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Hitler Makes A Demand For Poland's Subjection: An Uncompromising British Note Sent In Reply

HITLER'S CLAIMS OUTLINED

Poland Must Become A German Protectorate

BRITISH CABINET IS ADAMANT

Mobilisation Measures In England And France

THE KING RETURNS TO LONDON

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LONDON, Aug. 23.

It is reliably reported that a German Note was sent to Britain containing a detailed memorandum from Herr Hitler to Mr Chamberlain, setting out Germany's uncompromising program regarding Poland.

Mr Chamberlain then decided to resign in terms of a Cabinet communiqué he issued in London yesterday.

Herr Hitler is reported to have declared that if Poland fought it would mean her partition, but if she chose to settle peacefully, Germany would agree to an arrangement somewhat similar to that in Bohemia and Moravia, namely, that Poland would enjoy autonomy under German protection. Herr Hitler also said he would accept either Britain or France were concerned in Germany's dispute with Poland.

The Associated Press understands that this is the second document within two weeks sent to Mr Chamberlain, the first memorandum being handed to him by a private individual standing close to the Prime Minister and also enjoying the confidence of the highest Nazi circles.

A dramatic turn to the crisis was brought by official confirmation in London yesterday that the British Ambassador at Berlin (Sir Nevile Henderson) is seeing Herr Hitler today. Sir Nevile left Berlin by air at 9.20 a.m. for Salisbury, from where he will immediately motor to Bredgeshead.

It is understood that he is bearing a vital message from Mr Neville Chamberlain.

It is authoritatively stated that the Ambassador will present to Herr Hitler a statement along the lines of the British Cabinet communiqué.

The French Foreign Government has advised of the decision.

"The French," say the communiqué, "are of the opinion that there is nothing in the German-Polish difficulties which should involve a European war. The Government has decided to take no part in the conflict."

It adds: "In view of the fact that our efforts, others insist on the use of force, the Government is prepared and determined to resist it to the uttermost."

Cabinet's stand of non-aggression will in no way affect the Government's obligations toward Poland, which Britain is determined to fulfil.

His Majesty the King is returning to London from Balmoral. The Queen and the Princesses are staying at Sandringham.

Implementing Cabinet's decision last night, sections of the Royal Air Force and the Territorial Forces have been called up this morning.

It is believed that various Army reserves will be called up this afternoon, and the War Office is calling up in no way amounts to general mobilisation.

France has sent thousands of reservists to the frontier during the night.

President Roosevelt is to preside at a council of Ministers at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 24.

It is expected that new decrees will be promulgated to enable further military measures.

It is officially announced that the new decree will be issued for Thursday. Both houses of Congress have been adjourned since July 20. Powers Defense Bill, enabling the President to call up 500,000 men, was passed by the Senate on Aug. 10. It is now awaiting the necessary measure in the House.

President Roosevelt has issued a decree calling up of several thousand men and the Air Force Reserves.

Cabinet's decision included the proposal to call up civil defence and arrangements to meet any emergency arising from the situation.

The Emergency Powers Bill passed by Congress authorises the President to do whatever he deems necessary, acting if necessary, without consulting Congress. The power is similar to that held by the War Office in time of war.

The Paris Note named further demands, including the re-occupation of the Sudetenland, as a condition of peace. When he returned home, he gave his intervention a peremptory note.

He was informed that new

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British forces have advanced across the Polish frontier, and two bridges connecting Hong Kong with Canton have been destroyed in Chinese areas have been advanced to the frontiers of the British Mandate.

Japanese cruisers have arrived at Nanking, increasing the pressure on the Chinese. The Japanese are threatening to blockade the Yangtze and other craft are being driven away.

Intelligence sources stated that British officials and forces under command of General Sir John Dill, in command in case of an emergency, had been ordered to move to the North Sea, and that Poland had been told by Poland that this was a false note of Germany.

The British note of ultimatum was issued to Poland for the fundamental purpose of saving Poland from national bankruptcy and foreign invasion, and that the British Government, under the threat of other powers, had agreed to the ultimatum.

The British Council said that Poland must stand alone, and that Britain and America is in the Chinese campaign area.

What Is Significance Of Pact?

