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GERMAN TROOPS MARCH INTO AUSTRIA

NAZIS SEIZE POWER IN "BLOODLESS REVOLUTION"

Germans Warned Putsch To Have Grave Reaction

Britain And France Protest To Berlin — London Cabinet Meeting Today.

LONDON, March 11—(CP)—Great Britain and France tonight instructed their ambassadors to Berlin to protest in "the strongest possible terms" against "use of coercion backed up by force" in Austria.

It was announced Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador, and Andre Francois-Poncet, French Ambassador, informed the German Government that its action in moving troops into Austria and forcing a change of Government there "was bound to produce the gravest reactions, of which it was impossible to foretell the issue."

Prime Minister Chamberlain summoned an emergency cabinet meeting for 10 A.M. (5 A.M. EST) tomorrow and postponed his weekend visit to Chequers.

The Associated Press report that the Prime Minister was understood to have warned the German Foreign Minister, Joachim Von Ribbentrop, that Great Britain might be led to "act with France" should Nazi pressure on Austria affect other central European countries.

OMINOUS SITUATION

Earlier, a Havas News Agency report said Mr. Chamberlain was believed to have informed the resigned Austria Chancellor, Kurt Von Schuschnigg, that Britain could not advise resistance to Berlin's demands.

Germany's action was regarded here as creating the most ominous situation since Hitler reoccupied the Rhineland March 7, 1936, in defiance of the Treaty of Versailles.

Italy, once Austria's protector, stood by to give the Austrian-born German Chancellor, Adolf Hitler, a free hand.

At Paris the French Government learned no possibility existed of Italian support in a move to quell Germany's aims in Austria.

Diplomatic sources in London agreed that Great Britain and France, while in the throes of a political crisis, would do nothing about Hitler's bloodless conquest of Austria beyond the joint protest which reinforced separate warnings to Germany of the "possible consequences" of Hitler's course.

Nazis Jubilant

In Berlin, where newspapers called Von Schuschnigg a "traitor," Nazis were jubilant but they said Hitler had no desire to have Austria made a part of Germany, but rather desired that she remain independent.

Havas reported it learned Mr. Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax told Von Ribbentrop that if Germany counted on Britain's "disinterestedness" in Austria, it should not assume this "disinterestedness" would hold good for all central Europe.

Mr. Chamberlain was said to have given Von Ribbentrop to understand that if Austrian developments had repercussions in other countries, Britain might be led to act in concert with France.

"Family Affair"

Von Ribbentrop was understood to have clung to the Nazi thesis that Austro-German relations are a "family affair". He was scheduled to leave tomorrow morning in his private airplane. He lunched with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax today, was received in audience by the King and visited several members of the diplomatic corps.

Sir Robert Vansittart, chief diplomatic adviser to the Government, conferred with Baron George Franckenstein, Austrian minister.

Attention of the British Government was directed to the situation by Von Schuschnigg after he received an ultimatum from Germany calling for his resignation and the appointment of pro-Nazi Arthur Von Seyss-Inquart to succ-

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N. S. Government Budgets For Surplus

HALIFAX, March 11—(CP)—Estimated revenue of $11,653,961.60 and expenditures, including sinking funds of $11,646,062.96 for the fiscal year beginning Dec. 1 last leaving a surplus of $7,898.64 was announced by Premier A. L. Macdonald in the Nova Scotia legislature today.

The expected revenue is an increase of $557,734 over that for the last fiscal year, highest in the province's history. This year the estimated expenditure is $612,224 more than that of last year.

COMING EVENTS

**Skate Victoria Rink tonight. L-823-1-15-22-29-Sat-tf.

**Cake Sale, Trinity Mission Band, at Moore & McLeod's, March 19th. L-673-3-9-12-19.

Come to Variety Concert in Fredericton Hall, Wednesday evening, March 16th. L-767-3-12-16.

