

# DANZIG NAZI CHIEF'S DEFIANT SPEECH

## CIANO TO "WE GERMANS MEET FRANCO DECIDE"

COUNT CIANO, Italian Foreign Minister, embarked at Gaeta yesterday in the Cruiser Eugenio di Savoia en route for Spain. He is due to reach Barcelona this afternoon, and after touring a number of towns will go to Madrid for a meeting with General Franco.

Commenting on the visit, Count Ciano's own newspaper, the "Telegrafo," writes: "It is a question of cementing a more vigorous and intimate collaboration between the two countries in the economic, political, and military fields with a view to very wide objectives. The demagogues which imagine that they can buy the glory of Spain with their useless gold are incapable of understanding the fundamental



Count Ciano.

nature of the friendship between Italy and Spain."

Well-informed circles in Rome are guarded in their comment on the meeting, says Reuter, and it is not considered that the young Italian statesman will manage to tie Gen. Franco to the wheels of the Axis. Most people consider that Spain has too great a need of the Democratic nations to wish to alienate them by making any formal agreement with the Governments of Italy and Germany.

Count Ciano is believed in foreign circles to bear a personal message from the Duce to General Franco. He is described in the Italian newspapers as the Duce's messenger.

Count Ciano is scheduled to meet General Franco for the first time at Zarauz, on Wednesday.

Count Ciano, before his departure, told a Spanish journalist that "nothing can ever separate Spain and Italy."

Part of the priceless treasure of Valencia Cathedral taken by the Reds during the Civil War has been discovered in cases buried in vaults. Among the articles is an engraved coffer by Benvenuto Cellini, says a Burgos message.

### FEELERS FOR A NEW MUNICH

Suggestions that feelers for a new Munich are being put out by London and Paris are made in an article headed "The Olive Branch," in the extreme Fascist newspaper, "Resto del Carlino."

The paper then sets forth these essentials of "a true and lasting peace":

1—Italy must have Tunis, Jibuti, and Suez. Italian territory, such as Malta, must be Italian; Spanish territory, such as Gibraltar, must be Spanish—only thus will the Mediterranean really be a free sea, through which we shall be able to guarantee free passage to the British.

2—Germany must have Danzig, the Polish Corridor, and her Colonies.

3—Should the Anglo-French policy of force compel Italy and Germany to enter into a costly armaments race, it is only right that the plutocrats should contribute financially to the transformation of Italian and German national economy from a war basis to a peace basis. For instance, special agreements should be reached for the supply to Italy and Germany of the raw materials they lack without forcing these nations to deplete their own reserves of gold. An end must be put to all provocation of the Totalitarian States, and to all vexatious measures against Italians and Germans abroad.

4—The Jewish question must be settled by common agreement. Jews must be settled in a country outside Europe, but not in Palestine.

**TORTURE CHAMBER  
ARCHITECT  
EXECUTED**

Laurent Cik, Yugoslav architect, who was convicted of participating in the construction of torture chambers in which Spanish Patriots were ill-treated during the Civil War, was executed in Barcelona.

Cik was convicted by a Nationalist court martial of painting weird designs on the walls of dungeons where the Reds inflicted "horrible tortures" on 2,000 prisoners before Barcelona fell.

The prisoner pleaded at his trial in June that he had been forced to decorate the cells with red, white, blue, and yellow spots and black cubes, which changed shapes under dazzling lights.

## Early Move By Hitler Hinted

"THE people of Danzig have the right to decide for themselves, and the will to come back to the Reich is stronger than ever," said Herr Forster, the Danzig Nazi leader in a speech yesterday.

"Danzig is strong. Danzig men know how to use rifles, and are ready when called upon to do so. In Danzig we Germans decide our own fate," he declared, amid cheers, and cries of "Poles must vanish from Danzig."

*German reinforcements are stated to have arrived on the Czech-Polish frontier and erected barbed wire entanglements, while a number of incidents are reported to have occurred during the week-end at various places.*

A declaration that Danzig is covered by Britain's pledges to Poland, and that any attempt from the inside or the outside to alter the status of the Free City by force will immediately bring Britain to Poland's aid, is expected to be made by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day.

(Reuter and Associated Press  
Cablegrams.)  
Danzig, Sunday.

Herr Forster, in his speech to-day, referred not only to Danzig, but also the Corridor, which he described as "victim of the Versailles fraud" and drew loud jeers from the crowd.

He made a personal attack on M. Chodacki, the Polish Commissioner in Danzig.

