

1947 A Record Year for EMPIRE LIFE

Sound growth in financial strength and security to policyholders is reflected in the Company's operations as shown by this summary from the Annual Report.

Insurance In Force . . . \$77,869,577
Total Income . . . \$ 2,767,366
New Insurance, paid for and revived . . \$15,264,578
Total Assets . . . \$15,757,426
Policy Reserves . . . \$13,414,835
Payments to Living Policyholders and Beneficiaries . . . \$ 972,920
Surplus for Protection of Policyholders . . \$ 1,529,089

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Britain Denies Secret Deal With Hitler

LONDON, Feb. 14 — (AP) — Britain today denied Russian charges that she had a secret anti-Soviet "deal" with Hitler in 1938.

A Foreign Office spokesman termed the Soviet charge "quite obviously unfounded." He said it obviously required a denial.

That constituted the central theme of Britain's answer to Russia's assertion that captured German documents showed the existence of a pre-war Anglo-French policy aimed at directing Hitlerite aggression eastward against Russia.

A statement issued Wednesday night by the Soviet Information Bureau said Britain and France conspired in letting Germany take over Czechoslovakia and Austria. Russia accused Britain and France of entering into virtual non-aggression agreements with Hitler.

The Foreign Office spokesman today did not deny the authenticity of the documents themselves. He would only say, after an initial survey, that "we are not in a position to say that we can verify them all."

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Reds Have Few Facts To Back Up Argument

(By J. M. Roberts, Jr., Associated Press News Analyst)
Russia, trying to explain away the pre-war deals she made with Adolf Hitler, is resorting to a lot of argument and mighty little documentation.

The story she tells is an old one. She tries to infer that France and Britain made what amounted to a non-aggression pact with Germany by permitting the attacks on Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Just as the United States case is weakened by failure to take cognizance of the European situation which was the background of Russia's actions, so did the Russians fail to admit that the actions of France and Britain were the result of helplessness.

But the Russians can't show that the Western Powers were bought off with little presents like Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Bessarabia, half of Poland, the right to aggressive against Turkey and Iran without German interference, and so on.

They can't document their argument that France and Britain were egging Germany on against Russia. Certainly, if Hitler was going to make war, the Western Powers would not have him do so in the east. But there's a lot of difference between that and actual encouragement.

As a matter of fact, constant concessions were being made with the idea that almost anything was better than war. Czechoslovakia was sacrificed for that reason. Britain's belated pact with Poland was an effort to frighten Hitler out of his war plans. Britain certainly didn't say "O.K." if you must steal Poland, we'll take half for not opposing you. They said, "we'll fight you."

There was some justification for the wrong acts committed by both sides, but Russia approached the problem in an entirely unmoral atmosphere. She was willing to see Germany fight in the west, especially if it produced booty for her. There is not the slightest evidence that France and Britain would ever have made any deal with the knowledge that it would immediately unleash Hitler on any front.

The whole argument is, of course, academic. It can't help anybody except the war-guilt-dodging Germans. Everybody missed the boat in dealing with the double-crossing Hitler. Russia helped him until he began to interfere in the sphere which he had promised her, especially in Bulgaria, where Moscow expected a free hand in its drive to the Dardanelles. When Russia bucked him, Hitler attacked. The Western Powers were on the defensive from the beginning. The eastern war was far more of a straight power conflict.

But the big question, today is less concerned with who started the Second World War than who is likely to start the third world war. The preliminary situation is much the same. Russia, like Germany, is reaching out for control of areas on which she has no moral claim and which it is feared she will mobilize for aggressive warfare. The home base of the war of nerves has shifted from Rome and Berlin to Moscow. The fifth columns are far more wide spread and better organized than 10 years ago. If the cold war turns hot, there will be no slightest question of where the blame lies.

Moncton Woman Succumbs To Burns

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 13 — Severely burned by an explosion in a small gas stove in her apartment in the week, Miss Edith Daigle, 80 Robinson Street, succumbed to shock and injuries in Hotel Dieu. Miss Daigle, a native of Point St. Charles, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Daigle, had been employed as a knitter with Atlantic Underwear Ltd. for the last 23 years.

The funeral will be conducted from Assumption Cathedral tomorrow morning. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her sister, Mrs. Albert Cormier, Moncton.

BUSINESS IN BABYLON

Babylonian civilization in its heyday, 4,000 years ago, was chiefly commercial and mercantile.

"It is worse today than during the war," said one station operator. "Although we hate to do it, we are turning away casual customers."

The companies claimed the Government price increase failed to meet high production costs.

B.C. Service Stations To Ration Gasoline

(By The Canadian Press)
VANCOUVER, Feb. 13 — The "shop-around" motorist found himself in difficulties today as service station operators here opened a conservation program to meet a motor fuel shortage.

Regular customers got full tanks, but the casual buyer was held to one or two gallons, de-

pending on the supply position of station operators.

Formed a "gasoline war," the shortage followed a three-cent-a-gallon price boost authorized by the British Columbia Government, and an immediate ban on imports by oil companies.

Reduction of deliveries by the major oil companies, including Shell, Imperial and British-American, cut available supplies for non-commercial drivers to 54 per cent of last year's supply.

Operators plan to establish a card rationing system shortly. Each station will allot its own customers weekly quotas of gaso-

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Winnipeg Needs 9,500 New Homes

(By The Canadian Press)
WINNIPEG, Feb. 14 — House-seeking Winnipeggers had the housing shortage pointed up anew tonight in the light of a report that almost 70 per cent of the city's families are living in crowded quarters.

Fred C. Austin, chief inspector of the Sanitation and Housing Division of the Health Department, quoted the figure in his annual housing survey report to the civic health committee. He estimated the minimum need of new housing units to meet satisfactory health and sanitation standards at almost 9,500.

The chief inspector said that although the city now had a population of only about 20,000 more than in 1939, he could recall "that as far back as 27 years ago there were cases where two and three families were occupying quarters where only one family should have been living." He added that it was an "accumulation of all these things that has made the situation difficult here."

Winnipeg, with a population of 224,201 as of last June, was overcrowded slightly by the building of 1,645 new dwelling units in 1947, the report said. At the end of the year, there were 67 vacant houses, of which 88 were being held vacant for sale.

CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

FREDERICTON — (CP) — The University of New Brunswick plans to open a \$200,000 campaign to provide funds for renovation of the present memorial hall into a combined war memorial and students centre.

KITCHEN HINT

Paper towels are excellent for removing grease from plates, pots and pans before washing.

BANG-UP SALE

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