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INSURGENT WAR PLANES BLAST BARCELONA

CHAMBERLAIN TO CLARIFY FOREIGN POLICY Ten Air Raids In

WILL MAKE STATEMENT NEXT WEEK

Persisting Rumors Of Cabinet Cleavage Go Unconfirmed.

(By Pat Usher, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, March 17—(AP)—Authoritative sources stated tonight Prime Minister Chamberlain will make a statement in the House of Commons next week that will clarify the Government's foreign policy and allay rumors of a revolt in its ranks.

Report of a cabinet cleavage, with a small group pressing for an immediate, clear-cut statement on foreign policy, persisted tonight. But efforts to substantiate these reports met with a barrage of official denials.

Outwardly, at any rate, all was quiet in Downing Street.

The basis of persistent cleavage exists—Mr. Chamberlain's unwillingness to issue a hasty declaration of policy.

A section of the cabinet is reported pressing for a prompt statement on what Britain will and will not do under certain circumstances on the continent, particularly in regard to Czechoslovakia and Spain.

Throughout the day rumors flew that the younger members of the cabinet, headed by Leslie Hore-Belisha, war secretary, and Malcolm MacDonald, dominions secretary, were in revolt against the Prime Minister and were demanding a statement.

Such a statement by the Prime Minister was expected to do much to pacify those clamoring for an immediate definite declaration.

Insist No Crisis

Government sources have insisted there was not a Government crisis despite the mounting reports that the cautious foreign policy had brought about a rupture.

The unconfirmed rumors of trouble within the cabinet went so far in their extreme version as to predict the prime minister would resign with either Earl Baldwin or Winston Churchill forming an all-party government.

In addition to Mr. Hore-Belisha and Mr. MacDonald, those who have become dissatisfied are said to be Earl de La Warr, Lord Privy Seal; William Ormsby-Gore, colonial secretary; Walter Elliot, secretary for Scotland; Oliver Stanley, president of the board of trade; W. S. Morrison, agriculture; and Earl Winterston, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Dismiss Reports

Government quarters dismissed the reports in regard to Earl Baldwin and Mr. Churchill as absurd.

Should dissent reports be borne out, and a settlement not found, an internal crisis would be found, an internal crisis would be found.

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COMING EVENTS

Horse racing on New Glasgow River Saturday afternoon. L-935.

Borden rink tonight, Terraplanes vs. Cape Tormentine, Skete after. L-932.

Fownal rink March 18th, Mt. Abbot vs. Fownal Juniors. L-905-3-18-11.

Buying live hogs Monday, March 21st, Five Houses. Signed J. J. Larkin. L-962-3-18-41.

Hockey at Highfield tonight. Hearbreakers vs. Granites. Skete and dance after match. Orchestra in attendance. L-938.

Big moccasins dance at Marshfield rink Saturday night. Melodious sound system and fiddlers. L-931-3-18-21.

Mildon Moose, Kensington, buying live hogs Monday the 21st, Lemuel Craswell, Milton, Monday forenoon, Hunter River afternoon and Tuesday forenoon. L-904-3-18-21.

For Meats—Boneless Horse Meat, 1/6. Beef, 1/4. Calf, 1/4. Pigs, 1/4. We also have in stock other fox meats such as Beef Cheeks, Boneless Beef, Ground Meats, etc. Island Cold Storage Ltd. L-814-3-18-41.

Hunter River shipping club expects to unload a car of corn meal and cracked corn early next week, book your requirements at once. No profits in this case for anyone—Ernest Houston, Secy. L-907-3-17-21.

Entertainment and box social in Cape Traverse Hall, Tuesday evening, March 22nd in aid of Hall. Admission 20c and 50c. Ladies with baskets. Free dance after. Good music. If not fine come Wednesday. L-918-3-18-41.

Would Abolish Flogging Penalty

LONDON, March 17—(AP Cable)—A departmental committee headed by Hon. Edward Cadogan tonight recommended abolition of flogging as a court penalty. With that recommendation goes another to abolish birching for juveniles.

Corporal punishment for serious offenses against discipline in prisons is retained but it is recommended that both the law and the practice should be modified.

The committee also takes the view that "no fresh powers should be conferred on the courts to punish by flogging offenders for which corporal punishment was not at present being imposed. The use of corporal punishment as a court penalty should in our view be entirely abandoned."

The report discusses the various offences for which flogging may now be imposed—from the obsolete one about taking certain actions at law against ambassadors or their servants to robbery with violence.

RUSSIA URGES CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS CRISIS

(AP. By Guardian's Special Wire)

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INDUBITABLE MENACE

"Violence has been perpetrated in the centre of Europe," he said, "and has created an indubitable menace not only to 11 countries now contiguous with the aggressor but also to all European states and not only European states."

It may be the time for it is not yet come if all states, and the great powers in particular, take a firm and clear-cut stand in regard to the problem of the collective salvation of peace."

The Commissioner indicated the call for a conference would be discussed with other governments at the formal statement of Soviet readiness to "take up immediately the consideration of measures which circumstances demand."

Foremost in his mind were the German annexation of Austria, tension on the Polish-Lithuanian frontier and the peril to Czechoslovakia from attack by Germany.

