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"At Least at Present"

Berlin, Oct. 24—(P)—Informed circles in Berlin said tonight that Germany has a complete understanding of the strategic and economic position of Spain as the result of her civil war and that it is too much to expect Spain to join the war against England—at least at present.

However, in reviewing the situation the authoritative news commentary, Dienst Aus Deutschland, asserted it was no wonder "if Spain regards the fight of the axis powers against England as a way to freedom from her own historical entanglement."

Say Britain "Encircled"

Authorized German sources declined to comment directly today on the results of Adolf Hitler's meeting yesterday with Generalissimo Francisco Franco by Spain, but said cryptically that events now transpiring on the continent added proof that Britain, the "father of the encirclement idea," is now encircled.

As a general diagnosis, these sources said Spain already "has concrete evidence of the positive interest of the axis in Spain's renaissance."

"Comradeship in Arms"

The same sources recalled that Germany had given Spain "conclusive proof" of her friendship for the Franco movement in the Spanish civil war and said there "has been a de facto comradeship in arms" between them.

DNB, official German news agency, earlier reported that the conversations between Hitler and Franco were concluded last night.

Say Berlin Attack Repulsed

A German communique said that British fliers during the night attempted a "large scale attack" upon Berlin but only a few of them reached the capital to drop incendiary bombs, incendiary leaflets and a few explosive bombs.

Heavy combat units attacked London last night, the high command announced, after unfavorable weather yesterday limited the Nazi air force activity over England to "armed reconnaissance."

Car Collision on 4th Ave. Causes Damage

Considerable damage resulted when cars driven by Jesse Leizen and Mrs. Clayton Crowns, both of this city, crashed on Fourth avenue north near the High street intersection about 5:25 p. m. Wednesday, police reported.

Leizen was driving north and the Crowns auto was headed in the same direction and turning west when the accident occurred. The

ARRANGE RITES FOR PVT. HENRY

Commander J. J. Plzak of Charles Hagerstrom post No. 9 today completed arrangements for the military funeral in charge of the American Legion which will be conducted for the late Private Donald George Henry, Wisconsin Rapids National Guardsman killed Tuesday in a traffic accident in Tennessee.

Body to Arrive Today

The body will arrive in Wisconsin Rapids late this afternoon and will be met at the Milwaukee depot by the color guard and honor escort of Legionnaires and former members of Battery E. The escort will accompany the body to the Krohn and Berard funeral home where it will lie until the funeral Saturday morning.

The color guard will be composed of Legionnaires Harry Sorenson, Von Holliday, Frank Rickman and William Harcourt and firing squad of eight will consist of Michael Andrews, Kenneth Hubbard, Lyman Woodman, Al Marks, George Eicher, Grant Jacobs, William Pribbanow and Matt Kehrberg. C. H. Bahcock will command the firing squad.

Pallbearers Chosen

Pallbearers chosen by John Podratz, in charge of that detail, are F. J. Beadle, E. C. Christensen, M. L. Carey, George Gibson, Earl Otto and M. S. King. Burglers are Earl Hein and Matt Marshall, and Fred Burt will act as the organization chaplain. James Schacht, a former member of the Guard, is in charge of arrangements for former battery members.

A guard of honor will be arranged at the mortuary after the body arrives, Commander Plzak indicated.

Appoint Chairman of Red Cross Roll Call

Appointment of Mrs. John Jeffrey Jr., 630 Tenth avenue south, as 1940 roll call chairman for the South Wood County chapter, American Red Cross, was announced today by George R. Baker, chapter chairman.

The Red Cross will conduct its annual roll call throughout the nation between

France would give the Rome-Berlin axis the use of naval and air bases in Africa, Syria and unoccupied France in return for certain concessions.

The naval bases would include Dakar, capital of French west Africa; Toulon, on France's Mediterranean coast; Casablanca, in French Morocco, and Bizerte, in Tunisia.

To Release French Prisoners

As a reward, these sources said, Germany would release all French war prisoners—estimated at 2,000,000 men—and would move the frontier of unoccupied France north from the present Tours-Swiss border line to the Seine river.

Laval returned to Paris today with Premier Marshal Philippe Petain's answer to Hitler's proposals for a Franco-German rapprochement, and Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco, who conferred with Hitler on the Spanish-French frontier last night, was on his way back to Madrid.

"Important Decisions"

Fascist quarters in Rome said important decisions were reached at the conference, decisions designed to restore Spain to a place of power in the Mediterranean.

"Deeds will spring forth from the conversation," said Il Popolo Di Roma, without indicating what these deeds might be. Foreign observers in the Italian capital felt, however, that an axis attack on Gibraltar, with the help of Spain, was indicated.

Beside this, the whirl of German diplomatic activity seemed to many to be pointing at the Suez and the near eastern oil fields as axis objectives of the near future.

Amid all this talk, the air war between Britain and Germany dragged on at a relatively slow pace.

WILLKIE DEBATE

New York, Oct. 24—(P)—Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president, today asked Wendell L. Willkie to debate with him at Elmira, N. Y., tomorrow when Willkie speaks there in a public park which the city barred Thomas from using August 23.

BASS DRUM STOLEN

Racine, Wis., Oct. 24—(P)—The police hunted today for the \$100 bass drum which A. Clauson reported had been stolen from him.

• THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin:
Mostly cloudy,
occasional light
rain extreme
north, warmer

