

# FRANCE MAY JOIN GREAT BRITAIN IN POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH ITALIAN GOV'T

## France Also Considers Plan Of Friendship Policy With Mussolini

Joint Conciliation Better Solidarity Rather Than Isolation

MORE ARMAMENT EXPENDITURE  
French Foreign Minister Sees Wisdom In His

Resignation From Post

PARIS, Feb. 23—As the least of two evils, France, it has been reported, may join Great Britain in a course of friendship with Italy.

Yvon Delbos, addressing the Chamber of Deputies foreign affairs committee after the cabinet approved a five-year plan to strengthen national defences, said the government might seek reconciliation with Italy on two conditions:

1. That the League of Nations must recognize Italian sovereignty in Ethiopia before France would take such action.

2. That Italy retire her volunteer troops from Spain.

These were approximately the same conditions Prime Minister Chamberlain specified for Britain's reconciliation with Italy.

"France envisages the opening of conversations with Italy of the same nature as those to be opened by England," deputies quoted Delbos as saying, since "certain guarantees" have been made for recognition of Ethiopia and withdrawal of volunteers from Spain.

A foreign affairs committee communiqué quoted Delbos as saying "Franco-British solidarity must remain just as close and just as confident as in the past."

At the same time, Delbos assured left-wing elements that the "government, faithful to our alliances and to the League covenant, does not renounce in any way the work of restoring collective security."

"It hopes that public opinion will not give way to inconsidered nervousness and that the country understands the necessity for discipline and union."

In reply to Communist members of the committee who expressed fear



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Mr. Chamberlain meant to conclude an accord between France, Great Britain, Germany and Italy—leaving Soviet Russia out in the cold—Delbos said he "understood" that any accord would be "open to all."

The French cabinet, alarmed over Great Britain's abrupt change in foreign policy and Germany's growing might in Central Europe, approved a five-year plan to strengthen the air corps and navy.

Cabinet ministers voted in favor of a bill submitted by War Minister Etienne Dailly to expend 12,000,000,000 francs (\$39,800,000) for ad-

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## York - Carleton Regimental Band

ACCORDING to militia orders received from headquarters at Saint John, the Saint John Militia Band will come here tomorrow to take part in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Legislature. This is an evidence of how Fredericton has in recent years diminished both as a military and a militia station. Years ago the old Royal Canadian Regiment was stationed in this city, as companies of this regiment are stationed now in different capitals throughout the Dominion. A big mistake was made twenty odd years ago when the Government of that day was allowed to remove without strenuous protest the Royal Canadian Regiment from this city.

For many, many years Fredericton was the headquarters of the 71st Battalion and of the York Regiment. This regiment had attached to it the Regimental Band. This band has in recent years been officially abandoned. In fact there is no such a thing now as the York Regiment. It is the York-Carleton Regiment, with its commanding officer at St. Stephen and its headquarters at Woodstock. The band of this regiment is the former band of the Carleton Light Infantry at Woodstock. While this is not a Fredericton band it is the official band of the York-Carleton Regiment and it has the name of being a good band. Why the military authorities stationed at Saint John have seen fit to ignore the claims of the York-Carleton Regiment Band, and to send to the opening of the Legislature here the Saint John band does not seem to be the proper thing, and whilst militia officers in this district are naturally loath to discuss the matter as it does not seem to be good militia ethics, others who are members of the regiment do not hesitate to express the opinion that the York-Carleton Regimental Band should not have been ignored.



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## C. N. R. MANAGER ABLE TO RESUME DUTIES AT HUB

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MONCTON, Feb. 23—W. U. Appleton, Regional Vice-President and General Manager, Canadian National Railways here, who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks, has now recovered and is able to resume duty. He was at his desk today.

## Czechoslovakia Closely Watching Germany

CZECHOSLOVAKIA, OMF W (Special to The Daily Mail)  
PRAHA, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 23—Alarm and indignation spread through the Czechoslovakia Parliament today when a Sudeten German deputy challenged the republic to "go on persecuting us" but be prepared to accept the consequences.

The deputy was Gustav May, a representative of the German minority included within Czechoslovakia's borders when the republic was created after the war.

## CHINESE PLANES FLEW OVER FORMOSA, SEV. DIE

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
TOKYO, Feb. 23—The first time in a century an enemy air squadron has attacked Japan. Seven Chinese planes flew over Formosa killing several people, there being many casualties.

## IRELAND AND GREAT BR. RESUMING RELAT.

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 23—Great Britain and Ireland are resuming relations after the recent Cabinet crisis. Premier Neville Chamberlain and Eamon deValera are meeting today which will be attended by other representatives of the Eire and the United Kingdom.



