

MOSCOW MAY ENTER GROUP

Chamberlain To Tell House Of Developments In Tuesday's Address

Russian and British Diplomats Busy On Week-end

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, April 17.—Added confidence in the "Anti-Hitler" bloc being formed by Britain and France resulted today in reliable reports that Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain tomorrow in his address to the House of Commons may announce the inclusion of Russia in the pact.

English and Russian foreign office officials had a busy week-end with conferences at both London and Moscow. Ivan Maisky, Russian ambassador to London is leaving for Moscow to transmit to his superiors the findings of the conferences.

CHANGED ATTITUDE

It was rumored in high official circles that Russia has taken a greatly changed attitude in respect to the attempts of the democratic bloc of nations for world peace, and that inclusion of Russia in the bloc is likely. Moscow sent a warm message of commendation to President Roosevelt for his notes to Hitler and Mussolini, it was announced publicly today.

From the United States it was reported to London that all of the 17 nations in the Pan American union, as well as Canada has endorsed the American President's action. The action was taken to kindly in Berlin and Rome, however.

In Brief

Collins, Ark.

April 17.—At least 16 persons—and possibly more than 20—were killed late yesterday when a tornado ripped through Centre Point Community a few miles from here. From Mainesville, La., it was reported that 11 were killed and 70 injured by the big blow which swept Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas on the week-end. The wind blew down houses, trees, and hurled cars and other heavy objects for great distances.

Bris, Eire.

April 17.—"Only the mercy of Providence can save Europe from a war more terrible than the last," Prime Minister Eamon deValera declared yesterday. "The aim of the government policy," he said, "is to maintain and preserve our neutrality in the event of war." Addressing his constituents he urged union of Eire and Northern Ireland, announced added defence precautions, and endorsed the effort of President Roosevelt for peace.

Belfast

April 15.—"Mr. deValera's speech was only a rehash in different words of what he has been saying for years past," Lord Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland declared in commenting on de-Valera's speech. He declared that Northern Ireland would stand by the Mother Country in any war involving the Empire. He also said that de-Valera's reference to neutrality was one more reason why the North and the South would never be united. "We in the North will stick by the Mother Country through thick and thin and take our part in defending the United Kingdom and the Empire."

Ottawa

DUNNING WILL PRESENT BUDGET

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OTTAWA, April 17.—Finance Minister Dunning will bring down his budget for the year, showing the country's finances, tomorrow. Discussion at the capital switched today from the foreign situation to that of the 1939 budget.

Reliable sources report that it will be a budget with few surprises. It is generally conceded that it will show a substantial deficit, and will contain no major tax reductions. At the same time it is believed that no tax increases of any size will be called for.

Reports persist that it may be the final budget of Hon. Mr. Dunning. It has been repeatedly rumored that the Federal finance minister may retire before the next budget is brought down in the House.

N. B. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MET

Stanley Wood, Superintendent of the Livestock Division of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture who returned Saturday from Moncton where he attended a meeting of a committee on livestock marketing, reported this morning that two stallions have been purchased in the province recently under the Government's Stallion Purchase Assistance Policy. The stallions, both Belgian Class A, were purchased by a private individual in Carleton and the Clair Agricultural Society in Madawaska County.

The livestock committee which met at Moncton last week reviewed livestock marketing activities in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and discussed various marketing problems. The committee is composed of representatives from both these provinces who are interested in marketing of livestock; and it was decided at the meeting to ask Prince Edward Island to send representatives to the committee meetings in the future.

Livestock marketing, chiefly of hogs, is going ahead rapidly in the province, Mr. Wood stated.

Former Prime Minister Welcomed To Canada

Earl Baldwin Disembarks At Saint John; Will Lecture At Toronto U niversity

SAINT JOHN, April 17.—En route to Toronto to deliver a series of lectures at the University of Toronto, Rt. Honorable Earl Baldwin arrived in Saint John yesterday aboard the Duchess of York. The Toronto lectures will be under the Sir Robert Falconer lectureship.

Asked regarding President Roosevelt's peace plea, Earl Baldwin said that from reports he had heard, it is a very courageous and very statesmanlike attempt to ease the international situation that is becoming intolerable to the ordinary man in every country of the world. "I welcome it and I pray that it may succeed."

CANADA'S ATTITUDE
Asked if Canada's attitude

Washington NATION SOLID BEHIND ACTION

(Special to The Daily Mail)

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Continued evidences of national solidarity were evident today as the press and individuals expressed the feeling of the American people with respect to the plea of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to Hitler and Mussolini in his peace effort.

HITLER TO ANSWER

It was officially reported from Berlin today that Chancellor Hitler will answer the American President in an address before the Reichstag on April 28. It was stated that the Fuehrer considered the action of Roosevelt so important that he desired to make his statement before the German House, and has accordingly called the Reichstag for April 28.

It is reported that the Italian answer to the plea has already been prepared but its contents is being carefully guarded. In the meantime the Fascist press has continued to bemoan the American president, citing his action as another effort of the "proletarian democracies" to incite a world war.

Vatican City

April 17.—Speaking in Spanish yesterday, Pope Pius XII appealed to the new rulers of Spain and the clergy to lead their war-torn country back to the ideals of the Church.

Added Activity Around Gibraltar

EMPRESS BRITAIN NEARS END TOUR

CAPETOWN, April 17.—Ending a two week visit to South Africa, her second in three years, the Empress of Britain, north cruising Canadian Pacific liner sailed Saturday for St. Helena, lonely little island of Napoleon's exile continuing her 20,000 mile voyage that began in New York in January and ends there in May. The world tourists the majority of them from the United States, Canada and Great Britain visited the four provinces of the Union during their two weeks, many of them travelling by special trains on extended excursions while the Empress cruised from Durban to Capetown.

