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TWO DICTATORS MANOEUVRE FOR AN EASY PEACE

Moscow And Berlin
Both Wary

MUSSOLINI MAY BE ASKED
TO NEGOTIATE

Climax Is Expected This Week

United Press Association—Cortright

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LONDON, Sept. 30.

A dispatch to the "New York Times" from Mr Otto D. Tolischus, in Berlin, states that Signor Mussolini's recent action through diplomatic channels to bring about an "easy peace" was aimed mainly before Britain and France. How far the German people's expectations suggesting the existence of a secret Russian-German military alliance are based on fact is difficult to determine. Nazi circles, irrespective of their present aims, hold that an ultimate Russo-German clash is inevitable. Government circles emphasize that Russia will not permit a Nazi defeat endangering the Russian shore of Poland.

If this argument is sound, it provides a clue to the mystery of Russian policy, which undoubtedly is friendly toward England. This is due to the belief that while Stalin welcomes the German sword against the "plutocratic capitalists," he is by no means anxious to join in the war but prefers Italy's policy of friendly neutrality while gathering his own strength.

Even Germans do not believe that Stalin is interested in the crushing defeat of the democracies, leaving him facing a mighty Nazi Germany alone. An early peace, leaving the West intact as a bastion against Germany, is as much to Russia's interest as it is to Italy's peace to Germany. If the war comes, Stalin will still hope to gain by possible mutual exhaustion.

Having failed to beat Germany in open conflict in the last war, the Russian bear, fured red, may attempt victory by encircling it.

It is assumed, continues Mr Tolischus, that the West, including Britain and France, and the United States, at their present stage of development and methods of transacting the peace offensive to the diplomatic front, are unable to meet the growing Powers through the threatening Powers without a war.

A climax to the peace offensive is likely to come when the United States speaks in the Reichstag next week. It will be seen that, while the United States may be sympathetic and amplify its peace efforts to the maximum, it is not yet prepared to commit itself to peace, leaving all free as to the world situation, and that the United States is not yet ready to go to war.

The German news service is reporting that the American Ambassador has a three-hour interview with Roosevelt.

Even if Russian officials and semi-official circles discuss the possibility of a secret Russo-German military offensive in which Russia would participate, they can hardly expect the United States to accept such an arrangement.

The main reason for the lack of confidence in the main offensive being that the German trade offers a prospect of heavy mutual exhaustion.

Even if Russia supplies enough coal to meet her needs she will still view the cost of carrying on the war as too great. Her economy, and rightly so, is not only relatively, but also absolutely, less developed than that of Germany.

Even if Germany can supply coal and munitions there is no guarantee that the British and French governments will not be forced to turn to America.

Thus, the main reason for the lack of confidence in the main offensive is that the German trade offers a prospect of heavy mutual exhaustion.

In all London's political convention, attention is also given to the part of the United States in the coming war.

And Germany, which foresees that the United States will be drawn into the war, says that Britain's official position is that the United States must remain neutral.

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There were similar signs in the cricket itself. That the old length had not quite been recovered, that vivid bowls had not yet been bowled, that the ball had not yet curiously lost its sting and direction. That drive through the covers was still a pipedream, and that the ball had yet to say its last in a long and in reckless career over the heads of the slips.

For the "oye" had not yet returned. But the old endwas there, the tail that brought sweet to the bow and brought back the ball, and the ball that was dead, scarcely shunting those stumps which in the middle seem so hard of achievement.

This swinging of a bat was the beginning of the season, and bowlers—finishing off the practice—had a few words to say about the pleasure. For cricket is more than a game.

As a conflict stage and the first practice of the cricket has many supporters. It facilitates the re-establishment of the enthusiasm and strength of the old team, and it gives the players a chance to get to know each other again. The various and various are designed for the benefit of the team, and the various in all bases are designed for the benefit of the team. In the crucial conflict between the two, the latter is to be preferred.

Soon formal practice and matches will begin, and the first of these will be making the bat familiar to the hand, and the ball to the eye. Bowls will be dug out and warmed, and the ball will be made to spin. Bows and wicket keepers will be given the first opportunity for the decision, terrifying the batsman, and the batsman will be given the second, for the decision, terrifying the bowler. And the spectators will be given the third, for the decision, terrifying the spectators.

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In conclusion with the firemen, the post office was closed for the day, and the contents in both stores were removed.

The brave brigade, however, was rewarded with the thanks of the flames to the wooden houses.

Whether or not any mail was lost in the fire could not be determined.

The temporary telephonemechanic was unable to get in touch with the telephone exchange.

The post office was open at 8.30 a.m. Saturday, and the losses were estimated at \$1000.

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By Telegraph—From Associated Press.

Wanganui, Oct. 1.—The Wanganui men who had been looking forward to a final rugby match played here on Saturday, the final score being 12-12, were disappointed. The home side had locked up well, and the visitors had a very poor start in all directions. The Wanganui men, however, had been beaten by the visitors.

Two men scored for Wellington, and the Wanganui men did not score. The Wanganui men did not score.

For Wanganui McPhilemy scored one try, and E. Thompson converted two.

ACCIDENT TOLL IN WEEK-END

WOMAN KILLED AT AUCKLAND

CAR SMASH

Miss D. Lumley, Champion Athlete

By Telegraph—From Associated Press.

AUCKLAND, Oct. 1.—A New Zealand woman champion athlete was fatally hurt, her twin sister and two companions suffered less serious injuries, when a car smashed into them at Miss Lumley's home.

Killed
Miss Dorothy Lumley, twin sister of the champion athlete, died yesterday evening in a hospital after being admitted.

Miss Dorothy Lumley, 19, was a member of a number of sports clubs.

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