

A STRONGER BRITISH STAND

Britain And France Will Protect Rumania And Greece From Attack

Chamberlain Announces Decision Of England In Address To House

LONDON, April 13.—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today pledged the armed support of Britain to Greece and Rumania if either country is attacked. Addressing a special sitting of the House the British leader declared that Britain and France would lend their whole support to either country if their independence was threatened.

The eagerly awaited address, which brought rousing cheers from both sides of the House, was backed up by a statement of Premier Daladier of France today in which he declared that both Britain and France will fight if Greece or Rumania are attacked. Both leaders told their respective countries that in co-operative action they are taking steps to safeguard the French frontier against any surprise moves, and also to safeguard the British and French Empires.

Chamberlain was loudly cheered when he explained that he had called the session because he felt it was in the country's interest to be informed of actions taken since and during the Easter crisis, and in view of recent moves in the Mediterranean.

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German Troops Expected Withdraw From Spain

Departure Reported To Follow Victory March In May

BERLIN, April 13.—Reports reaching Berlin from Spain indicate that German troops may be withdrawn from Spain along with Italian legions after General Franco's victory march through Madrid on May 2.

Spanish and foreign troops are already mustering in Madrid for the parade in which the entire Nationalist Army of 500,000 men will participate as well as 700 planes.

AWAIT POLAND

In Berlin it is reported that Germany is waiting for Poland to make the next move toward settlement of Polish-German issues. German officials are understood to have suggested that Warsaw make public German demands which led to the Anglo-Polish accord.

Publication would attempt to show the world the German demands are not exorbitant and in no way endanger the independence of Poland, German officials said.

German officials refused to believe Poland would sign the mutual assistance pact with Great Britain, and stated they are prepared to wait for six months or longer for solution of the Danzig question. One official stated that "Memel fell when the time was ripe and so will Danzig."

Ottawa

MAYORS AWAIT OTTAWA VERDICT

OTTAWA, April 13.—The Federation of Mayors today awaited the verdict of the Dominion Government on the representations put before the cabinet by a delegation representing the municipalities of the Dominion.

Among other things asked of Ottawa was that the Federal Government assume full direct relief costs the Federation claiming that relief is a Federal affair.

Washington

April 13.—The United States will parade its sea-power on April 27 when the first formal fleet review to be held in the Atlantic in five years will take place off the Virginia Capes. Although it was declared that the parade is devoid of significance behind the movements of warships in the Mediterranean

Fascist Council Meets Tonight

ROME, April 13.—The Fascist Grand Council will meet this evening to consider the union of Albania under the Italian crown. At the meeting, which is being held just five days after Italian guns blasted the peaceful Albanian countryside and the Albanian King was driven into exile, it is felt that Il Duce may give intimation of other plans of Italy for expansion.

In Brief

New York

April 13.—Willard Huntington Wright who was known to the world as S. S. VanDine, author of hundreds of detective novels, and who died Tuesday night, will be buried tomorrow. Wright, who started writing detective stories after a nervous break-down, was 51.

Medicine Hat

April 13.—Rev. H. M. Hammet, Great War veteran, is going to have a "Nazi toe" removed this week. He declared that his middle toe on the left foot, which was grafted on in a military hospital after it was taken from a German soldier in the same hospital who was having a foot amputated, "has been crooked and troublesome" ever since Hitler has been "acting up."

Washington

April 13.—Britain and France have obtained licenses for the export of \$25,000,000 worth of war supplies from the United States in the first quarter of this year. Britain will take \$13,202,967 almost entirely in airplanes. Japan disappeared entirely from the list of licenses.

Houlton

April 13.—Camille Gaudet and Eddie Bellefleur, both of St. Leonard, N. B., yesterday pleaded guilty of arson in connection with the burning of the Hammond Hotel in VanBueren, Maine in January. Gaudet is owner of the hotel. It is alleged he collected \$23,500 insurance and promised Bellefleur \$3,000 for the job.

