

Telegram

from 'C' to his
representative at
The Hague.

In the event of the German representatives enquiring whether you have had a reply to the questions which you said at your last meeting you would refer to H.M.G., you should inform them as follows (not, however, handing them anything in writing):-

Whether Hitler remains in any capacity or not (but of course more particularly if he does remain) this country would have to see proof that German policy had changed direction.

But it is only fair to say that it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to convince people in this country that a change of régime in Germany, which left Hitler in office, was a genuine change.

In any case, not only would Germany have to right the wrongs done in Poland and Czechoslovakia, but she would also have to give pledges that there would be no repetition of acts of aggression.

It is difficult to see what pledge would be convincing short of a renunciation by Germany of her power to pursue the policy she has followed in recent years. There would have to be practical proposals for cooperation with other countries in the peaceful rebuilding and development of Europe and a reversal of the policy whereby German effort is devoted primarily to the maintenance of
overwhelming ...

Does "pledges" mean
"gases" - a merely
bit of paper?

Physical or verbal?