Litvinov said he was urging the powers to discuss joint action to protect Czechoslovakia.

The Commissioner explained the exclusion of "aggressor" nations by declaring "other conferences failed largely because of the strange idea of inviting aggressors." The alliance, it was believed, was to the Brussels conference on the Chinese-Japanese situation.

Litvinov said the danger which the Commissioner said Russia saw in the situation between Poland and Lithuania, Litvinov replied he had been informed that "large crowds had demonstrated with banners inscribed: 'Down with Lithuania, down with the Lithuanian frontier.' Such demonstrations, he said, preceded the Great War."

Nazi Propaganda Launched To Win Heavy Vote In Austria

VIENNA, March 17—(AP)—The new Austria-German Nazi administration threw its propaganda machine into high gear today to turn out a heavy vote in Germany in the April 10 plebiscite.

A branch of Joseph Goebbels' propaganda ministry was set up in Vienna to coordinate the Nazi propaganda campaign, to carry out the job.

One of the initial steps was to order 20,000 radio receiving sets from Germany for distribution to remote localities so that Nazi oratory could be heard.

A spokesman for the plebiscite campaign organization warned against over-estimating Nazi strength.

"We are sure we will have a most impressive majority of the people with us," he said.

AWAIT HITLER DECLARATION TO REICHSTAG

Belief Held Address Will Be Confined To Austrian Annexation.

(By Louis F. Lochner, Associated Press Foreign Staff)

BERLIN, March 17—German-Austrian union tonight as the burden of the declaration Reichstuehrer Hitler will make tomorrow night to the Reichstag.

Disolution of the existing Reichstag and the calling of new elections was taken for granted. The Reichstag is the only legislative assembly in Germany; Hitler calls it to hear important pronouncements.

Since Austria has become a part of Germany, provision must be made for the new province's representation and presumably Germany like Austria will march to the polls April 10, the date of the plebiscite on union.

Speculation Rife

There was speculation whether Hitler also would discuss the situation in Spain, Czechoslovakia, the Free City of Danzig, and the Polish-Lithuanian conflict.

Circles close to the Chancellery expressed the opinion that for the present there was little likelihood of German moves in any of those directions.

They awaited the possibility however of Hitlerian surprises. A report, described as "unofficial," indicated the two nations were seeking to find a basis by which conflict would be avoided.

Paper Suppressed

The opposition newspaper, Nowa Prawda, was suppressed for carrying a report, described as "incorrect," that another strong note had been dispatched from Warsaw to Kaunas by way of Riga.

This report said the note demanded resumption of normal relations and stressed that if Lithuania refused Poland would draw the most far-going consequences.

The Polish-Lithuanian conflict was precipitated by a border clash last Friday in which a Polish guard was killed.

The opening of a deep-seated difference between the two countries has been without normal relations for 18 years due to the Polish seizure of Wilno.

A ministerial declaration in the Lithuanian Parliament said Polish demands included:

1. Establishment of diplomatic relations.
2. Conclusion of a non-aggression pact.

In return, Poland said she was willing to recognize the independence of Lithuania and take cognizance of the Lithuanian attitude regarding Wilno.

Hitler will begin speaking at 8 p. m. (3 p. m. AST) tomorrow in the Kroll Opera House.

Field Secretary Receives Transfer

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

TORONTO, March 17—Rev. William Byers, field secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance in Eastern Canada, has been appointed to a similar position in Western Canada with headquarters in Vancouver.

Mr. Byers will assume the position left vacant by the recent resignation of Rev. George E. Webber, who was made general secretary of the Dominion organization.

Mr. Byers had been field secretary in the Maritimes since 1932.

He was born in Nova Scotia and was a graduate of Pine Hill Divinity School, Halifax. Before his ordination he was a Presbyterian missionary at Ladysville, N.S., and his first pastorate was at Glassville, N. B.

Housewives Fight Butter Price Rise

(By The Canadian Press)

TORONTO, March 17—The militant Toronto Housewives' Association, repulsed in its first battle with rising food prices, organized forces today to protest the cost of butter, now about 10 cents a pound higher than a year ago.

Officials of the Association announced a "Boycott Butter Week" from next Monday to Saturday. Mass meetings, petitions to the government and protest delegations were formed during the week.

The fight against increased butter prices is the second major skirmish for the Association, organized by Mrs. Bertina Lamb, young Toronto mother, when the retail milk price was raised a cent to 13 cents a quart in November. The Association, numbering several thousand members, has failed so far to have the milk price lowered.

SPEAKER PAYS DEEP TRIBUTE TO MR. CURRIE

Funeral Service Held In St. James Church Last Evening—Burial In Summerside Today.

"It is with genuine sorrow and with an unfeigned sense of loss that we meet in God's house tonight to pay our respects to the worth of a man who filled a large and useful place in the life of our community and who made himself a gracious and abiding influence in the lives of many friends," said the Rev. Dr. Legate, pastor of the St. James Presbyterian Church, in paying tribute to the late Mr. D. K. Currie at the funeral service in the church last evening.

