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# NEW MADRID REGIME PLEDGED TO PEACE

## CASTLES ARE OFFERED FOR WARTIME USE

Big Estates Will Be Used For Air Raid Refugees.

By GUY RHOADES  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
LONDON, March 6—(AP)—The high-born are being earmarked as hospitals, air raid precaution shelters or refuges for children—just in case steel begins to fly in disputes involving the British Isles.

Civilian defence preparations, still slow and creaking almost half a year after the 1938 crisis, now include listings of a dozen or more great homes offered for use in wartime.

Some of these houses with their spacious parks and fields were offered by their owners months ago while many persons were still writing the newspapers, explaining why they did not want London's slum children quartered with them if the city was evacuated.

Evacuated To Stammer  
In the feverish days late last September a swarm of children, packed out of London while their parents dug trenches in the parks, fled in Stammer Park, stately home of the Earl of Chichester, near Lewes in Sussex. The Earl says:

"Schemes for using Stammer either as a hospital or as a refuge for children have been designed."

Lady Baillie, wife of Sir Adrian Baillie, attaches no strings to her offer—unconditional use of the Leeds Castle, Kent, home, an ancient fortress with three drawbridges which neighbors call "The Duke of Westminster is believed to have offered use of his vast estate of Eaton Hall in Cheshire."

His grounds are so spacious that he uses a private railway to take his guests shooting. For three years the Earl of Lonsdale's Lewes Castle in Westmorland has been closed. He has offered the Government its use in wartime.

Vicount Mandeville, eldest son of the Duke of Manchester, says: "I offered Kimbolton Castle to the Government and the place is now being renovated."

The Duke of Marlborough has offered use of his Blenheim Castle which covers over 100 acres of countryside at Woodstock. He says: "I could shelter 3,000 persons from a raid."

At Arundel, Sussex, a member of the Duke of Norfolk's staff told reporters: "Hospital provision will undoubtedly be made available by the Duke in the event of a raid, but the castle itself is scarcely suitable. A special building will be put up as was the case in the Great War."

Count Astor, owner of "Olivebank" where Canadian wounded were treated during the Great War, has offered the house as a storing place of national art treasures or "vital government records."

He and Lady Astor may offer the place also as a hospital.

## Liberal Cabinet Members Again At Loggerheads

Euler Makes Scathing Comment On Alleged Statements By Agricultural Minister Gardiner.

OTTAWA, March 6—(CP)—No amplification was forthcoming tonight from Agriculture Minister Gardiner or Trade Minister Euler to an interview Mr. Euler gave earlier today taking exception to reported criticism by Mr. Gardiner of the amount of advertising of Canadian dairy products in the United Kingdom.

The interview was the backwash of an address Mr. Gardiner made last Tuesday night here before a cheesemakers' convention in which he dealt with sales promotion of Canadian produce in the United Kingdom markets, suggesting insufficient effort had been made to bring the merits of Canadian produce to the attention of the British public.

After the interview was given today, it was understood the two ministers met together and discussed the matter, agreeing there had been a misunderstanding and Mr. Gardiner had intended no re-removal of the Trade and Commerce Department.

In the published interview, Mr. Euler was quoted as saying: "If Mr. Gardiner was correctly reported, he is saying that he is talking about and what I myself of the opportunity of saving so. We do more advertising in the United Kingdom than any other two Dominions, Mr. Gardiner had better see to the supply and the quality. We will attend to the advertising."

This is not the first time the two ministers have been on the verge of a clash because the responsibilities of the two departments interlock to some extent. Mr. Euler's department is responsible for assisting in the marketing of all Canadian products, including agriculture. Mr. Gardiner's department is responsible for assisting in the production of Canadian agriculture, including improvement in quality. Naturally production depends on marketing and the marketing depends on production and quality.

Two years ago Dean A. M. Shaw, head of the marketing commission was sent over by Mr. Gardiner to study the need for the United Kingdom market from the standpoint of the farmer and in this report was critical of methods by which Canadian farm products were marketed in Britain.

Mr. Euler at that time was understood to have taken exception to some of the conclusions in the report as being unfair to the Trade and Commerce Department's efforts to push Canadian goods there.

There were rumors of withdrawing the report but eventually it was smoothed over when the first issue of the report was published and no further issue followed.

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## INQUIRY INTO HALIFAX FIRE OPENS TODAY

17 Bodies Recovered As Work Of Clearing Ruins Continues.

(By The Associated Press)  
HALIFAX, March 6—A score of witnesses had been summoned tonight to tell a public inquiry what they know of the cause of the blaze which swept the Queen Hotel early Thursday, taking a minimum of 28 lives.