Hitler And Mussolini Will Reject, 17 Others Endorse Roosevelt's Plea

WASHINGTON, April 17.—While German and Italian press comment indicates that Hitler and Mussolini may reject President Roosevelt's appeal for peace, almost the whole Western Hemisphere reinforced the President's appeal to the German and Italian leaders to pledge not to attack 31 countries and to agree to take part in world conferences. Some 17 countries had endorsed the appeal last night, and other replies are expected.

TERMS PLEA INSULT

From Burgos, Spain, however, Diario Vasco, government paper, said the President's appeal was an insult to those great statesmen, Hitler and Mussolini.

President Michael Kalinin of Soviet Russia sent congratulations to President Roosevelt, which stated that the peace proposal "finds the warmest echo in the hearts of the people of the Soviet Union, sincerely interested in safeguarding general peace."

HITLER'S FEELING

From Berlin, reports state that Hitler is treating the Presidential message as "a routine matter," and intends to take his time in replying. The message was discussed by the Fuehrer and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop for an hour in Munich before they left for Berlin.

Political circles in Rome said that Mussolini would refuse the plea on the grounds that nobody was threatened by Italy and nobody needed Italy's formal pledge of non-aggression. Mussolini was reported to have been in close touch with Field Marshal Goering yesterday, as well as Hitler by means of telephone.

In asking the German and Italian leaders to pledge 10 years of peace, President Roosevelt promised the United States would participate in discussions looking toward armament reduction and removal of trade barriers; and discussed the clearing up of Europe's troubled political situation, but said the United States would not participate in the latter.

Berlin

HITLER INSPECTS TRAINING CAMPS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

BERLIN, April 17.—Chancellor Adolf Hitler will inspect training camps in Austria on a trip that will precede the celebration of his 50th birthday on Thursday. It is still rumored that German plans call for the presentation of the Free City of Danzig to Hitler as part of the German Reich as a birthday present.

284 REGISTER IN SURVEY OF WAR VETERANS

With the closing of registration of war veterans in the National survey conducted by the Canadian Legion, 281 ex-servicemen and three former nursing sisters were registered at Fredericton, it was stated today by Major E. C. Armstrong, officer in charge of registration here. It is expected, however, that the total will soon reach 300, since although registration has closed at this point, it is expected that added registrations will be received through the mail.

From Fredericton 172 veterans registered. Devon sent 22, Marysville 5, York County 56, Sumbury County 22, other New Brunswick points 5, and United States 2. Of the total 260 served in the Canadian Army, 20 in the British, two in the British Navy, one in the American Army, and one in the Italian.

Warsaw

NAZI MINORITIES CAUSE WORRY

(Special to The Daily Mail)

WARSAW, April 17.—Although official circles do not regard it as serious and feel that Germany will take no action, Nazi minorities in Polish Silesia are so convinced that they are to be taken back into the Reich that they are already making Swastika flags, confident that they will be soon waving them at Hitler.

A number of demonstrations were reported today, with the German-Poles shouting "Home to the Reich." Nazis meeting each other on the streets hail "To Liberation."

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 11-16 in Montreal.

The New York Stock Market was weaker today losing practically all of Saturday's gains.

New York	
American Radiator	11 1/2
American Smelters	39
American Tel & Tel	153 1/4
Anaconda	22 1/2
Bendix Aviation	19 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	55 1/2
Boeing Aircraft	20 1/2
Briggs Manufacturing	19 1/2
Chrysler Corp	59 1/2
Columbia Gas & Electric	6
Consolidated Edison	29 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	21 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	60 1/2
General Electric	34 1/2
General Motors	40 1/2
Goodyear T & R	23 1/2
Int Pap and Power	7 1/2
Int Pap & Pow Pfd	29 1/2

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Canada Endorses U.S. Action

Prime Minister Sends Commendation To American Leader

Timely Action

"Chance To Halt On Brink Catastrophe," Message Says

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Canada's reply to President Roosevelt's peace plea was expressed by Prime Minister Mackenzie King Saturday when he said the appeal "gives the world a chance to halt on the brink of catastrophe."

He said, "The very fact that danger is diffused, that there is no single issue, no one point of tension, has made it difficult to deal with the present situation. Mr. Roosevelt offers a peace conference before a war instead of after it. No country can likely reject that opportunity of saving civilization and saving itself."

TEXT OF NOTE

The text, sent by the Prime Minister to John Farr Simmons, American charge d'affaires at Ottawa, said:

"At the moment of supreme concern, the president has acted with characteristic initiative and courage. His frank and realistic message is directed to the leaders and the peoples of two great European countries, but it is of vital interest to the people of every country."

"He has presented an opportunity to all sitting round a friendly table, where every grievance can be discussed frankly."

"Canada welcomes the timely action of her good neighbor, and fervently hopes that it may meet with the response which the gravity of the situation demands."

London, Ont.

April 17.—"French Without Tears" was chosen as the leading drama in the Dominion Drama Festival here and was awarded the Bessborough Trophy. Choice was made by Samuel R. Littlewood, noted London critic who came from England to act as adjudicator.

Toronto HUNDRED VETS OFFER SERVICE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

TORONTO, April 17.—It was announced today that hundreds of veterans of the Great War have offered their services for standing guard at public buildings, bridges, and other important points in case of national emergency. Members of a newly formed body, "The Veterans' Survey Committee of Ontario," those who have offered their services are from the Toronto area and are mostly unemployed.