

CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA WERE NEVER VERY POPULAR

Might Is Not Right Says Acting Premier Stanisaukis Of Kaunas

Lithuania Fears Greater Menace of Second German Coup In Sea Port

CABINET COLLAPSED OVER WEEK-END

Resignation Held Over Until Return of The Premier From Switzerland

(Special to The Daily Mail) LITHUANIA, March 21—The Cabinet has collapsed and their resignation tendered to the President is being held until the return from Switzerland of the Premier who was absent from his country during the crisis of the week-end when Poland's ultimatum and its conditions were accepted.



PREMIER MILAN HODZA over the week-end told a crowded, cheering Chamber of Deputies that Czechoslovakia was determined to defend its sovereignty, its boundaries and its independence. It is also willing, however to reach an understanding with Germany, "one the basis of absolute equality," he declared. Tumultuous applause greeted his defiant speech.

KAUNAS, Lithuania, March 21—Lithuania surrender in advance Saturday to the Polish bayonets on her border, yielding to Poland's ultimatum to prevent blood spilling. Her Parliament, in a special session heard the government announce it had been "forced" to extend its unwilling hand in diplomatic "friendship." The decision was received in stony silence by the House. But the legislators had no alternative except to endorse the government's compliance with Poland's terms—an exchange of ministers by March 31 and re-establishment of rail, air, postal and other relations. Lithuania's forced friendship ended a feud of 18 years in which neither country had diplomatic or other relations with the other.

The issue came to a crisis after a Polish guard was killed March 11 on the armed frontier between the neighbors. Poland insisted border friction be ended and declared the only possible way was unconditional acceptance of her ultimatum.

A wave of bitterness spread through the little Baltic country. Despite government efforts to calm the nation and suppress demonstrations, the settlement increased bitter anti-Polish feeling.

Lithuanians generally believed they had been forced to choose between two evils. They regarded acceptance of the ultimatum as a surrender to Polish threats of invasion behind which lurked the greater menace of a German coup in Memel, Lithuania's seaport.

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POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR RETIRED TORY LEADER IS NOT COMMITTAL

M. A. MacPherson Believed to Prefer Private to Public Life

REGINA, March 21—There is a quiet, slightly-built man in this city who left his father's farm many years ago to become one of the outstanding lawyers and public men of Western Canada, who may be called upon to leave his practice and fill the shoes of Right Hon. R. B. Bennett when the latter definitely steps down as Conservative Leader.

He is Murdoch A. MacPherson, K. C., one-time farm boy, school teacher, law student, struggling barrister and war veteran. Regina and Swift Current which know him well, believe he dislikes the idea of leaving private life once more and plunging into the whirlpool of politics. He did it once before. At one time he was Attorney-General and Provincial Treasurer in the Anderson Government of Saskatchewan and again as chief organizer under the Federal

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ESTIMATED SPAN OF LIFE HIGHEST IN CANADA

(Special to The Daily Mail) OTTAWA, March 21—Statistics show that a five year old boy living in Canada has an average chance to live to sixty-two years of age. In Great Britain the five year old boy has an estimated chance to live to the age of sixty, while in United States this chance is fifty-nine.

GREAT BRITAIN & U. S. TO INTERVENE MEXICAN OIL COUP

LONDON, March 21—The British Oil industry, informed sources said today, will reply to Mexico's expropriation of foreign interests by a boycott of Mexican oil, designed to make it extremely difficult for the Mexican Government to market its product. It was pointed out that the biggest single factor in marketing Mexican oil is the great Canadian Eagle tanker fleet, which is a "twin" enterprise of Mexican Eagle Oil. It operates 29 vessels.

Withdrawal of the Canadian Eagle fleet alone, it was contended, would completely disorganize the Mexican oil situation. It would take the Mexican government months to reorganize it, during which the condition of the oil workers would become worse.

Rev. Dr. Milligan's Departure

AT St. Dunstan's Church this evening Rev. Dr. J.H. Milligan will bid farewell to the congregation which he has served as curate and as assistant pastor for fourteen years. Rev. Dr. Milligan has endeared himself to St. Dunstan's congregation and has also made hosts of friends amongst the clergymen and members of all denominations in the city. He has done splendid work at St. Dunstan's Church and has done it often under trying conditions, but Dr. Milligan has stood the test. He has been an energetic worker and was ever ready day or night to answer the calls which were made upon him by the congregation. He has always been a man whom one was able to approach and be received with courtesy and was always ready to lend a sympathetic ear to those who required his advice. In this he followed the footsteps of the Master whom he had sworn to serve.

In addition to his duties connected with St. Dunstan's Church, Dr. Milligan took an active interest in community affairs which did not come within the scope of his church duties. He took a prominent interest in Boy Scout and Girl Guide activities and lent his assistance in all that was for the good of the community. A few years ago Rev. Dr. Milligan and Rev. Dr. George E. Ross of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church arranged an interchange of social gatherings between the men of St. Dunstan's Church and of St. Andrew's Church. These gatherings were much appreciated by the men of both denominations. In a time like this when the world is faced with so many ills some of which are aimed at the destruction of Christianity, it behooves Christians of all denominations to stand shoulder to shoulder for the common good, otherwise serious results may come. Clergymen like Rev. Dr. Milligan, who whilst not sacrificing their own religious principles can see the good in their brother men and are willing to work side by side to promote Christianity will prevent the inroads of those who would like to destroy Christianity.

