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SPANISH GOVERNMENT FLEES INTO FRANCE

HISTORIC LONDON BUILDING UNDER GUARD

BIZARRE PLOT UNCOVERED IN BELFAST RAID

Destruction Of Buckingham Palace And Houses Of Parliament Said Planned.

LONDON, Feb. 5—(AP)—Intruder guards were thrown a round Buckingham Palace and great Britain's famous terrorism. Parliament today following discovery of a bizarre conspiracy involving the 17th century Guy Fawkes "gunpowder plot" to blow up the Parliament buildings.

Scotland Yard officials, who attacked the recent wave of bombing in England to the outlawed Irish Republican Army, said details of the plot were uncovered in a raid at Belfast, in Northern Ireland.

Despite Scotland Yard's elaborate weekend precautions there were sporadic outbreaks of terrorism. Incendiary bombs were set off in four stores at Coventry. An explosion blew out a part of Walton road at Liverpool where a number of persons accused of taking part in the terrorist activities were held.

Police Mobilized

Immediately 10,000 police were pressed into action to guard the United Kingdom's vital services and historic buildings. A special band was sent to Windsor Castle, where the King and Queen were spending the weekend.

(Glas news agency said their tapes showed no sign of conspiracy.)

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COMING EVENTS

- Borden Line Club loading hogs, calves every Tuesday, hours 10 to 3. L-348-12-M-2-5-11.
- Afton Arena Monday night, Bulldogs vs. Clark's. L-131.
- Loading Live Hogs each Thursday, W. E. Jenkins, Murray River. L-37-2-6-13-20-21-Mon-Fri.
- Cornwall Rink tonight 7.30, Murray River vs. Clyde. L-126-2-6-11.
- Burns Concert, Murray Harbor Hall, February 8th or 9th. L-128-2-6-11.
- Borden Rink, Monday, February 6th, Maclean League, Victoria Bruins vs. Nationals, Skate after. L-88-2-4-21.
- East Royalty Rink tonight, George Harbor vs. Royals, skate after. L-138.
- Come to Mt. Stewart February 7th, Hear the Doucette Family play and sing your favourite songs. Luncheon. Admission 25 cents. L-32-2-2-6.
- Hockey at Marshfield tonight, Dunstons vs. Mike's Taxi; 7th vs. married men. Skate after. L-137.
- Meeting of P. E. Island Poultry Association, Agricultural Hall, Monday, February 6, 8 o'clock P. M. L-139.
- The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Dairying Association will be held in Hall at Kirkcubbin on Tuesday, February 7th at 3 P. M. W. Farmer, Secretary. L-22-2-2-4-6.
- Come to Concert and One Act at the Podunk, Hunter after Masconic Hall, Wednesday, February 8th, under auspices Women's Association United Church. L-94-2-4-8-8.
- The regular quarterly meeting of the Nurses Association will be held in the Charlottetown Hospital Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. L-133-2-6-21.
- Doubleheader at Covehead Monday night, Heartbreakers vs. All Stars, Heartbreakers, Sisters and All Star Sisters, Moccasin dance after game. L-129.
- Pornal Rink Mon. Feb. 6, 8 o'clock, Mt. Albion, Feb. 7, 8 o'clock, Feb. 7-Pornal vs. Alexandria, Wednesday Feb. 8-Pornal vs. Murray. Be prepared for Carnival on Sat. Feb. 11th. L-106-2-4-21.
- Annual Meeting Kings County W. O. Luther Lodge Room, Murray Harbour Tuesday, February 7th at 8 P. M. Divine Service United Church 7 P. M. auspices L. O. L. W. H. Macinnis, County Secretary. L-37-2-4-21.
- Hear Prof. Croteau and Mr. Chandler at Pownal Hall Tuesday night at 8, subject, "Cooperatives". If not fine Tuesday come Thursday night. L-138.

Prolonged Debate Looms Over Foreign Policy In United States Senate

(By John M. Hightower, Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—Some Senate sentiment for strong United States support of other democratic nations developed today, foreshadowing intensification of the stormy controversy over American foreign policy.

In contrast to the complete neutrality demands of several administration critics, Senator Logan, (Dem-Kentucky), an administration supporter, said he thought the four-point foreign policy enunciated by President Roosevelt did not "go far enough."

