

# British People Uneasy Over Chamberlain Curious 'Aid' to Poland

By George Tate  
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
LONDON, Sept. 7.—The lack of information about the war is the subject of widespread uneasiness among the British public today and caused comment in the press. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today made a statement on the war in the House of Commons which, except for details, added little to the general knowledge. Many members of Parliament declared afterwards that there can be no confidence in efficient prosecution of the war against fascism while information is so sparsely given. Calling for more information in the future, Arthur

Greenwood, Laborite deputy leader in Parliament, spoke of "wild rumors of the most fantastic character" which have been flying around. Chamberlain promised better efforts in the future with the excuse that "when you bring into instant operation a somewhat creaking machine, it is apt to be a little creaking at first." Asked by Sir Alfred Knox, a Conservative member, "Would it not be possible to undertake such military operations as would relieve the pressure on Poland?" Chamberlain replied, "I could not possibly answer that question." Laborite member Thurtle got no answer from

the Prime Minister when he asked if Chamberlain was aware "that there is a very strong feeling that under our contractual obligations to Poland and those of France to go to her immediate assistance, time is of the essence of the contract." Many of the one and a half million mothers and children evacuated from cities are facing economic difficulties. Apart from paying board and lodging, they have also to pay rent in their home cities and their husbands too must live. Families are finding it impossible to meet all these charges out of small wages or unemployment allowances.

The situation will get worse as more wage-earners are called up for military service. A demand is rising for billet allowances to be strictly laid down by the government and that rent be suspended or reduced when a family is not at home. As a result of the opposition by William Gallacher, Communist member of Parliament, and the more progressive Laborite members, in Commons yesterday, the Government has postponed the Control of Employment Bill until next week and agreed to consult the trade unions on its provisions in the meantime.

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## BULLETINS

PARIS, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Paris-Soir said today that Nazi Germany has disbanded the Czech National Guards and has stationed 60,000 troops in Prague ready to intervene in case of a Czech revolt. The Nazi "protector" for Bohemia and Moravia, Paris-Soir said, has posted notices throughout Prague threatening that the entire Czech population would be held responsible for any acts of sabotage.

OTTAWA, Sept. 7 (UP).—A state of war now exists, Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General, announced tonight. His brief speech before a special session of Parliament contained no formal declaration of war, perhaps, observers said, because Canada thus can act as a "back door" through which American supplies could be shipped to the Allies.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 7 (UP).—Costa Rica today accepted an invitation to attend the inter-American "neutrality" conference at Panama. Minister of Foreign Affairs Montufar will be the representative.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Britain's political parties agreed tonight upon a truce in which they will not contest pending by-elections. Four such elections are now pending. Three are for seats held by Conservatives and one held by Labor.

BERLIN, Sept. 7 (UP).—One person has been shot for refusing to do labor contributing to the Nazi state's security under new decrees, it was announced tonight.

Radiomarine corporation said last night it had intercepted a message from the liner American Farmer reporting that the British ship Pukkastan and the French ship Tamara had been attacked by submarines.

The message indicated that the Pukkastan was 45 miles south-east of Lands End, England, when attacked, while the Tamara was about 100 miles west of Oporto, Portugal.

## Rome Predicts 'Peace' Move After Warsaw

ROME, Sept. 7 (UP).—Press dispatches indicating that Warsaw might fall within a few days caused a revival of reports here tonight that another "peace" attempt by Mussolini might be made soon. Observers here discussed the chance that such an effort would be undertaken immediately after the predicted fall of Warsaw, and would be intended to bring together Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy in a four-power conference. Exactly how such a proposal would be advanced has not been defined. Reports persisted that Mussolini might make a significant speech this week-end in northern Italy, possibly at Milan. One report was that the speech had not been announced because the dictator might want to time it with a propitious moment in international affairs.