CHARLES E. CAMERON  
district passenger agent in Saint John, who was honored by his fellow staff employees recently in Toronto

## C. E. CAMERON DIST. PASSENGER AGENT HONORED

TORONTO, Feb. 23—Headed by H. J. Humphrey, Vice-President and General Manager, Eastern Lines, Canadian Pacific Railway, officials and employees of the C.P.R. from the Ontario District gathered at the Royal York Hotel here, last night, under the chairmanship of C. B. Andrews, Assistant General Passenger Agent, to honor Charles E. Cameron, Travelling Passenger Agent, at Toronto, on his appointment as District Passenger Agent at Saint John, N. B.

Mr. Cameron, who has made many friends throughout Ontario during his ten years stay in Toronto, was presented with a solid sterling silver tea service by Norman McMillan, General Superintendent for the Ontario district, who wished Mr. Cameron every possible success in his future career. Mr. Humphrey was particularly happy in his felicitations and predicted for the guest of honour a very successful time at Saint John. Speeches were also made by Robert Niven, Assistant District Passenger Agent; H. F. Nelson, City Passenger Agent; and J. H. Welch, City Passenger and Freight Agent at Kingston, Ont. There was an attendance of over 120.

## ODDS THREE TO ONE IN FAVOUR OF JOE LOUIS

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 23—Sport fans are predicting a victory for Joe Louis in his second defense of the world heavyweight championship. Nathan Mann, New Haven's young contender in the ring tonight in Madison Square Garden. The odds are predicted to be three to one in favor of Louis.

## Diplomats Fear Present Crisis Forebodes War

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 23—The British Parliament after the political storm has once again subsided to normal proceedings and today plans are being made for the framework for an agreement with Italy.

International news reporters state that France is uneasy. Czechoslovakia is keeping her eyes on Germany, and many diplomats think that the present crisis bespeaks a pre-war period.

## British Parliament Votes Confidence In Neville Chamberlain

Anthony Eden Abstains From Voting, Sharp Clash With Lloyd George Who Says Communication From Italy Withheld

EDEN CONTRADICTS PRIME MINISTER

Telegram Not Divulged at Sun. Cabinet Meeting

## FIGHT ON RADIO EXPECTED SOON IN PARLIAMENT

Conservatives Said To Be Planning Attack on Nationalized System

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—Abolition of the principle of public ownership of radio stations, provided for in the Canadian Broadcasting Act of 1936, is sought by some members of the Conservative Party.

Several Conservatives are engineering an attack upon the whole question of nationalization of radio in Canada, and will probably thresh it out first in the Parliamentary Committee which will be set shortly. The fight may later come into Parliament.

The Conservatives who are planning the assault upon the present radio system want to establish the American system, or something very close to it. In the United States, the stations are owned privately, but the Federal Communications System exercises a measure of control and censorship of what may be broadcast.

The Canadian Broadcasting Act of 1936, the object of the Conservatives' attack, has far-reaching powers regarding the establishment and maintenance of public stations, and regarding control of private stations. The CBC already operates its own stations, and is building others.

The Conservative attack is not a party matter, and may prove somewhat embarrassing to public ownership advocates within the party, including Hon. R. B. Bennett. The statute of 1932, brought in by a Conservative Government, contained the same wide powers of control, and

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LONDON, Feb. 23—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain was given a vote of confidence yesterday in the British House of Commons on his policy of friendship with Italy. The vote was 330 to 168.

"I don't see that I've done anything disgraceful," the prime minister retorted when the Welsh statesman, Lloyd George, alleged Mr. Chamberlain to make sure he got Mr. Eden out of the cabinet, withheld knowledge of a favorable communication from Italy on the Spanish volunteer question.

"The prime minister knew this document was in existence and he never took the trouble to secure it, and Count Grandi (the Italian ambassador) never took the trouble to deliver it—because he wanted to get rid of the foreign secretary," Mr. Lloyd George asserted.

The prime minister, who in an earlier reply to his critics, had called upon the League of Nations to throw off its "shams and pretences," asked the wartime leader if he implied he had done something disgraceful.

"Yes," was the tart reply.

The telegram incident was a "most incredible story," Mr. Lloyd George said.

"Here was an important document never placed in the hands of a minister who felt so strongly on the subject that he was resigning," Mr. Lloyd George continued.