**Hockey Final at New Glasgow tonight. Imperials Vs. Rangers. L-755-3-12-11.

**Marie Y. P. U. play "Here Comes Charlie" in Morell Hall March 17th. L-768-3-12-21.

**Hockey at Milton Rink tonight, Huskies vs. Maple Leafs. Game starts at 8 o'clock. L-781.

**Pownal Rink Saturday. Skate and Dance Monday the 14th, Mt. Herbert Vs. Pownal. L-757-3-12-11.

**Borden Line Club loading hogs lambs, calves every Tuesday. Hours 12 to 3. L-348-12-M-2-5-tf.

**Arriving Friday, carload of Silver Tip Chick Starter, Fox Cubes, Cod Oil Biscuits, Milk Biscuits, Bonemeal. Lowest prices. Dillon & Spillett. L-699-3-10-31.

**Hockey at Highfield tonight, Prince of Wales vs. Highfield Granites. Skate after match. L-782.

**Borden Rink Monday 14th., Lea and Wright League, Bedeque vs. Borden, skate after. L-787-3-12-21.

**Auction and Rummage Sale, aid of Y. M. C. A. Saturday, April 2nd. Contributions of articles of all kinds requested. Watch for later announcement. L-752-3-12-11.

**Doubleheader at Marshfield Rink tonight, Dunstaffnage Red Wings vs. East Royalty Royals; Red Wing Sisters vs. Royal Sisters. L-784.

**Buying live hogs, Alden Moase, Kensington, Monday; Lemuel Craswell, Milton, Monday; Hunter River, Monday afternoon and Tuesday forenoon each week. L-779.

**Hospital Cake Sale by Ladies of Baptist Church, Saturday, March 12th., at Moore & McLeod's. You can secure delicious breads, cakes, etc., at this sale, so why bake this weekend? L-718-3-10-31.

**Livestock Marketing Board loading through local shipping clubs week of March 14th., as follows: Monday afternoon, O'Leary, Montague, Cardigan, Souris, St. Peters, Uigg, Millview, Charlottetown, Tuesday forenoon till train time, Kensington, Charlottetown, Mt. Stewart, York, Wiltshire, Hunter River, Bradalbane. Afternoon 12-3 Albany. Please list stock with local secretary. Ship co-operatively for highest net returns. L-790.

BERLIN HAILS NAZIFICATION OF AUSTRIA

German Troops En-route To Vienna At Request Of New Chancellor.

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

BERLIN, March 12—(Saturday)—Reichsfuehrer Hitler sent German troops into Austria during the night to make good the new Nazi Government established there yesterday.

The troops were said by Deutsches Nachrichten Bureau, official German News Agency, at 1 a. m. (7 p. m. EST Friday) to be passing through Rohrbach, near Linz, Austrian Nazi stronghold.

At the same time a source which usually has proved reliable said all members of the new Austrian Cabinet except the new Chancellor, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, were closeted with Hitler at a late hour in the night. Seyss-Inquart was in Vienna as the sole Government representative.

Requested Aid

The troop movements became known a short time after the new Hitler-approved Chancellor, asked for German help to preserve order.

A Government spokesman declared that not a single German soldier entered Austria before the resignation of the anti-Nazi Kurt Von Schuschnigg from the Chancellorship.

It was pointed out that the troops stood ready at the border, but that Von Schuschnigg bowed to Hitler's ultimatum, which was said to have given him one hour to quit.

Expands Reich

By his moves, Der Fuehrer virtually expanded his "Reich of all the Germans" by 32,377 square miles and opened the way for Nazification of 7,760,000 of the 10,000,000 Germans outside the Reich which he mentioned in his Feb. 20 Reichstag speech.

Interference by outside nations in the Austro-German affair was categorically denied. British Ambassador Sir Nevile Henderson visited the Foreign Office Friday afternoon—according to unconfirmable rumors as spokesman for both Britain and France—but the visit was said to have had no effect upon the drama unfolding itself in Austria. (The French and British Governments announced their ambassadors had protested in "the strongest possible terms to Germany.)

There was jubilation coupled with a feeling of relief wherever Nazis met.

"We didn't expect things to go so smoothly," one Nazi spokesman confided. "Thank God, no shots had to be exchanged between Germans and Austrians."

