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INSURGENTS LAUNCH "FINAL OFFENSIVE"

FALL OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT IMMINENT

CHAUTEMPS DENIED WIDE FISCAL POWERS

Premier Will Carry Contentious Issue To Parliament Today.

(BULLETIN)

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

PARIS, March 10—(Thursday) — Premier Chautemps "middle ground" government, the Associated Press says it was learned today, has decided to resign after the Premier addresses the Chamber of Deputies on the financial and political crisis this morning.

The Associated Press quoted the Radical-Socialist Premier as stating after a cabinet meeting he would tender his resignation to President Albert Lebrun after his speech.

His assistants, the Associated Press said, declared that "unless something unforeseen happens," the resignation would be made this morning.

PARIS, March 10—(Thursday)—Premier Chautemps Government, apparently doomed to fall due to declared Socialist and Communist opposition to its demands for decree powers over finance prepared today to carry the issue to Parliament.

Political observers, believing that Chautemps would resign later in the day after speaking to the Chamber of Deputies, predicted President Albert Lebrun would offer the premiership to Leon Blum, head of the first Popular Front Government, and leader of the Socialist Party which holds the largest single bloc of chamber seats.

Socialists and Communists announced they were unable to back Chautemps' request because his plans called for postponement of some social reforms to which they are pledged.

Throughout yesterday there were persistent reports the Government would resign last night. Alberta Serol, floor leader of the Socialists, predicted the resignation but after a 3 1-2-hour cabinet session of his Redical-Socialist Cabinet the Premier announced he would go before Parliament this morning.

With Socialists and Communists hostile to the Government, a break-up of the Popular Front, the Left-list coalition which has governed France since 1936, appeared imminent.

The Socialist party issued a communique terming Chautemps demand for decree powers a "manoeuvre" to smash the Popular Front majority.

"Chautemps, without waiting for public debate in the chamber and announcing his intention of settling his plans according to our answer, invited the Socialists to tell him immediately their position on his new governmental problem," the statement read.

"The Popular Front group received another communication

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COMING EVENTS

**Madame Doyel Readings, 185 Prince Street. L-636-3-8-41.

**Pownal Rink, Mt. Herbert vs. Pownal tonight. L-710.

**Hockey Finals at New Glasgow tonight, Rangers Vs. Imperia s. L-693-3-10-11.

**Irish Stew served in Christian Church Schoolroom, Thursday, March 17th, 25c. L-717.

**East Royalty Rink tonight Central Royalty vs. St. Avards Beavers, skate after. L-713.

**Come to Variety Concert in Sea View Hall, Tuesday, March 15th in aid of Sanatorium. If stormy first fine night. L-667-3-9-21.

**Poultry prices are high. We need large quantity. Ship or bring your chicken or fowl to Royal Packing Co. L-372-2-25-121.

**Buying live hogs at Albany Thursday 10th. Emerald, Friday 11th until noon. G. C. Green. L-487-3-twt-tf.

**Salvation Army St. Patrick's Day Bean Supper, Thursday, March 17th, 5 to 7 P.M. Admission 25 cents. L-690-3-10-15-16.

**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.

**Sudden death game in Sea View tonight, Indian River Rovers vs. Sea View Maple Leafs, to decide second place for Sea View Trophy. L-716.

**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.

Tributes Paid To Late Member

Interment At Summerfield Sunday Afternoon Will Be Preceded By Service In Charlottetown On Saturday.

OTTAWA, Mar. 9—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King, members of his cabinet and parliamentary colleagues from many parts of Canada today attended a memorial service to Peter Sinclair, Liberal House member for Queen's, P. E. I., who died last night of heart failure.

Rev. F. S. Milliken, pastor of Stewarton United Church, who conducted the service referred to the work Mr. Sinclair had done for his country, first in the legislature of his native province and later in the House of Commons to which he was elected in 1935.

"He had a great gift of friendliness and always had the courage to speak his own mind on the issues of the day," Mr. Milliken said.

