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## Agreement Reached in Berlin, Momentous Conversations

**Simon and Hitler Confer  
In Berlin; Momentous  
Conversations on Peace  
and Security; Offer of  
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BERLIN, March 26—A nine-hour conference between Adolf Hitler, Sir John Simon and Anthony Eden broke up last night with everybody smiling cordially and with an agreement reached, the Associated Press was informed by an authoritative source, on three important points.

1.—The British envoys promised Hitler Britain will no longer insist upon the mutual assistance feature of the proposed eastern security pact.

2.—On Germany's part, Hitler gave solemn assurance his nation does not have the faintest intention of ever attacking Russia. He said this after insisting Germany will stand pat on demands for a big army and navy in order to defend Europe from Russian bolshevism.

3.—He further stated Germany is ready to enter a treaty of amity and friendship with Lithuania, provided that country lives up to the terms of the Memel statute which guarantees certain rights to German minorities.

These were understood to be the concrete results of the first day of conversations which diplomats agree may mean peace or war to Europe.

Today the discussions will continue, focussing around the questions of Germany's re-entry into the League of Nations, German rearmament and the European air pact proposed in the Anglo-French agreement reached in London.

Both sides seemed pleased with the results of the day's work.

Six persons were present during the conversations. Besides Hitler and the two British envoys were Ambassador Phipps, Baron Konstantin von Neurath, the German foreign minister, and General Joachim von Ribbentrop, Hitler's special diplomatic expert.

Instead of going first into the broad general questions, both sides agreed to tackle first a problem in which Britain is least interested territorially—the proposed eastern Locarno pact. This is France's pet project.

Germany's Aversion

It was understood Hitler expounded his views on this regional pact and expressed his aversion to anything that might engage Germany in a military way.

Sir John was obviously pleased at Hitler's assurance of intention's toward Russia. Earlier Hitler had insisted, it was understood, on a big army and navy for Germany in order to defend Europe from communism.

During the talks another question in which Great Britain is not primarily interested was discussed, that of the proposed Danubian pact on Austria. Whether an agreement was reached on this was not disclosed by the informant of the Associated Press, but Hitler is known to have insisted

## Cheaper Liquor Kills Bootlegging

It will be good news to the purchasers of liquor in this province, whether they wish it for medicinal purposes or as a beverage, to know that the prices are to be reduced. The action of the Federal Government at Ottawa in reducing the import customs duty and excise charges on spirituous liquors as announced by Hon. E. N. Rhodes in his budget speech will meet with the general approval of every person except the extremist and the bootlegger. It is to be hoped that our Provincial Liquor Commission will favorably consider the matter of making a downward revision of prices in the general stock of liquors, wines and beers and to pass these reductions along to the purchaser. This was the intention of the reduction made in connection with the budget.

Almost everyone will agree that the present system of handling the liquor in this province is the best one that we have ever had. Those of us who have seen the province at different times under license; Scott Act; so-called prohibition, and under the present system cannot help but notice the improvement. Of course, there are those who would like to see the old bars at which liquor was dished out at all hours of the day and night by the glass to those who could not afford to purchase it and beer by the can to women who sent four-year-old girls and boys for it. It was sold by a few men who made all the money out of the traffic. These kind of people would like to see the bars back again. We believe, thank God, that this will never happen. Others would like to see a return to "prohibition," which did not prohibit. As long as they thought they had PROHIBITION IN PRINCIPLE ONLY THEY WERE SATISFIED. WHETHER IT WAS PROHIBITION IN A PRACTICAL WAY DID NOT MATTER. These well-meaning but impractical people were fooled because there NEVER WAS PROHIBITION. The strongest supporters of that form of handling the liquor traffic were the bootleggers on the Northumberland Straits and the North Shore, who made fortunes out of smuggling liquor into every town in this province, including Fredericton, under "prohibition." We have seen them bring it in by the boat load dozens of times under the prohibition era. These bootleggers were willing to chip in any amount of graft to have prohibition continue in New Brunswick. They have told us so. It killed their business to a certain extent when the present Liquor Control system was introduced. The reducing of the import and excise charges will further kill the bootleg business. But it is up to the Provincial Liquor Control Board, now in session, or to be in session, to revise their prices DOWNWARD CONSIDERABLY and thus further block the bootlegger who, while he has his wings clipped, can still be found. There is no reason that has been given to the public why different brands of liquor and beer should be so much higher in New Brunswick than it is in the neighboring Province of Quebec under a similar system. The duty, import, or excise should not effect the prices as between the two provinces, but our liquor cost us more and has cost us more in Fredericton or Saint John than it has in Montreal or Quebec. WHY? Perhaps now that the revision downwards is to be made it will be made to an extent that will be satisfactory to the consumers and within closer reach of poor people who have to have liquor for medicinal prices.

