

NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN REGRETTED THE IRISH LEADER'S FIRST MOVE

British Premier Turned Down de Valera's Claim For Abolition of Irish Parliament

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Premier Eamon de Valera lost his first move in the Anglo-Irish 'peace talks' to bring about unification of Northern Ireland and the former Irish Free State, now known as Eire.

Premier Neville Chamberlain of Great Britain rejected the Irish leader's claim for abolition of the partition without the consent of Northern Ireland, whose leaders oppose such a union.

The first day's conversations, designed to end the six year Anglo-Irish trade war, was adjourned at 6.50 p.m. after the delegates had discussed defence, trade and agriculture.

De Valera was determined that the subject of unification be made the immediate issue of the conference before any other question was brought up and was expected to impress upon Mr. Chamberlain that the people of Ireland held it to be of the first importance.

De Valera made a statement to the conference declaring that abolition of the partition and restoration of Irish unity was an essential foundation for real Anglo-Irish understanding and friendship.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that there could not be any alteration of relations between the Governments of Eire and Northern Ireland without the latter's consent.

In preliminary talks with officials at the Dominions Office and in his suite at the Piccadilly Hotel, leader of the newly-named Eire intimated that the unification question would be raised immediately.

It appeared likely, however, that the Irish delegation would succeed in bringing up the issue but not in settling it. It was believed that there might be an agreement to consider unification after a given period of time.

Some observers believed that if Britain's agreement to such a stipulation could be obtained, De Valera would be satisfied and proceed to the discussion of trade and defence.

Others believed that De Valera expected to obtain a British admission of the desirability of a united Ireland and the need for steps toward that end. It was understood that he has in mind the fixing of a period of about ten years during which preliminary work could be carried out.

The early steps probably would include some form of a Federal Parliament in which both the Protestant North and the Roman Catholic South would participate during the 10 year period, at the end of which a plebiscite would be held in Ulster on the question of complete unification.

Although Britain was not expected to alter the view that the question of a union is one which would require the consent of Northern Ireland, some thought it possible that she would be prepared to discuss De Valera's proposal.

The conference started at 2.30 p.m. when the delegates adjourned to the Cabinet room at 10 Downing Street. A large crowd gathered in the street although there was little prospect of again seeing De Valera until evening.

The Anglo-Irish talks were adjourned at 6.50 p.m. at which time a brief communique was issued saying that 'a general survey of outstanding questions affecting the relations of the two countries was begun.'

FACING COMMUNISM

A contemporary remarks: "One of the most startling facts about the Communist movement is the success which has already attended its efforts to get a foothold in public bodies in Ontario and the West. From what has happened in Toronto emerges a good reason why that city was selected as its Canadian headquarters says the Telegraph Journal. A well-known Communist is this year a member of the board of education; still another has been selected to the city council; and judging from the steadily rising vote which Tim Buck himself has been given in the last two or three mayoralty contests, the head of Communists in Canada may be one of these days the head of the city of Toronto."

This certainly suggests that the great mass of Canadian people who strongly favor a system of liberal democracy should bestir themselves. The danger in this spread of Communism is threefold. There is the direct danger that Communism itself might gain control; not a great danger perhaps but one to be warded off betimes. There is the danger of a revolution so violent that it would enable Fascism to assert its sway; possibly a danger not much greater than the first. The third and most likely danger is that Communism might provoke a spirit of such caution that really necessary social and economic reforms will be delayed. Communism should be given its quietus now and the best way to do so is for all who have felt themselves drawn to sympathize with it to face its fallacies.

To start with, it is revolutionary and destructive and has demonstrated that it has no constructive substitute to fill the gap it leaves. In Russia it destroyed capital, the bourgeoisie and aristocracy and had nothing ready to put in their places. Its leaders are still fighting and killing one another over what Communism means. It has not provided a classless society, even if that were desirable; there are highly paid bureaucrats, below them officers, industrial managers and so forth; next the skilled workers, the unskilled workers, peasants and a class of outcasts. Members of the Communist party few in number have

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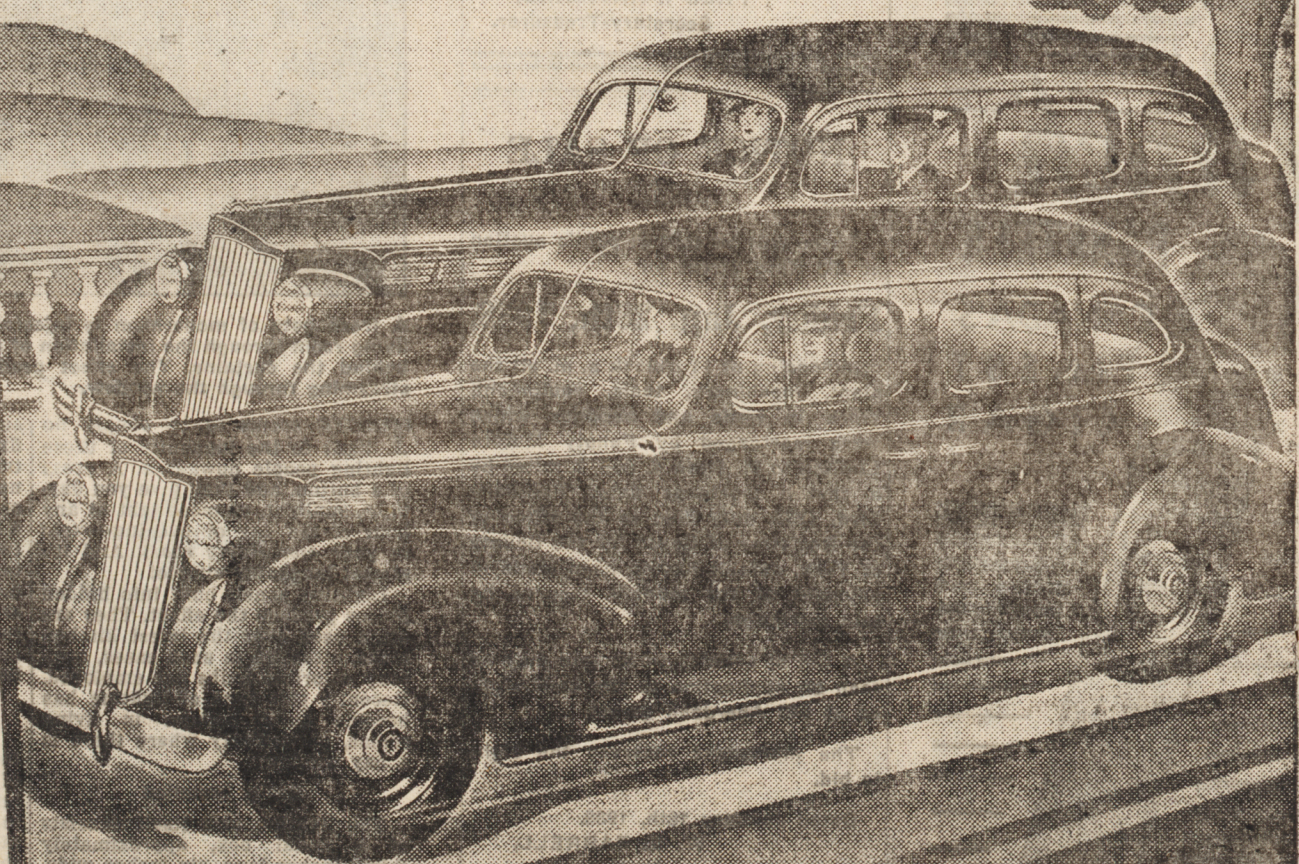
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