"If M. Chodacki thinks to rule Danzig he has made his mistake," he said. "There are no more laurels for him and nothing left to harvest. If he does not like it he can get out."

Herr Forster, says the Associated Press, asserted: "Our advice to the Poles here is that they remain quiet. They are guests here and have nothing to say. In Danzig we Germans decide our own fate."

**"GUARANTEES."**  
He then declared that Danzig was safe from Polish aggression, its security being assured by a three-fold guarantee.

"The first guarantee," he said, "is that given by Adolf Hitler, reasserted here recently by Goebbels."

"The second guarantee is the Ger-

man army, and even in Poland the idea may have penetrated that it is the strongest in Europe and the world.

"The third guarantee is the manpower of Danzig. Our men are healthy and able to bear arms if necessary. So I assure you Danzig may rest easily at night."

**TAUNTS BRITAIN  
AND FRANCE.**

He taunted Britain and France for "irresolution and weakness." Asking why they were so concerned about Poland, he said: "They want to withhold justice from Germany and to prevent Germany from becoming too great. But their designs are futile. They can do nothing about it."

In a later speech, he said: "The construction of the competitive Polish harbour of Gdynia, less than ten kilometres from the spot on which I stand, has been

a decisive factor in forcing us to recognise the necessity of a political union with Germany."

"Now it is up to you to prove to

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## IRELAND'S WEEK-END AT LUCERNE SHOW Officers' Triple Victory

(Reuter Special To "Irish  
Independent.")

**THE Irish Army Jumping Team** scored a triple victory at the International Horse Show at Lucerne during the week-end, winning two of the prizes on Saturday (the opening day) and another yesterday.

The Irish officers' successes were:

**SATURDAY.**  
**The Stanserhorn Prize**—Won by Comdt. Ahern, riding Ireland's Own.  
**The Burgenstock Prize**—Won by Lieut. Neylon, riding Duhallo.

**YESTERDAY.**  
**The Prize of the Lake of the Four Cantons**—Won by Lieut. Neylon, riding Duhallo.

Capt. Ahern's time for the Stanserhorn Prize was 1 minute 11½ secs. This competition was also won by Ireland last year, with Red Hugh.

**FRANCE SECOND.**  
Olivette, ridden by Capt. de Bertille (France), was second in 1

minute 14 seconds, and Fridolin (Capt. Weidemann, Germany) third, in 1 minute 15½ seconds.

Lieut. Neylon's victory on Saturday was gained from a field of 67 competitors in 59½ seconds.

France and Germany again occupied second and third places, respectively.

In yesterday's competition, Lieut. Neylon had no faults and a time of 1 minute 21½ seconds.

**WOMAN WAS BEST.**

The prize of the town of Lucerne for the first time, was won by a lady, Miss Lilian Wittmack, Copenhagen, who rode her mother's horse to victory against 44 men competitors.

Miss Wittmack had no faults and a time of 1 min. 51 4-5 secs. The only other horse to complete the course without any faults was Houlette (France), ridden by Lieut. Fresson.

Limerick Lace (Major O'Dwyer) was 15th, with 8 faults and a time of 1 min. 41 secs., and Owen Roe (Capt. Lewis) 17th, with 8 faults and 1 min. 45 1-5 secs.



In troubled Tientsin.—Japanese soldiers are seen ready to enforce the blockade. On the right is a Chinese policeman.

## Yesterday Was Their Busy Day



Limerick and Clare teams taking the field for the Munster Hurling semi-final, at Limerick, yesterday. Limerick won by 5 goals 5 pts. to 1 goal 1 point.—Irish Independent Photo. (McM.) (Report on Page 14.)

### All Aryan Now!

THE German Textile Industry Council have ruled that foreign names—particularly British and French names—must be eliminated from German textiles. The elimination started with shorts, which now are "knieshosen" (knee breeches); riding breeches under the edict are known now as "reitshosen" or "stiefelhosen" (breeches that tuck into high boots).

Plus fours, however, present a problem. Three names were suggested. Two of them—"golfschalen" and "sportshosen"—were partly English despite a great deal of care. The other name for plus fours is "pluderhosen," meaning wide breeches.

## CROWD CHEERS RESCUE

**HOLIDAY-MAKERS** at Tra- more, yesterday, cheered 15-years-old David Power, as he rescued his 14-years-old companion, Noel Grogan, The Cottage, Corbally, Tra- more, from drowning in Tramore Bay.

