

that it can make no change in the determination of the Reich Government to safeguard the interests of the Reich as stated in paragraph (5) above. Your assurance to the effect that in such an event you anticipate a long war is shared by myself. Germany, if attacked by England, will be found prepared and determined. I have already more than once declared before the German people and the world that there can be no doubt concerning the determination of the new German Reich rather to accept, for however long it might be, every sort of misery and tribulation than to sacrifice its national interests let alone its honour.

(7) The German Reich Government has received information to the effect that the British Government has the intention to carry out measures of mobilization which, according to the statements contained in your own letter, are clearly directed against Germany alone. This is said to be true of France as well. Since Germany has never had the intention of taking military measures other than those of a defensive character against England and/or France, and as has already been emphasized has never intended and does not in the future intend to attack England or France, it follows that this announcement as confirmed by you, Mr. Prime Minister, in your own letter, can only refer to a contemplated act of menace directed against the Reich. I therefore inform Your Excellency that in the event of these military announcements being carried into effect I shall order immediate mobilization of the German forces.

(8) The question of the treatment of European problems on a peaceful basis is not a decision which rests on Germany but primarily on those who, since the crime committed by the Versailles Dictate, have stubbornly and consistently opposed any peaceful revision. Only after a change of spirit on the part of the responsible Powers can there be any real change in the relationship between England and Germany. I have all my life fought for Anglo-German friendship, the attitude adopted by British diplomacy, at any rate up to the present, has, however, convinced me of the futility of such an attempt. Should there be any change in this respect in the future nobody could be happier than I.

ADOLF HITLER.

**(3) SUPPLEMENTARY VERBAL COMMUNICATION MADE BY HERR HITLER
TO SIR NEVILLE HENDERSON ON 25th AUGUST, 1939.**

The following is a translation of the text of a verbal communication made to Sir Neville Henderson by Herr Hitler at his interview on the 25th August.

By way of introduction the Fuhrer declared that the British Ambassador had given expression at the close of the last conversation to the hope that, after all, an understanding between Germany and England might yet be possible. He (the Fuhrer) had therefore turned things over in his mind once more, and desired to make a move as regards England which should be as decisive as the move as regards Russia which had led to the recent agreement. Yesterday's sitting in the House of Commons and the speeches of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax had also moved the Fuhrer to talk once more to the British Ambassador. The assertion that Germany affected to conquer the world was ridiculous. The British Empire embraced 40 million square kilometres, Russia 19 million square kilometres, America 9½ million square kilometres, whereas Germany embraced less than 60,000 square kilometres. It is "clear who it is who desires to conquer the world." The Fuhrer makes the following communication to the British Ambassador:—

(1) Poland's actual provocations have become intolerable. It makes no difference who is responsible. If the Polish Government denies responsibility that only goes to show that it no longer itself possesses any influence over its subordinate