Mr. Sinclair's body will be sent tomorrow to his home city of Charlottetown for burial.

OTTAWA, March 9—(CP)—Tributes were paid by leaders in the House of Commons today to Peter Sinclair (Lib. Queens) who died here last night after a brief illness. Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Opposition Leader Bennett, C.C.F. Leader Woodsworth and Social Credit Leader Blackmore, all voiced their appreciation of Mr. Sinclair and asked Mr. Speaker to send a message of sympathy to his widow and children.

The Prime Minister said Mr. Sinclair was always a loyal supporter of the administration and that his "kindly, generous nature" had won him many friends.

Mr. Bennett said he had not known Mr. Sinclair well but he did know him to be one who was a zealous supporter of his party and passionately devoted to those matters which concerned the welfare and prosperity of his native province of Prince Edward Island.

Funeral Arrangements

The remains, which will arrive in Charlottetown on Friday evening, will leave Ottawa this (Thursday) morning accompanied by Senator John E. Sinclair and probably by Hon. C. A. Dunning, Finance Minister, Mr. Sinclair's colleague in the House.

There will be a funeral service in Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, on Saturday at 2 p.m., Rev. Mr. Miller officiating, after which the remains will be taken on the 3.20 train to Emerald.

Interment will be at the old home cemetery at Summerfield on Sunday afternoon. The service at the Summerfield United Church at 2.30 Sunday will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Salter.

Premier Campbell's Tribute

The following tribute to the late Mr. Sinclair was paid yesterday by Premier Campbell:

"I was greatly shocked to learn this morning of the death of the late Peter Sinclair, M.P.

"During my recent visit to Ottawa, I spent a great deal of time with Mr. Sinclair, who seemed to be enjoying his usual health. He was at that time very actively engaged in the business of the House and of the various caucuses and committees concerning the activities of Parliament. He was particularly helpful to me in arranging appointments and accompanying me at interviews with numerous cabinet ministers and Dominion Government officials. Peter seemed to be in excellent cheer, and introduced me to a great number of members of Parliament, including practically all the Maritime members.

"The news of his death therefore came as a very great shock to me, and all Mr. Sinclair's friends will regret his untimely passing, at the prime of his parliamentary career."

ASK CHANGE IN TROUT SIZE AT ASSN. MEETING

Quarterly Meeting Of P. E. I. Fish And Game Assn. Last Night.

The Prince Edward Island Fish and Game Association in quarterly meeting last night endorsed action by the executive in recommending size limit for trout be changed from six to seven and a half inches. Formal re-opening of the question of the open season for ducks was left until the next meeting scheduled to be held in Summerside early in June. President W. Harry Tidmarsh was chairman last night. Those taking part in discussions included: Messrs. R. E. Mutch, W. A. Gaudet, secretary of the Association, George Wheatley, Walter Matheson, S. A. McLeod, A. E. Morrison, D. A. McKinnon, A. H. Mould, H. Vessey and Clayton Shaw, fisheries inspector.

Mr. Tidmarsh informed the meeting he had asked the Department of Fisheries at Ottawa to change the size limit for trout taken here to seven and a half inches following advice by the late Mr. Peter Sinclair, M. P., that fisheries regulations were to be considered. Mr. Tidmarsh said time did not permit waiting until the quarterly meeting but he had first communicated with the executive of the organization to learn their wishes before forwarding the request to the Federal authorities. The motion endorsing the president's action was moved by Mr. A. H. Mould.

The meeting adopted a motion by Mr. Walter Matheson requesting the Department of Fisheries to operate rearing ponds in this Province for twelve months of the year. Mr. Tidmarsh announced that year around operation was carried on in other provinces. The motion asked also that as many trout as the ponds would accommodate be fed during the winter.

Speaking in connection with the question of the open season on ducks the secretary informed the meeting that it had been the intention of Mr. W. R. Shaw, deputy minister of agriculture to attend the meeting and ask to have the duck season question reopened. He had been prevented from attending by illness. At the quarterly meeting last fall a resolution was adopted requesting the goose season to be advanced two weeks, making the open season October and November and leaving the duck season as it is September 15th. to November 15th.

