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Army story  
speech comments -  
page of pencils, power of Daniel Webster, humour of Roger Allen  
& spirit of Fred Wetmore.  
Hutcheon story -

Containment [Grand Rapids Speech] ca. 1948

1939

March - Hitler took over Czechoslovakia.

April - Hitler demanded

- 1) return of Danzig from Poland.
- 2) strip of land across Poland.

Russia - she needs plenty. Under circumstances make better basis for discussions on which peace can be built without agreement.

Germany - Too much stress on a rebuilding of G.  
To disadvantage of general European recovery.  
Favor loose grouping of G. states rather than a centralized state in western Europe. Ruhr under international control, Russia excluded.

Marshall Plan - approve with tight supervision. Aid threatened.  
Western union - close even backed by prestige + temporary resources of U.S.

Conclusion - Firm negotiation; containment of Russia with a drying of the communist pool inward; economic help to destitute Europe; adequate military preparedness.



1933

Japan into Manchuria

1937 League of Nations condemned Japan as a treaty breaking aggressor & expressed moral support of China. U.S. condemned Japan for breaking Nine Power treaty & Kellogg - Briand pact.

Italy into Ethiopia

1937

Dec. - Italy withdrew from League of Nations

1938

Feb - House of Commons approved Chamberlain's appeasement policy.

Mar - Hitler entered Austria

Aug - Sudetenland crisis (Czech)

France & Britain agree to support Czechs in case of German invasion.

Sept - Hitler demanded self determination for Sudeten

Chamberlain's trip to Berchtesgaden  
Premier Godza refused plebiscite

France & Britain recommend to Czechs that they surrender predominately German areas.  
Munich Pact.