A Government spokesman admitted there were some "anxious hours", and exclaimed "to think one traitor could manoeuver two friendly people into such a bad position!"

By "traitor" he meant Von Schuschnigg, who was stigmatized with this title by the press.

It was held here that Nazification of the little state will proceed now according to schedule, for the police are in Nazi hands with Austrian storm troops ready to assist as the German storm troops assisted during the first months of the Nazi revolution in Germany.

The army, it was felt here, will obey the new Chancellor.

It was emphasized in Nazi circles that Hitler has no desire to have Austria made a part of Germany. The state is to remain independent in the same sense that the Free City of Danzig is independent of the Reich, they said.

TOO EXCLUSIVE

NEW YORK, —(CP) — The courts have refused incorporation of the "We Americans" organization of "anti-ism" people on the ground the title would exclude other citizens of United States having equal right to it.

—Europe At A Glance—

(By The Associated Press)

Vienna—Germany Nazifies Austrian Government, sending in troops and reorganizing cabinet with Arthur Seyss-Inquart, personal friend of Hitler, as Chancellor. Kurt Von Schuschnigg driven from office by German ultimatum threatening invasion.

Berlin—Hitler reported closeted with all members of new Austrian cabinet except Seyss-Inquart as his troops march into Austria; German move provoked by Von Schuschnigg's call for plebiscite on "free Austria"; Nazis maintain country will remain "independent."

London—British and French Governments protest in "strongest possible terms" against German action; Hitler's move seen as bound to produce the "gravest reaction." Cabinet to meet today (Saturday).

Paris—Austrian crisis catches France with a resigned government in office; Premier-designate Leon Blum expresses confidence he can form new National Union Government; Italy refuses joint action with France and Great Britain over Austria.

Rome—Fascist Grand Council reconvenes; Italy exercises "diplomatic reserve" on Austro-German developments; massing of Italian troops on frontier facing Austria considered "most improbable."

Blum Strives To Form Government

Albert H. MacNeill Dies In Vancouver

VANCOUVER, March 9—(CP)—Albert Howard MacNeill, K. C., one of Vancouver's prominent barrister's died Tuesday night after an illness of more than two years. Mrs. Hector McInnis of Halifax is a sister.

Mr. MacNeill was a graduate of Dalhousie university, Halifax and a son of the late Rev. Donald McNeill of Charlottetown.

TRADE BOARD HOLDS COUNCIL MEETING

Several Matters Of Interest Discussed And Committees Appointed At Last Night's Session.

Bacterial wilt, new threat to the potato industry of Prince Edward Island, the proposed transport bill now before the Federal Parliament and the Prince Edward Island income tax act were the principal subjects of discussion at a council meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade last night. Lt.-Col. G. E. Full, president of the Board was chairman. Those taking part in discussions included Messrs. E. T. Higgs, R. E. Mutch, S. A. McLeod, W. L. Cotton, C. N. Bissett, Dr. J. A. Clark, D. F. Archibald, Arthur Wright and W. L. Higgins, secretary of the Board.

The proposed Charlottetown-Borden highway, federal grants to airports, and the Workmen's Compensation Act, which it is understood the Charlottetown Laborers' Protective Union will request the Provincial Legislature to enact at the coming session, were other matters discussed.

Messrs. E. T. Higgs, R. E. Mutch, C. N. Bissett and R. R. Bell were appointed a committee to study the Prince Edward Island income tax act with a view to bring in constructive suggestions to be placed before the coming session of the Legislature.

Lieut. Col. Full, president of the Board, and Dr. J. A. Clark, chairman of the agriculture committee would interview the Provincial Government through the Hon. W. H. Dennis, minister of agriculture, urging that action be taken to have potato inspectors make a thorough check for bacterial wilt, the meeting decided. They will also urge that provision be made to quarantine fields if any trace of the disease is found in the province. The most important thing, Dr. Clark said, was to keep potatoes from being imported into the province.

