

EUROPEAN SITUATION EASES

Poland And Russia Are Believed To Be Drawing Closer In Peace Relations

Negotiations Are Proceeding Slowly As Reports Circulate That Russia Willing To Enter Peace Bloc

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LONDON, May 9. — Although negotiations with Russia are proceeding slowly and the success of talks are veiled in closest secrecy, there was a definite air of optimism in official circles today over the affair.

One of the major causes of optimism in the English capital was the fact that an air of friendliness is growing between Poland and her big neighbor, the Soviet. Russia has sent an ambassador to Warsaw to fill the vacant diplomatic post there, and it is reported that Poland is putting more faith in the Russian state.

It was stated by well informed sources here today that Poland's fears and suspicions of the Soviet were one of the major stumbling blocks in the way of the current Russian-British negotiations for a three party alliance.

Russia is now said to have reported that she is willing to enter the pact, but wants it made specific as to how the alliance would function in the event that one of the nations in the pact or one of the protected nations were attacked by an aggressor. Informed sources report that Russia has promised aid and participation in an agreement.

At the same time observers of the foreign situation see a growing air of friendliness between Russia and Berlin. The German press in its modified tones concerning Russia at the present time place the Soviet in the position of either becoming a national state or the centre of the Red movement throughout the world. Some hint of forthcoming German propaganda from the much hackneyed "Red" angle, is seen. Observers feel that the German propaganda machine is awaiting to see whether a friendly attitude can be developed, and if this is not possible the "Red" bugaboo will be kicked about again.

In Brief

PARIS, May 9.—Army staffs of Great Britain and France began a series of informal talks understood to be for the purpose of co-ordinating British Expeditionary forces to France in the event of war.

GUAYAQUIL, May 9.—When a military plane crashed in the business district here 25 persons were burned to death. The plane set fire to five dwellings to cause an estimated \$200,000 damage.

PEIPING, May 9. — Through Chinese guerrilla warfare it has been estimated that the Japanese are losing about a division a month through casualties, illness and those killed. In the meantime the Japs are renewing air raids on eastern coastal cities.

MONTREAL, May 9.—A Prince Edward Island issue of \$300,000 was sold in 2 1/2 per cent one to three year serial bonds. Proceeds will be used in part for general purpose and for maturities.

URGES LEADERS TO BURY HATCHET SETTLE CLAIMS

VERDUN, May 9.—Appeal of all political leaders to rise above national interests to prevent another war was broadcast by the Duke of Windsor last night who made it plain he was for himself and no other. He called on leaders to negotiate by mutual concessions to adjust conflicting claims and appealed for the war lords to cast aside their jealousies and suspicions. It was understood that the address was made with the sanction of his brother, King George VI, now on his way to Canada.

WAGE BOARD CONSIDERING ORDER EVASIONS

The New Brunswick Fair Wage Board in session here today took into consideration reports of investigations made by the Fair Wage Officer on outstanding orders of the board, and also considered several minor evasions of the officers.

It was stated following the meeting that steps will be taken immediately to see that the orders are carried out in the cases where evasions have been found. The Board was in session this morning and again this afternoon.

It is expected that the meetings will continue tomorrow and possibly on Thursday. The Board has yet several matters for consideration including the matter of representations made by the Mechanics' Union of Fredericton. The union is seeking definition of wage scales and working hours in the capital and other matters concerning their work.

Presiding at the meeting of the board is the chairman, A. B. MacKinnon of Newcastle.

MISSIONARY TELLS OF WORK IN ISOLATED WEST

MONTREAL, May 9.—Crippled permanently by a serious accident last fall, but determined that the work among Canadian pioneers shall go on, Miss Eva Hasell, head for many years of the Anglican Sunday School Mission in the Canadian West, arrived in Montreal aboard the Duchess of Bedford.

The 30 women in the party brought tons of food and clothes for poor Canadians. Many who could live in idleness and ease in England come here so that some poor Canadian woman 100 miles from a railway in Alberta will have swaddling clothes for her first born, or a game little school boy can once more wear shoes. Then there is the religious side of it, the comfort these women bring the spiritually starved.

The story Miss Haskell told unaffectedly reads like something that happens only in fiction.