In the opinion of the majority of the general public today our present system is the best that has as yet been introduced for handling liquor. The Liquor Control Board is composed of men who are above reproach, and who are doing their best to carry out the law and control the sale of liquor. But the GENERAL OPINION ALSO IS THAT THE PRICE IS TOO HIGH and that this is the only fly in the ointment.

A sharp revision downward in prices has got to come about if the Commission is to remain popular and to accomplish the object for which it was established—the proper control and sale of liquor.

fervently that no third powers must interfere if two German-speaking nations on both sides of the boundary line wish to compose their differences. Der Fuehrer was said to have insisted upon a German navy capable of controlling the Baltic Sea, with a good sized air fleet as well, talking as if his regenerated army was an accomplishment. (Continued on Page Four)

## CONTRACT ON SOVIET TIMBER IS ARRANGED

LONDON, England, March 26—Timber Distributors Limited and the Russian authorities have arranged a contract which calls for a maximum importation of Soviet timber without the "fall" clause, but with a reduction of scheduled prices. Should the reduction involve anything approaching 22 shillings and six pence named in the "fall" clause it is certain that Canadian representatives will object as strongly as they did to the clause and on the same grounds.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, March 25—Sir George Clark, former chairman of the Great Northern Railway of Ireland, died Saturday at the age of 74.

## KING'S POWER NOT DOMINION'S LEGAL RIGHT

**Royal Prerogative En-  
ters Canadian Coal  
Case Appeal**

LONDON, England, March 25—Removal of the royal prerogative was one of the things never within the competence of the Dominions' Parliaments, argued Wilfred Greene, as the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council continued hearing of a petition for leave to appeal from Canadian Criminal court decisions.

Greene has been presenting the case for five Canadian coal companies, convicted an fined for operating an alleged illegal combine, since the start of the week.

The Statute of Westminster, counsel continued, removed certain letters from the legislative powers vested in the Dominions, respecting matters previously within their competence, but it had not extended competence to the Dominions to legislate on matters regarding which they previously had no power.

He is contesting the Canadian Government's stand that the Statute of Westminster enabled the amendment to the Criminal Code which purported to abolish the right of appeal to the Privy Council in criminal cases.

"Anything done by a Dominion cannot affect the King's power to hear any of his subjects", he added.

Lord Sankey, the Lord Chancellor, asked what effect he would give to the Balfour declaration about autonomous communities, a declaration, which preceded by years the Statute of Westminster legalizing Dominion equality with the United Kingdom under the Crown.

"That was a declaration in political language and cannot help us in dealing with the purely legal effect of an act of Parliament", replied Greene.

The Lord Chancellor said it had raised hopes in the Dominions that legislative powers would follow as a necessary consequence. The hearing was adjourned until March 28.

## SURGERY BY CAPTAIN SAVES SAILOR'S LIFE

HALIFAX, N. S., March 26—Removed from Camp Hill hospital, Olaf Eickland, 11 year old Norwegian seaman, sailed for his homeland in the grip of a severe affliction. Late last January, Eickland was one of the central figures in a dramatic epic of the sea. At that time the stricken man was chief engineer on the oil tanker Solitaire and while 300 miles at sea off Halifax submitted to a major operation, performed with expert precision by the master of the vessel, Captain George Anderson.

When his engineer was taken ill, Captain Anderson reached a swift and accurate decision and, using morphine to deaden the pain, performed an operation, later proclaimed by physicians as a brilliant medical feat, and which saved the man's life.

On the arrival of the tanker at Halifax, Eickland was transferred to the hospital.

## Woman in Capsized Barge For 36 Hours

BATUM, Georgia, U. S. S. R., March 26—A woman who lived for 36 hours inside an overturned barge after three of its crew of four drowned was rescued when the barge was towed into port here Thursday.

Port workers, ignorant that she was still alive, heard her pounding on the walls of the tiny compartment in which she was imprisoned and cut into the hull to free her. The compartment was partly filled with water.