Whilst citizens of Fredericton as a whole will regret the departure of Rev. Dr. Milligan, they will be glad to know that his departure means a promotion for him and puts him in a line of work for which he is especially qualified. Dr. Milligan a few years ago took a special course in Rome and received the degree of Doctor of Canon Law. His work as Chancellor of the Diocese of Saint John and Judge of Matrimonial cases will practically make him legal advisor of the Diocese insofar as questions relating to the rules of the Church are concerned. The position of Chancellor of the Diocese is an important one and puts Dr. Milligan in close touch with the headquarters of Ecclesiastical affairs of his church. Those who know Dr. Milligan will have no hesitation in believing that he is a competent man for the position and will wish him every success in his new field of labor.

Vagabond Ships Will Sail In Summer From Montreal

HALIFAX, N. S., March 21—The passenger-carrying freighter "Chomedy" Canadian National Steamships, arrived at this port Saturday evening with passengers returning from a vagabond "round voyage" to the West Indies and British Guiana. Passengers on board included Mr. and Mrs. G. Massiah, Montreal, Que. Mr. and Mrs. W. Lambton, Three Rivers, Que., Colonel M. M. Dillon of London, and Mrs. Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Allan, Mrs. A. Grunsten, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jackson, Mrs. W. Schneider, all of Toronto, Ont. Prof. D. Jones, Guelph, Ont. Mrs. R. Van Wagener, Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. F. Remington, Bridgewater, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. F. Merchant, Sydney, N.S. and Mrs. F. Smith, Granville Ferry, N. S.

The "Chomedy" will sail from Halifax on April 2 on another vagabond "round voyage" to the West Indies and British Guiana which will be her last sailing from this port, for the season. On her northbound voyage the "Chomedy" will proceed up the St. Lawrence to Montreal and will make that port her calling terminal for arrival and departure during the summer season. The "Chomedy" will be followed from Halifax by the "Colborne", her sister ship in these Vagabond round voyages, on April 16 which will be her last sailing from that port, she like the "Chomedy", making Montreal her port of arrival and departure in Canada for the summer season. The "Colborne" is due at Halifax or Saint John on April 4 next.

BERLIN PREPARES FOR PLEBISCITE OF APRIL TENTH

BERLIN, March 21—German officials were occupied in oiling the machinery for the April plebiscite on Austrian-German union and in aligning Austrian interests with those of the fatherland over the week-end.

It was announced Reichsfuehrer Hitler had appointed Wilhelm Keppler economic adviser and his go-between with the Austrian government in the critical hours before its capitulation, as state secretary for special assignment in the Foreign Office.

The campaign for the April 10 plebiscite, when the new Reichstag for Greater Germany also will be elected, is considered certain to show almost 100 per cent approval of Hitler's absorption of his native land.

Germany's immediate plans regarding Czechoslovakia with her 3,500,000 Germans remained a moot issue.

Czech authorities, in what are taken here as efforts to forestall any and den action such as Hitler took in Austria, have been hastening to soothe the feelings of Germans within their republic.

It was believed doubtful whether the Germans in Czechoslovakia will state they are satisfied unless Hitler should give them the word to do so.

Some influential circles felt that Hitler was in no immediate hurry regarding Czechoslovakia because he was represented as believing it was a matter which could be settled in due time after Austria has been assimilated fully.

AUSTRIAN SEIZURE IS DEEMED ILLEGAL BY WASHINGTON

U. S. Government Refuses to Recognize Changed Status

WASHINGTON, March 21—Secretary of State Cordell Hull indicated today that the United States would not, for the present at least, recognize the legality of Germany's annexation of Austria.

The indication came after Austrian Minister Edgar Prochnik had advised Hull that the affairs of the Austrian legation have been absorbed by the German Embassy.

Hull indicated that the State Department would treat the German Embassy as the representative mission of Austria but would go no further toward recognizing the union.

Hull said this Government would handle in a practical manner the mechanics of legal and commercial intercourse between Austria and the United States but indicated that this did not involve the larger question of the legality of the union of the two countries. Hull said the developments in Austria were a matter of serious concern to the Government of the United States.

He indicated that recognition of the German Embassy's assumption both of property and the duties of the Austrian legation here was a mere matter of mechanics and did not affect the larger issues.

Fair Wage Board Announces Printers Return To Work

QUEBEC CITY, March 21—An agreement has been reached between the International Typographical Union and employers of their 300 odd members in Quebec district whereby the printers will return to work with a 44-hour week and under arbitration their demand for increased wages.

Walkout of the printers on Friday forced five daily newspapers to suspend regular publication and left idle the presses in a half dozen printing shops in Quebec and Levis.