## Reactionary Labor Leaders Helped to Set Stage For Bloody Fascist Invasion of Poland

By Alan Max  
The stage was set for the betrayal and invasion of Poland at the Congress of the International Federation of Trade Unions in Zurich, Switzerland, during the first week of July. When the controlling clique of trade union leaders, again blocked international trade union unity, the way was paved for the slaughter of the Polish people. The Zurich Congress was dominated by those reactionary trade union leaders like Sir (!) Walter Citrine of Great Britain and Mertens of Belgium, who are actually the agents of the imperialists of their respective countries and whose mission is to tie the trade union movements to the tail of the ruling class. Zurich was a dress rehearsal for the war which has now broken out and for the new Munich which Chamberlain, apparently, is still trying to produce. The actions of the reactionary leaders at this Congress were part of the treachery which Chamberlain was then plotting against

## President Considers Special Session

### Consults with Senate GOP Leader; Neutrality Act Would Be Acted on

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (UP).—President Roosevelt has consulted Democratic and Republican leaders in Congress regarding the possibility of an emergency session, but as yet he has not decided when or whether to issue such a call, the White House said late today. Among those with whom he talked was Senate Republican leader Charles McNary, who said at Salem, Ore., that if Mr. Roosevelt calls a special session it probably will convene about Sept. 18. The chief executive has, for some time, been exploring the feasibility of an extraordinary session for revision of what he terms the so-called neutrality act. White House Secretary Stephen T. Early emphasized that Mr. Roosevelt is still undecided. Further complicating the situation is the President's tentative plan to leave for Hyde Park, N. Y., tomorrow to spend the week-end with his mother.

The special session question came into the limelight again shortly after Mr. Roosevelt had ruled off-

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## Report Nazi Subs Sink 3 British Ships

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Nazi submarines have sunk three more British ships while a fourth British vessel succeeded in escaping from a Nazi undersea attack, it was disclosed tonight.

The Ministry of Information announced attacks on three ships, two of which were sent to the bottom, while dispatches from Lisbon told of the torpedoing and sinking of a British freighter 80 miles off the coast of Portugal in the Atlantic with a possible loss of 42 lives.

The British battlefleet is fighting back against the submarine warfare, the Ministry of Information said, and "in at least one case success appears probable." This was taken to mean that a Nazi submarine had been sunk somewhere. The three British vessels sunk by

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## THIS LITTLE PIG GOES TO MARKET

by Ellis



## Mayor Warns City Will Act Against Profiteers

Mayor LaGuardia yesterday served notice that the city would take action to stop profiteering and hoarding as New York's housewives felt more seriously the "war scare" increase in prices of various staple food commodities. "If retail food prices are further dislocated through profiteering or false rumors," he said, "the city administration is prepared to take further steps to protect the housewife." The Department of Markets, the Mayor pointed out, had received more than 500 complaints in the last two days of "unwarranted price increases in sugar on the part of certain wholesalers and retailers." "There have been certain complaints that some retailers will not

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## FDR Indicates Drive Against Food Profiteers

### Murphy Surveys Legal Remedies; Ickes Sees 'Resources Rape'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (UP).—President Roosevelt and his advisers today reviewed rising prices of foodstuffs and other basic commodities, indicating a determined drive to end what Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes described as a "rape of our natural resources" by war profiteers.

The President, who already has asked Attorney General Frank Murphy to survey existing anti-profiteering measures, lunched with Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and presumably discussed reports of alleged profiteering which have reached the Agriculture Department.

There was no doubt that increased prices of such commodities as sugar, flour, coffee, eggs and meats was causing anxiety in administration ranks.

Although Mr. Roosevelt remained officially silent on the issue, he was routing all complaints to Wallace and Murphy.

Ickes, at a press conference, said he could "see no legitimate reason for the increase in commodity prices because of the European war."

## Greek Crews on Strike for War Pay, Insurance

The crews of the Greek freighters Evgenik Livanou and George Bobamianos, loaded with scrap iron for England and Japan, have gone out on strike demanding war risk compensation, including double wages and \$10,000 insurance.

## WEVD Listeners See Pact Aiding U.S. Communists

On its editorial hour last week, Station WEVD conducted a debate on the question "Does the Soviet-German non-aggression pact weaken or strengthen the Communist Party of the United States?" It asked the radio audience to write in their answers. Results of the poll were announced over the station Wednesday evening. Ninety per cent of the replies stated that the pact would strengthen the Communist Party.