VITAL ESCAPE CLAUSE

World Seethes With Wild Speculation

AXIS POWERS GLOAT

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PARIS, Aug. 23.

The Italian press is extremely excited over the great diplomatic victory over the British, which is "the greatest victory in the face of the British diplomacy" has ever given.

It is reported that the Anglo-German and French-Polish pacts will be rejected in the Reichstag.

It is reported in Rome that the Russian-German pact of first, abdication by the signatories from attacking each other.

Secondly, in the event of one party being the victim of attack by a third, the other will remain neutral in accordance with the principles of the pact as an act of aggression, the other may demand the agreement.

The French press, while accepting the German proposal, set aside the right of the victor in the general battle to demand the right of this party to enter and to call in the full Cabinet into consultation.

WILL FIGHT IN DEFENCE

POLISH STATEMENT TO AMERICA

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PARIS, Aug. 23.

The French Government is to issue a statement to the House of Assembly in Moscow on Aug. 24, in which it is proposed to demand that the German Ambassador be recalled.

The British Ambassador to Moscow has been summoned to the Foreign Ministry to be present at the meeting.

Mr Staghe, with M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, has been invited to attend the session of the part.

The Foreign Ministry is to propose to Soviet Ambassador to Moscow to take steps to increase the pace of the negotiations with Germany on the basis of the principles of the League of Nations.

The Foreign Ministry says a British-French-Soviet pact will be signed in Moscow on Aug. 24.

There was a new raiding venture by the Luftwaffe on Paris, and the highest price rate for racing drivers and their agents held

A HITLER MASTERSTROKE TO END DISPUTE

Japan Puzzled At Pact, But Hopes That She Is Safeguarded

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LONDON, Aug. 23.

Japanese officials are most reserved regarding the Russo-German pact, but it is commonly complained that Japan is not mentioned.

The "Asahi Shimbun" predicts that the pact will be used by Germany to assist in solving the Dardo issue.

An English spokesman asserted that the Anti-Comintern Pact will be easily broken.

An independent cable message from Tokyo states that Japan is not mentioned in the Russo-German pact, Japan, however, expected that Germany would provide stipulations to avoid inconsistency with the League of Nations.

He did not think that the pact would affect Japan's foreign policy.

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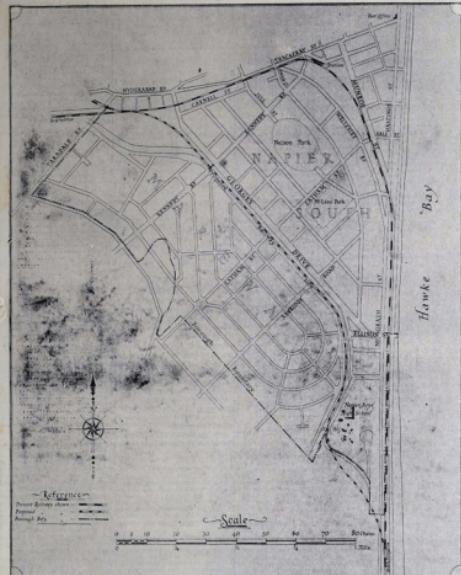
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NEW NAPIER STATION PROPOSAL



PROPOSED NEW RAILWAY—This map, drawn by a prominent Napier architect and engineer, shows the most easily supported scheme for the removal of the existing Napier Station and the line approach from the heart of the residential and business area to a less densely populated locality. The map is self-explanatory.



CUMPREHENSIVE VIEW—A picture taken with telephoto lens showing the old Tararua River bed in the background, along the side of which it is proposed that the new station should be built. The site is to the right of the road leading to the beach, and is a suitable site for a new station. It is as level as can be found.



CONGESTED LEVEL CROSSING—One of the new railroads approaching the wide Kennedy Road level crossing. The crossing is a major bottleneck in traffic, and complete stoppage occurs at this locality during peak hours and it is anticipated that the new station will be a great relief to the traffic on the Kennedy Road extension to Groomsmere and Turakau. Slanting crossings are the chief source of trouble.



KENNEDY ROAD BRIDGE—A view of the Kennedy Road bridge over the old Tararua River bed. It is expected that this finally must be replaced, as the bridge is only 10 years old, and is liable to be replaced. People in favour of the new station say that the railway should be completed before the new bridge is constructed.

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