The boys were bathing together, when Grogan was suddenly seized with cramp and went under the water. Young Power immediately went to the rescue, and succeeded in catching his companion by the hair. He kept Grogan's head above water, and eventually brought him to safety on a ledge of rock.

### SWIMMER, HIT BY DIVER, DIES

Diving from a rock 20 feet above a bathing pool at Plymouth yesterday, an 18-years-old youth collided with a boy in the water.

The boy, Richard Burgh (13), of Bath Place, W. Plymouth, although badly injured, managed to swim to the side, and, as he staggered out of the pool, he collapsed. He died shortly after being taken to hospital.

### 3,000 MILES BY AIR TO KEEP APPOINTMENT

Mr. Walter Nash, New Zealand Finance Minister, went to Southampton to see his wife off in the Aquitania for New York. They will meet again in San Francisco, where they will catch the same boat back to New Zealand, but Mr. Nash will have to make a trip by air of 3,000 miles across America in order to do so.

Mrs. Nash will go from New York to San Francisco by train. Mr. Nash will follow in the Queen Mary on Wednesday, and will fly immediately from New York to San Francisco. He is anxious to get back to New Zealand to present his Budget.

Note.—Mr. Nash visited Dublin last week and addressed the Irish Branch of the Parliamentary Association at Leinster House.



The victorious Meath team, which defeated Kildare by 2 goals 10 points to 2 goals 8 points in the semi-final of the Leinster Senior Football Championship, at Drogheda, yesterday.—Irish Independent Photo. (H.) (Report on Page 14.)

## Ocean Flight To Sick Son

## U.S. LAWYER AMONG CLIPPER'S PASSENGERS

### IRISH MAIL AT FOYNES

**TWO** women and a man flying to see his sick son were among the passengers in the Pan-American Airways flying boat, Yankee Clipper, which arrived at Foynes at 12.50 p.m. yesterday.

Commanded by Capt. Laporte, who took part in a trial flight to Foynes two years ago, the Clipper left Botwood, Newfoundland, at 11.30 p.m. on Saturday.

After a brief stay at Foynes yesterday she completed her journey to Southampton. The trip from New York had taken 27½ hours, the actual flying time being 19 hours and 34 minutes.

There were nineteen passengers in the Clipper, including fourteen American publishers, guests of Pan-American Airways.

The operating company was represented by Mr. J. L. Rihl, Vice-President, and Mr. W. van Dusen.

### A SAD MISSION.

One of the passengers, Mr. Guido Coen, a New York lawyer, was flying to the bedside of his six-years-old son, who is lying almost at death's door, suffering from infantile paralysis, at Livorno, Italy.

Mr. Coen told a reporter how, on Thursday night, he received a cable from his wife with the news of their son's illness.

"I was just able to get a place in the Clipper," he said. "I am flying to Paris to-night and will fly from there to-morrow in the very first possible plane. I have not seen my son for seven months."

This sad story contrasted vividly with the excitement of the other passengers, to whom the flight has been a thrilling adventure.

### "BREATH-TAKING."

Mrs. Constance Wolf, wife of Mr. Alfred Wolf, a Philadelphia lawyer, formerly Commissioner of Aviation there, said the flight had been a breath-taking thrill.

"It has been all the more exciting for me, because I fly my own seaplane at home, and this was superb," she said.

The other woman who made the flight was Mrs. Ogden Reid, wife of the Vice-President of the New York "Herald Tribune."

A picturesque figure was Mr. Eamon Carter, a Texas newspaper owner, who was an intimate friend of the late Will Rogers. Mr. Carter wore a white ten-gallon Texas hat and fancy high-heeled boots.

He greeted the waiting crowd at Foynes with a cheery "Top of the morning, you Irish folk."

Mr. Roy Howard, Chairman of Scripps-Howard newspaper combine, said that 12 years ago he was at a social function when the company

called a halt in the festivities to offer a prayer for Lindbergh, who was then making his sensational crossing of the Atlantic.

### THE OTHER PASSENGERS.

The other passengers in the Clipper included:—

Mr. Paul Patterson, Baltimore.

Mr. James Furey, Vice-President, United Press.

Mr. John Cowles, "Minneapolis Star."

Mr. Thomas Beck, Cowell Publishing Co.

Mr. S. Evans, Tennessee.

Mr. M. C. Meigo, Chicago.

Mr. Ogden Reid, "New York Herald-Tribune."

Passengers and crew were entertained by Mr. S. Leydon, Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce, on behalf of the Government.