CANADA TO HAVE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT IN FUTURE

Act Introduced In House Deals With Espionage

OTTAWA, April 13.—An attempt is being made to clamp down on espionage and other subversive acts by agents of foreign powers in Canada. Yesterday in the House of Commons first reading was given for a bill aimed at tightening the law relating to efforts of possible enemy agents to pry into official Canadian secrets.

The bill is comprehensive and deals with spying and other activities dangerous to the safety of the state.

Under the bill a person will be considered guilty of an offence if he is found near any prohibited place such as any defence work either privately or government owned, for any purpose out of harmony with the safety of the state.

Paris

RUSSIA ASKS FOR BESARABIA

PARIS, April 13.—Reports from Soviet Russian quarters in London indicate that Russia is willing to guarantee Rumania's independence only if that country returned Besarabia to Russia. This is the first indication of Russia joining the irredentist countries demanding return of territory lost after the Great War.

Besarabia was ceded to Rumania shortly after the war following a vote by the Besarabian Council which Russia claimed had been "packed."

Paris

BRITISH, FRENCH FLEET READY

PARIS, April 13.—While Britain and France today rushed preparations to defend the frontiers of France and the British and French Empires from attack, the two fleets stood "somewhere in the Mediterranean," awaiting instant orders.

Plans for the use of the combined fleets have been kept closely guarded but the massing of naval strength was regarded as significant by observers. According to earlier plans, in the event of a French-Anglo agreement and conferences of the two staffs, in the event of a war the two fleets will be combined under a ranking British admiral.

Stock Market Quotations

(Supplied by W. C. Pitfield & Co., Limited at 1.30 p.m.)

The London Stock Market was quiet today. Sterling was quoted at 4.68% in New York and 4.70% in Montreal.

The New York Stock Market opened strong this morning, but eased fractionally during early trading.

New York	
American Locomotive	18
American Radiator	12
American Smelters	40 3/4
American Tel & Tel	153 3/4
Anacosta	23 3/4
Behdix Aviation	20 3/4
Bethlehem Steel	57 3/4
Boeing Aircraft	22 3/4
Birggs Manufacturing	19 5/8
Chrysler Corp	59 3/4
Columbia Gas & Electric	6 1/4
Consolidated Edison	30
Curtiss Wright	5 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	60 3/4
Curtiss Wright "A"	21 1/4
General Electric	34 1/4
General Motors	40 3/4
Goodyear T & R	24 5/8
Int. Pap & Pow	8 3/4

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Minister Warns of Threat Democracy

SUPERVISOR IS ABSOLVED FROM WRONG-DOING

The Honourable C. T. Richard, Provincial Secretary Treasurer, announced today that he had received the report of A. W. Barbour, Deputy Minister of Public Works, who was appointed to investigate alleged irregularities in the payrolls of Charles Parker, Road Supervisor, Parish of Prince William, York County, for the year 1937.

The hearing was held on January 4, 1939, ten witnesses, payrolls and timebooks being examined. After the evidence was heard M. Barbour summed up the matter by saying that one man received four hours to which he was not entitled and that the supervisor received one-half day for which he did not work, although the evidence showed that he did additional work which offset this; that he believed the above mistakes were not deliberate on the part of the supervisor, but were errors which might occur to anyone not familiar with accounting, where it was necessary to keep two timebooks, one for State Labor, the other for ordinary work and make out two sets of payrolls each month; and that he, therefore, absolved the Supervisor from any intentional wrong doing.

War Risk Insurance Withdrawn

NEW YORK, April 13.—War risk insurance quotations on shipments to or from Italy or Germany were withdrawn by marine underwriters last night as well as on shipments to any destination carried by Italian or German vessels.

As an expression of concern over the possibility of a general outbreak in Europe, they also announced advances in war risk rates to ports other than Italian or German.

POSSIBILITY OF WAR

Rates for Italian and German coverage will be quoted only upon application and would depend on the possibility of a war beginning during the period the individual cargo would be afloat.

Although rates to some ports were unchanged, others advance from 100 to 200 per cent from increased levels established March 21.

