

ADRIATIC SEA AREA CENTRE OF ACTIVITY

Italy Moves To Guard Maritime Back Door - Troops To Albania?

ROME, April 4 (AP)—Military and diplomatic moves to guard Italy's maritime back-door to-night were explained by Fascist press presentation against alleged French-British attempts to "encircle" Italy and Germany. Italian interest centered on the Adriatic Sea and the eastern Mediterranean was vital to Italy in time of trouble with these developments: 1. The Italian Government radio station at Bari announced negotiations were being conducted to strengthen Albania's military alliance with Italy—a pact which already requires each country to place all its military, financial and other resources at the disposal of the other in case either ally is menaced with war. 2. Diplomatic circles heard privately Italy had explained to Britain that some Italian troops had been sent to Albania to quell a movement against King Zog, which had been suppressed. 3. Authoritative sources confirmed reports of Italian troop concentrations around Brindisi, on the Adriatic coast opposite Albania, and said they were intended to reinforce Italian garrison on the Dodecanese Islands, facing Crete and perhaps in Libya during present tension throughout Europe. The report of Italian troop movements to Albania lacked confirmation in official circles, but some usually reliable Italian sources considered it might be true. They indicated an Italian guardianship over Albania was desirable because Zog was reported to be in ill health from malaria and to have political enemies in Albania who might try to unseat him at any time. Diplomats, meanwhile, thought Italian troops might be sent to Albania in case Yugoslavia, to the north of that country and across the Adriatic from Italy, showed a tendency to join attempts to "encircle" the Rome-Berlin powers. They heard reports that 20,000 more troops were at Bari and Brindisi, across the Strait of Otranto from Albania, with trenches standing by. Negotiations with Albania were considered by Italian sources as not violating the 1938 British-Italian agreement for maintenance of the status quo in the Mediterranean, since Albania already was a virtual protectorate of Italy. (A British spokesman said in London that any Italian occupation of Albania would violate the agreement.)

BURIAL AT NEWCASTLE

CLEVELAND, April 4 (CP)—The body of Isaac J. McFarland, a native of Dorset, N. B., and President since 1934 of the Mutual Life and Accident Insurance Association of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, left here today for Newcastle, N. B., where funeral services will be held tomorrow.

COMING EVENTS

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Claims Decline In Education In This Province

Mr. J. R. MacDonald, Morell, President Of Teacher's Federation Is Speaker At Convention Opening

Education in this Province was not only at a standstill in some respects for the past eight years but had actually gone behind, Mr. J. Reginald MacDonald, Morell, president of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation told fellow teachers as their three-day annual convention opened yesterday in Prince of Wales College Hall. Average salaries of first class male teachers have decreased \$115.50 or 13 1/2 per cent in the past eight years, the president declared. Salaries in 2nd and 3rd classes, both male and female, had shown corresponding decreases. Of the Province's 600 rural teachers 503 were getting a salary of less than \$600. "Think of it! Almost 94 per cent of our rural teachers are paid the magnificent wage of a little over \$11 per week," Mr. MacDonald pointed out. "Many of these conditions may be said in part to have been caused by the widespread depression of recent years, but there are restrictions on our teachers for which no such ready excuse can be found," the speaker continued. "First we are charged with the responsibility of enforcing attendance and for the sins of indigent parents we are penalized by having our already inadequate salaries reduced. "And in districts where supplements have not been paid the Educational officials, instead of assisting the teachers in collecting what is rightly theirs further penalize them by paying them the salary of a lower class teacher. "Thus it will be seen the onus for enforcing attendance and collecting supplements in the rural districts is placed on the teacher. "The health of our rural teachers, laboring under such adverse conditions, often among indigent rate payers, in many cases with little or no equipment and without sufficient funds to purchase any, not knowing from year to year our services will be retained, are entitled to more consideration by our government and our people. Surely these intolerable injustices might be removed. There must be and can be if our teachers stick together," Mr. MacDonald predicted. The picture Mr. MacDonald painted was not all black, however. He recalled Prince of Wales College now offered greater opportunities for education and extra grades had been added to the schools. Summerside and Montague while the standards of teachers in the Province had been raised and opportunities offered City students improved. But there was no cause for optimism when the situation in the rural schools was examined, he declared. Text of the President's report appears at the end of this article.

Argentine Police In Surprise Raid On German Building

Buenos Aires, April 4—Argentine police in a surprise raid today visited the Banco Germanico building, the fourth floor of which is occupied by the German Nazi Party headquarters and the fifth and sixth floors by business offices of the German Embassy. Another squad visited the National Bank of Boston and asked to be shown safety deposit vaults in their search for secret German documents. The raids came after Enrique Juerges, who wrote President Robert M. Ortiz that he could prove Nazi penetration into Argentina, was released from a hospital taken to his home by a "protective guard."