The inquiry, ordered by Nova Scotia Fire Marshal J.A. Ruidland, is scheduled to open at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Additional witnesses also were expected to appear before the investigation closed.

Digging in blinding rain, workmen today found three more bodies bringing to 17 the number discovered thus far. Ten of those have been identified positively and another tentatively.

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## King And Queen Advance Sailing Date To Canada

(By The Canadian Press)  
LONDON, March 6—The King and Queen will leave for Canada May 6, instead of May 8, in order to avoid the possibility that fog might delay the scheduled arrival in Quebec May 5.

The date of departure from Portsmouth was advanced because of the prevalence of fog off England, but their Majesties will arrive in Canada on the day originally fixed.

If the battle cruiser Repulse, aboard which their Majesties will travel, is delayed it will steam the last 1,000 miles at slow speed so as not to arrive ahead of schedule.

## GANDHI WEAKER IN FOURTH DAY OF DEATH FAST

(By The Associated Press)  
RAJKOT, India, March 6—An exchange of messages between the Viceroy and Mohandas K. Gandhi brought hopes tonight for termination of the Nationalist Leader's "fast unto death."

Dr. Gandhi ended the fourth day without food physicians described him as decidedly weaker and said his heart condition would not permit him to stand the strain much longer.

Gandhi's wife, Kasturibhai, was released unconditionally from the Rajkot Jail, despite rejection of a previous offer of freedom, and went to his bedside. Gandhi yesterday had ordered her back to jail, where she had been since Feb. 3 with others arrested for a civil disobedience campaign.

E. G. Gibson, British Resident Agent in the Western Indian States, had a half-hour talk with the fasting leader, but declined to discuss details, saying he merely had explained "our point of view."

Gandhi, who is fasting in order to gain administrative reforms in Rajkot State, exchanged messages with the Marquess of Linlithgow, the Viceroy, but contents of the messages were not disclosed. Informed circles viewed the correspondence with optimism. They felt, however, that much would depend on whether Gandhi's health would permit him to carry on communications with the Viceroy.

During the last 24 hours Gandhi's blood pressure had risen five points to 185, making an increase of 17 points since he started the fast. He also had lost two pounds in weight.

Physicians said the 69-year-old leader, who lay on a rug on the veranda of a native dwelling, was so exhausted that any attempt to sit up caused dizziness. A thousand peasants stayed outside his quarters.

The Viceroy cut short a tour of the Rajputana States and returned to New Delhi today after receiving numerous appeals from leaders of Gandhi's Congress Party to intervene.

It was believed that if the fast continued the Congress Party governments in power in eight of the 11 provinces of British India might resign.

## Fail To End Deadlock

LONDON, March 6—(AP)—A two-hour informal talk between Jewish delegates and British officials today failed to break the deadlock in the Palestine Peace Conference.

It was understood the Jews repeated their objections to British proposals for an independent Arab state in the Holy Land and insisted on Britain retaining her League of Nations mandate.

The Jewish Conference Committee which is advising the Jewish delegation was expected to consider tomorrow whether to make counter proposals to the British plan.

Arab delegates will hold another conference with the British officials tomorrow.

## JEWS COUNTED AS NAZIS AIM AT SPEED-UP

Seek Solution To Labor Shortage Through Employment Of Non "Aryans."

(By The Associated Press)  
BERLIN, March 6—Jews as well as "Aryans" were under scrutiny by the German Government today in attempts to tide over a labor shortage in rearmament and general speeding up of production.

An order by Dr. Friedrich Syrup, president of the unemployed insurance board and member of the labor department, recommended that Jews should work only where they were not likely to come in contact with Gentiles. Under its provisions some 4,000 jobless Berlin Jews and an undetermined number scattered over Germany may soon find employment.

It was stated that Jews would not be put to work on any project considered essential to the defense of the nation, such as fortifications and canal building. Instead, they will be used to fill the gap caused by transferring Gentiles to this task.

Road building, soil improvement, brick making and harvesting will be some of the jobs assigned to Jews. Officials of the labor ministry said the order of Dr. Syrup still was in an embryonic stage.

Dr. Syrup's statement said Germany was "not interested in letting the working capacity of able-bodied Jews lie idle and leave them to be supported by charity."

In London, Robert T. Fell, a vice-director of the International Refugee Committee, planned to return to Berlin late this week or next week to submit to the German government a detailed list of proposed future homes for 150,000 young German Jews.

Fell was said to be prepared to describe a scheme under which small expatriate Jewish communities would be established in British Guiana, the Dominican Republic, Northern Rhodesia and the Philippines.

