

MINISTERS RETURN LAUDING NAZI CHIEF

Convinced at Baptist Meeting in Berlin Hitler 'Getting Things Done.'

Two Baptist ministers of Little Rock came home last night from a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Berlin with a new and favorable impression of Adolf Hitler and his iron dictatorship of Germany.

The returned delegates are the Rev. Calvin B. Waller, pastor of the Second Baptist church, and the Rev. Otto Whittington, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church.

Their stay in Germany turned them from their prejudices against the dictator to pro-Hitler sympathies, both ministers said upon their arrival at the Missouri Pacific station at 10:50 last night.

"We found that the things we had read about Hitler were greatly exaggerated," Dr. Waller said. "The man is getting things done. The great majority of the people are for him. There may be trouble in Europe soon, but it will not arise from internal difficulties in Germany."

Prejudiced at First.

"We were rather strongly prejudiced against Hitler when we sailed for Europe," Dr. Whittington added, "but now we have switched over to the other side, and are convinced he knows what he is doing and has the German people solidly behind him."

Both ministers declared that the reports of religious persecution in Germany have been exaggerated.

"The Baptists in Germany told us they enjoy as great religious liberty now as they have ever enjoyed in Ger-

man history," Dr. Waller said.

"A Jewish rabbi assured us that reports going out of Germany regarding persecution of members of his faith were exaggerated," Dr. Whittington said. "Business men told us the Nazi action against Jews was less religious persecution than an attempt to break a strangle hold on German commerce by the Jews."

Austria Trouble Center.

The returned delegates were agreed that Austria is the "hot spot" of Europe now, and they believe that if international conflict starts again, it will arise in and over Austria and that that nation will be the scene of the conflict.

"Austria wants to retain her independence," Dr. Waller said, "and Italy means to see that she does, whereas Germany is anxious to extend Nazism into Austria and eventually to add her to Germany."

May Have Made Special Effort.

Dr. Whittington admitted that part of their favorable impression of Germany might have resulted from a special effort on the part of the Nazi regime to "put its best foot forward" for the benefit of so many visiting Americans.

"However, we agreed on the way over," he added, "to go behind any special front and find out for ourselves, independently of the government, what the people think of Herr Hitler."

"It is true that some of the German business leaders chose to support Hitler because they deemed his rule the lesser of two evils, the other alternative being Communism. They did not want that. And they are very well satisfied with their choice, apparently."

The ministers visited England, Germany, Holland, Austria, Italy, France and Switzerland during their 41-day trip.

Dr. Hunter Delayed.

Both Dr. Whittington and Dr. Waller will fill their respective pulpits today, but a third Little Rock pastor, the Rev. J. B. Hunter, of the Pulaski Heights Christian church, who had expected to address his congregation today for the first time in several months was delayed and will not reach Little Rock until late tonight. Dr. Hunter has been traveling in the Orient.

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