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TO WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND SUBSCRIBERS:

Readers of The Washington Merry-Go-Round were able to keep months ahead of the important news developments in Europe. As early as February 10 Pearson and Allen predicted that the military shake-up in Germany had brought war much closer and told how.

On February 22 The Merry-Go-Round, after describing Hitler's methods of enveloping Austria, predicted that "Czechoslovakia and the Russian Ukraine remain the next pieces to be fitted into Hitler's jig-saw puzzle." Again on March 17 The Merry-Go-Round predicted that "Hitler's next move will be toward Czechoslovakia."

On June 22 Pearson and Allen reported that Hitler was dickering to get the support of Hungary and Rumania in preparation for Germany's advance into Czechoslovakia. In August and September it will be recalled that Admiral Horthy visited Germany with other high Hungarian officials.

On August 4 The Merry-Go-Round described in detail how Hitler was preparing for a big putsch into Czechoslovakia; that all freight cars had been commandeered for military supplies; that underground airdromes had been built around the Czechoslovakian border and motorized transport concentrated there. The authors disclosed that Great Britain was backing down regarding any defense of Czechoslovakia, and that Germany was counting on this to avoid war. This story was published long before other commentators recognized the situation to be serious.

On August 17 The Merry-Go-Round revealed that Captain Wiedemann, military aide to Hitler, had dissuaded him from plunging into Czechoslovakia when the situation first became tense in June, by urging that he give time for British public opinion to become reconciled to the idea of a German Czechoslovakia, and revive the drive to Prague in the late summer.

Sincerely,

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