"I have only been driving a few weeks again," said Miss Hasell. "But I am determined that I shall not be beaten by any accident. I was driving last summer in the Peace River country, when a willow stick went through a ten-ply tire and toppled over our van. I was pinned under it, the weight of the 30 hundredweight van catching me across the hips.

Plans For Atlantic Route

MONTREAL, May 9.—Details for the Imperial Airways Atlantic programme for this summer have not yet been announced but there were signs of activity in Montreal today when Captain James Griffiths Powell, operations manager for Imperial Airways Bermuda Limited, appeared in the office of the Trans-Canada Air Lines to discuss arrangements for the reception of the trans-Atlantic planes at Boucherville and St. Hubert. Beyond saying that he was here to go over landing facilities he had no statement for the press. He expects to return in several weeks' time. Leaving Bermuda Friday morning after an ocean dip, Capt. Powell flew to Montreal, connected here with the T.C.A. plane and was in Ottawa the same night. In the capital he consulted with department of transport officers.

Service from New York to Bermuda was continuously increasing in popularity. Capt. Powell said. The average daily load in April was 50 passengers, a substantial improvement over last year. With Capt. Powell on the trip to Ottawa and Montreal is Paul Bowshea, Imperial Airways commercial manager, New York.

Japan's Interest In European Troubles

TOKYO, May 9.—Japan is said to be taking a more active interest in the European situation than in the past. Talks were held today between Japanese and British ambassadors, in which it is said the general European situation was discussed.

It was said that the Japanese spokesman told the British ambassador that the linking of Russia with the Anglo-French agreement may bring Japan closer to the Rome-Berlin axis. The British spokesman, however, assured Japan that Britain does not intend to extend her policy in the east along the basis of the Russian policy. The assurance was also given that Britain will not adopt the Russian policy of the East which is feared by Tokyo.

At the same time that Japan has warned Britain of possible linking with the Axis, observers feel that Japan does not care to take an active part in the affairs of the totalitarian pact.

The present Chinese war is said to be taxing Japan heavily with all possible fighting forces in the field. Participation in the Rome-Berlin agreement would mean that in the event of a war Japan would either have to withdraw from China or send no aid to Hitler and Mussolini.

IN CITY TODAY

Hon. A. P. Paterson, minister of education, federal and municipal relations, and Hon. E. J. Henneberry, president of the executive council, were in the city today. A cabinet meeting this week is uncertain. Premier Dysart is not expected in the city this week.

"Russia's position in a possible conflict is perfectly clear. We are going to assist Europe in case of aggression."—Ivan M. Maisky.

Hitler's Plan To Line Up Scandanavian Countries in Neutrality Pact May Fail

REDUCTION SHOULD BE BOON TO FOX RANCHERS

MONCTON, May 9.—Twenty per cent of New Brunswick's fox ranchers have given up the business within the past year, George McLeod, of Fredericton, government fox field man told the Moncton Fur Farming Club at a meeting in city hall last night.

Mr. McLeod claimed the fact should be a boon to the ranchers sticking with the industry. It will tend to stimulate fur prices, he said.

Mr. McLeod and Dr. Aitken, provincial veterinary, were the guest speakers at the club meeting at which the president, Frank Reade presided and William Kerr was secretary.

Dr. Aitken stressed the need of sanitation in modern fox ranching and outlined the general conditions he has found in this province. Both he and Mr. McLeod answered questions at the close of their addresses.

The meeting, first held in the past three months, was attended by over 40. Other sessions have been impossible because of road and weather conditions. Many of the members live as many as 40 miles away.

POLAND AND RUSSIA ON BETTER TERMS

MOSCOW, May 9.—Maxim Litvinoff's release from his office as Foreign Commissar caused no change in the foreign policy of Russia it was reliably reported and rumors also indicated that improved relations between Poland and Russia might be an answer to the pact between Germany and Italy featuring a military alliance.

In the meantime the British reply to Russian proposals on the peace bloc was presented to Soviet officials who will carefully study the situation. Aiding indications of better relations between Poland and Russia was also the fact that a new Russian minister had been appointed and that Litvinoff's successor, Molotov would also visit the country.

KIDNAP VICTIM RE-ESTABLISHED HIS IDENTITY

PHOENIX, May 9.—Sixty-five years ago the North American continent was shocked when two brothers, Charles and Walter Ross were kidnapped from their home. Walter was released but Charles never returned.

