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TO WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND SUBSCRIBERS:

Here are some more notable scoops chalked up by The Washington Merry-Go-Round.

On <u>September 17</u> Pearson and Allen disclosed that the chief of the French Air Corps had gone to Germany, where he was "flabbergasted by Germany's air strength." General Vuillemon later reported to Premier Daladier, according to The Merry-Go-Round, that the Germans "must be making planes for export -- that they were manufacturing far too many for domestic use alone."

On <u>September 22</u> The New York Times, in a dispatch from its diplomatic correspondent in London, stated that the weakness of the French air force as compared to the German was the key to the French-British decision to abandon Czechoslovakia. Chamberlain, returning from his first conversation with Hitler, had asked the French point blank about their air corps and the French had admitted its weakness. "Weakness in the air forced Mr. Chamberlain to take a swift decision," according to the dispatch.

On <u>September 23</u> The Times correspondent in Berlin sent a somewhat similar message, reporting that the strength of the German air force was the determining factor in the Anglo-French backdown.

On August 24 Pearson and Allen reported that Donald W. Smith "will be reappointed" to the National Labor Relations Board "despite the truculent demands of federal moguls that he be bounced." On August 26, one day before Smith's appointment expired, the President announced his reappointment.

On <u>September 7</u> The Merry-Go-Round reported that "WPA will boost its payrolls, already at record highs, another notch this month." This was confirmed <u>September 8</u> when Harry Hopkins announced that work relief rolls "soared to a new high"; and that they "may continue to rise."

Sincerely,

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