Jack Benny Fined \$10,000 On Charge Of Jewel Smuggling

NEW YORK, April 4—With a murmured apology—"I am ashamed," Jack Benny, the usually irrepressible comedian, pleaded guilty today to a technical charge of jewel smuggling and was fined \$10,000 and put on probation under a suspended sentence of a year and a day. Specifically, he admitted various counsel that in his behalf Albert N. Chaperau, a pseudo-diplomat, had surreptitiously brought into the United States from France two diamond-studded gold clips worth about \$2,131. Duty on the jewelry, intended as a gift for Benny's wife, Mary Livingstone, would have been about \$700. As he stood before the bench—smoothing his grey hair, fingering his necktie—to ask the mercy of the court, he was substantially exonerated by Federal Judge Vincent Lebell of real criminal in-

MRS. F. MURRAY REFLECTED TO HEAD C. W. L.

Annual Meeting Of Organization Held In K. Of C. Hall Last Night.

Mrs. Frank Murray was re-elected president of the local sub-division of the Catholic Women's League at the annual meeting here last night. Her election was made by acclamation. Other officers included: 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. J. MacMillan; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. A. J. Howatt; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. P. J. Ready; Recording Secy., Mrs. R. J. MacDonald; Corresponding Secy., Mrs. MacDonell; Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Coady. Councillors are: Mrs. J. H. Blanchard, Miss Mae King, Mrs. Jas. Brown, Mrs. I. E. Crofton, Mrs. Sarah Benoit, Mrs. John King. Officers were installed in office by Mrs. Mae McCauley, chairman of the election. His Excellency Bishop O'Sullivan was present also the Chaplain, Rev. Wilfrid Keefe. The meeting which was largely attended, opened with the recitation of the League prayer by His Excellency after which the Canada and Holy God We Praise Thy Name were played by Miss Kathleen Hughes. The report of the year's work was given by the Recording Secy. The detailed reports of each committee were given by the convenors. His Excellency congratulated the sub-division on the work which they had accomplished during the year and pointed out to the new members that this organization was the one chosen by His Holiness, our late Pope Pius XI as the Catholic Action society of the Church. He then thanked the convenors individually for the very excellent reports submitted. Father Keefe also spoke words of encouragement to the members and congratulated them on their work. Other routine business was transacted followed by election of officers. The meeting was held in the Knights of Columbus Home. Organized Effort Needed "There is a great need of organized effort for the saving of Christian ethics which are being assailed through many channels in the modern trend of the times," Mrs. Frank Murray, president of the local sub-division, declared in her annual report last night. "Women of today must, of necessity, change their attitude from that of a passive citizen to one of active and fearless take up the cause of the Church always, as in the Catholic Women's League, under the approval of the Hierarchy," the president continued. "In England there is a League of Militant Atheists organized to destroy everything pertaining to Christianity. In the words of a Church dignitary it is no longer a woman's duty to be a passenger in the barque of Peter, she must also be a co-operator. It is now no longer her place to sit quietly by and allow her husband, as her mother and grandmother did, as very soon, were preventive measures not taken, she would

TURKEY SEEKS ALEXANDRETTA FROM FRANCE

PARIS, April 4—France tonight disclosed she was reinforcing her defenses in the Sanjak (district) of Alexandretta, Syria, after Turkey had declared Government's annex the 10,000-square mile area "as quickly as possible." Officials said that "as a precautionary measure" France would send a crane to Alexandretta, a strategically located in the eastern Mediterranean, to reinforce the garrison, which is now kept at 1,500 men. The disclosure followed assurances by the Turkish Ambassador that Turkey would not seize the Sanjak by force. PARIS, April 4—Foreign Ministry sources said today Turkey had informed France she wants to occupy the 10,000 square mile Sanjak (district) of Alexandretta in Syria, and had offered certain privileges in exchange. French sources described the problem as "delicate." It was understood the Turks had suggested that France should abandon the Sanjak to them in return for guaranteeing to allow French and British warships to pass through the Turkish-controlled Dardanelles from the Mediterranean into the Black Sea in every winter. Alexandretta, a semi-independent territory in northern Syria with a population of 200,000 and an excellent harbor, is a part of the League of Nations Syrian mandate to France. By a French-Turkish friendship treaty of last July 4, an equal number of Turkish and French troops were to be stationed in the district. However, in last October France withdrew all French and Syrian troops and the Sanjak was left almost exclusively in the hands of Turkish officials and Turkish troops.

Moncton Man Disappears At Glace Bay, N. S.

