

SOVIET IN A SURPRISE MOVE

Soviet Ambassador to London To Attend League of Nations Meeting Instead Of Molotoff

At the Same Time It Is Reported Russia Has Rejected British Counter - Proposals For A Non-Aggression Pact. Optimism Dampened By Soviet Move

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, May 16.—The international situation took a surprise twist today when the Soviet government informed Britain that the Russian ambassador to London, Ivan Maisky, will represent Russia at the League of Nations Council to be held at Geneva next Monday. Observers pondered the surprise statement for some inner significance since the meeting of the council, which was to have been held yesterday, was postponed on purpose so that the new Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs could be present. According to the statement today, however, Foreign Minister Molotoff will not be present.

At the same time Russia is reported to have rejected the British counter-proposals for a non-aggression pact. It is reported they feel that their participation in the pact proposed by Britain and France would cause Japan and Spain to solidly ally themselves with the Rome-Berlin Axis. Optimism, which had prevailed in London for the outcome of the talks at Geneva, was dampened a little today when it was learned of the new Soviet move.

The answer asked of Russia was that she fight for the protection of Poland and Rumania. If asked, providing Britain and France first went to the aid of the two smaller countries.

This, as is apparent, would not bind Britain and France to go to the aid of Russia in the event of her entanglement with Japan. Russia's counter-proposal is that Britain, France, and Russia bind themselves in an agreement of mutual aid to each other in the event of any of the three becoming engaged in a war. The military alliance, however, would be bound to go to the rescue of either Poland or Rumania or any of the other smaller states.

In Brief

QUEBEC, May 16.—Quebec was all dressed up for the visit of the King and Queen and was blazing with decorations heralding their arrival set for tomorrow. The Royal couple were due to arrive on Monday but fog and ice delayed their passage.

OTTAWA, May 16.—Suggestions that bank loans be put on an insurance rather than an interest basis was made to Graham Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada yesterday to which he replied that it would involve a foresight into political and economic conditions, that he didn't possess.

LONDON, May 16.—Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose enjoyed their first ride in a subway. Both were interested in their underground adventure and for the first time also they used an escalator.

U. E. SOFT COAL TROUBLES MOVE TO KENTUCKY

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—The U. M. W. campaign on behalf of the soft coal miners swung into Harlan County, Kentucky, when C. I. O. Leader John L. Lewis, said last night there was an obligation on the part of the Federal Government to investigate what is going on in that county.

At the same time ranks of the Harlan County operators were broken when the Black Mountain Coal Corporation decided to open separate negotiations with the union today. It was announced by E. J. Ashbury Mine Superintendent.

TENDERS CALLED FOR TCA HANGAR AT MONTREAL

MONTREAL, May 16.—Tenders are being invited today for construction of a hangar, and machine shop building for the Trans-Canada Air Lines at St. Hubert airport, Montreal. Addressed to P. G. Johnson, T.C.A. vice-president, they will be received until June 3. Plans and specifications will be obtained at the office of John Schofield, architect for the T. C. A. and the Canadian National Railways.

It is expected that the new building which will be the fourth T.C.A. hangar, will be ready for occupancy by the fall. The air line already has hangars at Winnipeg, Lethbridge and Toronto's airport at Malton. In design it will be similar to the others. With a frontage of 100 feet it will be 150 feet on its longest side. The automatically opening doors will be 90 feet wide by 27 feet high. The building will be of steel superstructure. It will be heated by oil and illumination will be by mercury vapor lighting. The smaller building including boiler room and machine shop will be 50 feet by 100 feet.

IMPROVEMENT LOANS AMOUNT TO \$863,622

OTTAWA, May 16.—More than 2,100 Home Improvement Loans totalling \$863,622.11 were reported to the Department of Finance in April according to figures released today by the Honourable Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Finance. Indications are, said Mr. Dunning, that 1939 will exceed either 1937 or 1938 in volume of these loans. Total advances under the plan have been approximately \$12,000,000 in each of the past two years.

Complete returns from the first three months of 1939 disclose that January, February and March loan totals show increases of 7 per cent, 11 per cent and 22 per cent respectively over the corresponding months in 1938. Loans reported during April indicate that this increased activity is to be sustained throughout the active building season.

Based on loans of \$26,720,224.35 reported to date it is estimated that 17,050,000 man hours of direct labor have been provided. This does not take into account approximately \$13,000,000 estimated to have been spent on materials, of which a large part would also go to labor indirectly.

PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE HOME MEETING

SAINT JOHN, May 16.—Though its maintenance overdraft remained at \$30,000, the New Brunswick Protestant Orphans' Home in the past year was able to increase its endowment funds, through bequests from eight estates and one gift, totalling \$18,903.03, and its invested assets now amount to \$266,953.32, it was reported at the annual meeting last evening in the Saint John Board of Trade rooms.

The average number of children under care increased from 193 to 205 and at the end of April there were 220 children in residence, prompt care having been given every normal healthy and worthy destitute child between two weeks and 14 years of age for whom admission had been requested.

These facts were set forth in the reports of H. Usher Miller, secretary-treasurer. James W. Brittain, the president, was in the chair.

Of the 220 in the Home, there were seven girls between three and 14 years and 16 girls between two weeks and three years, as well as 33 boys between three and 14 years and 40 boys between two weeks and three years old, 96 children in all, for placing out. The other 124 were nominal boarders.

While 125 children were admitted during the year the two institutions, the Brittain Street Home, where babies are cared for, and the Manawagonish Road Home, where the older children reside, helped in all 327 little ones on the road to citizenship. Mr. Miller stated.

ROYAL SHIP TO DOCK TONIGHT ABOUT MIDNIGHT

OTTAWA, May 16.—The sleek, white Empress of Australia will dock at Quebec shortly after midnight tonight, and tomorrow morning King George and Queen Elizabeth will disembark from ship to be the first British reigning sovereign to set foot on Canadian soil.

Due to the delay in landing at Quebec due to fog and ice floes, Their Majesties will pay a shortened visit to Ottawa. According to the new schedule, Their Majesties will arrive at Ottawa at 11 o'clock A.S.T. Friday morning and leave Sunday at 1:30 p.m. for a shortened visit to Kingston. The shortening of the visits to Quebec, Ottawa, Montreal and other central Canada centres will allow the same schedule to be followed in the Maritimes and the Western provinces.

SAINT JOHN, May 16.—By the end of the present week, it is expected that the Port Royal Pulp and Paper Mill here will be in full operation according to plant officials.

Poland Taking No Chances On Any German Move And Places Troops Along Danzig Border

(Special to The Daily Mail)
WARSAW, May 16.—Poland is taking no chances of a surprise movement on the part of Germany to take over the Free City of Danzig or any portion of the Polish Corridor. Polish forces are in the areas bordering the Free City, and are also guarding the Corridor.

Armored trains are crossing the area bearing troops, in a clever movement that would have men at hand at a moment's notice, yet the movement cannot be called

Program Of Royal Procession, Times And Instructions To Pedestrians, Parking

TWO MINISTERS WILL REMAIN IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, May 16.—Depending on the nature of business before the House of Commons, two cabinet ministers of the King Government will remain in Ottawa instead of proceeding to Quebec to meet the King and Queen, when they touch Canadian soil for the first time tomorrow.

At the present time it looked like Agricultural Minister Gardner and Defence Minister MacKenzie, will not take the special train for Quebec and will be left in charge of the Government as the prospects are that either defence estimates or legislation under charge of the Minister of Agriculture will be before the House.

The Minister of Justice LaPointe will be leader of the Government while the Prime Minister accompanies the Royal Couple on their North American tour. As soon as Their Majesties reach Ottawa, the two cabinet ministers unable to greet them in Quebec will be presented to them.

APPOINTED TO NEW POST WITH C. N. RAILWAY

MONTREAL, May 16.—The appointment of J. M. Horn to the position of traffic manager foreign freight department of the Canadian National Railways at Montreal was announced today by R. J. Foreman, general freight traffic manager of the company. In his appointment Mr. Horn succeeded Mr. Foreman.

Mr. Horn has had a wide experience in the import and export business through Atlantic and Pacific ports. He has not only occupied prominent positions in the freight department of the railways at Winnipeg and Edmonton, but was also located at Vancouver for a number of years, where he had supervision of all freight traffic matters in that territory.

FIRE BURNS ROOF OF UNION ST. WAREHOUSE

Early this afternoon the Fire Department were called to Union street where fire was burning in the old VanBuskirk warehouse. Both sides of a shingled roof were burned before firemen brought it under control within less than an hour's time.

Streets through which the King and Queen will pass in Fredericton will be closed to all vehicular traffic after 9 a.m. the day of the Royal Visit. The highways leading into the city will be closed at the same hour.

