

ECONOMICS

In Sudeten, Germany Would Add to Raw Material Needs

Disputed Section Holds Important Industrial Plants But Depends for Food on Other Parts of Czech Nation

NAZI GERMANY, by incorporating within her borders the Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia, would add to her industrial plant heavy Sudeten industries of strategic importance but would at the same time render more acute her need for food and raw material imports, information supplied by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce indicated.

Principal prize would be the world-renowned Skoda munitions works, providing they are not dismantled or destroyed by angered Czechs before the territory is finally surrendered.

The Sudeten area is also noted as one of the important European textile centers. Other manufactures include a wide variety of light consumers' goods such as toys, novelties, imitation jewelry, glassware and porcelain.

The famous Czech shoe industry is not centered in the Sudeten area.

But since no raw materials to speak of are produced in this mountainous area, Germany would have to make addi-

tional imports or produce additional "ersatz" materials in order to keep the busy Sudeten factories running.

Further, the market for many of these products might be cut. For example, the anti-Nazi boycott in the United States, which has reached effective proportions, would doubtless be extended to include Nazi Sudeten products. Instead of the label, "Made in Czechoslovakia" they would have to bear the marking "Made in Germany."

Food for the four million inhabitants of the region is imported from nearby agricultural areas of Czechoslovakia, as not enough food for the four million is grown in Sudetenland. But with the Sudeten area made German an economic barrier would separate the Sudetens from their food supply.

A similar situation holds with regard to raw materials for the great Skoda works. Some iron is produced in Czechoslovakia, but that comes from the Slovakian districts.

Annexation of Sudetenland therefore

recalls German "anschluss" with Austria six months ago, when the Reich added within her borders a country that was an important industrial nation but was dependent upon the outside world for food supplies. Since provision of such foods as fats has been a pressing German problem for several years, and self-sufficiency in other food-stuffs has been attainable only with extreme difficulty, Nazi worries in this respect are increased.

Most of the textile plants in the Sudeten area are for making real, not synthetic fibers. Hence they are even now dependent upon foreign sources for raw materials such as cotton and wool. Nazi economists working under General Goering, administrator of Germany's economy, may expect difficulty in providing these plants with the necessary raw-stuffs. Foreign exchange for purchasing these supplies has until now not been a serious problem for the Czechs who have found a ready market for their goods. But it is a serious matter to Nazi Germany.

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ARCHAEOLOGY

Ancient American Wonder Gains Tourist Fame

AMERICANS are discovering one of the wonders of ancient America—the Great Serpent Mound in southern Ohio.

The mound is not new to archaeologists, nor to a good many other people, especially mid-westerners. But visiting it has been made "convenient and pleasant" by aid of an \$80,000 WPA and Ohio State project, and discovery on a large scale has begun. Some 100,000 roving Americans this summer have taken in the earthen curiosity, which one archaeologist informally calls "a good old antique." From now on, the Great Serpent is expected to become a standard sight.

The first white man who discovered the mound did not find it particularly convenient or pleasant. Who he was, nobody seems to know any longer. But word got around his neighborhood that over in the woods by the river was a queer winding bank of earth, probably something wild Indians built for defense.

Then came the archaeological team of Squier and Davis, studying Indian remains. One good look told them what the earthwork represented. It was a snake symbol, cleverly modeled in raised earth to wind along the high cliff by the river. Dimensions of the creature call for Hollywoodian adjectives. It is four



GREAT SERPENT MOUND

An air view of this archaeological site now available to tourists.