Before adjournment Mr. D. A. MacKinnon gave notice that at the next quarterly meeting he would introduce a resolution urging authorities to make May 1st. the opening date of the trout fishing season in place of April 15th. as at present. In April trout were not fit to eat, he declared.

Japs Fight Way Across Yellow River

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

SHANGHAI, March 9—Screened by artillery fire, Japanese troops fought today to establish a base on the south bank of the Yellow River at Szeshui from which to sever the Lunghai Railway running across China from east to west.

Field artillery on the north bank at Menghsien and Wenhsien laid down a terrific barrage on Chinese forces while 100 truckloads of Japanese reinforcements with pontoon boats moved up to support the crossing movement.

The 900 Japanese holding Szeshui were in a precarious position and it was uncertain whether they would be able to hold the town. Thousands of Chinese troops battled grimly to drive them back across the Yellow River.

Reports on the fighting in southeastern Shansi Province Credited both the Japanese and the Chinese with victories in scattered engagements.

FRANCE AIDS IN EUROPEAN PEACE MOVES

LONDON, March 9—A concession by France to meet Italian demands on non-intervention in Spain today bolstered Great Britain's moves toward European appeasement.

The Government informed Italy and Germany of the concession and awaited their replies in the hope the non-intervention deadlock might be broken, removing this obstacle from the path of Anglo-German and Anglo-Italian agreements.

This development came as Prime Minister Chamberlain invited the German Foreign Minister, Joachim Von Ribbentrop, to talk with him across a luncheon table Friday.

Von Ribbentrop, former Ambassador to Great Britain, arrived this afternoon to take leave of that post. He already had arranged to talk tomorrow with Viscount Halifax, Foreign Secretary.

It was believed Mr. Chamberlain might discuss the Spanish problem with Von Ribbentrop, as France's concession today brought this question prominently into the European picture.

France consented to reestablishment of non-intervention control of her Spanish border as soon as international commissions begin counting foreign fighters to be withdrawn from Spain. Italy had insisted that border control start as soon as the commissions entered Spain while France had held out for delay until the commission's work was well under way.

While following this situation closely, diplomatic circles also were intensely interested in the decision of Kurt Von Schuschnigg, Austrian Chancellor, to hold a plebiscite Sunday and were speculating as to why he should take such a "daring step." Some quarters felt he wished to forestall further Nazi pressure. Britain, it was believed, would welcome any Austrian move which might bring stability to central Europe and make general appeasement easier.

MOSCOW TRIAL IS CONTINUED IN CAMERA

Premier Chamberlain Denies Allegations Of British Espionage Made At Trial.

(By The Associated Press)

MOSCOW, March 9—Doors were closed today on the trial of 21 confessed anti-Soviet plotters to keep secret details of treasonable dealings with foreign countries.

(Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons in London denied allegations of British espionage made in the Moscow trial. The Russian prisoners in confessions and testimony named Great Britain, Germany, Poland and Japan as countries with which they had connections.)

With examination of the defendants ended, the next point in the procedure will be the summing up by Prosecutor Andrei Vishinsky with a demand for death of the prisoners by shooting.

The next open session will be held Friday.

A surprise feature in the sessions held before the doors were closed was the introduction of a scribbled prayer wrapped around a crust of bread as further evidence of guilt against A. P. Rosengoltz, former commissar of foreign trade.

Given As Talisman

It was given to him by his wife as a talisman and contained a prayer that God arise and scatter his enemies.

Rosengoltz, who has quailed visibly in face of his apparent evidence of religious tendencies, said his wife had put the talisman in his pocket three months before his arrest to protect him.

"I paid no attention to it," Rosengoltz pleaded. "I carried it for three months. Only after my arrest I found out about the prayer it contained."

The Rosengoltz incident and further confessions in the "medical murders" of Maxim Gorky, the writer, his son, Maxim Pechkoff, and two others ended the examination of the defendants in open court.

