

HUNGARIANS ANNEX CARPATHO-UKRAINE

Unpublished Letter Of Sir John A. MacDonal On Confederation Terms

INTERESTING LECTURE BY DR. STEWART

Letter Discovered Among Family Documents By Lieutenant Governor DeBlois Sets Forth Arguments In Favour Of Island Joining The Dominion.

"Danger Spots Of Europe" Theme Of Analytical And Informative Address.

The Munich agreement on September 29th last was a "calamity of the first magnitude," Dr. H. L. Stewart, professor of philosophy at Dalhousie University declared in a lecture in Prince of Wales College Auditorium last night. Nevertheless the Munich accord was probably "less bad than its alternative would have been," the lecturer continued. The Munich accord withdrew from central Europe the obstructive force which the makers of the Versailles Treaty, not so short sighted as some present day observers would have people believe, had put against the German drive to the east, Dr. Stewart said. "Danger spots of Europe" was the theme of the address which was under the auspices of the Student Christian Movement of Prince of Wales College and the Y. M. C. A. of Charlottetown. Dr. J. A. Clark presided. Despite counter attractions, including a championship hockey game, there was a good attendance. Dr. Stewart pointed out the "danger spots" he would speak of were not those where there was risk of local conflict but those out of which difficulties of a world war might develop. He listed three, Spain, Ukraine and Memel. In Spain the lecturer saw a danger spot because of the possibility of Italian or German air and submarine bases might be established. Such bases might be either in Spain proper or in Africa, in Spanish Morocco. Mussolini's cherished dream was, above all else, to "restore the Roman Empire." He considered the Mediterranean "our sea" but said Britain and France, controlling both eastern and western entrances it was hardly that. Powerful air and submarine bases near the western end would change the picture, cutting the British line of communication to the east and the same time cutting France's.

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COMING EVENTS

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- *Canadian Trio, Prince of Wales Hall, March 20th. L-1133-3-14-31.
- *Reserve April 13, for St. James Church ten and sale. L-1204.
- *Don't miss the 4-act Irish Comedy in B. I. S. Hall, Emerald Jct. March 17th. L-1128-3-14-41.
- *Come to St. Patrick's Concert in Borden, March 17th. Proceeds for Library. L-1167-3-16-21.
- *St. Patrick's Dance, Wiltshire Hall tonight, sale of lunches, in aid of Women's Institute. L-1202.
- *Variety concert in Baptist Church Hall, Thursday, March 23rd. L-1206-3-17-21.
- *Hospital Cake Sale Saturday, March 18th. Proceeds for St. John's Hospital. L-1169-3-16-31.
- *Delicious home made bread, cakes, pastry, etc., at the Hospital Cake Sale at Frowse Bros. Saturday, March 18th. L-1192-3-17-21.
- *Three One Act Plays, Hearts Hall, Thursday, March 23. Audience Young Peoples Union. L-1139-3-14-31.
- *Plan to secure your week end supply of home baking from the ladies of Trinity United Church at Frowse Bros. Saturday, March 18th. L-1193-3-17-21.
- *Hockey, Victoria Rink Friday, March 17th. Glace Bay, St. E. vs. Victoria Union. Final game for the Intermediate Championship of the Maritime Province. Admission 25c and 15c. L-1142-3-16-31.
- *Livestock Marketing Board selling hogs, lambs and calves week of March 20 as follows: Monday afternoon. A. I. M. B., Miramira, Souris, St. Peters, Mt. Stewart, Mrs. St. Teresa, Murray River, Morrell; Tuesday. Jordenon till time. Kensington, Charlottetown, Bedford, York, Hurley, Riverview, Bradshaw, Kinkora. Afternoon 12 to 3, Albany. L-1199-3-17-11

'GERMAN LAW' DECREED FOR PROTECTORATE

Hitler's Edict Charts Future Course Of Ancient Bohemia-Moravia.