### MAIL FOR IRELAND.

Mr. Leydon and Mr. R. Logan, general manager of Aer Lingus Teoranta, left in the Clipper for Southampton.

The Clipper landed at Foynes 3½ cwt. of mails for Ireland, and these were handled by a special staff from Limerick under the supervision of Mr. J. Anderson and Mr. D. J.oney.

## ROMANCE OF AN IRISHMAN IN BRITISH ARMY

FROM second-class boy, the lowest rank of the Royal Navy, to Major-General, is the remarkable record of Major-General Roland Le Fanu, late of the Leicestershire Regiment, who has just been appointed to command a Territorial Army Division.

Major-General Le Fanu is a member of a well-known Dublin family. He is a son of Mr. Henry Le Fanu, a Dublin man who had a distinguished career in the Indian Civil Service, and Mrs. Catherine Mary Le Fanu, sister of the late Sir John Moore. His grandfather was the late Rev. H. Le Fanu, Dublin.

Major-General Le Fanu is a cousin of Mr. Thomas Philip Le Fanu, of Abington, Bray, a former Commissioner of Public Works in Ireland.

### "THAT TIGER SAHIB."

The General's career reads like a page from a novel and is a record of brilliance, ability, courage, and tact. As an administrator his unusual methods led to a Government inquiry when he was a young man. This was at Bellary, India, where to-day they still speak in tones of awe of "that tiger sahib Le Fanu," who smashed graft, eradicated station and devised punishment for the erring which brought them to ridicule. The title "Tiger" referred to the nickname of his regiment, "The Tigers," and the silence with which he struck.

The result of the inquiry was an expression of appreciation by the Governor-General of India of "young Le Fanu's outstanding work in face of great difficulties."

He was brought by his father, who had original ideas on a boy's upbringing, from school in Germany when he was 14. Apprenticed as an engineer to a Glasgow firm, he later left to join the Navy. His father bought his discharge when he was 18 and an A.B.

### IN IRISH FUSILIERS.

Young Le Fanu then joined the Royal Irish Fusiliers, and had risen to the rank of corporal before being commissioned in the Leicestershire Regiment. With only 18 months' service as an officer he was appointed station officer and magistrate at Bellary, securing the appointment through the second junior officer of his battalion because he was the only one with a thorough knowledge of Urdu.

Stories of the General, who is a legendary figure in his regiment, are legion. Among them is a story of how in his younger days when he desired to improve his educational background he secured an appointment as assistant schoolmaster and spent his time teaching himself as well as his charges. Born in 1887, Major-General Le Fanu has been on Staff duty since 1917.

## HOLLAND SEEKS A GOVERNMENT

(Associated Press.)

The Hague, Sunday.

Dr. D. Koolen, Leader of the Catholic Party, was trying to-day to form a Netherlands Government on the urgent request of Queen Wilhelmina.

He was summoned to the Palace last night after Dr. Hendrikus Collin, the outgoing Premier, had informed the Queen that he was unable to form a Government. He resigned several days ago over the question of financing Holland's defence measures.

Nothing much is known by the public about Dr. Koolen. He has worked for the past ten years in the background of political life. Thirteen years ago he was a member of the Government. He is now a member of the Privy Council.

If he does not succeed in forming a Ministry it is possible that Dr. Collin will be invited to make another attempt.

## Girl's Risk In Home-made Diving Suit

**WALKING** along the banks of the Thames at Laleham, Middlesex, yesterday, 17-years-old Joyce Golding, of Oberstein Road, Battersea, heard a man ask for a woman volunteer to dive.

Donning a diving suit made out of an old oil drum and bits and pieces bought in engineers' shops, a garden hose serving as the air line, she entered the water with two bags filled with half a hundredweight of sand to keep her under.

She was walking on the bed of the river when one of the valves of the air-pump broke, and she had to be dragged out. She came up struggling for breath, having been down for about 10 minutes.

"My friends dared me to go in," Joyce said afterwards. "My ear drums felt as though they were going to burst. I was out to the full length of the air line when I noticed that the air supply in the helmet was slowing up and it was very difficult to breathe. I was feeling dizzy when there was a tug on the line, and I could feel that I was being dragged in."

Mr. George Wiltshire, of Twickenham, said: "I made the diving suit out of an old oil drum and bits and pieces I had bought in engineers' shops. The air line is a garden hose, and two bicycle pumps supply the air."

"Miss Golding was nearly 50 feet out in the river in a depth of about 10 feet when one of the valves of the air pump broke."