

ITEM 11

Berlin, 30 May 1938

"By order of the Supreme Commander of the Army, Part 2, Section II of the directive dated 24 June 1937 regarding general war preparations for the army and entitled "Two-Front*War with Center of Gravity South-East -- Assembly GREEN (Czechoslovakia) is to be replaced by the attached version. Its execution must be guaranteed by 1 October at the latest.

New versions for the remaining parts of the directives can be expected within the course of next week."

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II. TWO*FRONTAL WAR WITH THE SOUTHEAST AS CENTER OF GRAVITY
(Assembly "GREEN") (Czechoslovakia)

1. Political Prerequisites.

It is my unalterable decision to smash Czechoslovakia in the near future. To bring about the most opportune moment is the job of the political leaders.

Developments in Czechoslovakia or events in Europe may prompt me to act sooner than expected.

Preparations will begin immediately, keeping in mind that a wise choice of an opportune moment is the best guarantee for success.

2. Political Capabilities for the Commencement of the Action

Necessary prerequisites for the invasion are a suitable provocation and justification, and surprise action which will catch the enemy unprepared. The best thing is a swift retaliation ~~then~~ of a provoking incident which would justify Germany's military action to at least part of the world. But even after a period of tension, if that should occur, action should be swift so as to take the enemy unprepared.

3. Conclusions for the Preparation of Case GREEN (Czechoslovakia).

(Armed War)

Swift, surprise action is the thing. A military success must be achieved in the first four days; otherwise a European crisis will result.

(Propaganda War)

Czechoslovakia's defensive potential must be reduced by threats. German minorities are to be instructed to support the Armed War. Neutrals are to be influenced in our behalf. Further directives and the date will be issued by me.

Summary (cont)

4. Tasks of the Wehrmacht

The majority of all forces are to be used against Czechoslovakia. A minimum of forces are to be retained for securing the West and East frontiers. The South frontier is to be observed. The Army and the Luftwaffe are to attack at the same time, to allow the enemy the least time possible.

5. Missions of the Wehrmacht Commands

(Army)

Loss of time in troop movement must be minimized. Attack at numerous Czech defense points, and in strategic directions, so as to either break through or force surrender from the rear. Cooperation with other units is important. Frustrate Czech defense. Prevent Czech escape into Slovakia. Beat the Czech army and occupy Bohemia and Moravia at once. General observation and alertness with regard to the other frontiers of Germany.

(Air Forces)

The Air Forces will proceed "en Masse" to destroy the Czech Air Force and supply bases, cripple mobilization, government agencies and headquarters. Industrial installations are to be spared if possible. Retaliatory attacks against the population will be carried out only with my permission. Immediate inconspicuous work is to start to create centers of air defense over Berlin and the Ruhr.

(Navy)

The Navy will take part in the army operation by commitment of the DANUBE-flotilla, under the army command. Naval warfare will consist only of securing the North and Baltic seas against attack, and these measures at a minimum. It is of the utmost importance that all actions which might influence the attitude of the "Big Powers" unfavorably must be avoided.

6. Missions of the War Economy:

Increase of armaments and strengthening of economic power can be brought about by rapid rehabilitation of Czech industrial installations, not spared because of military expediency. This can be of decisive importance to us.

7. OKW will make all preparations for sabotage and insurrection, and will coordinate such procedures with the army and the Luftwaffe.

/s/ ADOLF HITLER