The disease was wholly unlike a fungus disease, Dr. Clark contin-

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Events In Austria Spur Blum's Efforts

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

PARIS, March 11—France, with a resigned Government carrying on while attempts are made to form a new one, tonight joined Great Britain in a protest to Germany against the Nazification of Austria.

The French Government learned there was no possibility that Italy would support a move to prevent drastic German action in Austria.

Instructions were sent Thursday night to the Charge d'Affaires in Rome to inquire whether Italy would cooperate. He reported today, Foreign Office circles stated, that no such possibility existed at present.

The Foreign Office announced the French and British Ambassadors in Berlin made a joint protest to the German Government over Nazi steps in Austria.

At the same time the Socialist leader and Premier-designate, Leon Blum, sought to form a National Union Government upon an enlarged base, its members running from Communists on the left to the Rightist Republican Federation.

He was ready to discard the Popular Front formula which has ruled France since May, 1933.

Sources close to Blum said he felt convinced a cabinet would be organized tomorrow and would be ready to deal with events in Austria.

JAP FORCES INVADE SHENSI

Launch Offensive In Communist Stronghold.

(By The Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, March 12—(Saturday)—Japanese reported today they launched an offensive in Shensi Province, Communist stronghold and fourth largest province in China.

They said Japanese forces crossed the Yellow River from Hoku and were spreading across the northernmost tip of Shensi, driving the Chinese before them southwestward along the Great Wall.

Chinese reports from Hankow, however, officially denied the Japanese penetrated Shensi.

The Japanese reports indicated they planned to establish bases inside the ancient wall to ensure against flank attacks and then drive southward.

The first important village in North Shensi is Shenmu, about 50 miles from the northern end of the province.

Meanwhile, continued Chinese guerrilla activity in conquered areas of Shansi and Shantung provinces inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese garrisons and threatened Japanese communication and supply lines.

Chinese asserted they recaptured Kokow in southerneast Shantung province, killing 1,000 Japanese, and Hotsin, on the north bank of the Fen River.

Air Ministry Is Reorganized

LONDON, March 11—(CP Cable)—The Government tonight announced a reorganization of the Air Ministry.

Four major positions were created.

Earl Winterton was taken into the Cabinet to act as the Air Ministry's spokesman in the House of Commons.

Sir Donald Banks was named permanent under-secretary of state for air.

W. P. Hildred became deputy director-general of civil aviation.

C. J. Stewart was named director of civil research and production.

ROME-BERLIN AXIS UNDER HEAVY STRAIN

Fascist Council Meets In Special Session To Discuss Austrian Situation.

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

ROME, March 11—The turbulent situation in Austria put the Rome-Berlin axis under heavy strain tonight as Italy's Fascist Grand Council reconvened. An official announced acknowledged that Rome was in contact with Berlin, keeping close watch on the rapidly changing picture.

The Ministry of Popular Culture, however, declared the contact merely was normal diplomatic intercourse. Its spokesman said Italy was exercising "every diplomatic reserve."

The arrival of German troops in Austria towered over other matters on the Council's agenda.

FACES DILEMMA

Foreign circles say Italy is on the horns of a dilemma and herself in a precarious diplomatic position because of the Austrian situation.

Until ties between Italian and German foreign policy grew close, the preservation of Austrian independence was a major point of Italian diplomacy.

But since the development of the Rome-Berlin axis, diplomatic sources pointed out, any appearance of Italian intervention on behalf of Austria would antagonize Hitler; Premier Mussolini would be forced to abandon either Austria or Germany.

Italy, not having concluded her peace-making negotiations with Great Britain and having few other European ties, therefore would face the peril of isolation should the axis break now, these quarters said.

The Culture Ministry spokesman said his office would make no statement on possible Italian troop movements. Reports from Bolzano, near the Italo- Austrian border, said no unusual movements were observed.

Communications across the Austro-Italian border being limited to only three practical routes—through the Brenner, San Cansisa and Tarvisio passes—the number of guards at the actual frontier are relatively small.

Italy, however, has from 100,000 to 150,000 troops at Milan, Trieste, Udine, Bolzano and Bologna which might be moved to the border if necessary.