GLACE BAY, N. S., April 4 (CP)—Police searched unsuccessfully for a missing Moncton, N. B., and former chain store manager here who has been missing for a week. Police Chief J. M. McInnis said today he had been asked to discover McMullen's whereabouts. McMullen took over management of the chain store about a month ago. He disappeared March 27 after giving the keys of the store to another member of the staff. His boarding house room still contained some of his belongings, but they were cleared when the store was looking for him a week ago. Store officials said they knew no reason for his disappearance. His disappearance was reported in the Moncton Standard.

NAZIS WATCH OUTCOME OF LONDON TALKS

Strained Financial Situation Seen Deleterious To Any Likelihood Of Action.

By LOUIS LOCHNER Associated Press Foreign Staff BERLIN, April 4—An official reminder that Germany's indebtedness stood at 28,100,000,000 marks (\$11,243,920,000) on Jan. 31 was given today while many Germans watched Polish-British negotiations in London to try to get some inkling of what the future may bring. The controlled press bitterly attacked Great Britain, but there were growing indications that the average German does not want war in London, should place Poland in a distinct anti-German camp. They pointed out that Chancellor Hitler might act in his usual quick, decisive way if the Polish-British consultations, started yesterday in London, should place Poland completely in the Anglo-French sphere, but nobody in authoritative Berlin circles believed that Colonel Beck would make an unequivocal anti-German choice. One reason cited for believing Hitler would not venture further at present was the financial position disclosed in the official statistics, which showed an increase of nearly 10,000,000,000 marks (currently \$4,000,000,000) in the German public debt during one year, with the total indebtedness mounting to 28,100,000,000 marks at the end of last January. The figures also showed that the Government owes German creditors 25,500,000,000 marks (\$9,400,000,000). The balance includes foreign debts and funds deposited in a division of amounts which are due but cannot be paid for lack of foreign exchange. The existence of an economic pinch was further exemplified by the fact that a certain scarcity of food—when a new financial plan was launched March 25, providing for the payment of public bills with tax credit certificates on future income. Germany furthermore is passing through an economic transformation. It may be assured that the Nazi regime wants to test the new plan before risking any armed conflict. OTTAWA, April 4 (CP)—Application of the new drill formations of the British Army to the Canadian Militia is engaging the attention of defence authorities, it was learned here today. It is likely that in due course the "fall-in" in three lines and the marching in column of three will be adopted. The system is now new to Canadians, so far as the marching in column of three is concerned. During the war some units of the Canadian Corps used the formation, particularly where roads were narrow. Much more important, however, is the matter of reducing the man-strength of brigades and divisions. In the British Army tests have been made with Brigades of three battalions, thus making a division of nine instead of 12 infantry battalions. This forms the basis of most continental divisions, whose three-battalion regiments correspond to our brigades. During the war the British Army in France adopted the three battalion brigade but reverted to the four-battalion formation afterwards. With the development of mechanization, however, the three-battalion brigade is again being tried out. The Canadian Corps consistently maintained its structure of four battalions to the brigade.

CIVIL DEFENCE BILL BEFORE BRITISH HOUSE

Speed Passage Of Measures To Cope With Any Emergency.

LONDON, April 4—Government spokesmen today announced measures to bolster civilian and military defences to conform with Great Britain's stiffened stand against German expansion policies. Speaking before the House of Commons, Sir John Anderson, Lord Privy Seal with the functions of civil defence minister, urged swift passage of the Civil Defence Bill, so the Government would be fully prepared to protect the population against air attack in the event of a sudden outbreak of war. Fore-Belaha told the House the Government has decided to combine 18 regiments of regular army motorized cavalry and tank units of the regular and territorial forces into a similar contingent known as "The Royal Armored Corps." This measure is designed to give Britain an up-to-date motorized force. Praises Stand While he attacked the Government's anti-aircraft defence policy as one of "evasion, drift and indecision," Herbert Morrison, Labor Leader, praised the Government's stand against the dictators. Mr. Morrison declared the conduct of the British people the present situation is "much more cool and collected than in the days of September because they think that the Government has gotten half way off its knees." The Civil Defence Bill, which came up for second reading today, contains 75 clauses and is expected to cost the national exchequer alone some £25,000,000 (nearly \$120,000,000). Sir John emphasized the measures contained in the bill were not, properly speaking, wartime measures but merely gave the Government and local authorities permission to act in "normal times" if our times can be called normal—for the organization of passive defence. Gives Outline After stressing the urgency of a rapid vote, Sir John outlined in detail some of the principal clauses of the bill, which would establish the position of the Lord Privy Seal as Minister of Civilian Defence. It authorizes local Governments to requisition in peacetime all automobiles and buildings which can be used for emergency purposes in wartime. Thus the Government will be empowered to transform underground garages into air-raid shelters and use automobiles for ambulances and other purposes if conditions warrant. The Government is not planning, Sir John stated, wide-spread construction of underground shelters, as certain quarters have consistently demanded. Another clause would compel employers to assume certain obligations to protect their help against air attack. All firms employing more than 50 persons would