A policy of greater support for Great Britain and France in their efforts to rearm would meet his approval, the Kentuckian said.

It appeared certain the convening of the Senate tomorrow would touch off prolonged debate on foreign policy, the \$52,000,000 national defence program and revision of the Neutrality Act.

Senator Pittman, (Dem-Nevada), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who conferred with President Roosevelt Friday, was reported ready to defend the President's policy as well as the secretary of Mr. Roosevelt's meeting last week with the Senate Military Affairs Committee and administration aid to France and Great Britain in their efforts to purchase military airplanes in the United States.

Two hundred planes had been ordered from each country as a result of the visit of a British air mission to the United States in May, last year. In announcing the original orders, the air ministry indicated the numbers might be increased.

Fire Loss Heavy At Saint John

SAINT JOHN, Feb. 5—(CP)—A four-alarm fire Saturday destroyed a three-story brick building on King Street occupied by Carlson's Auto Parts.

Every fireman in the city helped to confine the flames to one building but adjoining structures were damaged by smoke and water. Guests evacuated the Dunlop Hotel as a precaution. Some were taken down ladders when smoke swirled through the hotel.

No authoritative estimate of the damage was available, but an extensive stock of automobile parts was believed the heaviest loss. The building was assessed for \$10,000.

The destroyed building was owned by the Regents of Mount Allison University at Sackville, N. B., having been donated through the family of the late Rev. John A. Clark. Many years ago the structure was used as the Park Hotel.

Stocked with inflammable material, the building was an inferno in a few minutes and only a thick fire wall saved the Dunlop Hotel from destruction. About 80 guests were aroused by many rushed to the street in night attire and a few elderly women were carried to safety.

A rough, unofficial estimate of total damage was \$76,000.

MAY ESTABLISH NEW ARMY BASE IN PALESTINE

Plan Announced As Jews And Arabs Gather In London For Meeting.

LONDON, Feb. 5—(AP)—The British Government was reliably reported today to be considering establishment of a permanent army reserve base in Palestine as Jews and Arabs gathered here to try to settle the dispute over the Holy Land.

Viscount Gort, chief of the Imperial General Staff, now is in the Near East studying the problem.

Announcement of the new army base, some quarters believed, would be the first move in putting a new British Palestine plan into operation if the Jews and Arabs fail to reach an agreement in their talks starting Tuesday.

Reasons For Move

These three reasons were given in support of putting a standing army in the Near East:

1. It would assure maintenance of peace between Jews and Arabs in the Holy Land;

2. It would increase British protection of the Suez Canal and the important oil pipeline from Iraq which reaches the Mediterranean at Haifa, Palestine;

3. It would bridge the gap which now exists in defenses along the "hinge line" between India and England.

Although British troops are stationed in Egypt, authoritative quarters here feel defenses in the eastern Mediterranean need reinforcement, particularly since the Fascist clamor for French territory in the Mediterranean region and a share in control of the Suez Canal.

Pessimism Prevails

Although the Arabs and Jews were not to meet the British in the picture gallery of St. James' Palace until Tuesday, even British officials were pessimistic about the possibility of an agreement being reached.

British official quarters said the delegates would have "three or four weeks" to reach a decision. Unless there were definite signs then of a settlement, it was said, Britain would produce her own plan.

On Mercy Flight To Pictou Is.

PICTOU, N. S., Feb. 5—(CP)—After a 10-mile flight through a snowstorm to Pictou Island Saturday, a blinding snow squall prevented Pilot Jones from picking up his landing field. The plane returned to the mainland but about a half hour later weather cleared and a successful landing was made on the small island.

Cahan Claims Right To Debate Bren Contract

OTTAWA, Feb. 5—(CP)—Members of the House of Commons will indicate tomorrow their reaction to Prime Minister Mackenzie King's suggestion they debate on the Bren Gun contract until after a Commons committee probes it.

The general expectation is that at least a few Conservatives will discuss the Government's agreement with John Inglis Co. Limited of Toronto for 7,000 Bren light machine guns and the report of Mr. Justice H. H. Davis on his royal commission inquiry into it.