## Radio Priest's Hit At Jews Resented

## MONTREAL COUPLE INCLUDED IN SPY RING

**Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin  
Bercowitz Among 19  
Defendants in French  
Court.**

PARIS, France, March 26—Counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bercowitz of Montreal was over-ruled by the court yesterday when he asked a public reading of the history of Soviet spying in France, as the trial of the Bercowitizes and 19 other defendants on espionage charges got under way. Andre Berthon, attorney for the naturalized Canadians who are natives of Rumania, claimed the alleged espionage had taken place before France and Russia reached their present stage of friendly relations. The evidence lawyer also said that the former military attache of the Czechoslovakian Legation was likewise implicated.

Robert Gordon Switz of East Orange, New Jersey, alleged co-leader with Bersowitz, and his wife were the first to be interrogated. All have been in jail for many months, and two of the women defendants were allowed to hold babies born to them while in imprisonment.

Switz claimed he had entered into the alleged spy ring's activities merely for counterespionage purposes on behalf of France. Both he and his wife, who was more plump but less pert than when the couple was arrested 15 months ago, repeated in court confessions police claimed they had previously made, implicating the others.

## U. S. Revenues Soar Heavily in March

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26—Federal income tax collectors in the first 20 days of March reached \$270,935,659, a gain of 32 per cent, over the same period of last year, the Treasury reported.

Total Government revenues in the first 20 days of March amounted to \$473,754,208, compared with \$346,759,266 in the first 20 days of March, 1934.

Both income tax collections, and other revenues threatened to break depression records during the current month.

The heavy income tax collections, most of which were for the calendar year 1934, were attributed to higher business activity and changes in income tax laws.

## Hatless in Cuba, Lodged in Jail

SANTIAGO, Cuba, March 26—Several persons were in jail here today for violating military orders by appearing on the streets without hats.

## It Is Claimed That Fath- er Coughlin's Speeches Are Dangerously Near Anti-Semitic in Impli- cations.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 26—Declaring Father Coughlin's radio speeches are dangerously anti-Semitic in their implications, wittingly or no, and if left unchallenged by the Jews might lead to a situation paralleling that of Nazi Germany. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise yesterday lashed out in a verbal attack upon the Detroit "Radio Priest."

In an address at Carnegie Hall, which was broadcast nationally, Rabbi Wise took issue to statements by Father Coughlin which he interpreted as meaning the Jews are responsible for the banking ills of this country.

"I ask the distinguished radio priest", declared Rabbi Wise, "whether he desires to make himself responsible for a terrible anti-Semitic or anti-Jewish outbreak in America. I do not, I cannot believe that he wills to accept the responsibility".

Rabbi Wise specifically disagreed with Father Coughlin's naming of six international bankers as responsible for the floating of foreign loans, five of whom are Jewish.

## Question Facts

"What are the facts?" stated Rabbi Wise. "Six bankers are named . . . Rothschild, Kuhn Loeb, Warburg, Larare Freres, Bernard Baruch and the House of Morgan. Among the banking houses responsible for foreign loans, Kuhn Loeb is the only Jewish banking house and they are eighth on the list, and their loans total less than 3 per cent of foreign loans made by American bankers.

"The House of Morgan loaned more than 20 per cent of foreign loans outstanding today. I am not a banker or an economist, but I have made careful inquiry and these are the facts and Father Coughlin I am sure will be just as generous to reconsider and restate them".

The celebrated rabbi emphasized at the start he was not accusing Father Coughlin of being anti-Semitic.

## New Archbishop of Westminster

VATICAN CITY, March 26—Most Rev. Monsignor Arthur Hinsley was today appointed Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding the late Francis Cardinal Bourne.

The new English Catholic Archbishop was born at Selby, England, in 1865 and educated at the English College in Rome. From 1899 to 1904 he was headmaster of old St. Bede's Grammar School, Bradford, and then became pastor of Sutton Park and Sydenham. From 1917 to 1929 he was rector of the English College here, then serving four years as apostolic delegate in Africa. Since last year he had been canon of the Patriarchal Basilica of St. Peter's here.

## MAN'S CONTROL OVER FRIEND WIFE ONLY A THEORY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

LONDON, March 26—Even the law admits that a man's control over his wife is largely a theory.

A man was brought up at Leeds bankruptcy court because his wife contracted debts without his knowledge.

"Any blame there is," said Judge Woodcock delivering judgment against the man, "can only be because the debtor has not exercised that control over his wife, which theoretically, the

law expects a man to do, and which in practice the law knows perfectly well in nine cases out of ten a man has no power to exercise."

The judge said, moreover, that in such case a man was more to be pitied than blamed. It is indeed an anomalous position to expect a man to control his wife in law when even the church no longer insists that she contracts to "obey" him, the court observed.