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French Government Collapses

Military Government installed. New elections announced.

Paris. Following the European crisis caused by the German attack on Poland on 1st September, the French Government coalition eventually crumbled due to finally incompatible doctrines of the constituting factions. Prime Minister Edouard Daladier, before his resignation, asked French supreme commander Maurice-Gustave Gamelin to rule under emergency law and passed the decision for war or peace unto the military government.

The latter declared on Monday "In these difficult times the Civilian Government of France has collapsed, and the French Government now has a Military Caretaker Government in Place.

This Government, headed by myself as Acting Prime Minister has two Functions. The first of these is to express our extreme concern about the German attack upon Poland and the replacement of the Democratically Elected Government of Poland with a puppet regime appointed from Berlin. Such an act will not be tolerated and should be condemned by all rational Democratic, European countries.

The second of my tasks is to announce that elections for a New French Government will be held at the end of December, so that January may see the establishment of a new, Democratically Elected Government in France.

Until this time, France shall close its border with Germany and all German Goods are prohibited from sale within France. Military aggression shall not be tolerated."

Although the highly decorated General plead for a fighting on the side of England, the wise old man left it to the decision of the people to elect a government that will either declare war or not, restricting France to economic pressure against the aggressor and giving peace a change. The question remains whether this noble gesture will not in the end aid Hitler and his hangmen by giving them a pause to prepare against the western allies.

Germany already has launched terror attacks by its Luftwaffe over the French province of Alsace-Lotharingia - see next article.

Air battles over Alsace-Lotharingia

The French Armée de l'Air reports two instances of fighting over French air space. On the first occasion Luftwaffe bombers of the Heinkel He-111 type tried to attack a French airfield near Metz. The attack could be beaten off by French interceptors before any damage could be done, sayd air commodore Lucien D'Argent, press speaker of the French air-force. On the second, a small German fighter force swept across southern Alsace but was driven back by a stiff French defense. France claims to have shot down 20 German planes, and reports the tragic loss of 3 pilots, whose bodies will be publicly taken to burial in Paris on December 6.



French twin-engined fighter

Both battles were of little intensity due to the bad weather. French intermediate head-of-state General Gamelin stated that "Germany has shown her true face now. I appeal to the future government to join side with Britain and put an end to German militarism and dictatorship. May the electors take into consideration what Hitler will do to Europe".



Grounded German Messerschmitt

How Hitler operates

Lithuania forced to pact with Germany, then conquered with brutal force

The world can see how the German war machine operates in a diabolic trinity. Ribbentrop the liar and seducer, General Keitel the butcher and Hitler the puller of strings. **How the concept works:** On November 11th, Germany and Lithuania signed a formal assistance agreement. Lithuania was forced to grant Germany bases for Germany's guarantee of Lithuanian borders and freedom. Only one day later, the White House speaker officially declared this as 'another tricky move by Hitler to subdue one European nation by the other' and warn America of the evil power that is rising on the other side of the ocean.'

The revelation became true when the German Wehrmacht, under chief executor von Bock ('Ram') violently sent his troops across the border to peaceful Lithuania (see picture), breaking not only international law but also their own promise made only four days earlier. Rampaging tanks rolled over the city streets of Lithuanian capital Kaunas while Luftwaffe pilots bombed the government district where the dispersed forces of Lithuanian self defense forces have rallied together. Their heroic stance did not last long under the assault of SS-Sturmregiment "Rudolf Hess", a German special terror commando trained in city and in-house fighting. Lithuanian president Smetona left the building crying. "We'd never though they would betray us", were his last words before he was taken prisoner by Wehrmacht officers.

Nimitz new Chief of Staffs

Admiral Chester Nimitz was appointed new Combined Chief of Staffs on 1st November by President Roosevelt. The former commander of Pacific Fleet is now the highest ranking military of the United States. His responsibilities will be a modernization of the armed forces and co-ordination of armament production in peace- and wartime.

Scandinavian Union Conference ends without agreement

An international conference has been announced for November 25 in Stockholm, Sweden, to find peaceful solutions to the present European conflict. Sweden early this month declared that "Representatives from across Europe, the Near East, and North America are expected to attend." However attention seems to have been a slack in the face of Swedish Prime Minister Per Albin Hansson. Only the governments of Finland and Norway attended. Britain sent an official 'observer' to report to the British Government. The small delegations only agreed upon meeting again in Helsinki in January 1940. Finnish Head of State, Carl Gustav Von Mannerheim declared in his official invitation that "The current world situation threatens us all. Only discussion and negotiation will save Scandinavia from being dragged into a wider conflict. Before affairs get out of hand we feel a conference of all concerned and local nations should take place. We propose that this should take place at Helsinki in Janu-



ary 1940. If you do not come you may be missing your last chance to visit it as a free democratic city. We are under no illusions that by then we may well be fighting hard to preserve our freedom and self determination. We cannot guarantee that the Soviet government and military will refrain for bombardment or assault while you or your representatives are here but be assured we will take all possible measures for your safety."

The President's Speech

My fellow Americans, once again I come into your homes to address the need to protect American free shipping and American lives. I have just received a report that a German Submarine has fired upon an American merchant vessel heading for Great Britain. We are investigating this incident, and have sent a strong letter to the German Government indi-



Finnish Hurricane preparing for the worst. Note that the Swastika, an old nordic symbol, has nothing to do with the German Nazi party.

Experienced politicians hear the despair from the mouth of a man who has just sent his Foreign Minister to that nation which he accuses for intending to commit crimes against his people.

The three Baltic states of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia have expressed their serious concern about the development. Ironically these traditional Scandinavian countries have received no official invitation to either conference. In the light of this lack of political sensitivity it becomes understandable that Lithuania has leaned towards aggressive Germany, the mother of all conflict in Europe.

To complete the cynism, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini declared in Rome "Firstly I will repeat my invitation to a Peace Conference in Rome to discuss the conflict between Great Britain and Germany. I can only hope that this conference will be in time before the trade routes in Northern Europe are totally severed, and before the conflict spreads to other countries."

Which goals this butcher-brother of Hitler pursuits has become clear not only in Munich but also in Ethiopia.

cating that America shall not tolerate any attacks upon American shipping or Americans. In the face of this incident, I am reminded again of the need to protect our vital interests at sea. recently, I asked Congress to pass the Freedom of Commerce Act, which would have given this Administration the ability to protect our sailors and ships operating under the American Flag. Sadly, Congress rejected this bill. Now, one month later, german Submarines are allegedly firing upon American ships and sailors. My fellow Americans, when I took the oath of office, I swore to protect and defend this great nation, however, I cannot do this without you and Congress. Therefore, I come before you, the citizens of the United States, and Congress and I say please, give this administration the tools to protect American lives. We all share an equal desire to not be drawn into a major conflict, however, we cannot let those desires allow others to feel that American ships and men can be treated as viable targets of opportunity. We must protect our young men and the ability to move goods. To do anything less violates the public trust that binds us all. I stand ready to work with the Congress and the Public in any endeavor to accomplish this goal. God bless you all.
Signed: Franklin D. Roosevelt