PRAGUE, March 16—(AP)—Powerful neighbors today wiped the remnants of the Czech-Slovakia from the map of Europe. Slovakia, which seceded from the crushed republic for a two-day existence, an independent state was taken under the protection of Germany's expanding realm. Two hours before agreeing to establish a protectorate over Slovakia, Chancellor Hitler had decreed German law for Bohemia-Moravia which he had made a German protectorate yesterday after dissolution of the Czech-Slovak federal state. Hitler late today left the ancient Hradecany Castle after 22 hours of seclusion behind the thick ramparts of the former home of Bohemia's kings and Czech-Slovakia's presidents.

Annexed By Hungary
Hungary annexed Carpatho-Ukraine, the third component of Czech-Slovakia, and achieved the goal of a common frontier with Poland through what had been the easternmost tip of Czech-Slovakia. Hungarian troops had marched clear across Carpatho-Ukraine to the Polish frontier, and Augustin Voloshin, Premier of Carpatho-Ukraine, had fled to Rumania. Like Slovakia, Carpatho-Ukraine had lived briefly as a separate nation and had been fighting with Hungarian troops, seven miles west of Chust, capital of Carpatho-Ukraine.

Czechs Anxious
Czechs anxiously had waited to hear from Hitler what their fate was to be. But he did not speak in great value, such as railways, canals, railway "securities," slides, boom, etc., all giving more or less annual revenue. These were all transferred by the Protectorate to the Dominion but the provinces nevertheless continued to be charged with the debt incurred by the Protectorate. The people of Prince Edward Island will have the same interest in these public works and in the revenue accruing from them as any other part of the Dominion.

Debt Allowance
"As, luckily for you, your debt will not amount to the sum you are allowed to enter at, the Dominion will be obliged to pay you five per cent interest on the difference, and this interest capitalized will create a fund out of which you can construct your own railway, or nearly so. If you add to the sum so capitalized a moderate amount, the probable earnings of your railway above working expenses, the two will, it seems to me, furnish you with means to carry out your project."

"No Railroad"
"As I gather from your letter, the chief objection to the scheme is that no provision is made for building a railroad in your Island, while the Intercolonial and other railways have been and are being built on the mainland."

Governor Of Michigan Dies

(By The Associated Press)
GRAND LEPAGE, Mich., March 16—Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald, who defeated Frank Murphy, now United States Attorney General, for re-election last November, died from a heart attack at his residence tonight. The Republican Governor had been suffering from influenza.

DIES AT QUEBEC
QUEBEC, March 16—(CP)—Col. Walter Ray, 87, prominent military man and member of Price Brothers newspaper firm for 66 years, died here today a few hours after he was stricken by illness.

International Developments At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)
PRAGUE—Adolf Hitler decrees German law for Bohemia-Moravia; extends his protectorate over Slovakia.

BUDAPEST—Hungary annexes Carpatho-Ukraine; southeastern European states anxiously await Germany's next move.

BERLIN—Disappearance of Czech-Slovakia from European map adds 14,600 square miles and 2,450,000 persons in Slovakia and 19,030 miles and 6,733,632 persons in Bohemia-Moravia to expanding realm of Nazi Germany.

CHUST—Hungarian troops storm this Carpatho-Ukrainian capital; take city after subduing unexpected resistance from die-hard Czech and Ukrainian Nationalists.

WARSAW—Hungarian-Polish frontier joined by Hungarian annexation of Carpatho-Ukraine; Hungarian and Polish soldiers embrace in symbol of comradeship; German and anti-Jewish demonstrations in Warsaw.

BUCHAREST—Premier Augustin Voloshin of Carpatho-Ukraine flees before Hungarian Army; reported plea for Rumanian protectorate turned down at cabinet session which gravely studies international situation.

LONDON—Recall of Britain's Ambassador to Germany for report on Germany's latest eastward advance considered by British Government; Prime Minister Chamberlain, facing fresh criticism, reiterates determination not to intervene in dissolution of Czech-Slovakia.

PARIS—Premier Daladier reported planning to ask parliament for semi-dictatorial powers to strengthen defences against expanding Germany.

