planned today for former Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, who in 1938 assured Great Britain of "peace in our time" and in 1939 led Britain into war.

Chamberlain died "peacefully" at 5:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in his country home in Hampshire while German air raiders were winging their way over Hampshire's neatly mowed fields for their nightly attack on London.

Chamberlain was 71. A tired and ailing man, he severed all connection with the government on October 3 and retired to await death, unable to live for the outcome of the war he had hoped to prevent by appeasing the dictators.

The funeral was being planned while government leaders paid tribute to Chamberlain's statesmanship. Prime Minister Winston Churchill preferred to make his tribute a statement to the House of Commons. It was expected that the body would be brought to London for a state funeral despite the air raids.

Newspapers gave equal prominence to Chamberlain's death, the visit of Russian Premier V. M. Molotov to Berlin and Italian-Greek war developments.

Most government leaders and newspapers stressed the tremendous responsibility which weighed upon Chamberlain during his "era of appeasement" and his subsequent bitter disappointment. The newspapers made no attempt to suppress condemnation of Chamberlain's policy which led to the historic Munich agreement, but emphasized that whatever history's verdict regarding the wisdom of his policies, there could be no doubt of his courage, public spirit, integrity and devotion to duty.

Chamberlain's home city, Birmingham, went into deep mourning, with flags at half mast and many persons wearing black arm bands.

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Casualty List Swells As Rumania Is Rocked By Devastating Earthquakes

1,000 Believed Killed In Four Tremors; Oil Fields Said Damaged

Bucharest, Rumania, Nov. 11 (UP)—Two new earth shocks rocked Bucharest today, bringing new terror to those who had escaped death in Rumania's most devastating earthquake since 1902.

Officials estimated that 1,000 persons had been killed and between 3,000 and 4,000 injured in the earthquake which occurred early Sunday morning. Two more shocks were felt at midnight and two more today at 8:30 a. m.

There were no casualties as a result of the new shocks, but thousands rushed wildly into streets and parks.

Seek Safer Lodgings. Authorities pleaded with the throngs to return to their homes and employes urged workers to report to their jobs. Thousands living on upper floors placed their belongings in suitcases and began seeking safer lodgings.

The new shocks came as the government sought to determine the casualties from the Sunday earthquake which left many towns and villages in ruins.

Only western Rumania was spared. Many towns and villages were in ruins and their living and uninjured inhabitants took to the fields fearful of recurring quakes. Many buildings in Bucharest were shaken and at least 200 were killed or hopelessly trapped when the 11-story Carlton apartment building collapsed.

Oil fields of eastern Rumania which produce large amounts of oil for the German armies and air force were severely damaged. In some districts great fires still were burning today and German military fire fighters were attempting to bring them under control.

Disruption of communications made it difficult for officials to estimate casualties or damage. Officials said reports from many outlying districts told of entire villages devastated, but that casualties were low in comparison to the damage. Campina, an oil town, was reduced to rubble but only four persons were reported dead there.

Great damage was reported in Galatz, Rumania's chief Danube port. A thriving town of 30,000 persons chiefly engaged in the lumber and oil trade; Elci, center of the chief oil district in the Pruhova; Pancu, Roman and Focsani.

Stuka Bombers Attack Convoy Claim 37,000 Tons of Shipping Is Sunk

Berlin, Nov. 11 (UP)—The official DNB news agency reported tonight that Stuka dive-bombers bombed and sank 37,000 tons of shipping from a strongly guarded British convoy off the British coast today.

The news agency reported that the attack was made southeast of Harwich which would indicate that the convoy was proceeding in the vicinity of the Thames Estuary.

Earlier informed German sources had reported that a British convoy had been "destroyed."

In another action German bombers were said to have sunk a British freighter of 2,500 or 3,000 tons almost 300 miles west of Ireland.

Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 11 (UP)—The Australian naval intelligence service announced today that it had established "beyond a doubt" that a mine of "enemy origin" was responsible for the sinking of the American freighter City of Rayville off the Australian coast Friday night.

Intelligence officers said a similar mine had sunk an unidentified British freighter in Australian waters the same night.

First Snowstorm of Year Strikes Moorhead Region

Temperatures Drop In Northwest, Bus Lines Cancel Trips

Driven by a high-velocity wind, the first snowstorm of the season struck the Moorhead area—and the midwest—with a vengeance today, disrupting highway traffic, obscuring visibility and causing cancellation of numerous Armistice day programs.

Temperatures were dropping throughout the northwest with the mercury at noon today standing at 12 degrees above zero at the Moorhead weather bureau. Snow which started falling Saturday night was continuing to come down and highways and sidewalks were reported to be blocking up rapidly by drifting snow.

Wind Velocity High. At the Fargo airport weather station the wind velocity was recorded at 50 miles per hour at one time this morning.

Bus companies reported trips north, east and south from Moorhead had been cancelled. Buses running west, however, were to move on schedule. Reports from western points of North Dakota indicated the storm was clearing in that section.

Heavy Snow Reported. In Minnesota, heavy snowfall was reported in the Minneapolis and St. Paul area, and Minnesota state highway department officials warned motorists to keep off the roads.

Northwest Airlines officials said that planes were still operating though behind schedule. A United Press report from Minneapolis stated that all planes had been grounded.

The Tri-County American Legion meeting tonight was postponed to Wednesday and an Armistice day parade in Fargo was called off because of the raging blizzard.

