

ITEM 1  
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Speculations of the Fuehrer:

- 1.) Does MUSSOLINI regard his work as completed or not?
  - a.) if yes, close future boundary of Czechoslovakka (West) then wait and see. "Return with empty pockets."
  - b.) if no, then "Imperium Africa." Impossible without German help. Cz. is a prerequisite. "Return with Cz. in pockets."
- 2.) MUSSOLINI, who is no sleepwalker, can definitely assess Germany's military potentialities. Therefore, he (Hitler?) will coordinate timing of objectives with him (MUSSOLINI?).
- 3.) Question Cz. can be settled against Grance and England only if alliance with Italy is kept up. France and England won't intervene. (Only this can the four-week re-grouping period be overcome.)
- (4) Common destiny (compare 1895 and 1806)
- 5.) State of Armament: comparisons are relative but the following factors are in our favor:
  - a. Production of iron ore: France -- 600,000 tons  
Germany -- 2 million tons
  - b. Britain has only been rearming for 9 months. Will take her 2 years to launch ships.
  - c. Obsolete air force equipment on part of enemy.
- 6.) No general staff discussions by the individual Wehrmacht commands. Permission which went to Ground Forces will have to be retracted. Only through High Command. Very important that actual intentions be kept secret.
- 7.) Arming progressing too slowly. Guns not only for activated outfits but also in reserve for replacement. Fortifications. Range of artillery.
- 8.) Exchange of officers -- doubtful whether advisable.

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