Although tension here increased noticeably as rumors and news poured in from Vienna, Berlin and the rest of Europe, the foreign press spokesman refused to enlarge on this brief, oral statement:

"In face of contradictory reports of a grave and delicate nature, Italy is exercising every diplomatic reserve. The situation is so confused it is impossible to say anything."

Challenge Validity Of Social Credit Act

CALGARY, March 11—(CP)—Constitutionality of the Alberta Social Credit Act, foundation stone of the Social Credit system, and the legislation governing the operation of trades and business in the province will be challenged in the Supreme Court of Alberta.

In a statement of claim filed at the Calgary court house today by the Motor Car Supply Company of Canada, with head offices in Calgary, the Supreme Court is asked to declare ultra vires the Alberta Social Credit Act, the licensing of trades and businesses acts, 1937, and regulations made by Order-in-Council under the licensing of trades and businesses act.

Premier Aberhart, as Attorney-General for Alberta, is named defendant in the action.

25 KILLED BY CYCLONE

CALCUTTA, India, March 11—(CP-Reuters)—A cyclone struck a small community of tea estate workers in the hilly Dibrugarh district today, killing at least 25 and inflicting injury on 45.

Von Schuschnigg Quits In Face Of Reich Ultimatum

Seyss-Inquart Forms New Government—Vienna Scene Of Wild Turmoil.

(By The Associated Press)

VIENNA, March 12—(Saturday)—Austria has capitulated to Adolf Hitler in a bloodless revolution which converted this nation into a Nazi state.

Faced by a German ultimatum threatening armed invasion unless the Government were organized as Hitler wished, the Government gave up its five year fight against the German Fuehrer.

The bloodless revolution came after two days of violence through Austria. It was accomplished in eight hours.

Swept out of office by Germany's demands was Chancellor Kurt Von Schuschnigg, who had fought to preserve Austrian independence as did Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss who was assassinated in a Nazi Putsch July 25, 1934.

Succeeding him as Chancellor and Austria's man of the hour was Austria's Nazi leader, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, political friend of Hitler.

Seyss-Inquart immediately formed a new cabinet, all but two of whom were Nazis.

Edmund Glaise-Horstenau was named vice-chancellor.

BLOODLESS REVOLUTION

In eight hours Austria underwent a bloodless revolution which converted it into a Nazi state.

Crowds shouting "Heil Seyss-Inquart" milled about the Chancellery, hailing the capitulation to Hitler which the German Fuehrer brought about by his ultimatum threatening invasion. They demanded the new Chancellor appear on the balcony.

Rheinthaler came out and announced to the throng:

"National Socialists are assuming power about which we had hardly dared to dream. Today, a new era starts for Austria. Long live the grand German Reich!"

Major Klausner declared in his broadcast that "again a National Socialist revolution has occurred in fullest order and discipline. Nobody suffered during those hours, thanks to the S.A. and S.S. (Nazi troops.)

LAUDS HITLER

"In this hour we thank, in great gratitude, our leader Adolf Hitler."

Censorship was started.

An order posted in the correspondents' room in the central telegraph office said all telephone conversations from the room must be in German.

Correspondents for the International News Service, a United States organization, were detained against their will without charges at the main telegraph office.

After formation of the new cabinet was announced, the Vienna radio played almost continuously the German National Anthem and a special hymn to Hitler.

The populace was asked to display the Nazi Swastika flags countrywide today.

Schools were ordered closed.

Requests German Aid

Earlier, Seyss-Inquart had

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Rowell Commission Leaves For Victoria

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 11—The Rowell Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations will leave tonight for Victoria where it will open its British Columbia sittings March 16. The sessions are expected to last 10 days.

In addition to a brief to be presented by the British Columbia Government, representation of approximately 20 organizations also will be heard.

Following the British Columbia sittings, the Commission will move to Edmonton to open sessions March 28.

DEATH FOR 19 PLOTTERS IS DEMANDED

Soviet Prosecutor Climaxes Treason Trial With Furious Summation Of Charges.