Colder Tonight Forecast. Cloudy, colder and occasional light snow tonight, Wednesday cloudy, occasional light snow, was the local weather forecast. Lowest temperature recorded Sunday was 10 with 24 the high mark. Precipitation amounting to .07 of an inch had fallen up to 6:30 this morning.

All of North Dakota, and most of South Dakota and Minnesota. (Continued on page 8)

Scout Round-Up Here Wednesday

Scouts From Fifteen Town To Be Present

The annual Boy Scout round-up to which all troop members and leaders in the Clay-Norman district are invited, will be held Wednesday evening in the basement of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Moorhead. The meeting will start at 7:45 p. m. Between 125 and 150 scouts, leaders, councilors and executives are expected to attend.

The feature of the evening's program will be a court of honor, over which the Rev. Sherman W. Arends, chairman of the district scout advancement committee, will preside. He will present merit badges, achievement awards and class rankings.

Recreational games will be included in the evening's entertainment as well as some demonstrations of scoutcraft. Chairman of general arrangements is Andre Munn, district commissioner. He is assisted by the Rev. Charles Brewster, district chairman.

Scout troops in the Clay-Norman district are those from Moorhead, Ada, Hawley, Barnesville, Gary, Ulen, Dilworth, Borup, Hilderley, Hendrum, Halstad, Twin Valley, Shenly and Glyndon.

British Shoot Down 13 Italians

RAF Fighters Score Hits On 26 Planes

40 Are Poisoned State Legislators Complete Plans For 1941 Session

Death Toll Reaches 11 In Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Nov. 11 (UP)—The death toll mounted to 11 as authorities opened an investigation into the poisoning of approximately 40 men stricken after they had eaten breakfast today at the Salvation Army men's social service center here.

Police immediately began a search for a former cook at the center, who was dismissed three weeks ago because of "unsatisfactory service." Authorities said a preliminary investigation indicated that roach powder may have been mixed with batter from which pancakes were made for the men.

Police said they were told by Adjutant Roy Barber, in charge of the center, that the dismissed cook had threatened to "get even" because of his discharge.

The men were stricken shortly after they had eaten a breakfast of pancakes, bacon and coffee at the center. It was feared roach powder may have been introduced into the pancake batter accidentally. Remnants of the breakfast were confiscated for analysis.

Two of the victims died at the center before they could be removed to hospitals. Eight additional victims succumbed at St. Francis hospital, where most of those stricken were taken, and one at St. Margaret's hospital.

In addition to those who died, approximately 35 others were reported suffering symptoms of food poisoning. Several of these were described as in serious condition.

St. Paul, Nov. 11 (UP)—Organization of the Minnesota house of representatives for the 1941 legislative session was complete today. Party lines already were drawn following respective caucus meetings of liberal and conservative members of the house.

Lawrence M. Hall, St. Cloud, was slated to be re-elected speaker of the house. Hall's candidacy was endorsed by 88 legislators at a caucus of the majority conservative group Saturday. Only 66 votes are necessary for control of the house.

Farmer-Laborites Seek Voice. The liberal caucus, for the most part comprised of farmer-labor legislators, adopted a resolution declaring the group would be "the voice and voting force representing 48 percent of the people who demand consideration and change... of oppressive laws and conditions of the Stassen administration."

George Hagen, Polk county representative, chairman of the liberal caucus, said the liberal bloc represented "about 30" members of the house of representatives.

After nominating Hall for reelection, conservatives voted unanimously to elect Harry Allen, Mankato, chief clerk.

Wants "Independent Attitude" Governor Harold E. Stassen told legislators he hoped for the "independent" attitude of the house but did not commit himself regarding the administration's program during the coming session.

Other conservative appointments of house employees were: Paul Keith, Chatfield, sergeant-at-arms; Edward Ulric, Biscay, index clerk; James Ellis, Minneapolis, assistant postmaster; Herbert White, St. Cloud, first assistant sergeant-at-arms; Carl E. Peterson; Chokis and first assistant chief clerk Axel Fagerland, Fergus Falls.

RAF Smashes Danzig Railroads

Ribbentrop Meets Red Envoy At Baltic Port

London, Nov. 11 (UP)—The air ministry said today that the royal air force delivered a smashing attack last night on the railroad junctions of Danzig—the Baltic seaport where Germany's foreign minister Joachim von Ribbentrop is scheduled to meet the train of Soviet Premier V. M. Molotov tomorrow.

The attack was concentrated, the air ministry said, on Danzig's railway facilities—presumably those to be used by the train bearing Molotov from Soviet Russia.

According to reports of Molotov's plans, Ribbentrop was scheduled to meet the Russian premier at Danzig and escort him by airplane to Berlin for his conferences with Adolf Hitler.

The attack was the first which the RAF had ever made on the distant port—250 miles further to the northeast than Berlin—and involving a round trip bombing flight of 1,600 miles from British bases.

26 Believed Killed As Canadian Ferry Boats In Collision

St. John's Newfoundland, Nov. 11 (UP)—Fishing launches and coastal patrol boats searched the icy waters of Belle Isle strait today for the bodies of 26 persons missing after a collision of two 15-ton ferry boats.

Only four persons of the 32 on the ferry Garland were known to have been rescued. Two bodies already have been found. Three young women were among the 28 missing.

The Garland sank in three minutes after colliding with the ferry boat Golden Dawn yesterday afternoon. The Golden Dawn was only slightly damaged but before it could turn about and give aid, the Garland had gone down.

Italians Cut U-Boat Cable In Mediterranean