Later Withdrawn

In a later edition, however, the Daily Mail withdrew the report of Lord Stanhope's speech with the following explanation: "At the request of the Admiralty, the Daily Mail refrains from publishing Lord Stanhope's actual statement in the national interest." The News Chronicle (Liberal) under the headline "Lord Stanhope's speech was suppressed last night," likewise reported it was refraining from publication at the Admiralty's request. Under the British Official Secrets Act, the Government has the power to suppress news which it considers against national safety and can invoke stiff penalties against those who do not obey. The Daily Express (Independent) which carried the story in an early edition, withdrew it later explaining "the Admiralty has asked newspapers not to print the speech in the national interest." The Daily Sketch (Independent) carried a brief account of Lord Stanhope's speech without mention of efforts to suppress its publication. There was no reference in the Times, the Herald nor the Daily Telegraph to Lord Stanhope's remarks.

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British Consul Killed Trying To Pacify Mob

MOSUL, Iraq, April 4 (AP)—The British Consul in Mosul, G. E. A. C. Monck-Mason, was assassinated during mourning demonstrations for young King Ghazi today by a mob which attacked and burned the British consulate. (In Baghdad it was said Monck-Mason was stoned to death when he attempted to pacify the mob which had gathered outside the consulate under the delusion "The English" were responsible for the King's death.) King Ghazi, ruler of the oil-rich kingdom of Iraq, died of mesopotamia, died early today when the auto he was driving crashed into an electric light pole. British officials, rounding up leaders of the mob which killed Monck-Mason, blamed the crime on "riffraff" and said it was without political significance. (Continued on page 10, Col 1)

May Adopt New Drill Formations Of British Army

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Stanhope Speech Causes Furore In Official Circles

Admiralty Head's Statement Made At Plymouth Naval Function Brings Denial

LONDON, April 4 (AP)—A great furore was created in official circles tonight by the dramatic statement of Earl Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, that anti-aircraft guns of the British Navy had been manned "so as to be ready for anything." The declaration which Lord Stanhope made at Portsmouth brought a quick denial from Prime Minister Chamberlain's residence that any such order had been issued and a request from the Admiralty in London that the press suppress the Admiralty Lord's speech. Lord Stanhope spoke aboard the aircraft carrier Royal Oak at Portsmouth during a naval function. "Shortly before I left the Admiralty, it became necessary to give orders to man anti-aircraft guns of the fleet so as to be ready for anything that might happen," he said. "Long before the guests came aboard this ship, 16 anti-aircraft guns could have given a warm welcome to anyone who happened to come this way."

LITTLE HARBOR, N. S. IS SCENE OF TRAGEDY

Mrs. Nelson Swim, Formerly Of Little Sands, Succumbs To Burns. LOCKPORT, N. S., April 4—Fire which broke out when a can of tar on the kitchen stove exploded today destroyed Nelson Swim's home at the nearby fishing village of Little Harbor and resulted tonight in his wife's death. Swim and his aged mother, Mrs. Amanda Swim, 88, were burned when boiling tar ignited their clothing. The can of tar, being heated on the kitchen stove, boiled over and caught fire. An explosion followed and the flames swirled around the three persons. Swim, badly burned about the head, face and arms, carried his wife from the burning building to her sister's home where she died later in the day. She had been given little chance to recover from severe burns. Mrs. Amanda Swim received minor burns. She was taken to a son's home. The Nelson Swims had no children. They were married in Boston about 30 years ago. Mrs. Swim was the former Miss Flora Smith of Little Sands, P. E. I. The house was destroyed with all its contents an hour after the fire started.

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Three-year-old Boy King Of Iraq As Result Of Tragedy

BAGDAD, April 4 (AP)—A three-year-old boy became the King of Iraq and the youngest monarch in the world with the death of his father, King Ghazi I, in an automobile accident today. The succession was announced by the Council of Ministers as though the four hours it was on "view to the public. The funeral is to be conducted Wednesday. The Council of Ministers, in announcing Ghazi's death, appealed to "Almighty God" to preserve "His Majesty King Faisal the Second," who will be four on May 2. He was named for his grandfather, Faisal the Fearless. The Council appointed the baby's uncle, Emir Abdul Ilah, provisional regent, which the widowed Queen Iyad had accepted according to Ghazi's wishes. The Chamber of Deputies April 6 will elect a five-man council of regency. Ghazi, educated at an English school and by Nomadic Bedouin chieftains, claimed descent from the Prophet Mohammed. Lean and slightly built, he was passionately fond of motoring and flying.

FORECAST

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Saint John, Halifax, and Charlottetown. Includes a section for 'THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS' with departure times for various routes.