KAUNAS—Lithuanian Governor of Memel convokes predominantly Nazi memel diet to meet March 25; session expected to confer plan for Germanization of Memel.

SHANGHAI—Heavy Japanese troops movements to Sakhalin Island and away from Manchoukuo; apprehension aroused because troop movements coincided with bitter Japanese-Soviet Russian dispute over Japanese fishing rights off East Siberian coast.

U. S. Shipments Are Halted To Czechoslovakia

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—The commerce department advised all United States exporters today to stop shipments to former Czechoslovakia until the situation there clears up. In the case of shipments already on the ocean, the department suggested that exporters hold the goods at European ports. The department pointed out that exporters face the possibility of restricted exchange resulting from German domination of the collapsed republic.

India's Railways Look For Surplus

NEW DELHI, India, March 15—Revised estimates for 1938-39 and the estimated budget for 1939-40 of the Indian Railways show an estimated surplus of more than £1,500,000 (\$7,050,000) for both years. Traffic receipts for 1938-39 are expected to amount to about £71,000,000 (\$337,700,000) or about £250 (\$1,175) less than the previous year. At the same time working expenses are expected to be about £60,000,000 (\$285,000,000) more. The estimates provide about £9,500,000 (\$44,650,000) for depreciation and about £22,000,000 (\$99,000,000) for interest.

HALIFAX HAS LONG PARLEY WITH EDEN

Recall Of British Ambassador At Berlin Under Consideration.

LONDON, March 16—(CP)—Recall of Great Britain's ambassador to Germany for a report on Chancellor Hitler's latest eastward advance was under study tonight by the British Government.

Prime Minister Chamberlain made announcement to this effect in the House of Commons, where he faced the criticism of his policy toward central Europe and reiterated his determination not to intervene in the break-up of Czechoslovakia.

"I do not think any useful purpose would be served by intervention on the part of His Majesty's Government," he replied when asked what he proposed to do about Carpatho-Ukraine, annexed today by Hungary.

A further announcement on Mr. Chamberlain's policy as a result of the smashing of Czech-Slovakia is expected tomorrow night when the Prime Minister makes an important speech at his home town of Birmingham on the eve of his 70th birthday.

The Daily Mail said more than 100 members of the House of Commons Conservative foreign affairs committee at a meeting tonight were "practically unanimous in agreeing the government should impose some form of military conscription."

The paper added that Foreign Minister Viscount Halifax favors "this vital change in national policy."

Lieut.-Commander Reginald Fletcher, Labor Member of Parliament, in a slashing attack on the Prime Minister, said he saw "amid the wreckage of his policy, flouted, ignored, snubbed and tricked by the man for whom he risked so much."

The lesson Britain had to learn, he declared, was that "there is a wild beast loose in Europe. Honor, mercy, decency, law and order, humanity—none of these mean anything to him."

Viscount Halifax, Foreign Secretary, had a long conference with his predecessor, Anthony Eden, reviewing reports that Mr. Eden, moved by events in central Europe, had quit 13 months ago in disagreement with Mr. Chamberlain's policy.

Bombay Makes New Gas Tax

(By The Canadian Press)
BOMBAY, India, March 15—Higher taxes on many commodities have been announced in the legislative assembly of Bombay by A. B. Latthe, finance minister. There will be a sales tax of one anna (1/16 cent) a gallon on petrol, a tax of ten per cent on the rateable value of immovable urban property and increased electricity duty.

RAILWAY REVENUE DECREASE

MONTREAL, March 16—(CP)—Gross revenues of the Canadian National Railways system for the week ended March 14 were \$3,199,849, a decrease of \$5,617 from the \$3,205,466 registered in the same period of last year.