King Victor Emanuel Will Wear Crown Of Exiled King Zog

ROME, April 13.—The Italian Grand Council is expected to act today on the Albanian National Assembly's offer of exiled King Zog's crown to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy. Mussolini would make the Albanian crown a symbol of the Balkan country's union with Italy. Italian acceptance of the crown is believed to be a certainty.

As the Albanian offer of a crown was made, Greece accepted Premier Mussolini's pledge to respect Greek territorial integrity.

Hon. A. P. Paterson In Address at Teachers' Conference

MONCTON, April 13.—Stressing the need of the establishment of regional high schools in rural areas, Dr. Fletcher Peacock, director of educational services for the province, addressed the first annual educational conference of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association yesterday.

Hon. A. P. Paterson, minister of education, federal and municipal relations yesterday morning warned that there are in Canada today the same conditions that destroyed democracy in Italy. "We must build up a nation by building up New Brunswick," he declared, and advocated a wider study of political economy.

Sketches Development

Dr. Paterson sketched the development of education in the province from the time of the inception of the Free Schools Act to the present day, and of measures adopted at the last session of the Legislature for correspondence high school courses and provision to guarantee bonds for capital cost of rural high school buildings.

Taking as his topic "Rural Education," Dr. Peacock outlined the present rural school conditions, and spoke of recent steps taken to assist the teachers in rural areas. He urged the teachers to study their communities and make the people proud of the fact they live in rural districts.

The meeting yesterday was also addressed by Dr. A. S. MacFarlane, chief superintendent of education, R. D. Gilbert, district representative of the department of agriculture, and Miss Annie Waterson.

Netherlands

REPORT PLOT TO ASSASSINATE HERR HITLER FAILED

THE HAGUE, April 13.—Netherlands police are still investigating the report that two men escaped to Holland from Germany after having plotted to kill Chancellor Hitler as he made his Wilhelmshaven address recently.

Originating from a report in a British newspaper despatch, the story stated that a plot had been hatched by a number of Czechs who planned to kill the Chancellor as he spoke at the launching of the battleship Admiral von Tirpitz. The plot of assassination was said to have been discovered and broken by Nazi secret police on the day before the launching.

At the address Hitler stood behind a special shield of bullet-proof glass. His address was cut off the air after only two minutes broadcasting time had elapsed.

Germany Bitter In Attacks

Nazi Press Tells Story Of Oppression By England

More Propaganda

Germany Demands Free City, Highway Over Polish Corridor

BERLIN, April 13.—The Nazi press continued its bitter attack on Great Britain today, charging that England is persecuting her Empire and that the colonies and Dominions are ready for revolt. Filled with flagrant propaganda, the stories printed in various newspapers pictured scenes of disorder and dissatisfaction throughout the British Empire.

Propaganda was rife in another section, with it being alleged by Danzig authorities that leaflets demanding the return of the free city, which is Nazi controlled, to Poland, are being dropped from Polish trains going through the city. At the same time Poland is protecting that Nazi propaganda has been flooding the country, warning of the disastrous results which would follow if Poland linked herself with Britain.

In the German papers the cessation of the free city has been demanded, as well as a highway across the Polish Corridor. Warsaw today answered these demands by asking their consular representatives to send their families back to Poland.

Bucharest

RUMANIAN PRESS LAUNCHES ATTACK ON HUNGARY

BUCHAREST, Rumania, April 13.—A vigorous attack on Hungary by Rumanian newspapers was started last night when several papers contained reports of an increasing concentration of Hungarian troops near the borders aggravated difficulties between the two countries.

In Budapest the Hungarian interior minister last night ordered a three months' suspension of an organ of the Hungarian Nationalist Socialist Party, because the party organ attacked Rumania and made the demand that Hungarian claims on Transylvania be satisfied.

Greece was the guarantee given by Mussolini to Greece of respect for that country's territorial integrity. It was indicated in the Italian press that Italian assurances of Greece's safety implied Greek abstention from military and political transactions with Great Britain.

OBSERVERS PUZZLED

In the face of Italian assurances of Balkan safety from Italian expansion, foreign observers were puzzled as to the significance of the calling up of Italian reservists of more than a million men.