URGE HALT TO TRIALS

LONDON, March 9—(CP Cable)—The Independent Labor Party—which holds the left-wing of the Labor opposition in the House of Commons—called upon the Soviet Government today to stop the Moscow trials.

To a cheering House of Commons Prime Minister Chamberlain declared the United Kingdom had not been "guilty of any breach of their agreement with the Soviet Government" not to meddle in each other's internal affairs.

Testimony as to British espionage brought out in the Soviet trials was "totally untrue," he said, adding he doubted they would

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Roebuck Attacks Former Colleagues

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

TORONTO, March 9—Arthur W. Roebuck, former Ontario attorney-general and Hydro Commissioner who led a 1935 legislative fight against the Quebec "power barons," returned to the crusading role today to battle the government to which he once belonged for making peace with the power companies. He charged Premier Hepburn's administration "surrendered" by revising contracts cancelled three years ago.

Private Liberal member for Toronto Bellwoods and, since last October's general election, outside the party caucus, he attacked the government for what he said was a reversal of its policy of public ownership in power generation.

Mr. Roebuck resigned from the cabinet last spring in disagreement with the government's opposition to the Committee for Industrial Organization during the strike of automobile workers at Oshawa.

Drive Towards Mediterranean On 50-mile Front

Government Lines Rolled Back By First Wave Of Smashing Attack.

By GEORGES BOTTO

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DAROCA, On The Aragon Front In Spain, March 9—With three powerful columns driving toward the Mediterranean, Insurgent General Franco's "final offensive" was smashing in force tonight against Government defences strung out on a 50-mile battleline in eastern Spain.

Four and one-half hours after Franco's veterans received their "over-the-top" order at 9 A.M., they claimed they rolled back the Government front lines for 11 miles on some sections of a wide front.

The Belchite-Vival Del Rio road—main supply and reinforcement artery for the Government—was cut near its southern terminus in this morning's attack, Insurgents announced.

The battle continued raging after these gains were reported following a plan of campaign which Franco and his staff had worked over all winter.

ADVANCE ON BELCHITE

The front lies between the valley of the Ebro and the Sierra San Just, north of the Alfambra River. The northern column was ordered to advance from Caminreal to Belchite, which the Government captured last year.

The centre column is advancing through the Cucalon hills, between Daroca and Calamocha. The southern column's ultimate goal is Alcaniz, toward which it will strike along the Caminreal-Montalban-Alcaniz highway.

There is no important city on the present battle front, Caspe and Alcaniz both lying more than 65 miles behind the Loyalist lines. Insurgents state Franco is seeking less to win new territory than to smash the Government army.

ADMIT LOSSES

BARCELONA, Spain, March 9—A Government communique said tonight the Insurgents launched a big offensive on the Madrid central front simultaneously with their drive in eastern Spain.

On the Aragon front, the Government said, the Insurgents hurled their troops in three directions, capturing Fuendetodo, birthplace of the artist Goya, west of Belchite, and an important hill in the Rudilla sector.

Renew Air Raids

HENDAYE, France March 9 — Terror mounted in Eastern Spain today under renewed air raids by insurgents and government bombers.

Insurgents strove to avenge loss of the cruiser Baleares in a naval engagement in the Mediterranean Sunday and the consequent blow to their blockade of government ports.

The government aimed at breaking up troop concentrations. Government despatches said bombers were ranging the Aragon front where increasing insurgents activity was noted yesterday, and were attacking troop centres, artillery batteries and truck trains.

Insurgents bombed the outskirts of Barcelona, after being deflected from an attack on the centre of the city by anti-aircraft fire and powerful new searchlight batteries. They also bombed suburbs of Tarragona to the south.

Slow Progress In Anglo-Eire Talks

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

LONDON, March 9—Anglo-Irish trade talks tonight lasted more than two hours but as no arrangements were announced for a gathering of the full delegations, it appeared progress was slow.