## T. C. A. Will Start Passenger Service Early In April

MONTREAL, March 6—(CP)—Passenger service over Trans-Canada Air Lines Montreal-Vancouver route is expected to start April 1, General Traffic Manager George G. Wakeman announced today.

Mails and express are now being carried regularly over the route, which includes Ottawa, Toronto, North Bay, Ont., Winnipeg, Regina, Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton. Overnight mail service between Montreal and Vancouver was started last week.

Passenger fares will be "approximately six cents a mile," the traffic manager declared. Round-trip rates will be double the one-way traffic rate. Ten per cent children in arms, under two years, will ride free. Children between two and 11 will travel at half fare.

It was announced in the Canada Gazette Feb. 3 that the T. C. A. fare between all points would be 10 cents a mile, but Mr. Wakeman explained this is the maximum fare authorized.

## AGED MARINER DEAD

RICHMOND, N. B.—Captain Thomas Hains, 88, believed to have been the oldest master mariner in New Brunswick, is dead here. He became a captain at the age of 17 and was well past 70 when retired.

## Delayed Opening Of Ontario House Scheduled Tomorrow

For Speaker never having been opposed in recent legislative history.

## Miaja Heads New Anti-Communist Defence Council

Republican Spain Held In Tight Military Grip As Efforts Are Made To End Long Civil War.

PARIS, March 6—(AP)—An anti-Communist National Defence Council, headed by General Jose Miaja, held Madrid and most of Republican Spain in a tight military grip tonight trying to bring the war to an end by surrender to the Nationalists.

As General Franco's powerful armies awaited developments, poised for an attack, the new Government which overthrew the regime of Premier Juan Negrin in a peaceful week-end coup, fought down opposition of the Communists.

The Council's own communiques, broadcast on the Madrid radio, reported Communist attempts to "disturb public order" in Madrid were being met with "strong measures."

Madrid dispatches, however, reported that all the central zone beyond Madrid, with the exception of Cartagena, where the Republican Navy escaped to the Mediterranean, in a week-end revolt, was quiet and orderly.

The situation at Cartagena, Republican naval base, was described in Madrid dispatches as "uncertain."

Guard Communist Centre  
In Madrid, troops backing General Miaja, commander-in-chief of Republican Spain's land, air and sea forces until he became head of the Government at the overthrow of Negrin, formed cordons around Communist headquarters.

The headquarters of the party had been ordered closed by General Segismundo Casado, who headed the new National Defence Council until Miaja succeeded him. Troops also surrounded principal buildings of the city.

Squads of police and soldiers patrolled the streets enforcing the order for citizens to keep moving. Machine guns were mounted at strategic street corners.

Capital Is Shelled  
As if warning that the Nationalist armies were only awaiting an order from General Franco, Nationalist guns bombarded the capital twice during the morning. But the Nationalist troops stayed in their trenches.

The Communists, whom the Government communiques accused of fostering disorder, formed the main support of Premier Negrin who apparently had considered further resistance against General Franco up to the time of his overthrow.

No Communists are included in the new National Defence Council which was formally constituted to lead the new Nationalist government. General Casado, minister of national defence, and Julian Besteiro, a Moderate Socialist who is known to have favored making peace with Franco, became foreign minister.

Miaja was known to have advocated Negrin to surrender to Franco.

Meanwhile Negrin and his displaced ministers fled to France. With his former Foreign Minister, Julio Alvarez del Vayo, and with other ministers, Negrin arrived by Spanish commercial plane at Toulouse, where he was met by the minister of national defence, General Besteiro, a Moderate Socialist who is known to have favored making peace with Franco, became foreign minister.

Meanwhile French semaphores on the north African coast signalled that 13 warships of the Spanish Republican fleet, which fled Cartagena Sunday, were on their way to Bizerte in Tunisia.

## LADIES NIGHT AT GYRO CLUB IS ENJOYED

Mr. R. H. Rogers is Guest Speaker — Program Features Specialties.

Last night was "ladies night" at the Charlottetown Gyro Club meeting in the Canadian National Hotel. Mr. R. H. Rogers was chairman. Guests were welcomed by Mr. F. Walter Hyndman, Guest speaker was Mr. R. H. Rogers, who gave a very interesting talk entitled "A Backward Glance," taken in imagination from a time 100 years hence. Comments on present day conditions and problems from the probable viewpoint of a person in 2039 proved very fascinating to the audience.

The program included two vocal solos by Mr. Royal Beymon, "Oh, Could I Express in Song" and "Asleep in the Deep." Mrs. Raymond was accompanied. Tap dancing by Mr. Eddie Bourgeois was also an enjoyable feature of the program. Dr. Leonard gave exhibitions of sleight of hand.