Liberals are expected to follow the lead of the Prime Minister who said Friday he believed members who will serve on the Public Accounts Committee which will investigate the contract should not participate in debate on it before the committee makes its report to the House.

Besides the Conservative speakers there are expected to be two or three C. C. F. members taking

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Will Preach Lenten Sermons At Basilica

REV. THO. C. PETERSEN, C. S. P. OF NEW YORK

The services at St. Dunstan's Basilica during this coming Lent will be conducted by Rev. Theodore C. Petersen, C. S. P., of the Paulist Fathers, New York.

Father Petersen was born in British India, near the city of Madras in 1883, of Danish-German parents. He received his preparatory education in Germany and in Canada.

After his ordination in 1912 he pursued graduate studies at the Catholic University of America, chiefly in the Semitic languages and the Biblical sciences, and received the degree of Licentiate in Sacred Theology. For a period of five years he was assigned to parochial work in Austin, Texas, and in Portland, Oregon. For four years he was chaplain at the Catholic Students' Center of the University of California, Berkeley.

He is stationed at the Paulist Novitiate, Oak Ridge, New Jersey, as instructor. For fifteen years he taught philosophy and sacred scriptures at the Paulist Seminary in Washington, D. C. During five of these years he was assistant in the Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and literatures in the Catholic University of America. At present he is assigned to special work at the Paulist Church, 56th St., West, New York.

In 1937 he was the Lenten preacher at St. Peter's Church in Toronto.

Liberals To Honor Justice Lapointe

OTTAWA, Feb. 5—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King, his cabinet and scores of his supporters in the House of Commons will go to Quebec Feb. 18 to honor Justice Minister Lapointe on his completion of 35 years in parliament. The occasion also coincides with Mr. and Mrs. Lapointe's 35th wedding anniversary.

The 55 Liberal members of Parliament from Quebec Province and 50 Liberal members from other provinces will pay tribute to the 62-year-old minister of Justice.

BORDER SKIRMISH
PRAGUE, Feb. 5—(AP)—A seven-hour border skirmish last night in which no casualties were acknowledged was reported by Czech-Slovaks today to have occurred at Radvane near Ungvar.

FASCISTS MAY REMAIN AFTER REBEL VICTORY

ROME, Feb. 5—(AP)—Virgilio Gayda, authoritative Fascist editor, suggested today the possibility that Italian troops would remain in Spain even after Spanish insurgent forces occupied the entire country.

The Fascist Grand Council early today served notice Italian volunteers "will not abandon" the Spanish struggle "before it ends as it must end, with General Franco's victory."

Gayda, writing in La Voce D'Italia indicated this victory would not be considered won until the insurgents had consolidated their political domination of Spain as well as military control.

Covered In Pact

(One of the points in the Anglo-Italian Pact signed last April 16 was withdrawal of all Italian fighters and war material from Spain at the end of the civil war, if not completed earlier.)

Gayda, leading journalistic spokesman of the Fascist regime, said the Spanish Government forces and their supporters, "although beaten at arms, are not disarming in the political field."

He charged "new pressure and diplomatic intervention" were being planned against the insurgents. "Therefore, German and Italian assistance to the Nationalists (insurgents) cannot be reduced," he said.

Political Victory

"To military victory, complete political victory must be added," he continued. "It is not enough to win Franco's friend that between one victory and the other foreign intrigue may intervene."

Gayda's declaration coincided with a belief in diplomatic circles that Premier Mussolini would postpone bringing the Italo-French situation to a head until Franco was in complete control of Spain.

This view would mean a showdown on the Italo-French controversy would not be likely before spring.

N. B. Woman Succumbs To Bullet Wound

FREDERICTON, Feb. 5—(CP)—Mrs. Sadie Saunders, 52, died of a bullet wound today and her nephew, Scott Saunders, 22, was held as a material witness pending an inquest tomorrow.

The widow was in her general store at nearby Marysville yesterday when a bullet from an old army rifle shattered her jaw, parts of the bullet lodging in her brain. She partly regained consciousness before death but was unable to speak owing to the broken jaw.

Saunders was said to be the only witness, although Thelma Saunders, 17, daughter of the widow, was in the building and heard the shot.