The cabinet discussed the determined, but long-drawn out, efforts to achieve a trade and financial settlement to end economic friction between the United Kingdom and Eire, but issued no statement. Prime Minister De Valera earlier in the day held a conference with Sir Samuel Hoare, Home Secretary.

ROGERS MAKES UNITY APPEAL

Asks Halt To Provincial-Dominion Bickerings.

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 9—An appeal for an end to bickering and disputes between the federal and provincial governments over constitutional responsibilities was made in the House of Commons today by Labor Minister Rogers.

He declared not even the strongest advocate of sectional interests suggested Canada should retreat from its national destiny and that the solution did not necessarily lie in surrender on the part of the Federal Government or in surrender on the part of the provinces.

Both interests should work to the end that "the Federal Government shall have power to do what the Federal Government ought to do and that the provincial governments shall have power to do what the provincial governments ought to do and that each should be given the revenues appropriate to its task or powers of taxation sufficient to raise those revenues."

The Minister spoke on a resolution proposed by Oscar Boulanger (Lib. Bellechasse) that the Dominion should cease making grants of money to projects within the jurisdiction of the provinces. Mr. Boulanger urged Canada should preserve national unity, making a strong central government and place upon the provinces the responsibilities that were theirs under the constitution.

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(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, March 9—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—

Dawson	8B	18
Victoria	38	54
Edmonton	24	40
Regina	2	20
Winnipeg	4B	30
Toronto	17	34
Ottawa	12B	26
Montreal	6	24
Quebec	2B	20
St. John	2	26
Halifax	8	24
Charlottetown	8B	16

FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fair with not much change in temperature.

High tide this morning at 5.14 and this afternoon at 4.08.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.59 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.21.

Full moon March 16th, 1.15 a. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY

Leaves Borden 9.45 a. m.
Leaves Tormentine 11 a. m., 2.5 p. m.

TRIO DEAD IN QUEBEC FIRE

Trapped By Flames In Little Wooden Farmhouse

MEGANTIC, Que., March 9—(CP)—A few minutes after the shrill voice of Robert Martin of Quebec City appealed frantically over the rural telephone line for help, the five-year-old boy was burned to death today with his guardian, Mrs. E. A. Jardine, and 18-months-old Kenneth McCallum of Montreal in a little wooden farmhouse 25 miles west of this town near the Maine border.

His escape from the burning home cut off by flames, Robert, who with the McCallum child was being cared for by Mrs. Jardine, frantically ground the crank of the telephone to summon D. R. Graham, the nearest neighbor, Graham and other nearby residents rushed to the Jardine home but were unable to rescue the children or Mrs. Jardine.

SAVES ADOPTED DAUGHTER

Mrs. Jardine's last act was to throw from a window an adopted daughter, three-year-old Beth. The child landed in a snowbank and was picked up by neighbors.

Deplore Increase In Liquor Traffic

HALIFAX, March 9—(CP)—The Halifax Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was on record tonight as "deploring the continued manifestations in our midst of habits and customs associated with the beverage use of alcohol."

Expressing belief the present (Nova Scotia liquor control) law was "failing to control at least to the extent which we were assured by its proponents it would do," the Presbytery said this was due in part to two causes.

First was the "retention of the profit element making the sale (of liquor) a means of securing revenue. Second cause was the "granting of permits to clubs which tend to foster and perpetuate the customs associated with the beverage use of drink, thus restoring in another form one of the most vicious features of the saloon of other days."

The resolution was passed Monday.

Deplore Detention Of German Pastor

LONDON, March 9—British, United States and other churchmen, in a telegram signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury among others, told Reichsfuehrer Hitler today they "deplored the further detention of fellow Christian Niemoeller." (Rev. Martin Niemoeller, militant leader of Protestant opposition to German Nazis' efforts to dominate the church, has been held prisoner by the secret police since a court in Berlin set him free a wee' ago.)

Liquor Sales Mount In New Brunswick

FREDERICTON, March 9—(CP)—Sales of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board last year amounted to $3,535,446, an increase of $839,168 over the previous year, according to a report tabled in the legislature today.