No parking will be allowed within a block of the procession route.

Pedestrians or vehicles will not be allowed to park or stop on the highway bridge.

Adults will be excluded from the river side of Queen Street from St. John to Church Streets. Bleachers will be erected for the school children in this space, therefore it will be necessary for the public to be excluded from this area.

Program of Royal Procession, Time

Procession arrives at Devon end of Highway Bridge at 12.35 o'clock, proceeds across bridge to Queen Street, down Queen to Parliament Buildings, arrives at the Parliament Buildings at 12.45 o'clock. His Majesty first inspects Veterans' Guard of Honor, then the Guard of Honor furnished by the Militia. Their Majesties enter Parliament Building, representatives of City and Provincial Government are presented to Their Majesties. Their Majesties leave Parliament Buildings at 1.10 o'clock and proceed to Beaverbrook Building via Queen Street and University Avenue. Their Majesties leave Beaverbrook Building at 2.10 p.m. and proceed on tour of city. University Avenue to Queen Street, up Queen to Smythe to Brunswick, down Brunswick to subway, through subway to Waterloo Row to Salamanca at 2.35 o'clock—train leaves at 2.40 p.m.

Stock Market Quotations

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

Anacosta Copper	23 3/4
American Can	86 3/4
Smelters	40 3/4
A. M. Byers	8
Baldwin Locomotive	10 3/4
Curtiss Wright	5 3/4
Bendix	21 3/4
Baltimore & Ohio	5 3/4
Bethlehem Steel	53 3/4
Chrysler Corp	65 3/4
N. Y. Central Railroad	14 3/4
Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad	32
Dupont	141 3/4
Douglas Aircraft	62
Electric Power & Light	7 3/4
General Motors	41 3/4
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	25 1/4
International Telephone	6 3/4
International Paper Pfd	29 3/4
Standard Oil	45 1/4
Montgomery Ward	46 3/4
Radio Corporation	6 1/4
Sears Roebuck	72
American Telephone	161 3/4

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Instructions to Pedestrians

Pedestrians will be required to keep off the road and behind the curb on those streets along which the Royal Procession will pass. Guards will be stationed at eight foot intervals along the curbs on the streets which the Royal Procession uses. It is the duty of the guards to keep the pedestrians off the roadway. These guards are volunteering their services and have a long period of duty and spectators are requested to cooperate by standing in an orderly manner in places reserved for them.

Preliminary List of Instructions

1. Do not allow small children to go unaccompanied. They are apt to get lost or injured.
2. Pin name and address tags on clothing of small children in case they get separated from their guardians.
3. If children are lost, call 494 (police headquarters).
4. Climbing on trees and poles will be prohibited.
5. Children should not be allowed on the roof of their homes unless adults are with them.
6. Stand on the SIDEWALK, not on the street or roadway, which is prohibited.
7. Do not carry unnecessary money or other valuables. Remember professional pick-pockets can "pick" YOUR pocket.
8. Spectators are advised to take up their position early and as near their own home as possible. Avoid congested and business areas. Residential streets will afford a better view.
9. Be satisfied with seeing Their Majesties once. Do not try to go to another location to see them the second time. This causes congestion and is not fair to those who have been waiting.
10. The Royal procession will proceed at the rate of eight miles per hour and is long enough to give every one ample opportunity to get a good view. Crowding should be absolutely unnecessary.
11. No person is to attempt to pass a letter or any object to Their Majesties or any member of their suite. Strict measures will be taken to prevent this.
12. Do not throw refuse of any kind into the street. A clean street is absolutely essential. An untidy one would be a disgrace.
13. No street salesman will be permitted to sell souvenirs or refreshments on the Royal procession route.
14. Leave your car at home.
15. No traffic will be allowed on any of the streets through which the Royal procession passes after 9 a.m.

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LARGE AMOUNT OF GOLD FOR OTTAWA STORAGE

OTTAWA, May 16.—Admitting that gold is scheduled to arrive this week, officials here would not give details from where it came or why it is being stored in Canada. The consignment said to be more than 100 millions was reported to need special vaulting arrangements.

Shipments of this kind have been arriving in Ottawa for the past year. It is said some was shipped from England and France and probably other European countries. Parliamentary information is also denied and it was asserted it was not in the public's interest.

One theory for its appearance in Canada was said to be the storage of reserves on this continent due to the troubled European situation and that it may be used for financing should hostilities break out.