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## COMING EVENTS

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- Borden Line Club leading hogs lambs, calves every Tuesday, March 12 to 3. L-348-12-M-2-5-11
- Cake Sale in aid of Basilio Altar Society Saturday afternoon, 7:30-9:30. L-943-3-7-9-10-11
- Buying live hogs at Altham Thursday 6th. Emerald Friday 7th noon. G. C. Green. L-961-2-2wt-1f.
- Alpha Rebecca Lodge annual call tonight. All members requested to be present. L-947-3-7-11.
- Regular monthly meeting Ladies Aid, St. Joseph's, 7:30-9:30 p. m., Wednesday, March 8. L-969-3-7-21.
- Thursday, March 16th, Prince of Wales College Hall, treat lecture by Dr. H. L. Stewart on Dalhousie University. "Danger Spots in Europe." L-904-3-4-7.
- Hockey, Victoria rink Tuesday, March 7th, Sussex vs. Victoria Intermediate Championship. Admission 35c and 15c. L-902-3-4-31.
- Hear Variety Concert, including one-act play and basket social in Community Hall, Cowhead, Wednesday, March 15th, Admission 25c and 15c. Ladies with baskets free. If stormy, Thursday night. L-962-3-7-21.
- Loading live hogs at Kensington Thursday, March 9th, 3 p. m.; Summerside same date Friday, March 10th, 3 p. m.; Nicholas Bros. and Mervyn Burton, Hunter River Friday till noon. MacEwen and Campbell. L-971-3-7-21.

## May Present Quintuplets To Royalty

TORONTO, March 6—Hon. H. C. Nixon, provincial secretary, tonight released a copy of a letter to Olivia Dionne in which the Ontario Government has invited Mr. and Mrs. Dionne and their quintuplet daughters to visit Toronto and be presented to the King and Queen May 22.

Mr. Nixon says in the letter that "it is thought" the quintuplets will be presented to their Majesties in the Lieutenant-Governor's chambers at the Legislative Buildings. He suggested the children be brought to Toronto in private railway cars.

The published itinerary of the Majesties' visit to Canada does not include a trip to Callander to see the quintuplets, who are wards of the King. Last week, however, the children's guardians met here with Premier Hepburn, Mr. Nixon and Attorney-General Gordon.

Mr. Nixon said in the letter that the subject of issuing an invitation to the Dionnes was discussed then.

## Premier Of Rumania Dies

(By The Canadian Press)  
GAINES, France, March 6—Mircea Cristea, 66-year-old Premier of Rumania and Patriarch of the Rumanian Church, died at 9:30 tonight after an illness from bronchial pneumonia.

Cristea's niece, Madam Antal, and his nephew, Rumanian Bishop of Sibiu, were at his bedside when he died.

Doctors said the Premier sank slowly into a coma two hours before his death.

Physicians said pneumonia developed following a chill contracted while Cristea visited his niece, who was one of his nurses, in the Cannes railroad station on his arrival 10 days ago.

## Cape Breton Man Missing

SYDNEY, N. S., March 6—(CP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police tonight conducted a search of Cape Breton Island for 30-year-old Hyman MacDonald of Westmount, a district across the harbor from here. He has been missing since Saturday when he left his home to go skating on harbor ice.

## Japanese To Launch New Offensive

SHANGHAI, March 6—Japanese authorities tonight warned third powers of a coming intensified military offensive in northern Kiangsu province, where there are numerous foreigners.

The local Japanese Consul-General requested the consuls-general of third powers to advise their respective governments of the scheduled drive.

He asked that foreign properties in the area be plainly marked "so they will not be bombed mistakenly by airplanes."

There are many foreign missionaries in the region, which lies north of the Yangtze River along China's east coast.

In London it was reported Prime Minister Chamberlain had decided to introduce legislation in Parliament within the next two weeks to expedite a loan of 50,000,000 (\$25,000,000) to China. The step was said to have been decided upon after long consultation with the United States, which last Dec. 15 made a credit of a similar amount available to China.

The Japanese were silent regarding their operations southwest of Hanchow, where they reported yesterday they had surrounded 60,000 Chinese troops. Hanchow, terminus of the east-west Lunghai Railway in northern Kiangsu, was captured last week.

## Young King Leopold Flays Belgian Politics Following Dissolution Of Parliament

(By The Associated Press)  
BRUSSELS, March 6—A strongly worded letter condemning Belgian politics was sent by young King Leopold to Premier Huber Pierlot today a few hours after the King had dissolved Parliament on the advice of his ministers.

Complaining of misuse of the executive power, the letter said the King "often has been obliged to sanction decisions in which he had no part."

## Renew Bail In Conspiracy Case

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