Yesterday Gustav Blair was recognized as the missing Ross boy by a Superior Court jury which required only eight minutes to pass on his identity. Aided by L. C. Blair, who said his father told him he was a kidnapped boy, Ross re-established his name.

In the petition Blair said his brothers and sisters failed to recognize him as their brother and the defendant also failed to answer the complaint. A default judgment was entered against them.

Stock Market Quotations

(Furnished Through Courtesy of Loughlin & McKenzie Ltd. at 1.15 p.m.)
New York

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| Anaconda Copper | 24 1/2 |
| American Can | 87 1/2 |
| Smelters | 42 1/2 |
| A. M. Byers | 8 1/2 |
| Baldwin Locomotive | 115 1/2 |
| Curtiss Wright | 6 |
| Bendix | 22 1/2 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 5 1/2 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 57 1/2 |
| Chrysler Corp | 69 1/2 |
| N. Y. Central Railroad | 15 1/2 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad | 33 1/2 |
| Dupont | 143 1/2 |
| Douglas Aircraft | 63 1/2 |
| Electric Power & Light | 7 1/2 |
| General Motors | 45 1/2 |
| Goodyear Tire & Rubber | 27 1/2 |
| International Telephone | 6 1/2 |
| International Paper Pfd | 32 1/2 |
| Standard Oil | 46 |
| Montgomery Ward | 48 1/2 |
| Radio Corporation | 6 1/2 |
| Sears Roebuck | 70 1/2 |
| American Telephone | 160 |
| United Aircraft | 38 1/2 |
| Westinghouse, Electric | 93 |
| U. S. Steel | 48 1/2 |
| Yellow Cab | 14 1/2 |
| Electric Bond & Share | 8 1/2 |
| U. S. Rubber | 39 1/2 |
| Bell Telephone | 175 |
| Bathurst "A" | 6 1/2 |
| Canada Cement | 7 1/2 |
| Canadian Pacific Railroad | 4 |

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STOCKHOLM, May 9. — Things looked unfavorable for Hitler's proposal to unite the Scandinavian and Northern European countries in a neutrality agreement, when it was reported today that three of the four Scandinavian countries will give the German chancellor a polite "No."

Representatives of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland, are meeting at Stockholm today to consider the proposal made by the Fuehrer. The block which would bind the nations participating from joining the British bloc of nations in the encirclement policy, and would force them to maintain their neutrality in the event of a conflict.

The plan would have not only checked the British plan, but would have surrounded Poland by nations friendly to Germany and prevent their assistance going to Poland in the event of a war.

The basis of the Scandinavian refusal is the fact, reliable reports said today, that these countries, which have long followed a neutral policy, fear that participation in the scheme would erase their neutral status and draw them into a conflict rather than keep them out.

It is reported that Estonia has signified her willingness to join the pact proposed by Hitler.

UNITED CHURCH SHORT FIFTY MINISTERS

TORONTO, May 9.—A shortage of approximately 50 ordained ministers, and serious lack of candidates for the ministry, was reported at the annual meeting of the Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada, just concluded in Toronto. The Right Rev. Dr. John W. Woodside, Moderator, presided. Rev. Dr. Gordon K. Sisco is secretary.

Special plans will be launched by the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Christian Education to inform United Churches in Canada of the need for ministers and to challenge youth with the claims of the ministry. Rev. Dr. R. B. Cochrane, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and Rev. Dr. Frank Langford, Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, presented to the Executive details of the shortage of ministers and the lack of suitable candidates for the ministry.

Appointment of Rev. Gerald R. Cragg, former editor of "The New Outlook" to the Chair of Systematic Theology of the United Theological College, Montreal, was confirmed by the Executive. Mr. Cragg will take up his appointment on his return from attending the Amsterdam Youth Conference and visiting several church conferences in Great Britain where he will be the fraternal delegate representing The United Church of Canada.

NO ELECTION THIS YEAR IS POSSIBILITY

OTTAWA, May 9.—Because of disturbed conditions in Europe it is possible that a Dominion election may not be held until 1940 when in November the life of the present Parliament expires.

However, in support of the contention of many that an election would be held this year, was the order increasing the pay of election officials. However there is no certainty of this course.