Commissioner R. G. Oulton compared this with the higher sales of $4,511,365 in 1928-29 and $4,809,734 in 1929-30.

"The restricting force of the intoxicating liquor act is making itself felt in the life of the people," he said with reference to the million dollar decrease.

Sale of alcohol spirits, beer and containers increased last year but the sale of wine was lower. Net profits were $1,104,717, an increase of $321,975 over 1936.

LAUNCHES REARMAMENT PROGRAM

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

BUDAPEST, Hungary, March 9—Premier Koloman Daranyi's cabinet underwent swift reorganization tonight in preparation for an elaborate rearmament and public works program.

With formal announcement, the Associated Press reparted, the Premier threw off armament restrictions of peace treaties and launched the financial and military program he announced last week.

Accepts Blame For Failure Of Firm

NEW YORK, March 9—Richard Whitney, five times president of the New York Stock Exchange, assumed full responsibility today for the failure of his brokerage firm and admitted to wrongdoing in the actions which led to the firm's collapse.

His statement followed the testimony of Robert I. Rosenthal, the firm's cashier, who declared Whitney, without authorization, so far as he knew, had caused to be turned over to him large blocks of securities belonging to others, without notification to them.

Attorney General John J. Bennett, in Albany, after being apprised of Whitney's statement said the investigation by his office would be pushed to the fullest limit. Public hearings will be continued tomorrow, with further examination of Whitney's partners by assistant attorney General Ambrose V. McCall.

Lord Maugham Given Post In Reorganized British Cabinet

LONDON, March 9 —(CP)— Prime Minister Chamberlain today put through a minor reorganization of the cabinet to free Viscount Halifax of other duties so that he may concentrate upon foreign affairs.

In an unexpected move the Prime Minister brought Lord Maugham into the cabinet. The 71-year-old former Lord of Appeal became Lord Chancellor and Speaker of the House of Lords.

He succeeded Viscount Hailsham who was appointed Lord President of the Council, the post formally held by Lord Halifax, another of Lord Halifax' tasks was transferred to other shoulders, Earl Stanhope becoming Government Leader in the House of Lords while retaining his portfolio as president of the Board of Education.

The series of changes resulted from Anthony Eden's resignation as Foreign Secretary and Lord Halifax' appointment to succeed him.

The House of Lords' representation in the Cabinet was increased to seven, compared with six previously. There are 14 cabinet ministers in the House of Commons against 15 prior to Mr. Eden's resignation. The Lords, in addition to Lord Halifax, Lord Hailsham, Lord Maugham and Lord Stanhope are Earl de La Warr, Lord Privy Seal; Viscount Swinton, air secretary and the Marquess of Zetland, secretary of state for India.

Lord Maugham steps into the post of "keeper of the King's conscience" and the Empire's chief legal position as head of the judiciary from a career devoted exclusively to law.

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Austrian Referendum Called To Halt Nazi Encroachment

INSBRUCK, Austria, March 9—Chancellor Kurt Von Schuschnigg carried his fight for Austrian independence to the people tonight by calling a national plebiscite for Sunday to test his Government's strength.

Leaders of the Fatherland Front—the only legal political organization in Austria—gave Von Schuschnigg what probably was the greatest ovation of his political career after he declared in an address:

"We shall observe the agreements reached at Berchtesgaden but we shall make not the slightest additional concession."

Thus, the Chancellor raised a definite barrier in front of National Social (Nazi) ambitions loosed by his conversations with Chancellor Hitler at Berchtesgaden last month.

Striking at Nazi agitation for more power, Von Schuschnigg declared "there must be a clear demarcation, once and for all, between the legal and the illegal."

"We shall not tolerate nationalist threats," he warned. "I cannot ask my supporters to remain quiet if the other side does not do so."

In the plebiscite Austrians will be asked to vote on whether they are satisfied with the government's program.

Von Schuschnigg bid for support by declaring "1938 is labor year." He said Austria's work program will be concentrated on a large scale and the labor service will be reconstructed further.