Heavy Jap Troop Movements To Russian Border Reported

SHANGHAI, March 16—Heavy movements of Japanese troops to Sakhalin Island and Manchoukuo, Japan's protectorate bordering Russia, were reported today by neutral foreign military observers to have been under way for the past week. The reports aroused some apprehension because they coincided with a bitter dispute between Japan and the Soviet Union over Japanese fishing rights off the east Siberian coast. Though Japan normally sends about 50,000 men as replacements for its Manchoukuo garrisons during March each year, it was noted that present troop movements were all toward the frontier and no relieved troops were returning. Foreign military observers said two Japanese divisions, of an estimated total of 40,000 men, had landed on Sakhalin Island, owned half by Japan and half by Russia. Two other divisions landed at Manchoukuo ports during the week, immediately to the Soviet frontier. Rashin, north Korean port near Changkuifeng, where Russo-Japanese fighting occurred last summer, was reported closed to all shipping except Japanese transports. Services on the railway between Harbin and Manchoukuo, in Manchoukuo's far northwest, was said to have been disrupted by heavy troops movements. Since the movements were all in one direction, it was believed Japan might be doubling her garrisons, at least until settlement of the fisheries dispute is reached.

Troops Overcome Stiff Opposition To Take Capital

Chust Falls As Huns March To Establish A Common Frontier With Poland

(By Robert B. Parker, Jr., Associated Press Foreign Staff)
CHUST, Carpatho-Ukraine, March 16—Hungarian troops stormed this little Carpatho-Ukraine capital at 4 p. m. today and after an hour and a half of energetic mopping up smashed all Czech and Ukrainian resistance.

Tonight Chust was a quiet, bullet-marked city completely under Hungarian control. Ukrainian Storm Troopers whose dream it had been to establish an independent Ukraine state, and a few Czech soldiers who decided to fight rather than flee to Rumania, were driven out into the snow-covered mountains which circle the city.

They will be hard to dislodge from their mountain hideouts, but the tired Hungarian soldiers were preparing to pursue them tomorrow.

The bitterest fighting occurred in a system of shallow barbed-wire protected trenches seven miles east of Chust.

A Hungarian officer reported that 1,000 Hungarians had been killed or wounded in the trench fighting. He asserted the defending forces suffered severe losses. The battle began shortly before noon when Hungarian troops approached the trenches which were protected by barbed wire entanglements.

After a brief artillery bombardment of the defence works, the Hungarians made a bayonet charge and for half an hour there was bitter hand-to-hand conflict. In one trench I counted the bodies of 87 defenders. Most of them wore the uniforms of the Czech Army. But there were a few in the blue uniform of "Stitch," irregular Ukrainian Guards.

"Stitch" is said to be the Ukrainian word meaning the sound made by a sabre swung swiftly through the air.

STEPS TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD PANAMA CANAL

\$277,000,000 Vote For Additional Locks Recommended To Congress.

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 16—War Secretary Woodring recommended today that the United States Congress safeguard the Panama Canal against aerial attack and sabotage by adopting immediately a proposal to spend \$277,000,000 for an additional set of locks near the canal.

He sent to the Senate, with an urgent request for prompt action, a report by Brigadier General Clarence Ridley, Governor of the Canal, upon the feasibility of constructing additional facilities for the passage of shipping between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The report had been requested by Congress.

Ridley recommended that an additional set of locks, designed especially to resist air raids and sabotage, be built a quarter to a half mile away from the present sets. They would be large enough to raise and lower the largest ships now envisioned from one to another of the canal's water levels.

In his letter transmitting the report to the Senate, the War Secretary said the locks would be built on the canal's water level.

REMEMBER YOU DON'T HAVE TO PULL YOURSELF DOWN HILL!

(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, March 16—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	16B	Zero
Vancouver	38	49
Edmonton	10B	13
Regina	24B	4
Winnipeg	10B	4
Toronto	16	24
Ottawa	14	23
Montreal	16	6
Quebec	13	34
Saint John	28	42
Charlottetown	24	38

FORECAST
Maritime East: Strong winds shifting to westerward clearing and becoming somewhat colder again. High tide this morning at 8:40 and low tide at 8:15. Sun sets this evening at 6:07 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:09. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leave Borden 9:45 a. m. 1 p. m. Tormentine 11 a. m. 3:05 p. m.

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