Gosselin said that the agreement to return to their jobs with their work week cut from 48 to 44 hours was reached last night after hours of conferences between the union men, the printing shop operators and representatives of L'Evenement and Le Journal, Quebec morning newspapers, Le Soleil and The Chronicle-Telegraph, evening papers, and Le Quotidien de Levis, all affected by the walkout. The announcement was made by the Fair Wage Board inspector.

Repairs Disused Railway Between Poland And Czechoslovakia

(Special to The Daily Mail) WARSAW, March 21—Poland has started to repair the disused railway which runs between Poland and Lithuania. This railroad has not been used since diplomatic relations were severed between the two countries after the conclusion of the World War eighteen years ago.

CANBERRA, March 21—The Defense Minister, Hon. H. V. C. Thornby, announces that establishment of obligatory military service may be considered by the Australian Government. It was predicted that a British cruiser will be purchased to secure prompt delivery than would be possible if an earlier plan to build a new Australian cruiser were carried out.

LONDON, March 21—A joint manifesto urging the capital's active enrolment in the campaign for 1,000,000 anti-aircraft defence volunteer workers was issued today by Sir Harry Twyford, Lord Mayor of London, and the 28 borough mayors. One hundred thousand volunteers, 20,000 of them women, are needed for London's defence plans.

Great Britain Signs New Trade Pact With Italy Effective Mch. 28

Increase 27 Per Cent. Export Goods to Italy, Settlement Debts Due to British Colonies

SECOND TREATY SINCE SANCTIONS

New Treaty Provides For Coal Exports To Italy To Value of \$3,750,000



CHRISTIAN RAKOVSKY, one-time Russian Ambassador to Paris and London, who testified as one of 21 defendants charged with treason in the Moscow trials, that he admitted his treachery against the Stalin regime after he had become convinced a successful Trotskyist plot would lead Russia to Fascism. It has since been reported that Rakovsky was shot with the rest of them.

LONDON, March 21—Great Britain and Italy yesterday entered into a new trade agreement to become effective March 28.

The pact, signed at the Foreign Office, provides for an increase of about 27 per cent in British goods to be sold to Italy over the old quota fixed in 1936.

Provision was made for settlement within six months of old trade debts due from Italy to Newfoundland, Burma and the Colonial Empire.

The commercial agreement provides for continuation of the existing quota for Newfoundland codfish and stock fish.

It was the second agreement between the two nations since the declaration of sanctions against Italy during the Ethiopian war cut Anglo-Italian trade.

A clearing agreement was also signed, effective March 28. It was explained the latter was not connected with plans for Anglo-Italian negotiations on large issues.

Britain's textile quota was increased from 18,000,000 lire (about \$945,000) to 24,000,000 lire (about \$1,200,000) a year. Cotton, linen, hemp and jute were increased from 50 to 70 per cent of the lire value of the 1934 trade.

Italy last year bought less than 30 per cent of the amount of textiles she obtained from Britain in 1934.

The clearing agreement increased payments for current exports to Italy from 70 to 87 per cent.

PARIS, March 21—Cancellation of the scheduled official visit of the German cruiser Emden to France's Mediterranean naval base at Toulon was announced.

The Emden would have been the first German warship to visit a French naval base officially since the outbreak of the Great War.

THREE NURSES TO DRAW SWEEP-STAKE TICKETS

(Special to The Daily Mail) DUBLIN, March 21—Three Irish nurses will draw the tickets in the sweepstake for which five million tickets have been sold. Four thousand tickets will be chosen.

CERTAIN COMPENSATIONS MIGHT OFFSET CZECH FRIENDSHIP FOR SOVIET

Collision Is Fatal To Two U. S. Airmen

MANILA, March 21—Two United States Army observation planes locked wings in mid air near Fort Stotsenburg today and crashed killing two fliers and injuring a third. Second-Lieut. William McBee and Private Nordquist were killed.

Son Of Al Smith Behind In Alimony

ROME, N. Y., March 21—Alfred E. Smith, Jr., son of New York's former Governor, was under subpoena to show cause before Justice James Cross here today why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court because of alleged alimony arrears of \$800.

GIBRALTAR, March 21—The combined Home and Mediterranean British Fleets returned here today at the conclusion of the second phase of manoeuvres in the Atlantic.

Little Republic at Present In Mood For Compromise

PRAHA, March 21—Adolf Hitler was said by diplomatic sources today to have demanded that Czechoslovakia abandon her military alliance with Soviet Russia—but the Czech government showed no indication it would comply unless certain compensations were offered.

Hitler's demand was said to have constituted his basic condition for talking terms with the little republic now two thirds surrounded by the expanded Reich.

Czechoslovakia's existence virtually rests on her alliances with Russia and France, apart from reliance on her own military resources. The Russian alliance never has been extremely popular, and if Germany offers good compensation, political circles believe there might be some reorganization of Czech policy. Hitler's long-expected move came as the Czech government capitulated to another German demand.

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