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TURKEY CELEBRATES.

Republican Day in Ankara is quite a diplomatic occasion.

The British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull Wiggleson, is followed by the Soviet Ambassador M. Vinogradov. Now the three bad marks brothers of the Axis - Japan; Italy (represented by Senor Octavia de Peppe) and finally, Hitler's stooge, Von Papen.

The arrival of the Turkish Premier, President Inonu signals the "stand-to" as representative detachments of the services prepare to pass in review. The 18th anniversary of the foundation of the Republic is a great National holiday in that country. First of all comes a fly-past by planes of the Turkish Air Force.

Now a display of Mass parachute jumping.

Turkish troops wear British-type steel helmets. An Army which will be greatly strengthened by President Roosevelt's decision to bring Turkey under the benefits of the Lease Lend act.

Next a column of mechanised troops and artillery - all the paraphernalia of a nation wondering whether it will have to be used. The Turkish Army still retains a number of cavalry units, and as they ride by we can't help wondering what is going on in the minds of those six men we saw arriving.