## Paris Reports Nazi Troops Moving West

### Official Communique Says Operations 'Local' Up to Now

PARIS, Sept. 7 (UP).—A war office communique tonight said that Nazi troop reinforcements were moving into the Reich's "West Wall" of fortifications.

The announcement of the Nazi reinforcements, indicating perhaps an imminent major struggle on the western front, followed official announcement that the Allied high commands are moving British troops into France.

Tonight's communique, No. 8 since the outbreak of the war last Sunday, said the Nazi reinforcements were moving into fortifications along the entire front between the Rhine and Moselle rivers.

"The arrival of new forces from the interior of Germany has been observed by our forces," the communique, issued at 9:12 P. M. said.

### LOCAL OPERATIONS

The east-west section of the front, between Lauterbourg at the extreme northeast tip of France and the Moselle Valley, surrounded with intense artillery fire as both the French and Nazi armies carried out a series of local operations.

Most of the fighting was on German soil, within the German salient just west of the industrial city of Saarbrücken where it is indicated the French forces have advanced seven, eight or perhaps nine miles into German territory at some points.

The fighting centered in a narrow zone barely 12 miles wide between the great permanent fortifications of the enemy powers—Nazi Germany's new "West Wall" and France's \$400,000,000 Maginot line.

An earlier war office communique today told of "marked activity" in the struggle along the 90-mile front, due to the increasing numbers of

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## Major Struggle For City At Hand

### Polish Defense Line Straightens Out 20 Miles from City

BERLIN, Sept. 7 (UP).—Nazi forces led by Col. Gen. Werner von Fritsch today were reported within 21 miles of Warsaw on the north while Nazi bombing planes blasted bridges on the southern outskirts to cut off retreat of the Polish defenders.

A major struggle undoubtedly is at hand, probably along the Polish Bug-Vistula line of entrenchments. The crushing drive from the north brought the Nazis close to Warsaw's line of fortifications nine miles outside the city along the Bug and Vistula rivers.

No news dispatches arrived in New York last night from Warsaw, which was the target of a furious Nazi mechanized attack from the north. The Nazi attackers, according to a United Press dispatch from Berlin were within 20 miles of the Polish capital.

A communique placing the Reich's East Prussian force 21 miles from Warsaw's barricaded streets said the big west railroad station there was in flames after bombing and that bridges over the Vistula river on the south had been destroyed.

It would appear, on the basis of the general staff announcements, that the Polish capital was being squeezed in a great entrapment operation.

Communiques said 25,000 Polish prisoners have been taken since Saturday, mostly in the Polish Corridor, and that two Polish divisions and three battalions virtually had been annihilated through casualties and prisoners.

Earlier, it had been announced that the Nazis had seized the town of Pultusk on the Narew river, 28 miles north of Warsaw.

The taking of Pultusk indicated that the Nazis had extended their line for the final phase of the Warsaw drive.

22-MILE DRIVE  
The capture of Plousk, 31 miles northwest of Warsaw, had been reported yesterday and it was said then that the Nazi force was arrayed on a 22-mile-long front from Plousk north and east to Cienchaw, 44 miles northwest of Warsaw.

The capture of Pultusk meant that the left flank of the Plousk-Cienchaw line had been extended some 14 miles and that there was a large massing of troops in a curving arc 30 miles north of Warsaw.

## C.P. to Induct 2,500 New Members at Garden Mon.

A highlight of the Madison Square Garden celebration of twenty years of the Communist Party on Monday, September 11, will be the induction of 2,500 new Party members, it was announced today.

Many of the new recruits joined the Party during the period of the signing of the Soviet-German non-aggression pact, it was further revealed.

Another feature of the rally which will hear Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, will be the presentation of a play entitled "In Full Devotion."

Taking twenty decades of the Communist Party for its theme, the play contains a last minute act incorporating the stirring international events of the past two weeks. It is a bold experiment in dramatizing history while it is being made.

In addition to observing the Communist Party's 20th anniversary, the Garden rally will protest Nazi aggression against Poland and will urge a peace policy for America that will help bring peace to the world.

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