

TURKISH STRENGTH IS CHECK ON NAZIS
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There was a full meeting of the National Assembly at Ankara to celebrate the 17th anniversary of the Turkish Republic. Independence Day is a national holiday; the Turks are naturally proud that their country's flag waves over a people revitalised since the republic came into being. Troops wore not ceremonial uniform but wartime dress as they paraded before the assembly while the foreign diplomats were arriving.

The British Ambassador Sir Knatchbull-Hugessen, accompanied by his wife,

The Nazi substitute for the absent Von Papen.

The American Ambassador.

The Assembly listened with approval as President Inonu declared that Turkey's ties with Great Britain were unbreakable.

Afterwards the President drove to Ankara racecourse to review the great Independence Day parade. Turkey stands in the path of any German ambitions in the East. She has been able to resist the diplomatic pressure of Von Papen because she has a strong army - a fact for which Britain can't be too thankful.

The senior scouts in the parade will be on military service before Independence Day next year.

Eyes turned skywards as the planes released parachute troops on to the racecourse. A parachute corps is now part of every large army.

Since these pictures were taken the Turks have rejoiced over the defeats that Britain and Greece have inflicted on Italy. Turkey, friendly and strongly armed, is an invaluable ally.

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