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
Associated Press Foreign Staff

MOSCOW, March 11—Death for 19 of the 21 defendants in Russia's greatest treason trial was demanded today by Prosecutor Andrei Y. Vishinsky at the climax of a furious summation of treason and murder charges.

For five hours the prosecutor thundered details of the prisoners' confessed plots.

He called them "human scum" when his words burned hot and "heroes" when he painted their treachery with sarcasm.

He called them unscrupulous tools of foreign intelligence services, hammering insistently on their foreign ties. He demanded they

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Canadians Taken Prisoners By Insurgents At Belchite

ZARAGOZA, Spain, March 11—General Francisco Franco's Insurgent forces, having captured nearly 800 square miles of Government territory in three days, drove forward again today in their big offensive along the 70-mile Aragon front.

The chief gains were at the northern end of the front, between Belchite, which was captured yesterday, and Fuentes de Ebro.

General Garcia Escamez directed a drive eastward from Fuentes de Ebro, which advanced the Insurgent lines about six miles to the south bank of the Ebro River. His forces also took Mediana, south of Fuentes de Ebro.

General Juan Yague, whose troops occupied Belchite yesterday, took Godo, three miles to the northeast, and moved northward to form a liaison with Garcia Escamez's forces.

Heavy fighting also was reported in the Montalban sector, midway between Belchite and Teruel.

Insurgent spokesmen expressed the belief the government's International Brigade was used in the government's defence of Belchite.

Some Canadians were captured when Insurgents took the city and badges were found on the battlefield with the picture of Abraham Lincoln and inscribed "Friends of the Lincoln Battalion."

Tax Increase On Gasoline Opposed

HALIFAX, March 11—(CP)—Legislation to empower the Nova Scotia Government to increase tax on gasoline from eight cents to 10 cents per gallon was under fire by Opposition Leader Percy C. Black today in the liveliest debate since Nova Scotia's Legislature opened.

Charging gasoline prices in this province "have been excessive" and that the proposed levy of 10 cents a gallon was "an exorbitant tax, a top-heavy tax," the Opposition Leader tangled with three Government members.

Highways minister A. S MacMillan announced last night his department was negotiating reductions of two cents and 11-2 cents a gallon. Mr. Black declared "this reduction should be passed on to the users and not made a political football."

$25,000 Loss As Fire Razes Convent In New Brunswick

(By The Canadian Press)

ST. LOUIS, N.B., March 11—Fire this afternoon destroyed the Convent of St. Louis in this Kent County village. No one was injured. Loss was estimated at $25,000 unprotected by insurance.

The large, three-storey wooden building housed 30 boarding students, between 50 and 75 day pupils from the surrounding district, and ten sisters of the congregation of Notre Dame, under Mother Superior St. Pierre Rodriguez.

Lack of water prevented the Richibucto Fire Department from saving the structure as flames raced through the tinder-dry convent. How the fire started was unknown.

The building was erected about 45 years ago to replace the original convent founded by the late Monsignor Richard, of St. Louis, uncle of the present Mother Superior.

A large wooden church across the road and the original building, now used as a private residence, were the only other structures in the immediate vicinity of the fire and they escaped damage.

The fire started in the roof shortly after classes were finished for the day. It was believed caused by a defective chimney. The building was destroyed in two hours.

The boarding students were staying at the houses of neighbors tonight. Classes may continue in the parish hall tomorrow.

WEATHER

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

Toronto, March 11—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	18	30
Victoria	44	50
Edmonton	30	42
Regina	6	36
Winnipeg	12	40
Toronto	24	36
Ottawa	zero	28
Montreal	12	34
Quebec	zero	30
Saint John	2	28
Halifax	8	26
Charlottetown	12B	20

Maritime East: Moderate to fresh southerly winds; pratly cloudy with rising temperature, followed by snow or part rain.

High tide this morning at 7.48 and tonight at 7.12.

Sun sets this evening at 6.01 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.18.

Full moon March 16, at 1.15 a.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY

Leaves Borden 9.45 a. m., 1 p. m.
Leaves Tormentine 11 a. m., 3.55 p. m.