"The wider aspects of his accomplishments in the spheres of education and journalism," said Dr. Legate, "have been dealt with by those who are better qualified to speak of them than I am. My brief words would be by way of a personal tribute to the man who was a friend and a good Christian. Those of us who enjoyed the good fortune of being admitted into the inner circle of his life, and who have shared our daily carry with us, to the end of our days, the memories of that privilege, God gives us some of His most valuable blessings through innumerable such lives as that of D. K. Currie. It was indeed a benison to know him. One could not spend an hour in his company without being the richer and the happier for the experience. His mind, chocky stored with the best that wide and selective reading could give him, was a storehouse of facts and figures, his love of the beautiful in nature and literature, his unconquerably happy outlook, his sense of humor, his many and varied interests, his ability to communicate to others the best that was in himself, a sufferer under one of the most blighting applications that can come upon the mankind, he was one of the highest examples of courage and patience I have ever known. Indeed he was a man of great character and firmness that it became wider door for himself and others into the kingdom of light and happiness.

During the service Mr. Currie was remembered as a glowing joy; there was not an hour when he did not find it good to be alive. And how gentle he was! How charitable to a human weakness! How understanding towards that complex thing we call human nature!

"His religion was true and deep and without ostentation. His spirituality was real, and his reverence for divine things profound. And his life was humbly lived in accordance with his faith. He is gone, but the fragrance of his memory will linger with us. It has been good for us to have known this man who, like his Master, learned obedience by the things that he suffered."

One of the last wishes he expressed was that a copy of his Tennyson open at these words, and what could be a sweeter requiem:

"There lies the port; the vessel there we rest; /
A glory that has passed, a glory that has fled: /
So soon, so surely o'er us swoons /
This gloom the dark, broad sea. /
Push off, and sitting well in order, /
Smile! /
The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds /
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths /
Of all the western stars, until I die!"

The body of the late Mr. Currie was taken to St. James Church from his late residence, King Square, last evening at 6:30 and service was held at 7:30.

During the service Mr. Arthur Bruce sang "Crossing the Bar." Mourners were: Mrs. H. Roy Cromwell, Mrs. Charles P. Devine, Miss Annie Smith, Messrs. J. R. Burnett, Ian Burnett, Bill Burnett, Bert Davidson, O. M. Shannon, Major T. E. McNutt, Ernest McNutt, Col. D. A. MacKinnon, Harold Messervy, and Mr. McMillan.

Ballbearers were: Messrs. A. E. Morrison, D. A. MacKinnon, Prof. G. Patterson, Frank Tierney, Frank Walker and W. A. Shaw. The body was resting at the MacLean Funeral Home last night and will be forwarded to Summerside on the early train this morning for burial.

BENNETT ASKS FOR STATEMENT ON GRAVE ISSUE

Prime Minister Refers To Present "Appalling Situation" In Europe And Asia.

(By C. E. Blackburn, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, March 17—The Government will place no restriction on members of Parliament debating the foreign affairs, Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the House of Commons today, "but the Government must, with respect to its own utterances, make them in the light of the responsibility which attaches to everything the Government says at this time."

Promptings from T. L. Church (Cons., Toronto-Broadview), Angus MacInnis (COP-Vancouver, East), James S. Woodsworth (COP-Winnipeg, North Centre), and finally by Opposition Leader Bennett, failed to induce Mr. Mackenzie King to reveal any inside information or communications with the Government today, or any commitment regarding shipments of arms to various countries.

Mr. Bennett suggested the Prime Minister might make a statement to the House in the light of his wider knowledge, gained from private despatches, of the Government's appreciation of the European and Asian situation, and to suggest the House could not discuss any subject whatever that interested it.

Appalling Situation

The Prime Minister assured the members they would be accorded every right to discuss such matters, but indicated firmly the Government was of the opinion nothing should be said or done that might "make the present appalling situation on the two continents (Europe and Asia) more embarrassing for the countries that are

Seek Increase In Relief Grant

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 17—Mayor Stanley Lewis of Ottawa, newly-elected president of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, tonight headed a deputation that saw a group of Federal cabinet ministers to place before them, among other things, the Federation's resolution that the Federal Government assume 50 per cent of unemployment relief costs on condition the provinces assume 40 per cent, leaving 10 per cent to the municipalities.

The Federation's conference concluded a three-day session here today and passed many resolutions for presentation to the Federal Government. The relief resolutions declared unemployment relief was a national responsibility. Pending the assumption of this responsibility wholly by Ottawa, the conference wants Federal contributions to relief increased.

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Accept Changes In Market Set-up

NEW YORK, March 17—(AP)—Members of the New York Stock Exchange in formal ballot overwhelmingly accepted proposed drastic changes in its constitution, including broader representation for its governing committee, and a salaried full-time president, it was announced today.

Of the exchange's 1,375 members, 1,013 voted in favor of the amendment.

The complete overhauling of the exchange's internal machinery followed recommendation made a few weeks ago by the committee of exchange members and business men headed by Carl C. Conway, chairman and president of Continental Can Company.

Among other changes will be the election of representatives of the general public to the governing board, for the first time in the exchange's existence.

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