With the opposition benches calling upon the government to resign, Mr. Eden rose from his private member's place, contradicted the prime minister's version of the affair, but said it would not have made any difference anyway—he had already made up his mind to leave the cabinet.

Mr. Eden told the House that up to the time of his resignation he had "received no official intimation whatever from the Italian government in

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## PRESS IN NORTH CHINA MUZZLED BY JAPANESE

Peiping and Tientsin Papers Changed Hands or Policy, Often Both, on Cities' Fall; Eds. Jailed

PEIPING, North China, Feb. 23—A Japanese muzzle of censorship and strict control fits snugly over the Chinese press in North China.

When the Japanese Army took over Peiping and Tientsin, all Chinese newspapers changed hands or policy—frequently both. A single exception was the Catholic-owned Tientsin Yi Shih Pao, which continued daily publication in a foreign concession. But it soon folded up when its carriers were waylaid and not allowed to deliver outside the concession.

In Peiping the turnover was complete. Several editors are still in jail accused of "communism." Among them is Dr. Wilson S. Wei, Chinese graduate of Harvard University, who had been editing the Peiping News, an English-language daily subsidized by the old Hopeh-Chahar Political Council. Wei's daily, like all Chinese publications, was immediately turned into a pro-Japanese sheet.

Any Japanese, no matter how long his rank, must be called the Chinese

equivalent of "Mr." in the press. Chinese practice is to use "Mr." only for celebrities.

Editors have been ordered to play down talk of Russo-Chinese co-operation against Japan. They are told to minimize its possibility, and at the same time, beat the editorial gong about the Red menace in the Far East.

All Chinese papers print daily praise for the Japanese Army and its "holy war to deliver China from the clutches of the corrupt Nanking Government and the Reds."

The situation is much the same on the radio, an important factor, as there are around 100,000 receiving sets in Peiping, which reach many illiterates whom the press never influences.

The Japanese took over the local radio stations, and the air is now flooded with speeches praising Japan and her army, vilifying Chiang Kai-shek and his army, and promoting the idea of Asia for the Asians—led by Japan.

## CLEMENCY PLEA WILL BE MADE FOR POWELL, UNWIN TO TWEEDSMUIR

Petition Being Circulated Among Members of the House of Commons

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—The Social Credit petition now being circulated among members of the House of Commons asking early executive clemency for Joseph Unwin and G. F. Powell, will be presented, not to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, but to Lord Tweedsmuir, the Governor-General. Decision to ask all members of the House to sign the petition was reached at a caucus of the Social Credit members on Saturday.

"We want to give the members a chance to say whether they want political prisons in Canada or not," said John Blackmore, Social Credit Leader, following the caucus. "These two men are in prison for political reasons, you can't escape that fact," he said.

Unwin and Powell are now serving jail sentences for publishing defamatory libel, and their cases are under review by the Department of Justice here.

The petition drawn up by the Social Credit members declares that the two men, both supporters of Premier William Aberhart, never intended to libel any one. The petition is another move in a long series of at-

tempts to obtain the remission of the sentences of the two men.

It seems unlikely that there will be any Liberals who will sign it, for Justice Minister Lapointe has on two occasions warned against interference with the courts, and Prime Minister King has promised an early decision regarding the case.

In conversations here, Social Credit members have repeatedly expressed their belief that Unwin and Powell were prosecuted and jailed for political motives. The petition they have drawn up points out that for a long time political feeling has been running high in the Province of Alberta.

Powell came to Alberta from England as an adviser to the Social Credit Party, and A. H. Mitchell, the Whip of the party in the House, claims that his opponents have been trying to get him out of the country since he landed. Mitchell claims they have succeeded, for, according to the terms of Powell's sentence, he is to be deported on completion of his jail term.

The petition will be presented to Lord Tweedsmuir early in the week, possibly on Tuesday. No explanation was offered as to what they expect to gain by presenting it to the Governor-General rather than the Ministry.

## VALLEY LINE TO RESUME SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 24

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MONCTON, Feb. 23—Passenger train service between Saint John and Fredericton on the Valley Line will be resumed commencing Thursday, Feb. 24th, according to an announcement today from Regional Headquarters of the Canadian National Railways here. Service has been interrupted on this section of the line, owing to work on the bridge over the Oromocto River at Oromocto.

## ETHEL BARRYMORE TOOK LEAD ROLE IN "WHITE OAKS"

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MONTREAL, Feb. 23—At the opening representation of the play "The Oaks" by Mazo de la Rocca last night with Ethel Barrymore taking the leading role as "Granny White Oaks," the hundred and one year old chief of fame who dominated the family of "White Oaks."