Police said the nephew had told them the rifle accidentally discharged while he was handling it, but he did not remember touching the trigger. Relatives said he had asserted the mechanism caught in his clothing and caused the shooting.

Battered Armies Will Be Permitted Refuge In France

Area Half The Size Of Prince Edward Island Only Remaining

PERPIGNAN, France, Feb. 5—(AP)—Fleeing Spanish Government armies began a mass flight into France tonight after their leaders abandoned Catalonia to conquering insurgent armies.

Government leaders were reported violently split over continuing the war.

President Manuel Azana, former Premier Jose Giral, Luis Companys, President of the Catalan Government, and many of Premier Juan Negrin's ministers were said to have appealed to him to surrender immediately to General Franco.

But Negrin, with a few of his followers, including Foreign Minister Julio Alvarez del Vayo, was said to have insisted on continuing resistance in general Spain, where the Government-held area includes Valencia and Madrid.

(By Charles S. Foltz, Jr., Associated Press Foreign Staff)

PERPIGNAN, France, Feb. 5—(AP)—The Spanish Government today fled Catalonia as its battered armies fell back without fighting almost to the French frontier.

President Manuel Azana was in France. Premier Juan Negrin and his ministers were scattered, some in France and others on their way to Valencia.

Insurgent General Franco's victorious armies had passed Figueras and Seo de Urgel, two milestones in their northward drive to wipe out Government resistance in northeast Spain.

The Government's disorganized, fast receding front was only an average of 25 miles from Franco's frontier. Beyond Seo de Urgel, Franco's army was at the Spain-Andorra border; at Figueras his forces were less than 14 miles from the French line.

There was no official confirmation of a report the Spanish Government had asked Great Britain to try to begin peace negotiations with the insurgents.

Mediation Hope Abandoned

Franco's decision to open her Spanish frontier to 200,000 retreating Spanish Government soldiers, however, was widely regarded as a sign the French had abandoned hope Franco would listen to mediation at this time.

(Reliable quarters in Perpignan last night said the Spanish Government had requested Great Britain to open secret negotiations with the insurgents to end the civil war.)

In effect, the Government already was vanquished in Catalonia. All that remained to make the defeat complete was for Franco's forces to occupy an area no more than half the size of Prince Edward Island in which there was virtually no resistance.

"It is not a military job but a police job," one of Azanda's aides acknowledged after crossing into France.

Rushed to Border

French soldiers, previously stationed behind the frontier, were rushed up to the actual border to cope with an expected mass flight of Spanish Government troops into France and more than 100,000 non-combatant refugees frantically trying to reach neutral territory and safety.

Insurgents entered Figueras, which has been a temporary Spanish Government seat, late in the afternoon. They found it abandoned by its civilian population and undefended by remnants of the Government army.

All main communication points and key roads in Catalonia fell to Franco with the capture of Figueras. All that remained in Government hands was an ever-diminishing strip of small villages in the snow-blanketed Pyrenees

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French Frontier Zone On Virtual War-footing

LONDON, Feb. 5—(AP)—Reuters news agency reported tonight from Perpignan that insurgent General Franco has informed French authorities there that he has ordered the withdrawal of Italian legionnaires from the Catalan front.

Franco's reported move was ascribed to his wish to cease apprehensions raised in France that the Italian troops might constitute themselves an "army of occupation" on the frontier to reinforce Rome's territorial demands.

PARIS, Feb. 5—(AP)—The French Government decided today to permit defeated Spanish Government forces estimated to total 200,000 men to cross into France from Catalonia.

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TORONTO, Feb. 5—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	28	28
Vancouver	38	44
Edmonton	22	14
Regina	12	4
Winnipeg	16	2
Toronto	16	22
Ottawa	10	28
Montreal	6	28
Quebec	2	16
Saint John	2	32
Halifax	8	16
Charlottetown	8	18

FORECASTS

Maritime east, moderate to fresh winds; fair and cold, followed by light snow at night.

High tide this afternoon at 12.30 and tomorrow morning at 12.26.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.15 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.13.

Last quarter moon Feb. 11, 12.12 A. M.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leave Borden 5.45 a. m. 1 p. m. Tormentine 11 a. m. 3.35 p. m.